

Renovation assistance now available through program at Region

Peel Region is launching a new renovation assistance program, Peel Renovates, that provides funding to low-income homeowners who require immediate repairs or upgrades to their home.

Two categories of funding are available for one-time assistance: Up to \$16,000 per household for major home repairs and/or accessibility renovations or upgrades; and up to \$3,500 per household for minor home renovations and adaptations for seniors. Eligible applicants will have a maximum household annual gross income of \$50,000 or less; own their home ? the maximum value of which is \$447,004 or less; live in Peel; and demonstrate a need for renovation assistance or accessibility upgrades to remain in their home.

Examples of repairs include structural, electrical, plumbing, window replacements, septic or water well systems, insulation upgrades, heating and fire safety. Accessibility upgrades to accommodate persons with disabilities include ramps, handrails/grab bars; chair lifts; height to adjustments to counters, light switches or outlets; washroom renovation; and, alternate cues for doorbells and fire detection devices.

To apply, visit www.peelregion.ca/peelrenovates or call 905-791-7800 ext. 3535. Annual funding for Peel Renovates is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Once all funding is dispersed for the year, a notice will be posted on the website.

A renovation program was part of the Region's Housing Investment Plan endorsed by Regional council, which supports various measures to improve access to housing in Peel, including increasing the rental housing supply, access to homeownership and enhancing housing stability. Peel Renovates will enable homeowners to safely remain in their homes especially seniors and people with disabilities who can make accessibility modifications and bring properties up to minimum health and safety standards to potentially allow them to age in place.