

## **2024 to 2027 York Region Plan to Support Seniors: Navigating Forward Together**

On March 21, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve the 2024 to 2027 York Region Plan to Support Seniors: Navigating Forward Together (Attachment 1)
2. Regional Chair write to York Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament requesting they advocate to Federal and Provincial governments to seek collaboration, support and further investments to advance five priorities identified in the advocacy agenda of the 2024 to 2027 York Region Plan to Support Seniors: Navigating Forward Together including:
  - a. Mandating prevention-focused annual in-home or supported virtual visits with a health professional to proactively connect seniors 75 and older to needed information, health services and community supports
  - b. Policy planning and funding across seniors continuum of health and social care that leverages innovative evidence-based approaches to enable seniors to age in the right place for their own needs, circumstances and preferences, including promising practices like Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities and other age friendly supports
  - c. Sustainable funding for preventative and responsive Community Paramedicine programs that have proven to assist vulnerable seniors in their homes, and reduce avoidable 911 calls
  - d. Investments to sustain, scale and spread programs and supports that enhance seniors access to technology and reduce the digital divide
  - e. Establishment of a provincial service system manager or other form of coordinating body to coordinate and align improvements across multiple ministries, sectors and stakeholders supporting seniors
3. Regional Clerk circulate this report for information to York Region Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, local municipalities, York Region Human Services Planning Board, Home and Community Care Support Services Central, Ontario Health Teams in York Region, Ontario Health Central Region, AdvantAge Ontario, Ontario Long-Term Care Association, Ontario Community Support Association, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.