

Senior Housing in Burlington

What Are Burlington Seniors Saying?

1. Need for more **affordable housing**.
2. Need for **housing alternatives** that are **available, accessible** and **allow for transition** as needs change.
3. Encourage **more rental housing**. The vacancy rate of apartments in Burlington is **1.3 %**. The Ontario rate is 3.2%.
4. **Services are needed** as one experiences challenges; and they should be **available in your own home** so you do not need to move away from where you live.
5. Ensure senior housing units are **located close to services and shopping**.
6. Provide more **Respite** and **Assisted Housing Units**.
7. Need to find solutions to address the **long wait lists** for affordable housing and long term care facilities.
8. Promote **awareness and public education** of available housing alternatives and planning for the future.
9. Need to promote **the Halton Housing Helps** offered through the Halton Region;
<http://www.halton.ca/cms/one.aspx?objectId=9096>



Seniors Share Their Experiences

“I don’t even want to think about leaving my house.” *Person 1*

“The services do not necessarily cooperate in a way that keeps you in your home.” *Person 2*

“I know having gone through many of the retirement communities, I can’t afford them and so the next move in order to maintain some degree of independence and some level of sanity, will have to be an apartment.” *Person 3*

Part of me wanted to give up my home and the other part was not ready. It’s hard, really hard to change.” *Person 4*

“If you don’t look around for different types of housing, depending on what your needs are, you are putting your head in a hole in the ground because you are waiting for a crisis.” *Person 5*

“I have a two storey house and my washing machine is in the basement. I can manage the stairs but one of these days I will have a calamity and I won’t know what I will do. I know there are options but I like it where I live and I want to go on living there.” *Person 6*

“I would like to share my home with someone who can help with some of the chores and keep me company.” *Person 7*



Copyrighted