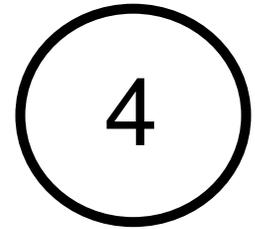


# Seniors Community at William Baker



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*This is the fourth in series of Bulletins being produced by Canada Lands, with the support of their consultant team, to synthesize key topics discussed and respond to community questions from the first two phases of the consultation process.*

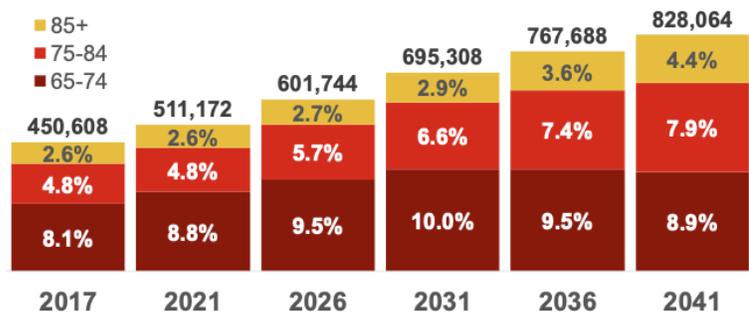
The seniors community is growing and thriving in Toronto. Canada Lands is committed to establishing a community that is friendly and welcoming to seniors. Many people have expressed support for seniors housing and their supporting amenities. Seniors housing can be provided throughout the community. Canada Lands knows that a community that is supportive of seniors is also great for everyone.

### This Bulletin includes information about:

- The forecasted growing seniors population from the Toronto Seniors Strategy (versions 1.0 and 2.0)
- How Canada Lands plans to make a great community for seniors at William Baker.

As noted in the **Toronto Seniors Strategy** “Older adults are a significant and growing part of the population in Toronto” and “the growth in the older adult population is also expected to accelerate in coming years”. The Toronto Seniors Strategy 2.0 forecasts that by 2041, 21% of the total population or 828,064 adults 65 years and older will be living in Toronto.

The City of Toronto clearly recognizes the need to play a key role in helping to guide future policy decisions to help plan for and accommodate seniors in the City. The Toronto Seniors Strategy identifies four Service Planning Principles to guide City decision-making and priority setting, including Equity; Inclusion; Respect and Quality of Life.



Source: Ontario Ministry of Finance  
Ontario Populations Projections Update, Spring 2018  
(Based on the 2011 Census) 2017-2041  
[fin.gov.on.ca/en/economy/demographics/projections/table10.html](http://fin.gov.on.ca/en/economy/demographics/projections/table10.html)

Excerpt from the Toronto Seniors Strategy 2.0 (City of Toronto, 2018)

The full Toronto Seniors Strategy 2.0 is available online at:

<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/93cd-CoT-seniors-strategy2.pdf>

[www.williambakerneighbourhood.ca](http://www.williambakerneighbourhood.ca)

## What makes a great community for seniors at William Baker?

Canada Lands and its consultant team have identified a number of strategies, amenities, and planning principles to help achieve the four Service Planning Principles identified in the Toronto Seniors Strategy and make William Baker a great community for seniors and all future residents.

### Housing & Aging in Place

- There will be a range of housing types and formats to provide opportunities for local residents to “age in place”, as well as ensure appropriate care throughout all stages of seniors living, for example, seniors residences to long-term care.

### Health & Personal Care Services

- Access to personal care and other basic community services such as pharmacies and healthcare professionals is expected to be readily available, both in the existing surrounding community and within mixed use areas of William Baker.

### Outdoor Spaces & Public Buildings

- Safe, welcoming and accessible public spaces promoting independence.
- Opportunities for community gathering in parks.
- Potential community centre at the southeast corner of Keele and Sheppard.

### Social Participation & Programming

- Opportunities for participating in leisure, recreation, education and cultural activities fostering connections, for example in woodlot, in parks, in mixed use areas, at the potential community centre or in seniors buildings.

### Transportation & Accessibility

- Direct access to both personal and more general transportation options.
- Connections to higher order/regional transit infrastructure, local transit operations and roads.
- Facilitates a wide range of day-to-day activities such as shopping, healthcare appointments, and visiting family, friends particularly those with mobility issues.

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