MAYOR'S COVID 19 SENIORS SUPPORT TASK FORCE

Overview of Seniors Supports and Key Milestones

Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee

November 3, 2020

Mandate

- Assisting seniors experiencing social isolation
- Mental health and well-being supports
- Grocery deliveries and supply distribution
- Referrals
- "Help Your Neighbour" Campaign

CITY OF BRAMPTON SENIORS SUPPORT TASK FORCE



Brampton seniors looking for help with grocery, medicine pick up?



Volunteers available to help Brampton seniors?



Brampton seniors groups wondering where to get information and resources?



Email covid19seniors@brampton.ca

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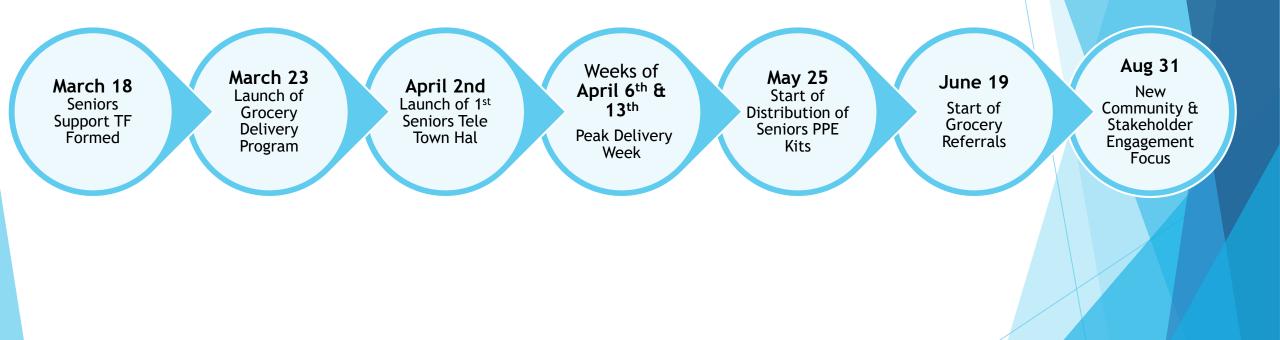
Team Members

2 Council Co-Leads:

- Regional Councillors Pat Fortini & Gurpreet Dhillon
- Staff Lead, Daniella Balasal
- Alternate Lead, Tina Hickey
- 18-Person Interdepartmental Staff Team:
 - Planning, Building & Economic Development
 - HR HR
 - ► Fire & Emergency Services
 - Recreation
 - Emergency Management Office
 - Strategic Communications
- Approximately 20 Community Volunteers

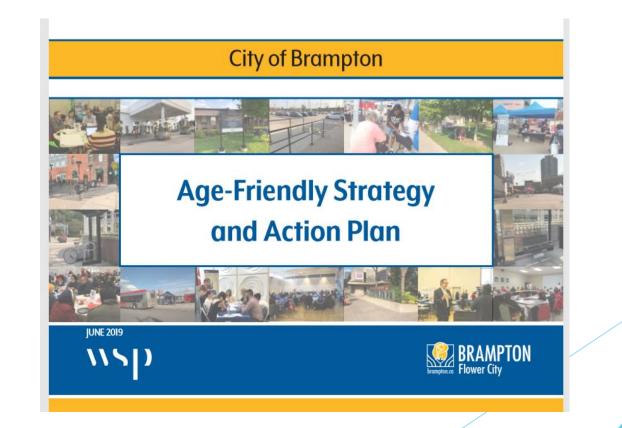


Task Force Timeline (1st Wave)



Age-Friendly Synergies

Linkages between Task Force activities and Brampton's Age-Friendly Action Items





Priority Areas:

Social Participation:

▶ 4.1, 4.4

Respect & Social Inclusion

▶ 5.1, 5.3, 5.5

Communication & Information

► 6.1, 6.3, 6.5 & 8.5

Civic Participation & Employment

> 7.3, 7.8

Social Participation

AF Action Item	TF Activity	Performance Indicator
4.1. Explore the feasibility of providing social activities ad events with no cost to seniors	 Seniors Appreciation Day Town Hall Event Tile painting initiative 	• 750+ participants
		 50 participants
4.4. Improve communication and provide information in	 Ethnic Radio Seniors Tele Town Halls 	• 2 Town Halls
various languages for newcomers so that they are made aware of social events	 COVID 19 Safety Recommendations in multiple languages (prepared by Indus Community Services) 	 Translation in 7 top spoken languages



COVID-19 UPDATE

Appointments are mandatory for visting City corporate facilities, and walk-ins are not permitted. Only specific services are available in-person at our facilities. Many services can be accessed online and through other options.

Click here for COVID-19 related updates

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Media Release

City to recognize first ever Seniors Appreciation Day during June is Seniors Month in Brampton Tuesday, Jun 16 2020

BRAMPTON, ON (June 16, 2020) – On May 27, Brampton City Council passed a motion to recognize the many contributions of Brampton's seniors through a dedicated day. This year, with guidance from the Brampton Senior Citizens Council, June 19 is proclaimed as Seniors Appreciation Day in Brampton, as part of Seniors Month celebrations in June.

A special Seniors Appreciation Day Tele Town Hall will be held on June 19, from 11 am to noon. The program will feature welcome remarks from Mayor Patrick Brown, a pre-recorded performance from the Chinguacousy Concert Band, and a motivational presentation from Paralympian and World Champion Jeff Adams. As we continue to navigate through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, this will also be an opportunity for seniors to speak with Peel Public Health and Regional Councillors Pat Fortini and Gurpreet Dhillon, co-leads of the COVID-19 Seniors Support Task Force.



Respect & Social Inclusion

AF Action Item	TF Activity	Performance Indicator
5.1. Explore opportunities for intergenerational activities.	 Chatting to wellness - Brampton-based community organization providing 1:1 calls between seniors and youth 	 Listing on Brampton's COVID 19 Resource Page
5.3. Develop programs and services to integrate seniors from different cultural backgrounds.	 Launch of Seniors Digital Café (Recreation) under Seniors Centres Without Walls model 	 Weekly facilitated community calls with seniors since June 2020. 22 sessions to date
5.5. Identify community ambassadors to combat social isolation.	 Representation on Peel Region's CRT Seniors Subgroup focused on social isolation. Mental health resources for youth shared with community (Youth Support TF) 	 Program collaboration with Elder Help Peel being explored Volunteer arrangement with Royal Canadian Legion for friendly chats.

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FALL REGISTERED PROGRAM UPDATE

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SENIOR'S DIGITAL CAFÉ: CONNECTING BEYOND WALLS

Chatting to Wellness

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Home Phone Chats

About Us

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How You Can Help/Volunteer

We Provide Youth Companionship to Seniors

Pleasant Chats • Reducing Loneliness • Improving Health

1-on-1 Phone Chats, available Canada-wide, for free Call <u>437-702-2025</u> or sign up below.

Sign-Up

Communication & Information				
AF Action Item	TF Activity	Performance Indicator		
6.1. Improve information on the City's website with easy to find tabs.	 Dedicated COVID 19 Webpage TF websites (Youth, Seniors, Social, Economic Development) 	 7,180 Website Views Mar 22- April 21 		
6.3. Provide information in easily accessible fonts, large print, multiple languages, visuals.	 Easy to read program and event posters. Accessible considerations 	 Online transcripts for all (3) Seniors of Tele Town Hall 		
6.5 & 8.5. Improve communication messages and info for meetings, events, etc, and promotion of age-friendly services/programs.	 Email blasts to stakeholders and community groups Frequent updates to TF websites 	 Posters in lobby, common areas of seniors buildings 		





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Civic Participation	Participation & Employment			
AF Action Item	TF Activity	Performance Indicator		
7.3. Connect residents looking forvolunteer opportunities through social media to employers and to each other.	 City launched volunteer campaign for assistance with Social/Seniors Support TFs and Backyard Gardening Program 	New volunteer info tab on TF webpage		
7.8. Recognize the value of volunteer work and build public awareness about the benefits of being active in the community.	 Drive-through Volunteer appreciation event (Social Support TF) 	 100 attendees 		







Innovation

City Well Positioned as a Top Municipal Leader

1st of its kind municipal grocery delivery program

Synergy Among Community Partners

New partnerships and collaboration with community organizations

Capacity Building

Wrap-around service provision

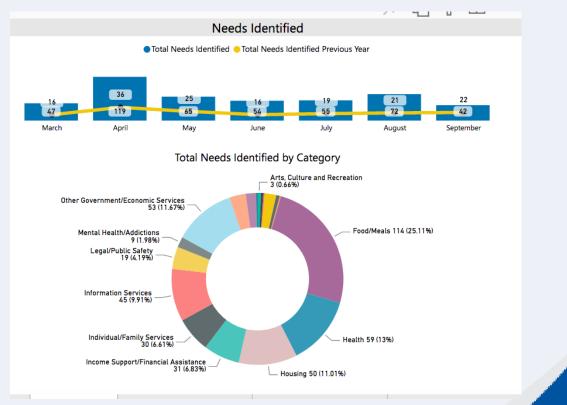
Communication & Engagement

Information sharing in accessible and convenient formats

Brampton Needs (Mar 13 to Sept 30)

Top Seniors Needs

- Housing
- Government Services
- Health
- Food
- Community Information









Moving Forward...

- Grocery support transition to referral program. Residents are referred to external grocery stores, service providers and community initiatives
- Ongoing representation on Region of Peel's Community Response Table Seniors-Subgroup
- Merging of seniors supports offered through task force with City-wide agefriendly implementation, with focus on community outreach and engagement

Discussion

- Building on the work of the Seniors Support Task Force, what role can the members of the Age-Friendly Committee play in addressing the needs of seniors?
- What role can the City play in addressing unmet needs among youth and seniors during the pandemic?
- Additional ideas & suggestions?