



SENIORS FOR SOCIAL ACTION (ONTARIO)

SPECIAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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Right now, municipal election candidates are fanning out across Ontario seeking your vote. They are running for Mayor, Regional Councillor, and Municipal Councillor positions.

It is important that you begin to influence them now.

Your town, city, and region will have election information on their websites telling you how to vote and who is running in your town and ward. Seniors have real power to influence the vote in their areas.

Now is the time to influence your candidates about the need for affordable, accessible housing for older adults with PACE Wellness Hubs built in - See Halton Region as an example. Scroll down to 265 Kerr Street Oakville:

<https://www.halton.ca/for-residents/infrastructure-and-growth/housing-projects>

And here is the description of the PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care of the Elderly) Community Wellness Hub that is built in to that seniors housing.

<https://www.burlingtonoh.ca/community-wellness-hub/>

If Burlington, Oakville, and Halton Region can do it, so can your town, city, and region. Show your candidates this example and ask them to support accessible, affordable, supportive housing like this in your area.

SMALL HOMES

Every single disability group in Ontario has small homes available to them - people with physical disabilities have Participation Houses, people with developmental disabilities and those with psychiatric disabilities have group homes.

The only group that does not have small, fully staffed homes available to them are elders living with frailty and/or dementia.

Now is the time to advocate for small homes in your community. Here is SSAO's report: https://mcusercontent.com/36363a028fc1d1a14890ff48e/files/610e4273-7631-c044-84e6-f551d8b65aa1/SSAO_Small_Neighbourhood_Homes_Project.pdf

Please show this report to your local candidates. SSAO members in Ajax did and this was the result! A candidate for Regional Council gets it, and is also promoting working with SSAO.

You need to do the same. Now is the time to use your influence to change the political agenda in your area. When candidates put out literature like this the Province is also watching.

BUILDING HOMES. BUILDING COMMUNITY. BUILDING A BETTER AJAX FOR OUR SENIORS.

Collaborate with **Seniors for Social Action (Ontario)**

to work together to provide small, fully staffed neighbourhood-based homes for up to 6 older adults who need 24/7 support right here in Ajax.

SMALL HOMES. REAL CARE. REAL CHOICE. RIGHT HERE IN AJAX.

BEING FRAIL AND NEEDING RESIDENTIAL CARE should not mean seniors being institutionalized and cut off from family, friends, familiar parks and cafes and their communities.	SENIORS DESERVE A REAL HOME A comfortable place where they can feel safe, keep their independence, build friendships, and stay connected to the community they helped create.	FAMILIES HAVE PEACE OF MIND Knowing their parents and grandparents are receiving proper care close to home.	A PLAN THAT MAKES SENSE Ajax could acquire and renovate homes for accessibility and partner with a reputable non-profit to organize staffing, which the province would fund. We need to go after this provincial funding to support seniors here in Ajax.	INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE We can help by building something that supports seniors and their families and use the rents from these small homes to pay off the mortgages with future rental surplus flowing into Ajax's base budget for decades.
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Everyone wins!

RESPONSIBLE. SMART. PROTECTING TAXPAYERS. The numbers must make sense. Funding must be confirmed, the right non-profit must be found, and Ajax taxpayers must be protected.	OLDER ADULTS IN AJAX HAVE PAID TAXES, RAISED THEIR FAMILIES, AND HELPED BUILD THIS TOWN. They deserve real choices to age comfortably in their home communities should they require residential care.	THE FUNDING IS THERE. THE NEED IS HERE. Let's bring the two together and give our seniors the care, comfort and quality of life they deserve.
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HOW WE'LL MOVE IT FORWARD

- 1 LISTEN & IDENTIFY**
Start by listening to Ajax seniors and identify the housing and support gaps they are experiencing.
- 2 BRING PARTNERS TOGETHER**
Work with municipal and regional representatives, seniors' advocates, non-profit housing organizations, healthcare partners and other levels of government.
- 3 EXPLORE & PLAN**
Identify suitable models, potential locations, available funding and partnership opportunities.
- 4 PILOT & EXPAND**
Test what works, measure results and expand successful models across Ajax.

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When we work together, we can build homes that keep seniors close to the people, places and communities they love—right here in Ajax.

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