



Toronto Seniors Strategy Community Consultations

Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee
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Purpose of Today's Presentation

- Toronto Context
 - Population demographics
 - Factors impacting health and wellbeing
- Toronto Seniors Strategy
 - Background and approach to community consultation to inform the third Toronto Seniors Strategy
- Gather feedback on outreach to francophone seniors and service providers



Toronto's Demographic Context

In 2021 there were 477,000 adults age 65+ in Toronto

- 41% were racialized
- 49% spoke a language other than English at home

By 2041 there will be 719,000 adults aged 65+ in Toronto (a **50% increase** from 2021)

- **90% increase** in 75+ age group

**Top 10 languages
spoken among 65+
in Toronto:**

Cantonese, Italian,
Portuguese,
Mandarin, Tagalog,
Spanish, Greek,
Tamil, Korean,
Russian.

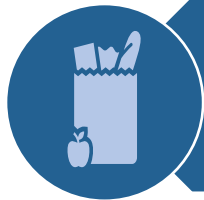
Source:

*Target group profile of seniors, Census, 2021 (Community Data Program).
Healthy Aging in Toronto At a Glance. 2024. Toronto Public Health.*

Impacts on Seniors' Health and Wellbeing



20% of adults age 65+ in Toronto were living below the **low-income** measure in 2019



of seniors accessing **food banks** in Toronto increased by 15% from 2023 to 2024



15% of people **experiencing homelessness** in Toronto were age 60+ in 2021



41% of Canadians age 50+ were at risk of **social isolation** in 2023

Source:

1. Who's Hungry Report, 2024
2. TPH Health Aging in Toronto Report, 2024
3. Toronto Street Needs Assessment, 2021
4. National Institute on Ageing, 2022

Toronto Seniors Strategy



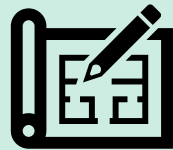
The first (2013-18) and second (2018-22) Toronto Seniors Strategies advanced City initiatives that support seniors' quality of life, social participation, access to services, and well-being.

- Seniors Services and Long-Term Care (SSLTC) is developing the third **Toronto Seniors Strategy** to better support **aging in place**, particularly for seniors who are Indigenous, Black, and who belong to equity-deserving groups.
- A City Council-approved [multi-method community consultation process](#) will enhance the City's understanding of the priorities of seniors and older adults in Toronto.

Developing the third Toronto Seniors Strategy

Engage Partners & Develop Tools

- Develop partnerships and tools to gather input from seniors and older adults, caregivers, City staff, seniors-serving organizations



City-wide Consultations & Survey

- Roll out public survey and other community consultations
- Collaborate with partners to promote participation among seniors and older adults



Priority Setting & Strategy Development

- Assess and analyze what we heard from seniors and older adults
- Collaborate with City staff to develop Strategy objectives and recommendations



Engage the Toronto Seniors Strategy Accountability Table

What's Next?

January/February 2025

- Continue gathering input via public survey, available online in English, French and 10 other languages
- Collaborate with community partners to promote survey participation among a diverse range of seniors and older adults

Spring 2025

- Hold in-person engagements and engage seniors' serving organizations and summarize what we hear to inform strategy development.



Discussion – Engaging Francophone Seniors & Service Providers

Which existing **communications channels and networks** would enable to City to **promote survey participation** among **Francophone seniors** in Toronto?

Which **Francophone seniors serving organizations in Toronto** (e.g., Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario, Les Centres d'Accueil Héritage) can:

- Support the City in promoting survey participation among Francophone seniors
- Be further engaged by the City



Questions?



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