

COMMUNITY-BASED REDESIGN FOR SENIORS' INDEPENDENCE CARE

WHEREAS innovative community-based models for senior care exist; like gold-standard Denmark, providing optimal outcomes are possible with lowest cost by % GDP;

WHEREAS the majority of seniors wish to stay in their own homes;

WHEREAS multidisciplinary care, person-centered, delivered through local, publicly-owned entities are more equitable and cost-effective;

WHEREAS investments in LTC will skyrocket to meet the 2036 forecast of 199,000 additional beds; each costs: \$300,000 capital, \$100,000 operating; if alternatives are not available;

WHEREAS cost-effective redesign for senior care could be achieved through the National Housing Strategy and Age-Friendly Communities concepts, wherein municipal advisory groups drive and identify needs;

WHEREAS ageing is not a disease: community-based services can significantly reduce stress on hospitals and LTC facilities;

WHEREAS the COVID-19 LTC crisis demands rethinking senior care;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada urges the Government of Canada to consult with stakeholders, Minister for Seniors, and Federation of Canadian Municipalities and take action to redesign Canada's approach to senior care, emphasizing local management and delivery; aspiring to be a world leader in elder care, focusing on:

- Person-centered; publicly owned; community-based decision-making and delivery;
- Empowering seniors independence continuum through the National Housing Strategy and Age-Friendly Community local initiatives;
- Options ranging from prevention, home supports, small aggregate homes, mobile multidisciplinary teams with appropriate training, to innovative long-term care facilities;
- Defined standards for each option, with publicly reported accountability audited by elected advisory committees of local seniors;
- Funding contingent upon municipal engagement and compliance to nationally defined standards;
- Means-tested refundable tax credits or other financial remittances to offset costs to seniors for care choices; and provide support to unpaid caregivers.

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