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PROPOSED 2023 TO 2027 YORK REGION PLAN TO SUPPORT SENIORS

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL — OCTOBER 5, 2023
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York Region

Introduction

Outline

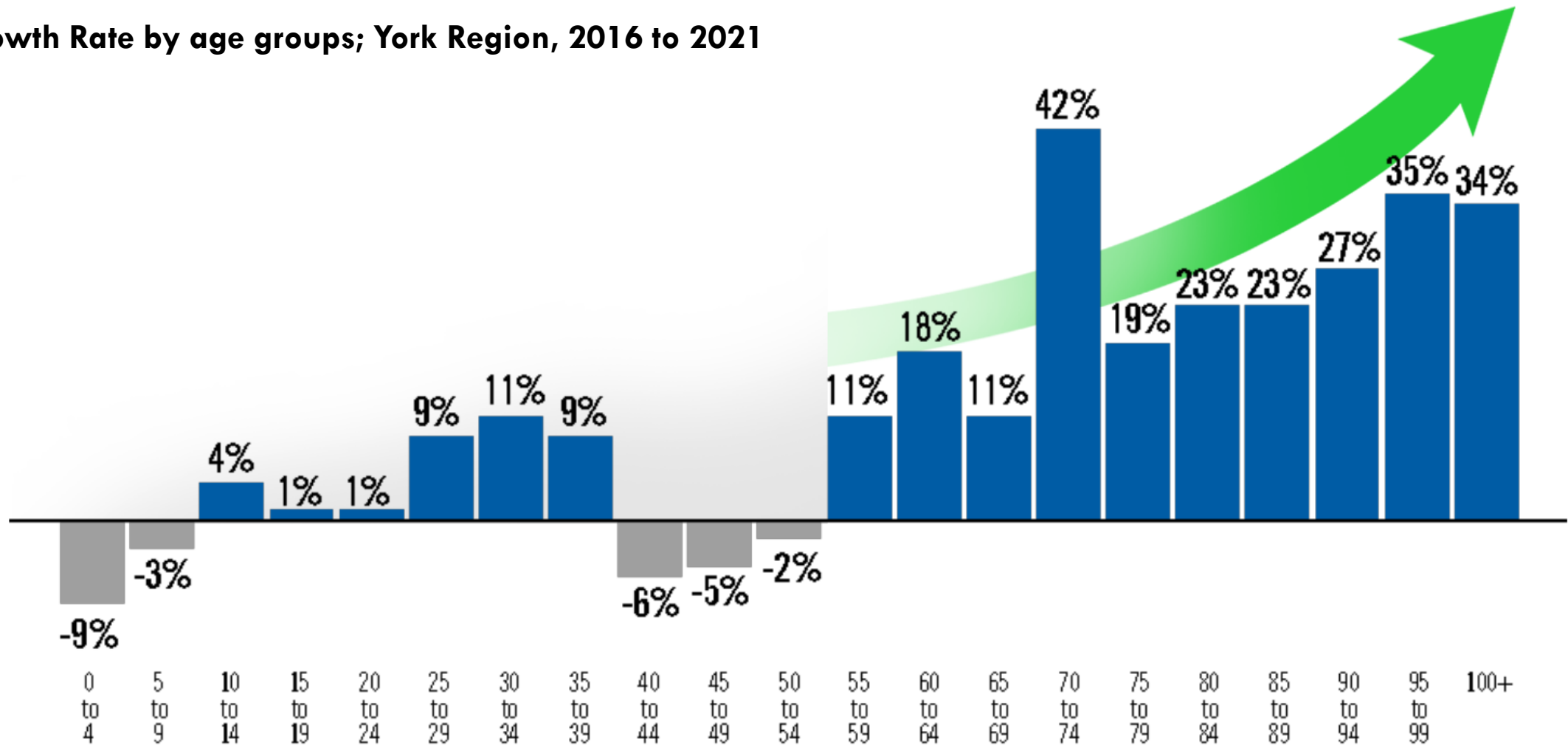
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- Wrap Up and Discussion



Context Setting

York Region's population is aging rapidly

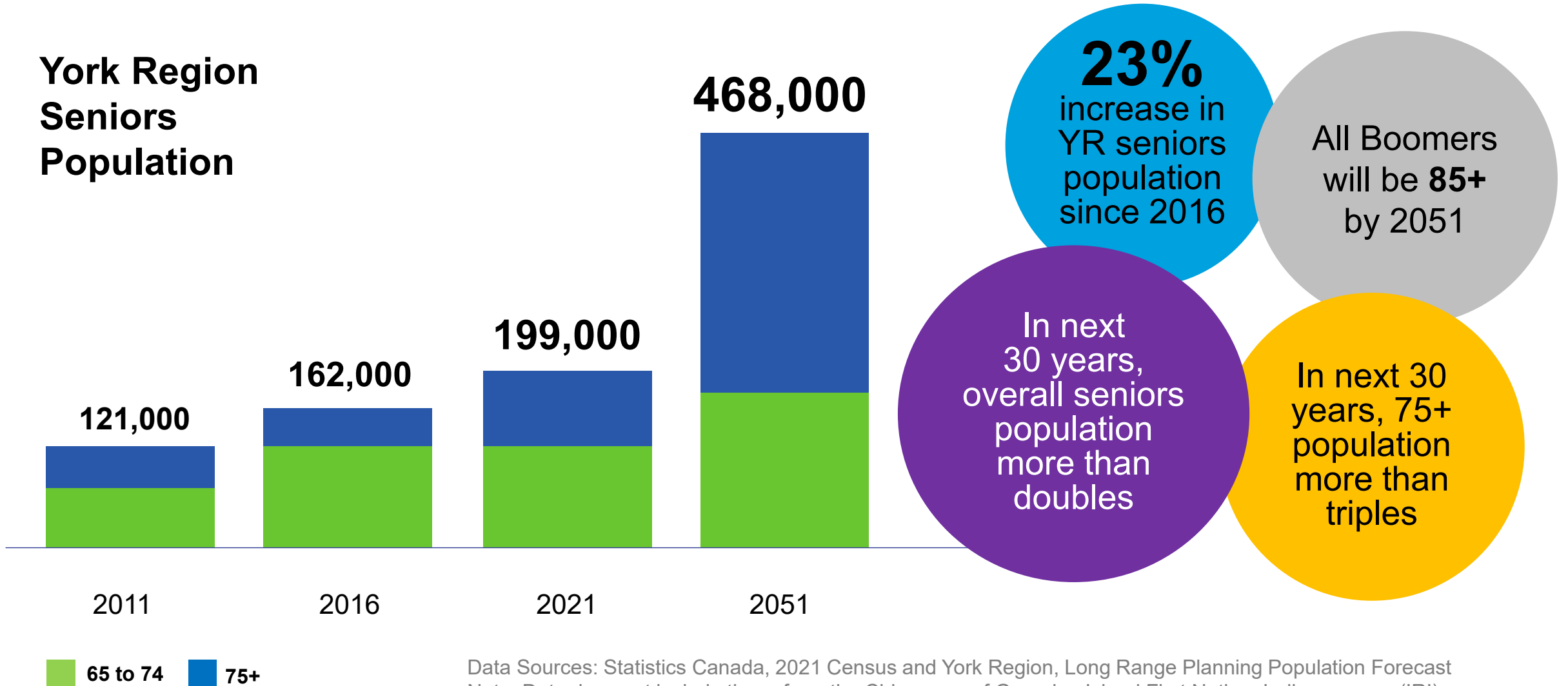
Growth Rate by age groups; York Region, 2016 to 2021



Data Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census

Growing 65+ population will impact programs and services

York Region Seniors Population



Data Sources: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census and York Region, Long Range Planning Population Forecast
Note: Data does not include those from the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Indian reserve (IRI).

York Region seniors are culturally and ethnically diverse



76%

of York Region seniors are born outside of Canada



18%

of York Region seniors speak neither English nor French



45%

of York Region seniors report belonging to a racialized group



51%

of those who belong to a racialized group identify as Chinese

Top 5 immigrant languages most often spoken at home by seniors

- Yue (Cantonese)
- Italian
- Mandarin
- Russian
- Tamil

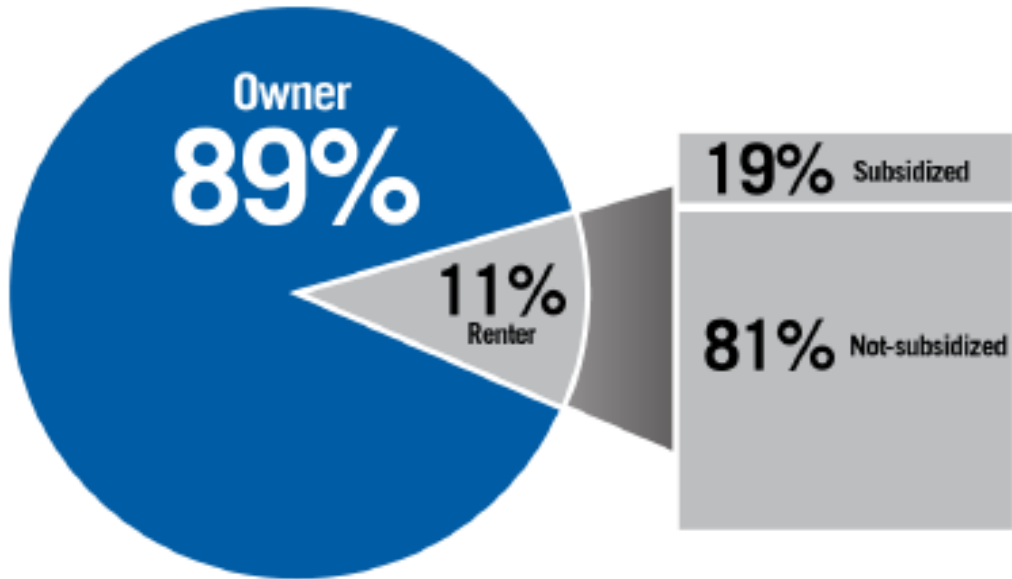
Newcomer Seniors

Of 53,495 newcomers who settled in York Region, approximately 5,400 were seniors

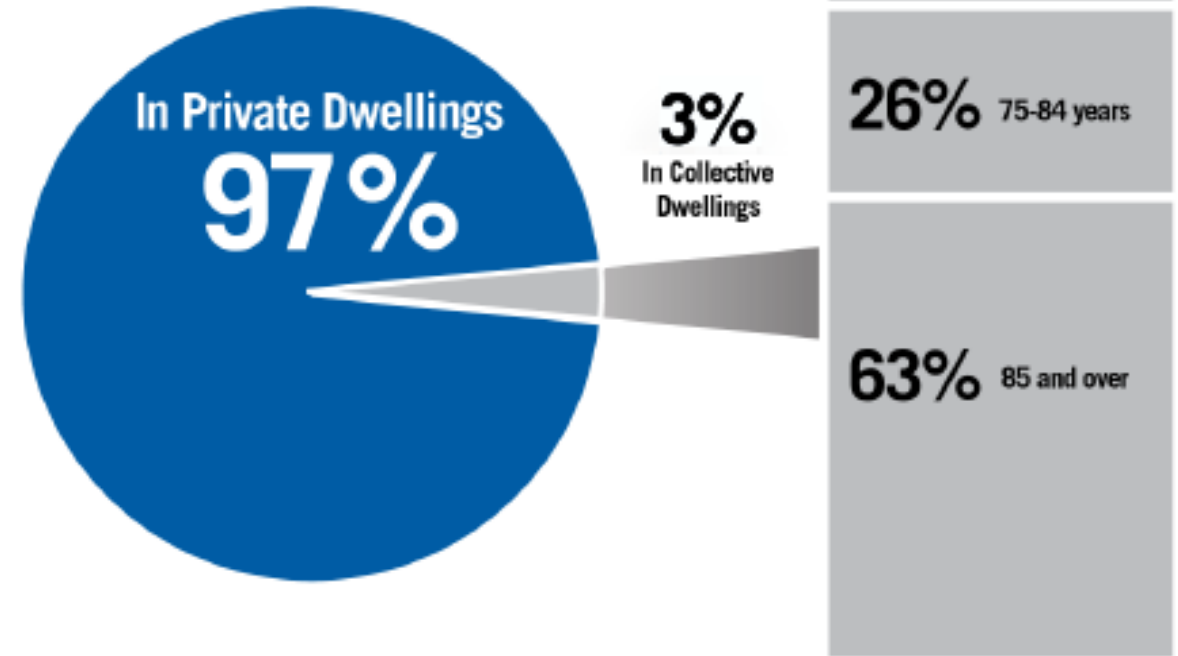
Most York Region seniors live in the community and own their homes

Where are seniors living?

Owners vs Renters



Private vs Collective Dwellings



Seniors Living Alone in Private Households

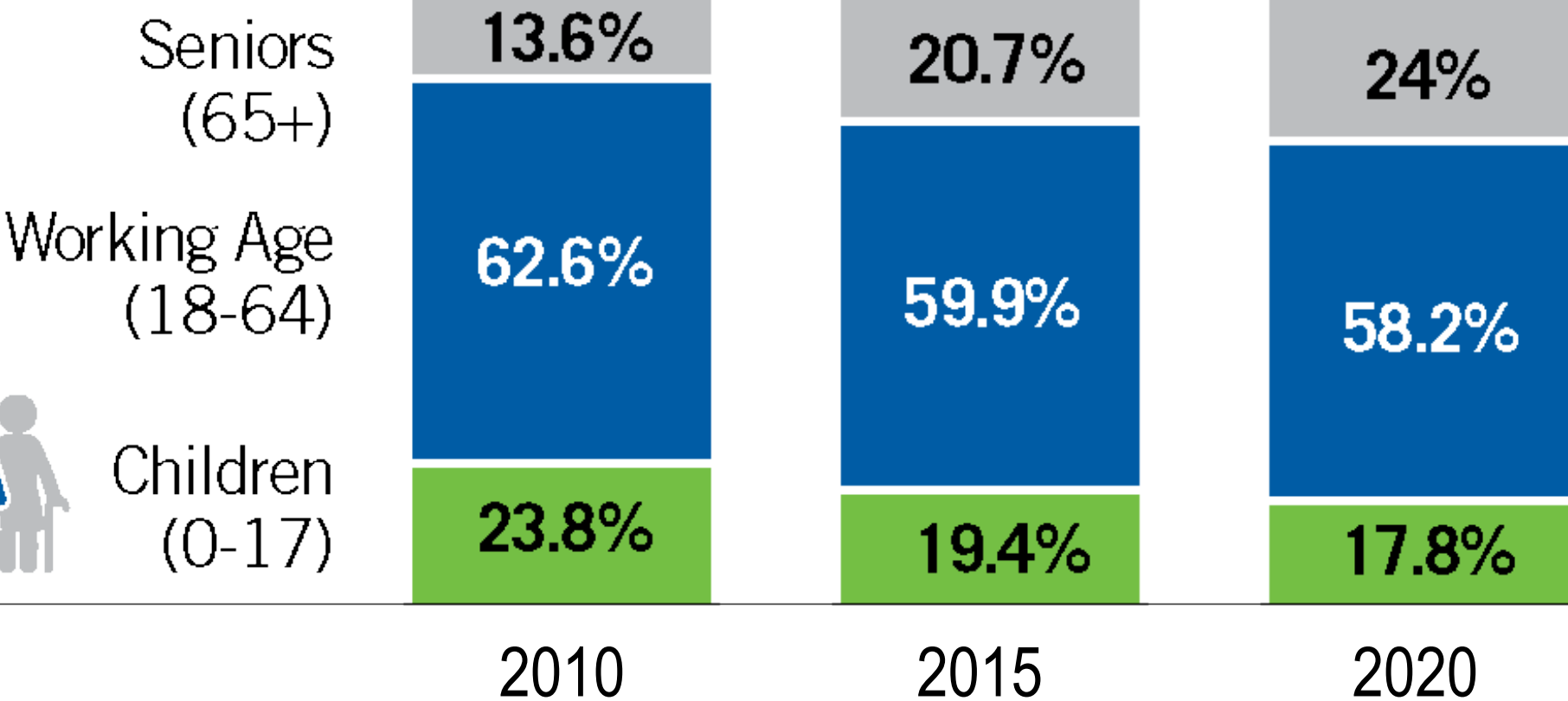
65 -74 years **10.4%**

85 years + **26%**

Data Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census

The share of seniors among those living with low-income is growing

Share of Low-Income Residents in York Region by Age



Data Source: Taxfilers Data

York Region seniors are diverse

**Leisure and
Active Living**

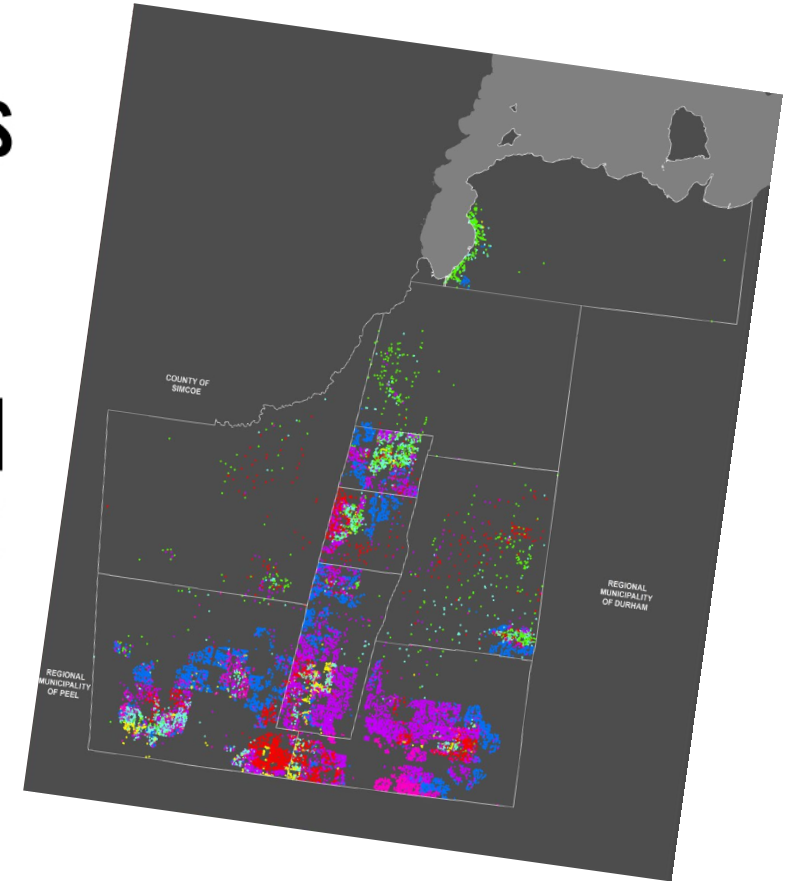
**Mental Health,
Chronic Disease,
Physical Limitations**

Demographics

**Behaviours,
Beliefs and
Attitudes**

**Social
Connectivity**

**Financial
Situation**



Seniors are more than a group of people who are 65 years and over

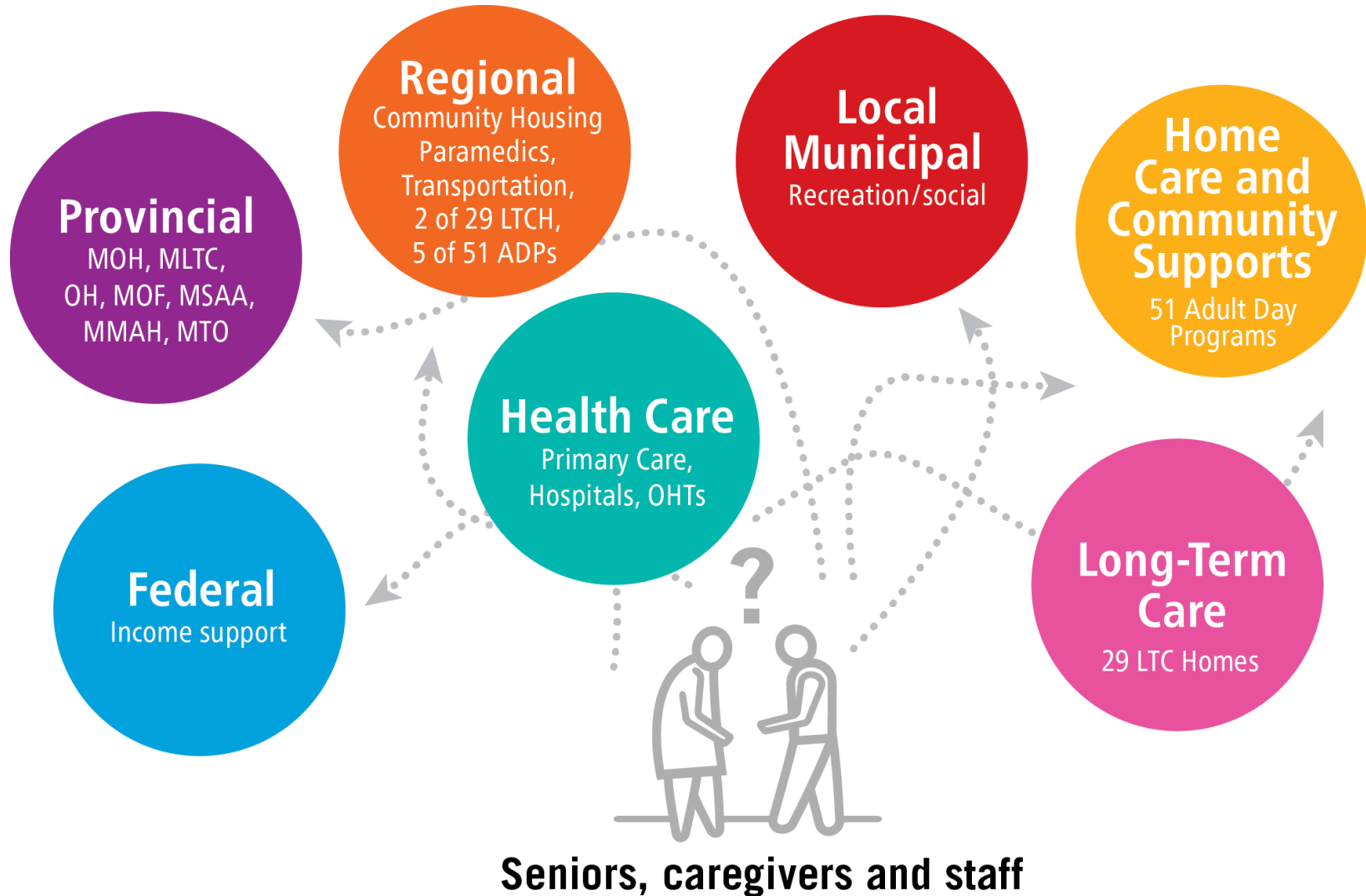


The System is not a System

System supporting seniors is fragmented and complex

Current State

In a fragmented system, seniors have to navigate multiple service providers to find and access the services they need

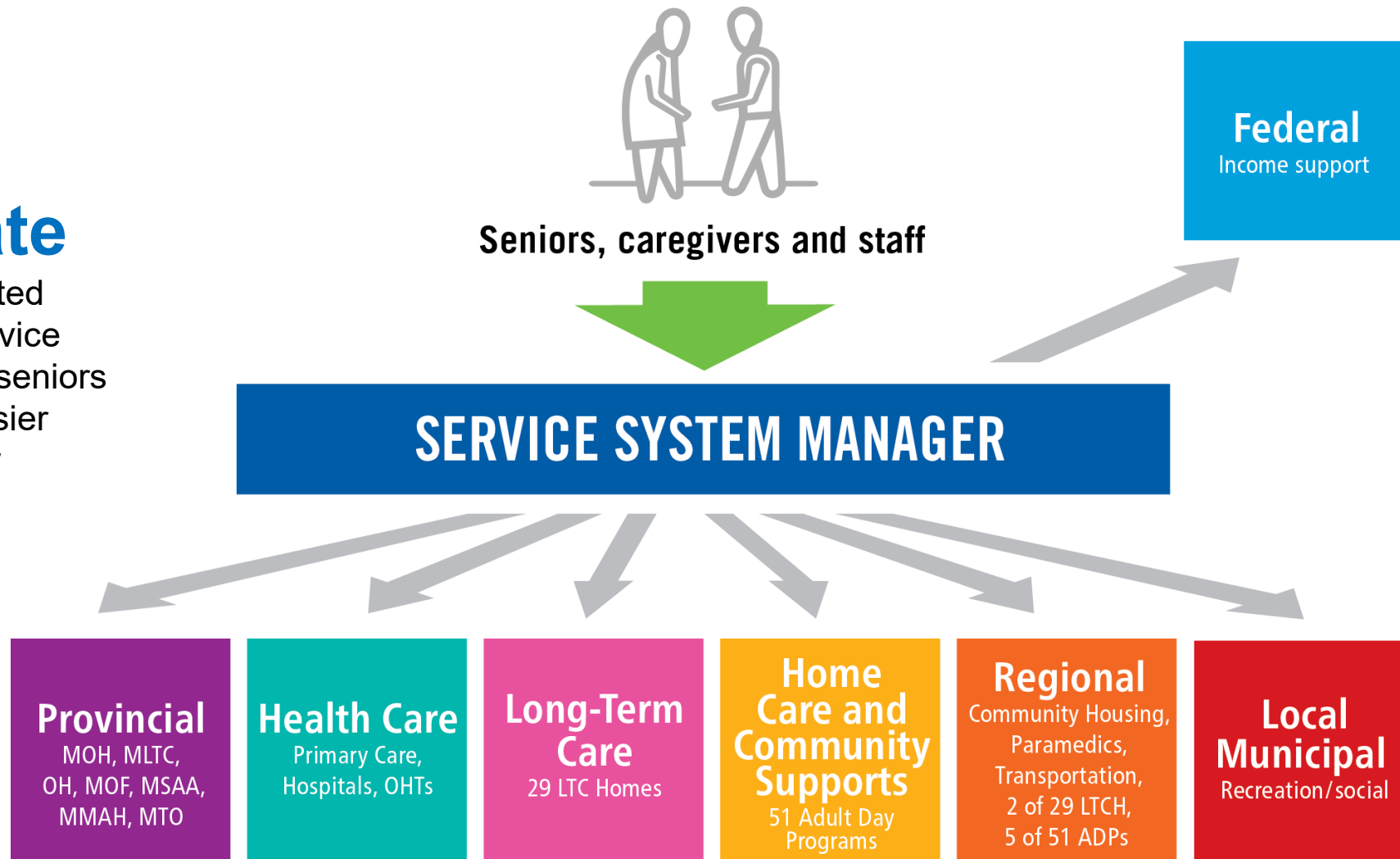


Note: Diagram intended to provide illustrative examples for York Region Seniors, not an exhaustive list of programs and services

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Ideal State

In an ideal integrated system, with a service system manager, seniors would have an easier navigation journey



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York Region's role for seniors

Seniors Services

Public Health

Community Housing

Paramedic Services

Community Paramedicine

Social Services

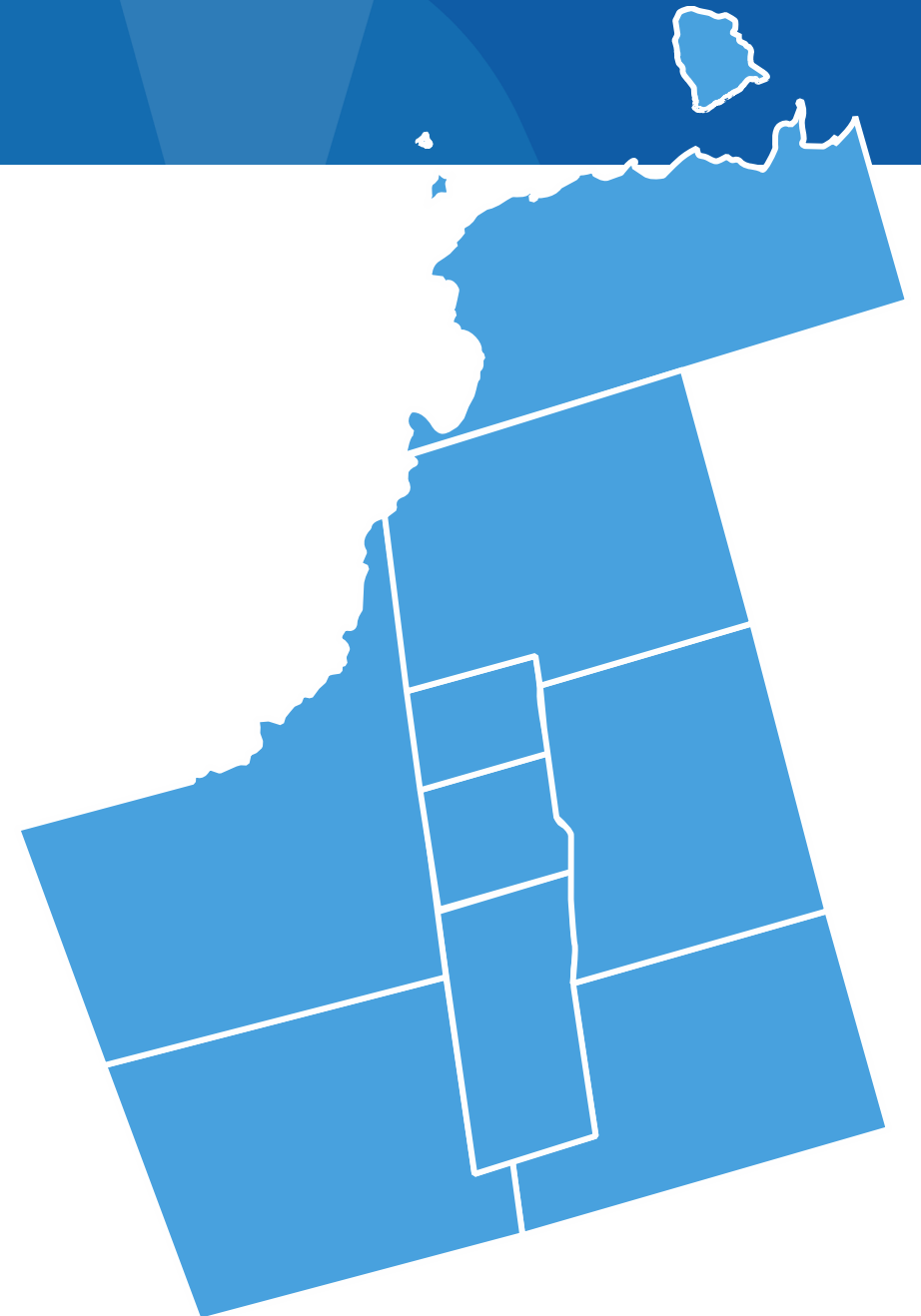
Access York

Public Works

Corporate Finance

Ontario Health Teams

York Regional Police



For more information on programs and services contact
Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or email accessyork@york.ca

Supporting seniors to age in the right place

Directions set out in the foundational 2016 Seniors Strategy



Balance the needs of seniors with all residents



Keep seniors healthier; longer



Support age friendly complete communities



Connect seniors/caregivers to the right programs and services at the right times



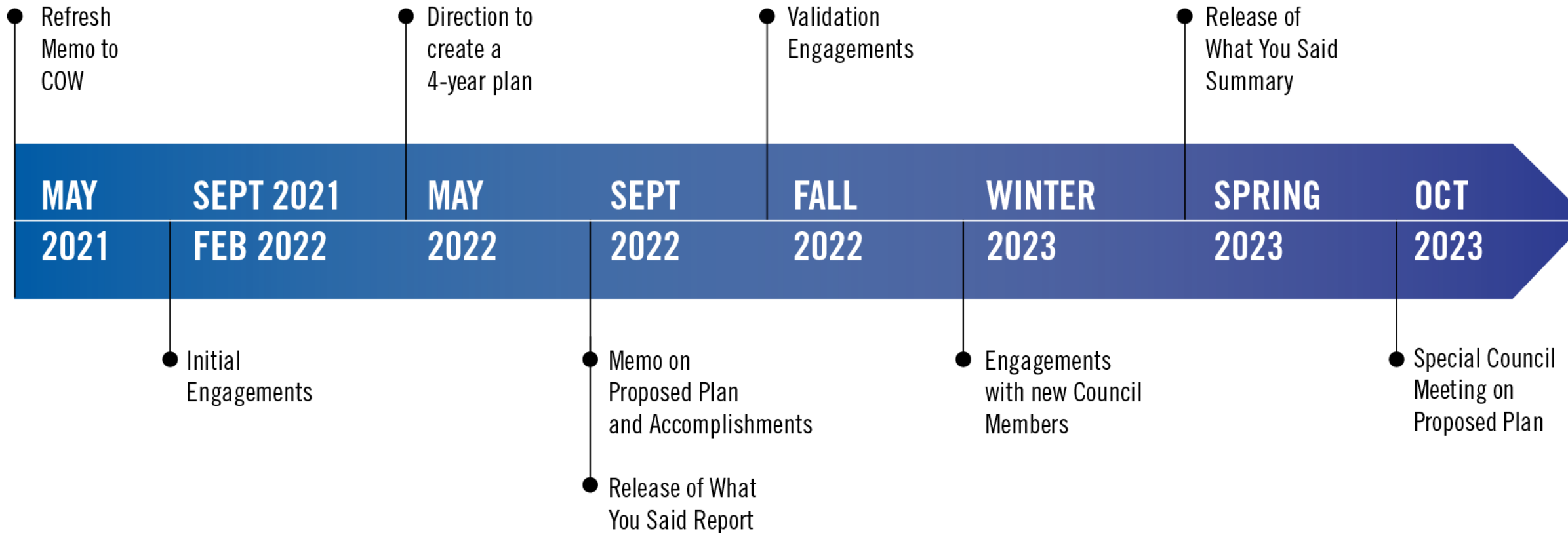
Proposed Plan to Support Seniors sits under the umbrella Corporate Strategic Plan

Many accomplishments under 2016 Seniors Strategy



The Proposed Plan to Support Seniors

Timelines: Steps to complete updated Plan



What we heard and learned

“Navigation Improvements”

“Home Care and Community Supports”

“Affordable and Appropriate Housing”

“Equity Lens”

“Technology Access and Training”

