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Ageing and Life-Course
World Health Organization
Avenue Appia 20
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

Subject: City of Hamilton Application to Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear World Health Organization Global Network of Age-friendly Cities,

We are pleased to submit the City of Hamilton's application to join the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

The City of Hamilton is a port city with a population of 520,000 situated in the "Golden Horseshoe", a densely populated and industrialized region at the south west end of Lake Ontario, in Ontario, Canada. Based on our most recent census, Hamilton's population of older adults age 55 and older is 147,810, or 28%. As a city with a diverse workforce and economy, Hamilton is working to ensure we have sustainable resources to meet the challenges of the economy in coming years.

The City of Hamilton, in partnership with the City's Seniors Advisory Committee and the Hamilton Council on Aging, is committed to the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities cycle of continual improvement and becoming an age-friendly city. This work is already underway. In September 2014, a draft age-friendly plan was presented to, and unanimously endorsed by, Hamilton City Council. *Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly City* has been informed by the WHO's Age-friendly Initiative and is organized around seven goals, 25 objectives and 101 action items. Next steps include developing an implementation plan, indicators and a monitoring framework.

Being part of the Network provides Hamilton with greater access to information and experts committed to creating age-friendly cities and communities, access to opportunities to collaborate with and learn from other communities, and of course recognition by WHO as a partner in this important work.

The City of Hamilton will continue to work collaboratively with its older residents, for-profit and not-for-profit community stakeholders, and senior levels of government to ensure that our community is age-friendly – a place where individuals from all age-groups feel supported and included.

We look forward to your favourable response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Eisenberger", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton

Cc: Chris Murray, City Manager; Rose Caterini, City Clerk