

Appendix A

Questionnaire

HOUSING PREFERENCES

We are very interested in learning about the housing preferences of all older adults living in Peel Region. Please complete the following questions even if you do not plan to move in the near future.

7. Taking into account your age and personal circumstances, when do you think you are likely to move? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX ONLY

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> In the next year | <input type="checkbox"/> In 10 or more years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In 1-2 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know, not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In 3-5 years | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't plan on moving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In 6-9 years | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8. Where would you like to live in the future? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX ONLY

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brampton | <input type="checkbox"/> Another municipality in Ontario (Please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caledon | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mississauga | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know, not sure |

9. If you were to move, what type of housing are you likely to choose, taking into account what you can afford?

PLEASE PUT "1" BESIDE YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF DWELLING, "2" BESIDE YOUR SECOND FAVOURITE, AND "3" BESIDE YOUR THIRD FAVOURITE.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A room in a house
<input type="checkbox"/> An apartment in a house
(e.g. basement apartment)
<input type="checkbox"/> An apartment in a low-rise building
(3 storeys or less)
<input type="checkbox"/> An apartment in a high-rise building (4
or more storeys) | <input type="checkbox"/> A row house/town house
<input type="checkbox"/> A semi detached house
<input type="checkbox"/> A single detached house
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please
specify)_____ |
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10. Would you prefer to live in a one-storey home with most of the living space on one floor - not including the basement? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX ONLY

- Yes, I would prefer to live in a one-storey home
 No, I would prefer to live in a home with two or more storeys
 Does not matter, not sure

11. Would you be interested in renting out extra space in your home (either a room or an apartment) now or in the future? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX ONLY

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to rent out extra space | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know, not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not wish to rent out space | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable, don't have space to rent out |

NEW HOUSING OPTIONS

A number of new housing options are available for older adults. Some of these options are described below, some of which are not available in Peel Region at this time.

Garden Suites – A garden suite is a manufactured house that is installed on a temporary basis in the backyard of a home owned by the older adults’ child or other family member. Most garden suites are one-storey, and have one bedroom, a living room, a kitchen and a bathroom.

Co-housing – In this option, a group of people get together to plan and develop their housing community. Residents own their housing but share spaces such as a dining room or workshop.

Life Lease Housing – This type of housing is owned and managed by a community-based, not-for-profit group. Residents obtain the right to occupy the unit for an upfront payment plus monthly maintenance fees. When residents move out, they receive a return on their investment and the organization ‘resells’ the unit to another older adult.

Limited Equity Co-operative – Residents purchase shares in a building which allows them to occupy their unit. The land and building are owned jointly by all residents. When the owner moves out, the unit is resold to the co-operative which can resell it to another older adult. Residents get a return on investment but price increases can be limited to keep units affordable.

Abbeyfield Housing - In Abbeyfield housing, a number of people share a house and live like a family with a housekeeper who makes meals. Residents have private rooms but share other living spaces such as the dining room, living room and laundry room.

Home Sharing – This is a living arrangement where unrelated people share a house or apartment. Home sharing provides homeowners and tenants with companionship and security as well as assistance with housing costs and household chores. An agency may help match individuals.

19. Are you interested in the following as housing options for yourself or your family in the future?

CHECK (✓) <u>ONE BOX FOR EACH HOUSING OPTION</u>	Yes, I am interested	Maybe – but would like to learn more about it first	Not interested	Don’t know, not sure
Garden Suites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Lease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited Equity Co-operative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abbeyfield Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Sharing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Based on the amount of interest in these new housing options, more information will be made available through meetings of the Peel Advisory Working Group on Older Adults’ Housing and posted on the Housing and Property Department website. To find out when meetings are held, call 905-453-1300 extension 2528. The website address is: <http://www.region.peel.on.ca/housing/older2.htm>

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

20. Does your home need repairs or other changes to make it easier for the person aged 55 years or older to remain in the home?

Yes, home needs repairs or other changes

GO TO QUESTION 21

No, home does not need repairs or other changes

GO TO QUESTION 22

21. What repairs are needed to your home to make it easier for you to remain in your home?

CHECK (✓) ALL THAT APPLY

- None or only minor repairs
 Structural repairs (e.g. leaking basement, sagging wall)
 Replace wiring

- Repair plumbing
 Repair roof
 Other(Please specify)_____

22. What other changes are needed to your home to make it easier for you to remain in the home?

CHECK (✓) ALL THAT APPLY

- No changes are needed
 Wheelchair access
 Elevator/lift
 Kitchen modifications

- Automatic door openers
 Changes to bathroom (e.g., bar lifts)
 Other (Please specify)_____

23. Please indicate if you or anyone in your household 55 years or older has one of the following disabilities or limitations that may affect their housing needs?

CHECK (✓) ALL THAT APPLY

- No disabilities or limitations
 Minor physical limitations
 Physical disability (use a cane, walker or wheelchair)
 Mental health issues
 Serious difficulty with remembering or recognition (e.g., Alzheimer disease)
 Other (Please specify)_____

24. a) Do you or anyone in your household aged 55 years or older need assistance with household chores or with daily living (e.g., bathing, dressing, meal preparation) to live independently?

Yes

No **IF NO, GO TO QUESTION 25.**

IF YES, GO TO 24 b) below.

b) What type of assistance is needed? CHECK (✓) ALL THAT APPLY

- Shopping
 Food preparation
 House cleaning
 Maintaining the house (e.g., yard cleaning, snow removal)
 Taking medications

- Dressing and bathing
 Transferring (e.g., getting out of bed into a wheelchair)
 Toileting
(Please Specify)_____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

IT IS IMPORTANT TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS YOUR RESPONSES WILL HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND HOUSING NEEDS IN PEEL. ALL RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

25. What is your marital status? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX ONLY

- Single
- Married/Common-law
- Widowed
- Separated/Divorced

26. How old are you? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX ONLY

- 55-59 years old
- 60-64 years old
- 65-69 years old
- 70-74 years old
- 75-79 years old
- 80-84 years old
- 85 + years old

27. Are you a male or female? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX

- Male
- Female

28. Were you born in Canada? Yes No

If not born in Canada, please state country of birth and year arrived in Canada.

Country of Birth _____ Year arrived in Canada _____

29. Do you or your spouse drive a car to get around? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX ONLY

- Yes, most of the time
- Yes, sometimes
- No, never

30. What is the total annual income (before taxes) for you and, if applicable, your spouse? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX ONLY

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 - \$14,999
- \$15,000 - \$19,999
- \$20,000 - \$24,999
- \$25,000 - \$29,999
- \$30,000 - \$34,999
- \$35,000 - \$39,999
- \$40,000 - \$44,999
- \$45,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$54,999
- \$55,000 - \$59,999
- \$60,000 - \$64,999
- \$65,000 - \$69,999
- \$70,000 and over

31. What is your employment status? CHECK (✓) ONE BOX ONLY

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Self-employed
- Unemployed/actively seeking employment
- Unemployed/not seeking employment outside of home
- Retired
- Retired, working part-time
- Full-time homemaker
- Unable to work due to disability/health etc.
- Other (Please specify) _____

32. What is your postal code? _____

Thank you for completing this questionnaire
 Please return it as quickly as possible in the postage paid envelope

Appendix B
Focus Group Questions

Focus Group Questions

1. We're interested in hearing from you about the kind of housing you'd like to live in the future. Do you think you'll be an owner or a renter in the future and why?
2. We have reviewed six housing options for older adults which are currently not widely available in Peel Region. What do you like or dislike about each of the six housing options and why? (Probe around the options which were not preferred and why)
3. If you were to name one factor that is the most important to you in the selection of your future home, what would it be? Why is this factor important to you?
4. There are many different types of dwellings you could move into: a room in a house, an apartment in a house, a low rise apartment, a high rise apartment, a town house, a semi-detached house or a single detached house. Which of these best describes the housing type in which you would prefer to live? What makes this type of dwelling attractive to you?
5. What price range would you be able to rent or buy?

Appendix C
Weighting of Survey Results

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In order to have survey results that were statistically representative for each of the three municipalities in Peel Region, the survey was based on obtaining approximately 400 surveys in each area. This, however, meant that the total responses for the Region of Peel over-represented the smaller municipalities and under-represented the larger ones. To have a representative sample at the level of the Region of Peel required a weighting of the results to “correct” for this over and under-representation.

As the Table below shows, in the case of Brampton, we should have received approximately 30% of the responses from Brampton, 5% from Caledon and 64% from Mississauga. In order to get these results, each response from each municipality was weighted. For example, to obtain 396 responses from Brampton (30% of 1,301 responses), the results had to be weighted by .899.

Determining the Weighting Factor to Get Peel Weighted Results

	Brampton	Caledon	Mississauga	Peel Region
Responses	440	439	422	1301
Owners	369	408	337	1114
Renters	71	31	85	187
Population 55+	49390	8835	104220	162445
% of region	30.40%	5.44%	64.16%	100.0%
Weighted responses	396	71	835	1301
Weighting factor	0.899	0.161	1.978	