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Mike McPherson
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Dear Mr. McPherson:

On behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), I am pleased to offer my congratulations to Kinookimaw on being recognized by the Government of Saskatchewan for its commitment to becoming an Age-Friendly Community (AFC).

Making communities age-friendly has been identified as one of the best ways to help seniors remain healthy and active, while enabling them to be and do what they value. Age-friendly communities encourage healthy aging by improving and preserving health, physical, social and mental wellness, independence and quality of life. At the same time, they create better, safer and healthier places for all Canadians to live and thrive as they age.

PHAC and the World Health Organization (WHO) recognize the importance of creating social and physical environments in communities that facilitate active and healthy aging. On behalf of PHAC and WHO, I am pleased to endorse the Government of Saskatchewan's recognition of your community's commitment to becoming age-friendly.

In becoming part of the Pan-Canadian Age-Friendly Community Initiative, Kinookimaw has the immediate benefit of also being pre-approved to join the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. To finalize the process of being added to the official list of WHO Network Members, you will need to visit the following webpage:

<https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/application-form/>.

Once membership is processed by the WHO, you can login to your profile page to download an official certificate of membership. Please note that while you will be required to enter general information about Kinookimaw's age-friendly work, you will not have to undergo an additional screening process and will be accepted upon completion of the form. For further information about membership in the Global Network please read the Terms of Reference for Membership at the following link: **<https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/membership/>.**

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I would encourage active engagement in the Global Network, as this will provide you the greatest benefit and international visibility. Members are also required to submit at least one Age-Friendly practice per year in order to maintain membership.

Please visit <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/submit-afp/> to submit your AFC practices.

Please accept our best wishes for your continued efforts to support healthy aging, and in leading the way for other communities in Saskatchewan, and across Canada, to become age-friendly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Tam', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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