



SENIORS FOR SOCIAL ACTION (ONTARIO)

INFORMATION BULLETIN

PROGRAM OF ALL INCLUSIVE CARE OF THE ELDERLY (PACE) EXPANSION IN ONTARIO

March 26, 2024

Seniors for Social Action Ontario has been actively working towards the expansion of PACE as part of Home Care Modernization across the province. The Ministry of Health has adopted Home Care Modernization as one of its priorities, and this has been conveyed to local Ontario Health Teams.

Municipalities and regions now have an opportunity to work with their local Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) to make PACE a reality in community housing and seniors buildings in their areas. For funding to flow from Ontario Health, there needs to be local demand for this program, so approaching your local Councils about PACE, and spearheading similar motions to the one below to your Regional Councils and MPPs will be critical.

Here is more information on PACE which has been successfully keeping people out of hospitals and long-term care institutions in the Burlington area for five years now. <https://alzda.ca/pace-wellness-hub/>

Councilor Paul Sharman is willing to address local and regional Councils across Ontario by invitation. paul.sharman@burlington.ca

What You Can Do to Spearhead PACE in Your Area

By approaching your local Councilors, asking them to have Council invite Councilor Sharman to address your Council, and asking your Councilors to put forward a similar motion, you can help move forward PACE program developments in your area.

This motion just passed unanimously with no amendments on March 25, 2024 at Town of Ajax Council. This, or similar wording of a motion can be used by other Councils in Ontario wishing to work with their Ontario Health Teams to implement PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care of the Elderly) programs in their jurisdictions.

The Corporation of the Town of Ajax

March 25, 2024

Motion

Supportive Aging in Place Initiatives for Ajax Seniors

Moved by: Regional Councillor Dies

Seconded by: Councillor Bower

WHEREAS the Town of Ajax is facing a rapidly aging population, with the percentage of individuals over 65 making up 13% of the overall population according to the 2021 census data, up from 7.3% in 2001;

AND WHEREAS many Canadians want to age in place in their own home and community, which requires appropriate health and social supports and services to facilitate independent living;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Health, through its Home Care Modernization initiative, is seeking innovative in-home care delivery models;

AND WHEREAS the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) model provides a comprehensive medical and social service delivery system using an interdisciplinary team approach to coordinate all preventive, primary, acute and long-term care needs;

AND WHEREAS the PACE model of care is being delivered successfully in other municipalities, including Burlington where the PACE Community Hub is celebrating its fifth anniversary;

AND WHEREAS the PACE model of care is being implemented in Oshawa this year at 155 King Street West;

AND WHEREAS implementation of the PACE program in Ajax would benefit residents, while alleviating demands on local hospitals and related healthcare institutions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Ajax Council supports the Region of Durham expanding the PACE program into the Town of Ajax; and, A copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, John Henry, Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Regional Health and Social Services Committee, Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, Ashley Manor Housing Corporation (formerly Ajax Municipal Housing Corporation), all Durham Region lower tier municipalities, Cynthia Davis, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health, the Durham Ontario Health Team, Community Care Durham, and Durham Mental Health Services.