



**Mayor Patrick Brown and Members of Council:**

On behalf of Home Owners Welfare Association, we request Brampton Mayor and City Councillors to increase property tax rebate for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities from \$400 to \$1,200, which wasn't revised since 2010.

HOWA feels that Property Tax Rebate program is required to be updated for vulnerable seniors and persons with disabilities which is overdue to be revised as the cost of living has significantly increased in the past decade. Just in the year of 2021, the annual inflation rate in Canada went up to 4.4% in September of 2021 from 4.1% in August.

Seniors across Canada and especially in Peel Region/Brampton are finding it challenging to sustain themselves and deal with the increases. If timely action is not taken, then there will be a very negative impact.

Some are in the danger of not being able to support their own homes. We request that the current rebate of \$400 be increased to at least \$1,200 which is more realistic.

Furthermore, due to the increases in inflation during/afterwards COVID-19 pandemic, it has become even more difficult for many individuals especially our seniors to make ends meet.

Additionally, to ensure the wellbeing of the seniors, programs across the city should provide incentives for the seniors in attempt to remove the financial barriers that seniors have when looking into their holistic health.

It is responsibility of government to provide relief to vulnerable seniors who have been contributors/engine of the economic growth of Canada. As a result of expensive programs, memberships, seniors are unable to participate in activities which will help decrease the number of seniors who are socially isolated, lonely, suffering from depression, physical and mental deterioration, and in some cases early death.

This is a small gesture towards seniors who have put their entire life in building Canada into what it is today.

Sincerely,  
Home Owners Welfare Association