

## Seniors also want to know... QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

### Ageing at Home

Ontario seniors have stated that they want to age in place (at home, in their communities), but seniors often need help with baths, meals, shopping, transportation and housework to stay at home safely.

**Q1: What will your party do to provide seniors with the supports they need to age in place?**

**Q2: What will you do to ensure that your party meets this commitment?**

### Basket of Services

Depending on their individual circumstances, seniors across Ontario need different services to be able to stay at home, but not all services are available in all communities. Seniors need to be able to access a full basket of services so that they can get the services they need.

**Q1: Are you and your party committed to providing access to a basket of services?**

**Q2: What will you and your party do to ensure that the basket of services is available across Ontario?**

### Primary Care in the Community

To age in place, seniors need access to in-home primary care services. Programs like House Calls have proven effective at keeping seniors healthy and at home.

**Q: What would you and your party do to provide access to in-home primary care services to seniors?**

### Creativity in Serving Seniors

Policy makers have been doing the same thing for seniors year after year, but the situation has not improved.

**Q: What creative new ideas do you and your party have to improve services to seniors?**

### Accessible Palliative Care

Many people prefer to receive end-of-life care in their own homes or community hospices, rather than in acute care hospitals and long-term care homes. Providing such community care is less costly and more humane for them and their families.

**Q: Will you support provision of in-home palliative and community hospice care?**

### Stable Labour Pool

There is a shortage of workers to provide support to seniors in the community. Health workers in hospitals and long-term care homes get better pay and have better working conditions than those who work in the community.

**Q1: What will your party do to make work in the community more attractive so that workers stay in the community and do not move to other health sectors?**

**Q2: How will you ensure that your party implements effective measures to retain community workers?**

### Voice of Seniors

Policies for seniors are usually made without input from seniors. The result is failure to account for the needs and preferences of seniors.

**Q: What will you and your party do to ensure that the voices of seniors are heard in the development of the policies and programmes that affect them?**

### Affordable, Accessible Housing

Another way to help keep seniors living in their own homes and communities and reduce the demand for more expensive hospital and long-term care beds is providing affordable and accessible housing for seniors.

**Q: What will be your party's strategy for meeting the needs of seniors for accessible, affordable housing?**

### Ensuring Housing Accessibility

An increasing number of people of all ages have disabilities. Despite passage of the *Ontarians With Disabilities Act*, many of Ontario's buildings are still inaccessible to people with functional or mobility limitations. Universal Design principles foster accessibility in building design.

**Q: Will you support changing the Ontario Building Code to make it mandatory for all new housing to be fully accessible?**

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