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MAYOR



CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

March 15, 2012

THE WHO AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES SECRETARIAT
Mrs. Charlotte Wristberg
World Health Organization
Department of Ageing and Life Course (ALC)
Avenue Appia 20
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

Dear Mrs. Wristberg,

On behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario we are happy to submit our formal letter of commitment to join the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities by undertaking and completing these key steps of the Network Cycle over the next two years:

1. Establishing strategies and mechanisms to involve older people in all stages of the Age-Friendly approach, including partnerships with government, academic institutions and non-government organizations.
2. Develop a structured assessment baseline over the first year to effectively consider the age-friendliness of each of the 8 domains as described in the WHO Age-Friendly Cities guide.
3. The development of a three year, all-encompassing Action Plan which will take the initial assessment into consideration; and
4. The identification of indicators to evaluate and monitor progress against the Action Plan.

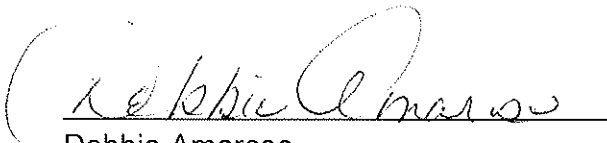
The City of Sault Ste. Marie believes that all services and business conducted should ensure that age-friendliness become a basic responsibility for all municipal departments. The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie has made efforts to include age-friendly approaches in future planning and as such it is cited throughout the *Sustainable Site Plan Guidelines*. As a community we further recognize the need to embrace more innovative and inclusive ways of ensuring citizens of all ages will have their needs met.

In February 2012, City Council fully endorsed a resolution to obtain designation as an Age-Friendly City with the formation of a working committee (a copy is enclosed for your reference).

This committee referred to as "Age-Friendly Sault Ste. Marie" will benefit the entire community and will have a positive impact for the quality of life of our citizens. We are pleased to submit this letter along with the application for WHO Age-Friendly designation.

If you would like to discuss this application further please contact the Mayor's Office at 705-759-5344. Thank you to the World Health Organization for inspiring Sault Ste. Marie to constantly improve in all areas of community living. We look forward to liaising with your office on this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

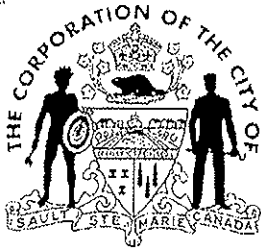


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Joseph M. Fratesi
Chief Administrative Officer

Enclosure (1)



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: February 6, 2012

Agenda Item

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Councillor
Councillor

R. Niro
T. Sheehan

Whereas the community of Sault Ste. Marie has an aging population with 35% of our population being over 60 years of age in 2018 and 41% by 2028 according to Census data; and

Whereas it is important for the community to come together and develop a plan to make Sault Ste. Marie an Age Friendly Community to ensure continued quality of life for all of its citizens; and

Whereas an Age Friendly City focuses on Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment, Communication and Information plus Community and Health Services; and

Whereas the WHO (World Health Organization) provides a guide of community assessments to support planning, policies and program decisions to ensure age friendly features in the above noted core areas;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that City Council support the Mayor's initiative to obtain designation as an Age Friendly City with the formation of a working committee comprised of various community partners, City staff as required and co-chaired by community champion Peter Vaudry.

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 Comm. Eng. & Planning
 Comm. Human Resources

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 Comm. P.W. & Transportation
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