

April 18, 2017

World Health Organization
Regional Office for the Americas
Age Friendly Community
525 – 23rd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
USA

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee – Letter of Support –
Age Friendly Community Town of Pelham**

I am writing to express Town Council’s support for the application to the *World Health Organization* for an **Age Friendly Community** designation in the Town of Pelham. Our community, especially our seniors, can benefit immeasurably from having a safe and supportive environment encouraging seniors to take ownership and participate.

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Since 2012, members of the Town of Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee (Pelham SAC) have shown true dedication and commitment to the enrichment and engagement of seniors in our community. What began as “community conversations” in Pelham, the Pelham SAC is now well recognized as an innovative model in Niagara.

Located in the heart of the Niagara Region, our community includes a beautiful rural area with approximately one-third senior population who are represented by a diverse group of committed, energetic and well-respected volunteers on the Pelham SAC. With a clear set of objectives, goals and initiatives, the Pelham SAC continues to thrive as a team.

Office of the Mayor



The Town of Pelham is proud to support the Pelham SAC initiative to obtain designation as an Age Friendly Community. Pelham SAC held forums using the recommended steps of the Age-Friendly Framework to engage seniors particularly as we continue to strive for an engaged and all-inclusive community.

Town Council support Pelham SAC planning priorities and their continued efforts to engage our senior population. On March 6, 2017 Town of Pelham Council endorsed the following Resolutions:

“THAT the Council receive correspondence from the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee, dated March 1, 2017 regarding their response to results of The Voice Survey on Affordable Seniors' Housing, January 3, 2017, for information.

THAT the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee respectfully recommend that the Council consider developing plans to ensure adequate and affordable seniors' housing is available in Pelham.

THAT the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee recommend that the Council authorize the Mayor and the Town Clerk to apply to the World Health Organization (WHO) requesting that the Town of Pelham be designated as an Age-Friendly Community.”

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I hope you will agree that Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee accomplishments make the Town of Pelham an ideal candidate for the Age Friendly Community designation. Your support for this designation will help to make the engagement of Niagara's seniors a source of pride for all Ontarians.

Yours sincerely,



Dave Augustyn
Mayor