

# SENIORS

## INNER CITY VOTES

2021 FEDERAL ELECTION



### What's Happening?

The number of Canadian seniors has reached record levels, and their ranks are only expected to grow as more people retire and live longer in retirement. Older Canadians, however, remain one of the most financially vulnerable populations, especially those who live alone.

### Why is This Happening?

Statistics Canada recorded 790,820 (14.5%) of older Canadians living in low income. But the reality of 2020 is that Canada's seniors are suffering disproportionately. Seniors were faced with unaffordable housing, insufficient home care, wait lists for long-term care and a lack of support for family caregivers. These all existed before the pandemic but worsened over 2020. The summer of 2020 saw over 80% of all COVID-19 deaths in Canada occurring in nursing and retirement home settings. Much has been made of the standard of care between private and public nursing and retirement homes. Even before the pandemic, over 40,000 senior Canadians were on wait lists for nursing homes while another 430,000 reported having unmet home care needs, according to the National Institute on Aging. Many lack the funds to pay out of pocket for care. Seniors need protection for pension plans and home care.

### Questions to Ask

- What will your party do to strengthen the Canada Pension Plan to support Seniors living in poverty?
- What will your party do to expand and enhance a universal program like Old Age Security to support Seniors?
- What will your party plan to improve the Guaranteed Income Supplement to help support seniors living in poverty?
- Does your party have a plan to improve the Home Accessibility Tax Credit for Seniors?
- Will your party end for profit seniors care and implement a publically funded senior care system?

**Not Sure Who to Vote For Overall? Why not check out [CBC's Vote Compass](#) to take a quick survey to help figure out which party best represents your priorities?**