

A Common Agenda

**COLLABORATING  
ON A COMMON  
STRATEGY FOR  
PEEL SENIORS**



Collective Impact

**WORKING  
TOGETHER TO  
CREATE LASTING  
CHANGE**

# JOIN THE CONVERSATION

## NEWSLETTER

September 2016



### CORE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

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# Welcome to our first issue!

It is an exciting time in Peel Region for seniors. The Peel Elder Abuse Prevention Network (PEAPN) has spent much of 2016 engaging community stakeholders around a common agenda for Peel seniors:

## **Healthy Aging for All in a Connected and Caring Community.**

### Our Work So Far

After spending the winter and spring months engaging over 80 community partners through a Systems Mapping Day and the first-ever Peel Seniors' Summit, this statement has evolved into our shared common aspiration. A Core Working Group of community stakeholders has been formed to help us move towards our common aspiration. We are all vested in making Peel Region a great place to live for older adults.

### Our Priority Areas

The following Priority Areas have emerged from our stakeholder consultations:

- 1) **Systems Navigation** – there is a huge need to help seniors navigate the health care system and social services sector in Peel. This Priority Area also permeates the others listed below.
- 2) **Exploring the Viability of Community Hubs or Villages** – these could be augmenting existing hubs in Peel to better serve seniors, in multiple languages, and/or creating virtual hubs, a concept that would help connect more vulnerable and isolated seniors to essential services.
- 3) **Connecting Formal and Informal Care** – paid home care and informal caregiving relationships need to be strengthened to provide more wrap-around service to seniors.
- 4) **Proactively Identifying and Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Seniors** – we need to explore the strategies that will enable us to respond more effectively to these seniors, especially immigrant seniors.
- 5) **Ensuring the Financial Sustainability of Systems to Support our Rapidly Aging Population** – seniors' services are not adequately funded to meet the needs of the growing number of seniors that enter Peel Region every week. Affordable housing, home care and transportation continue to top the list of issues that are affecting the well-being of seniors in our communities. How can we combine resources, or make better use of existing programs and resources to meet this growing need? Where is funding urgently needed?

# Moving Forward: Theory of Change and Stakeholder Engagement

We recently received another round of funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to continue consulting with stakeholders and building discussions on these Priority Areas.

We have also engaged an Evaluation Consultant, Anne Bergen from Knowledge to Action Consulting, to assist us with building a Theory of Change ... what does the road map look like to help us reach our common agenda? Anne will be helping the Core Working Group with this task. We are also consulting with Peel seniors through focus groups for input on this work. Stay tuned for updates as we move along...our next newsletter will be issued in October.

## Spread the Word!

### We Want to Hear from Peel Seniors!

#### Focus Groups Sessions:

**Caledon: Monday, October 17th,  
10 am at the Caledon Centre for  
Recreation and Wellness,  
Training Room**

**Mississauga: Tuesday, October  
18th, 10 am at Amica City Centre  
(Mississauga Seniors' Council  
meeting)**

**Brampton: Wednesday, October  
19th, 7 pm at Greenway  
Retirement Village (Revera)  
(CARP Brampton meeting)**

All Sessions are **Free** to Attend Light refreshments provided. Seating is limited, so please pre-register.

To register or if you have question, please contact Atif:  
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## Join The Conversation!

### Help Shape the Future of Seniors' Services in Peel Region

Collectively, we have the power to make an impact ... let's make Peel Region a great place to live for all older adults.

For more information about joining our Core Working Group, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Karen Sibal, Program Manager, PEAPN at:

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