



## **CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS**

### **CHAPTER 52 BRAMPTON ONTARIO**

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**Dr. Naveed Mohammed  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Osler Health System  
Brampton Ontario**

**Dr. Lawrence Loh  
Medical Officer of Health  
Region of Peel  
Brampton Ontario**

**Dear Dr. Mohammed & Dr. Loh**

**I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors and the membership of Brampton CARP Chapter 52. We are frustrated and disappointed with the slowness of COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals, especially seniors. Most seniors, especially those over 70, were anticipating an acceleration of vaccinations now that there are at least two and maybe more vaccines available to protect them from the deadly pandemic.**

**We are aware of recent changes made by the government of Ontario transferring vaccination planning to health authorities and we believe that Phase 2 COVID vaccinations should be accelerated to provide inoculation for seniors as the vaccines become available. We seek access to the regional MOH detailed plan, including timelines for seniors' vaccinations. That information is critical to our members and the 70,000 seniors in Brampton because it provides specifics about 'the when and the where' of vaccinations. This cooperative venture will go a long way to saving many seniors' lives.**

**We have seen COVID-19 numbers grow in Peel, especially in Brampton and note that the numbers not only reflect Long Term Care deaths but community mortalities as well. Frankly, we are frightened. We know that these deaths overwhelmingly are in the 60 to over 80 age group. In fact, according to the province's epidemiological report, seniors over 60 account for 96% of total COVID-19 deaths! We believe that action is needed now to quicken the pace of vaccinations mitigating fatalities both in LTC facilities and in the community.**



**We are not sure that health authorities grasp the sense of personal danger that seniors are feeling now. As you know, those who have comorbidities face acute peril, even with health precautions in place. Recognizing that danger, we need health professionals to move vaccinations along in a speedy manner.**

**Quite frankly we need strong medical leaders, to intercede for us, at all levels of government and the health ministry. We need you to plan a quicker inoculation response for senior vaccinations before more of us die. We know that the provincial government talks about the delivery of service but now is the time for everyone, including local health systems to take action.**

**We trust that you will execute a quicker pace of senior vaccinations in Brampton and that Phase 2 will be moved forward and completed without delay.**

**Regards  
Terry Miller  
President  
Brampton CARP**