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World Health Organization
Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities

RE: Grey County's Commitment to Becoming an Age-Friendly Community

To whom it may concern,

The County is thrilled to have recently completed (2022) its first Age-Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan, both of which are intended to serve as guiding documents for future policy, program, and strategic plan development corporately and communitywide.

Prioritizing a more inclusive lens to decision-making, program development, and community investment will add strength to the County being recognized and defined as a great place to live for all ages. As of 2021, Grey County's median age was 49.3, whereas provincially it was 40.7. 35.4% of Grey's population is 60 years and over, emphasizing the importance of this work going forward. Grey County continues to be an attractive place for retirees to settle, as a more 'relaxed' lifestyle can be achieved while also being in proximity to recreational, health services, and other essential amenities.

There is recognition at both the local administrative level and communitywide around the value and need to commit to pursuing age-friendly community initiatives. Residents of Grey are proud to call this area home and want to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing for all of those who currently do or will call this home in the future.

The County administration sees being part of the World Health Organization, Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities an important step forward to demonstrating its commitment to becoming increasingly age-friendly.

Yours truly,

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