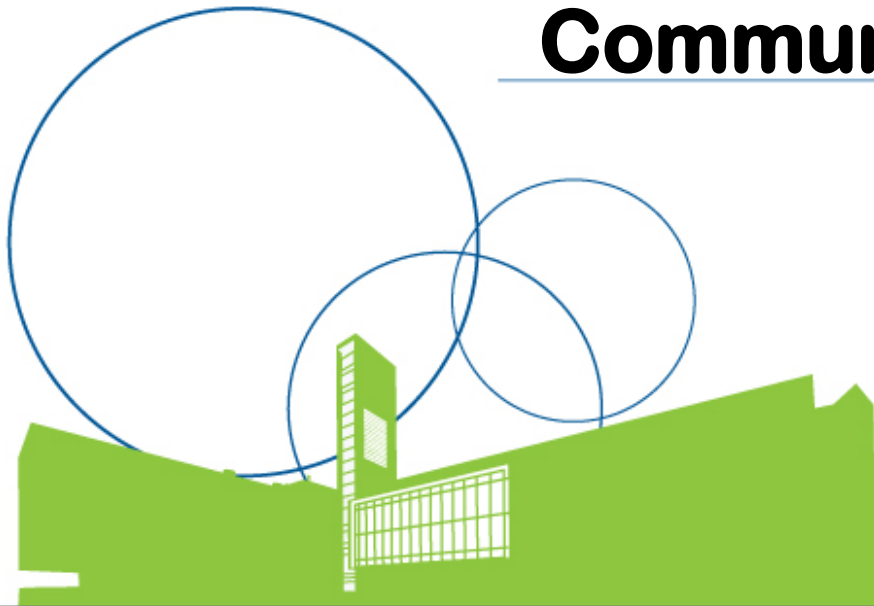


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Age Friendly Community Action Plan



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Background

- Ontario Age-friendly designation is a recognition of a community that has implemented an Age-friendly Action Plan.
- 82 communities in Ontario are provincially recognized as an Age-friendly.
- Age-friendly designation is not just about older adults but has benefits for all members of the community.
- World Health Organization also recognizes and designates communities as Age-friendly. More involved application and recognition process.



Age Friendly Community Action Plan Designation – World Health Organization (WHO)

World Health Organization (WHO) 8 Dimensions of Age-Friendly Communities	Examples
Outdoor Space & Buildings	<p>Safe & accessible public buildings/spaces. Removing barriers that limit social and physical opportunities.</p> <p>Can public spaces be navigated with ease and dignity (sidewalks, trails, buildings, etc.)? Additional supports required?</p>
Transportation	<p>Accessible signage, transportation-related infrastructure, (lighting, sidewalks), public transit.</p> <p>Can older adults go/get to where they want/need to safely, affordably, and without the support of family or friends?</p>
Housing	<p>Ability to age in place, access to affordable housing</p> <p>Are suitable housing options available that fit functional abilities (may change)</p>
Social Participation	<p>Opportunities to interact with the community</p> <p>Are there opportunities to have meaningful connections with others?</p>



Age Friendly Community Action Plan Designation – World Health Organization (WHO)

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Respect & Social Inclusion	<p>Removal of negative attitudes, intergenerational understanding.</p> <p>What new measures can/will be introduced to better accommodate the needs and diversity that exists in the older adult community?</p>
Civic Participation & Employment	<p>Opportunities to be involved in community life, volunteer opportunities, opportunities to remain employed.</p> <p>Are employment and volunteer opportunities available that match interest and abilities. Opportunities to participate in decision-making?</p>
Community & Information	<p>Information to community events and resources. Ability to reach diverse cultures.</p> <p>Is there an awareness of the programs/services available?</p>
Community Support & Health Services	<p>Access to services that promotes healthy behaviours and life choices including recreation opportunities.</p> <p>Are the required health/social services available to stay active and independent?</p>



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Update on our Process

- Request For Proposals
 - Closed Nov. 20, 2020
 - 9 Bids received by deadline
- Evaluation committee completed review Dec. 17, 2020
 - Recommendation for award



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Update on our Process

- Project will be broken up into 5 stages
 1. Initiating and Framing
 2. Current State Analysis
 3. Community Consultation and Engagement
 4. Developing the Action Plan
 5. Creation of Implementation Plan and Key Performance Indicators



Age Friendly Community Action Plan Timeline

- Anticipated to take 12 months to complete
- Award and project kick-off – Jan. 2021
- Detailed project schedule
- Completion – Feb. 2022



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Thank you!

