

# NEW SENIORS ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE FOR CLAREMONT

CLAREMONT – Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Pickering-Uxbridge, announced the \$50,000 funding for the new Claremont Seniors Active Living Centre alongside Minister Raymond Cho and Mayor Kevin Ashe. This is one of the up to 100 new SALC programs opening across the province this year to help improve seniors' quality of life and build community engagement.

"The new Claremont site will be a great addition for our seniors and Pickering overall," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge. "It will offer seniors from the entire North Pickering area the opportunity to stay active and keep connected with others in the community."

Senior Active Living Centres keep our seniors fit, active, healthy, socially connected, in their communities and close to their homes.

"We are delighted to expand activities and services to more seniors in Claremont," said, Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "This program will help older adults of all abilities to thrive in their homes and communities."

SALC programs offer seniors and older adults learning opportunities such as financial management and elder abuse prevention and a variety of recreational and social activities including fitness, healthy lifestyle and wellness classes that are important supports in communities.

"The City of Pickering is proud to partner with the Province of Ontario in expanding opportunities for older adults through this new Seniors Active Living Centre," said Kevin Ashe, Mayor of the City of Pickering. "This investment reflects our shared commitment to keeping seniors fit, active, healthy, and socially connected in their communities. It also supports our City's broader goal of fostering a community that is safe, healthy, accessible, equitable, diverse, and inclusive."

With three provincially funded Seniors Active Living Centres now serving Pickering residents, we are ensuring that older adults have more opportunities than ever to stay engaged and connected."

The government remains committed to better supporting Ontario's aging population and the people who care for them by improving and expanding supports for seniors no matter where they live.

On June 1, 2024, changes to the Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017 came into effect allowing more types of organizations to provide the 20 per cent contribution requirement towards SALC programs' operating costs. Now SALC programs can be operated by municipalities, non-profit corporations, registered charities, Indigenous groups, Legions, Lions Clubs and recreational clubs.


In the Fall Economic Statement of 2024, a \$17 million increase in funding over three years was approved to support up to 100 new Seniors Active Living Centres.

For 2025-26, SALC programs will be able to request up to \$55,000 for maintenance and operating costs, an increase from the previous maximum of \$50,000 in 2024 and up from \$42,700 in base funding from 2023


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