

The Affordable Housing Office



Update on Services for Seniors

**PRESENTATION TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
COMMITTEE**

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The Toronto Seniors Strategy

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- Affordable Housing Office directed to follow-up on three recommendations contained in the strategy:
 1. Steps to increase access to new affordable housing
 2. Enabling seniors to live independently in their own homes
 3. Increasing partnerships and innovation



1. New Affordable Rental Housing

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- Staff to maximize opportunities to provide affordable housing choice and supply for lower income seniors through participation in the Investment in Affordable Housing program.
- 5 seniors buildings developed as part of federal/provincial/city economic action plan
- 1,019 homes
- New opportunity - Investment in Affordable Housing Program, 2014-2019



589 King St. E. (King and River St.)
127 homes
Opening spring 2014

2. Toronto Renovates

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- Staff to assist seniors to live independently in their own homes by helping them to make necessary repairs, alterations and barrier-free modifications and to access in-home care and support services.
- Assisting 575 households – majority are seniors and people with disability to continue living in their homes to 2015
- Forgivable loans of up to \$10,000 for repairs/modifications
- Federal/provincial funds for essential repairs including:
 - Heating, plumbing, electrical, structural, fire safety
 - Home modifications to improve accessibility such as ramps and stair gliders
- Program is oversubscribed – 280 seniors
- New opportunity - Investment in Affordable Housing Program, 2014-2019

Bathroom Repairs

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Before

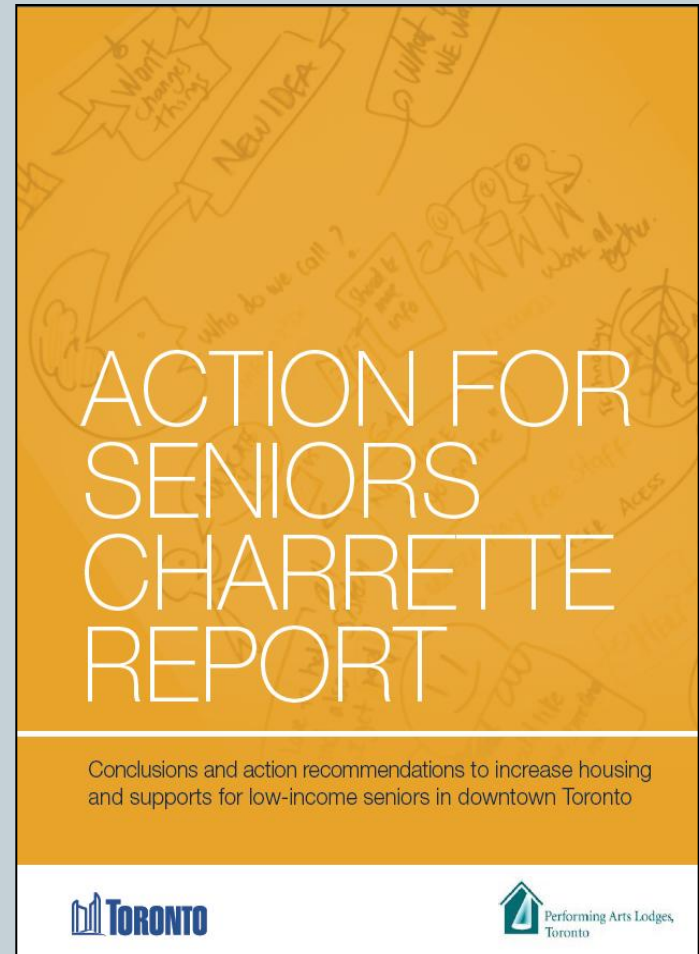


After

3. Increasing Innovation and Partnerships

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- Staff are pursuing a range of partnership opportunities to create and maintain affordable housing for lower income seniors, supporting the goals of Housing Opportunities Toronto, the City's 10-year housing action plan
- Performing Arts Lodge Charette, March 2013
- Charette addressed issues and actions for seniors to live independently with a range of housing choices



Four Actions Launched from Seniors Charette

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1. Create a Seniors Action Committee
2. Build a Resident-First Approach to Seniors Housing and Supports
3. Enhance Community and Housing Options
4. Undertake Strategic Advocacy



Charette, Performing Arts Lodge, March 2013

Presentation from Seniors Action Committee

