

Community Focus Bulletin: ***Creating Community Conversations***



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Hearing from the Candidates on the Issues of Aging:

Federal All Candidates Meeting on Issues Related to our Aging Population

Three local organizations partner to sponsor an all candidates meeting focused on issues of relevance to older adults and the elderly Canada's population is aging.

By 2036 it is estimated that nearly one quarter (24%) of all Canadians will be over the age of 65 (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2015). In the Peterborough Census Metropolitan Area nearly 1 in 5 people are already over the age of 65 (Statistics Canada, 2012).

On September 17, 2015 Chapter 16 of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (C.A.R.P.), Branch 44 of National Association of Federal Retirees (N.A.F.R.) and Peterborough Council on Aging (P.C.O.A.) will host a Federal All Candidates Meeting focused on issues related to our aging population. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. It will take place at "The Auditorium" of the Peterborough Public Library at 345 Aylmer Street North, Peterborough.

This is a free event and all members of the public are welcome to attend. This venue is fully accessible, however, seating is limited.

Event: Federal All Candidates Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 17th 2015

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: Auditorium, Peterborough Public Library, 345 Aylmer Street North, Peterborough

Some things to consider as we prepare our questions to future leaders:

In 2013 the province's Provincial Seniors Strategy Expert Lead, Dr. Samir Sinha, released a report **Living Longer, Living Well** that called for making sweeping recommendations to better provide acute and continuing care to Ontario's seniors. It called for better coordination of services, a patient focused approach and specific measures to address problems for seniors in their interaction with the formal health care system. Chief among these specific issues were:

- access to primary care,
- acute and chronic care in the home,

- support for family caregivers and
- involvement of the broader social services and housing sector as part of the strategy.

Questions for reflection:

1. While health care remains a provincial responsibility , how can we encourage development of a national seniors strategy that addresses the determinants of health?
2. If we are committed to having people age in place, how can we have the federal, provincial and municipal governments work together to develop an age-friendly social infrastructure?

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