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WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities
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Subject: City of Oshawa Application to Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Dear Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities,

I am pleased to submit this letter requesting membership to the World Health Organizations Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa.

The City of Oshawa, Ontario, is an award-winning city with an active, caring community located 45 minutes east of downtown Toronto. Oshawa is filled with historic sites, year-round attractions and entertainment venues offering live concerts and sporting events. The city offers plenty of recreation programs and activities for all ages and abilities.

Oshawa hosts over 45 community events annually. Five museums, three live theatres, a public art museum and a world-class regional orchestra enrich the city, while two universities and one college call Oshawa home.

The City has recently developed an Oshawa Age-Friendly Strategy using the WHO age-friendly framework. This Strategy was developed through a collaboration with the Oshawa Senior Community Centres with support and guidance of a Community Stakeholder Steering Committee. The development also involved comprehensive engagement with seniors in our community through the use of on-line and in-person engagement opportunities that included focus groups, stakeholder and community forums, community engagement tables, events and

key informant interviews. Oshawa City Council approved the City's Age-Friendly Strategy on June 10, 2019.

The Oshawa Age-Friendly Strategy's 68 recommendations are organized according to the eight age-friendly dimensions identified by the World Health Organization. Each dimension includes a definition and describes how that dimension impacts an older adult's life.

With an age-friendly city framework now in place, the City of Oshawa is excited to continue to work towards providing a community that is accessible, inclusive and has age-friendly social and physical environments, services and programs that will make a difference in the everyday lives of our 55+ population.

The City of Oshawa looks forward to becoming part of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities, to enable greater access to information and experts committed to creating age-friendly cities and communities and to gain access to opportunities to collaborate with and learn from other communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Carter', is positioned above the printed name.

Dan Carter
Mayor