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Appendix D

# Advocacy for Seniors

## Senior Adults Living Triumphantly

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November 8, 2021

Mayor Patrick Brown and Members of Council:

On behalf of the members of Brampton Senior Citizens Council, I am writing this letter requesting that the Property Tax Rebate Program for Low-income Seniors and Low-income Persons with Disabilities be revised.

The program has not been updated since 2010 and as such has not taken into consideration property tax increases or inflation. Seniors are finding it increasingly difficult to contend with the increases and many are in danger of not being able to remain in their homes. We are requesting that the program be revisited and that the current rebate of \$400.00 be increased to that of \$1,000.00 which will be a more realistic solution. Along with this, we suggest that this can be made retroactive.

Seniors are also requesting that the various programs providing exercise activities for those seniors aged 70 years plus be delivered free of charge. The Active Assist program provides \$275.00 toward the cost of programs per year, however, is woefully inadequate. To ensure the health and wellbeing of seniors, we are obligated to ensure that the financial barriers are removed or the results will be that we have more seniors socially isolated, lonely, suffering from depression, physical and mental health deterioration, and in some cases early death.

We have voiced these concerns on many occasions in the past, however, our concerns have not been addressed and seniors are beginning to feel that their voices are not being heard or their issues are not of importance.

As a group of 84 clubs which translates into more than 10,000 seniors, an integral part of the City of Brampton and a very strong voting block, we expect to have these concerns addressed.

Sincerely,

Myrna Adams

President