

Consulting with seniors

The Forum consults with seniors across the city on City services, and promotes open dialogue among seniors and organizations serving seniors.

Setting the priorities

In April 2005, Forum members identified five priority areas to address. These priorities were further refined after a wider community consultation process was completed on May 31, 2005. These areas include:

- ▶ Seniors' financial resources/costs/fees/access issues
- ▶ Housing and accommodation/long-term care
- ▶ Individual health environment, community and culturally sensitive services
- ▶ Safety, security and legal protection
- ▶ Participation and leadership/advocacy.

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Change a Little Corner

*They say the world is getting smaller
But the problems seem to grow
I'd like to make it better
But how, I just don't know.*

*The task's so big and I'm too small
To take on such a deed.
But in my own small corner
I am sure to find a need.*

*So, I'll look in my small corner,
Help in my small corner,
Try to change my corner,
Before I change the world.*

*For if I can change my corner
Although it may be hard,
If you and your friends as well as mine,
will join to play their part.*

*WE CAN help our own small corner,
Make a change in a little corner,
If we change enough small corners
That way we will change the world.*

By Mildred Margulies

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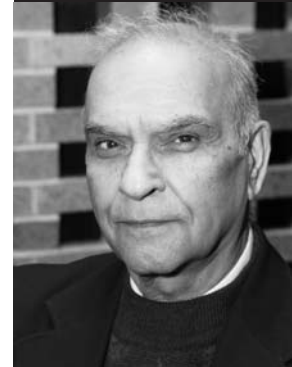
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The Toronto Seniors' Forum: we're making things happen

The Toronto Seniors' Forum is a group that works to engage seniors in Toronto in the workings of local government.

With staff support from the City of Toronto, the Forum is working to ensure that the City of Toronto meets its commitment to providing equitable services to all seniors living in or visiting Toronto.

Who we are ... combining diverse voices

The Toronto Seniors' Forum is composed of up to 30 people, who are at least 60 years of age and residents of the City of Toronto, with particular attention to seniors whose voices have been less often heard or unheard.

Members are chosen to represent the following communities with common social identities:

- ▶ 3 members representing Aboriginal/ First Nations communities
- ▶ 3 members of African (Black) heritage
- ▶ 3 members of Asian heritage
- ▶ 3 members of Latin American/Hispanic heritage
- ▶ 3 members who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or two-spirited
- ▶ 3 members with disabilities.



The remaining 12 members include three seniors from each of the four City districts (North, East, South and West). These 12 members also reflect Toronto's diversity. Five members of the Forum also sit as members of Toronto's Roundtable on Seniors.

Asking questions about City services for seniors

The City of Toronto delivers more than 40 services for seniors, and has recently reorganized to make access to these services easier. The City's citizen-focused services are managed by two Deputy City Managers who report to the City Manager. These services are divided into "hard" and "soft" services.

Some hard services include:

Building
City Planning
Fire Services
Municipal Licensing & Standards
Solid Waste Management
Transportation Services
Water.

Some soft services include:

Homes for the Aged
Parks, Forestry & Recreation
Shelter, Support & Housing Administration
Social Services
Economic Development, Culture & Tourism
Emergency Medical Services
Public Health.

