

Support high-quality care for seniors

Recognizing support from the Province of Ontario

Peel plays a critical role in alleviating health system pressures and bridging the gap by delivering person-centred care and services, as the seniors' population grows. Including the following provincial investments:

- Over \$1 million through the Local Priorities Fund supporting seniors with complex needs and reducing hospital pressures.
- Base funding for the first Transitional Behavioural Support Unit in the Central West Region.
- Support through the Ministry of Long-Term Care for a Community Access to Long-Term Care (LTC) pilot program.

Supporting seniors in long term care

Peel provides roughly 40% of operating costs for its 5 LTC homes, offsetting provincial funding gaps. This reflects our commitment to safe, dignified, and responsive care. However, inflation continues to strain the system despite 2025 budget increases.

Financial pressures have grown due to the underfunded implementation of the Fixing Long-Term Care Act (FLTCA). While intended to improve service delivery, its costs exceed provincial estimates, and Peel has invested heavily in compliance, quality management, and training.

Adult Day Services and respite

Expanding wrap-around supports is critical to easing caregiver stress and delaying LTC placement. Peel welcomes a \$40 million investment through the Support for Seniors and Caregivers Act, however, sustained and enhanced funding is needed to meet rising and complex needs.

Emotion-based care

Peel values emotion-based care as essential to high-quality dementia care. Recent provincial commitments — including a dementia care framework and proposed amendments requiring dementia care programs in all LTC homes — signals strong momentum.



Dental care for seniors

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) in Peel has a waitlist of 5,900 seniors. Peel Region is working with provincial officials to access funding through the federal dental program to address growing demand for services.

Fund innovative and person-centred care

Solutions to support seniors

Peel faces a widening gap between demand and available funding to provide critical services for seniors. Support from the province is needed in the following areas:

- Ensure sustainable funding for LTC by addressing inflation-related provincial shortfalls and full compliance with the FLTCA to close a \$7.1 million gap.
- Contribute \$1.58 million toward expansion of Peel's Adult Day Services program and \$1.04 million for an 8-bed respite care centre.
- Policy, funding, and evaluation frameworks for emotion-based care that enable spread and reduce barriers to implementation.
- Continued support for OSDCP in Peel to address growing waitlists for seniors. This could be achieved through innovative approaches to access federal funding.



Key takeaway:

Provincial efforts are improving life for seniors and caregivers, and Peel is committed to working with the province on sustainable, long-term solutions.

