













The Big Easy Housing Chart –January 2015

Please advise the Housing Committee of the Burlington Age-Friendly Seniors Council of any revisions to this chart that are necessary; 905-632-1975

- Key:**
-  Goals are being implemented and moving along
 -  Implementation of goals is moving slowly but steadily
 -  There is no movement

1. Easy to implement











WHAT	WHEN	Accomplished to date
a) Inter-generational opportunities, such as, Youth volunteering with seniors (and vice versa)		Community Dinners Intergenerational activities with the Burlington Central Library Grandpals Program with BCPL and BAFSC
b) Burlington Community Foundation isolated Seniors Project.		Acclaim Health has been addressing this through the Burlington Community Foundation Isolated Seniors Project (Trillium Grant)
c) Understand and support an increasingly diverse and aging community.		Community Dinners and Neighbourhood Groups Senior Ambassador Connector Program (Volunteer Halton/BAFSC)
d) Develop strategies to address diversity utilizing the quality of <i>Life for Seniors in Halton Report</i> and <i>Inclusive Cities Report</i> (2006) in consultation with the community. These strategies will focus on city services and the various needs of Burlington's changing population.		
e) Promote and encourage seniors to join together to buy/build housing or to share their homes so that these individuals could share housing costs, etc.		Homeshare 2015
f) Advocate for a Seniors Help Line to help callers identify housing options and problem solve housing challenges.		Halton Housing Help with the Halton Region as the provider. Telephone and online support as well as one to one service available
g) Provide information and encourage use of available income sources: Property tax rebates, deferral of property tax, completing income tax forms, Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit program, social housing, etc.		Promoted via Partnering Aldershot Press, Housing Forum, Community Development Halton Housing Presentations, Faith Groups Have been actively doing this for 2 and a half years; 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
h) Forecast movement of seniors into/out of Burlington		In consultation with Community Development Halton and their research staff, this is difficult to predict
i) Create and communicate Burlington-specific data from Regional reports, census data and wait lists. Create fact sheets for Councilors and others; include stats (mostly from CDH) such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordability = 30% or less spent on shelter. 		BAFSC has produced one page bulletins that includes specific data regarding seniors living in Burlington. These have been continually distributed.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66% of 75 year olds and over spent 30% or more of income on accommodation. • Affordability is much more of an issue for renters than for home owners. • 1 in 5 senior tenants spent 50% or more of their income in rent plus utilities. • 1 in 5 of those aged 75 and over are renters. • 51%-66% of senior renters pay more than 30%. • Seniors currently 15% of population-increasing housing is a key issue. • Senior women are more likely to rent than to own – 34% of women, 15% of men. • Retirement residences are too expensive for many seniors. • Aging in place: in home, or in our own community relates to issues of isolation, accessibility of services. • Examine homelessness of seniors. • Scarcity of low cost housing. 		
j) Elder abuse and housing.		Halton Elder Abuse Prevention Committee
k) Start creation of input to upcoming Official Plan Amendment (OPA) update.		
l) Promote university student/helper renting in Senior's home.		Homeshare (in development)
m) Provide a report to all levels of government on housing in Burlington (Province, Region, City) to be used to convince/influence political.		Halton Region State of Housing Report 2013
n) Advertise programs to promote programs for renovation or accessibility.		Created flyers and is ongoing
o) Research tax assessment differential between to rental and private dwellings.		January 2013, work was completed
p) Research five models of senior housing in other countries. Lodging homes, etc.		Ongoing
q) More discussion of wide variety of choices in housing.		Housing Options Booklet-ESAC- Presentations to various Senior groups











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Moderate to Implement






WHAT	WHEN	Accomplished to date:
a) Housing sharing registry (modeled after Universities).	Sept 2013 	Halton Housing Helps with Halton Region as a provider
b) Building a seniors' sense of community and a sense of community broadly.		Neighbourhood work through CDH
c) Neighbourhoods/Seniors watch program.		
d) Building code regulations to be written, including supporting secondary suites.		
e) Bill 140, Accessible standards for all buildings, e.g. 40" wide doors and increased bathroom size.		
f) Require a variety of housing options in all new buildings, re: affordability and accessibility.		
g) Promote meeting of all 3 parties to discuss housing (need to come together – Provincial & Federal)		
h) Monitor model for affordable housing now being developed in Burlington between Habitat for Humanity & Options for Homes...explore potential for municipal partnership opportunities within.		
i) Promote online website informing of housing options.		Region -Halton Housing Helps with Halton Region as a provider
j) Advocate for increased in landlord rental amount; rent controls that are fair.		

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2. Hard to Implement

WHAT	WHEN	Accomplished to date:
a) Advocate for additional community services to meet individual needs (e.g. 24 hour care)		CCAC is currently addressing the need
b) Subsidize short-term stays at Retirement Homes (accessible and care available)		
c) Fund secure units for abused men/additional secure units for abused women.		
d) Create more shelter spaces		
e) Advocate for increased units and funding for supportive housing (in private rental buildings) where seniors are clustered		Supported@ Home Burlington –10 Units at Aldershot Village Residence - 5 units at West Wind Residence units in Milton as well. Martin House at 189 Ontario St. 10 units
f) Provide more rental subsidies to seniors in social and private rental units (686 seniors, 60+ years old on Halton waiting list).		
g) Work with Halton Region, Habitat for Humanity and Burlington Community Living to establish responsible development practices leading to a range of housing choices including accessible, affordable and environmentally responsible housing opportunities.		
h) Accessibility for all.		Ongoing work and projects. The responsibility rests with every sector, business and governments
i) Co-op housing: non-equity co-ops affordable.		
j) Income level increasingly low for more individuals.		Poverty Free Halton had a workshop on Income for OW & ODSP CARP, BAFSC, CDH and Poverty Free Halton holding series on Financial Security -2014-2015

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k) Advocating, monitoring and enforcing building code to ensure codes meet in terms of such things as heat and cleanliness.		
l) Advocate for a home maintenance program subsidies for seniors.		
m) Provide information on how and where to go for assistance with renovations and home maintenance.		Halton Seniors Directory – ESAC
n) Provide services to vulnerable seniors, e.g. when caregivers become ill; increase communication and availability of emergency /respite units.		
o) Scarcity of low rental housing.		All levels of government