

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Request for a Report on Opportunities to Develop a third Toronto Seniors Strategy - by Councillor Vincent Crisanti, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Vincent Crisanti, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Seniors Services and Long-Term Care to report to City Council in the second quarter of 2024 with a plan to develop a third Toronto Seniors Strategy, including resources required.

Summary

Toronto is Canada's largest city and has one of the most diverse populations of any city in the world. The proportion of senior residents is increasing, underscoring significant and long-term implications for addressing the priorities of senior Torontonians. In 2016, people over the age of 65 outnumbered children ages 0 to 14 in Toronto for the first time. Recent [City reporting](#) forecasts that by 2031, nearly 1 in 5 residents or an estimated 642,000 people will be over the age of 65 years in Toronto. Seniors are key and valued members of our communities, and the City of Toronto must act urgently to build upon its previous and ongoing efforts to create a city that accommodates the priorities of Toronto's growing community of diverse seniors.

It is widely known that the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately impacted seniors and exacerbated their existing priorities and challenges, including social isolation and loneliness, access to services, food and housing insecurity, and financial challenges related to rising inflation. To respond to the impact of the pandemic and the ongoing demographic shift, the City of Toronto has an opportunity to set new goals to better support seniors living in Toronto.

Seniors in Toronto are increasingly expressing their desire to age in place in their communities, and often voice a need for community and social supports to do so. The first and second Toronto Seniors Strategy advanced key City initiatives that supported these priorities, as well as the quality of life, social participation, access to services, and well-being of seniors in Toronto. Future iterations of the Toronto Seniors Strategy should respond to the new and emerging challenges faced by seniors in Toronto.

Background Information (City Council)

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Attachment 1: Toronto Seniors Strategy 2.0 Final Progress Report

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-240488.pdf>)

Attachment 2: Toronto Seniors Strategy 2.0 (2018-2022)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-240489.pdf>)

Attachment 3: Toronto Seniors Strategy 1.0 (2013-2017)

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