

March 21, 2023

World Health Organization (WHO)/ Pan American Health Organization (PAHO

Dear (WHO)/(PAHO:

Re: Town of Oliver – Commitment Letter

WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

At the September 26, 2022 Regular meeting Oliver Council resolved to finalize the process of being added to the list of World Health Organization (WHO) Network Members.

The Town of Oliver confirms its intention to join the GNAFCC and that Oliver agrees with the WHO values and approach to creating age-friendly cities and communities. By the end of the next decade, over half of the residents of Oliver will be over the age of 65. These ever moving demographics will impact Oliver in several ways; demand for medical services and care occupations will likely increase, demands around housing and food security may grow, while accessibility for walking and rolling will become increasingly significant.

Keeping the Town of Oliver age-friendly benefits the existing older residents of Oliver, but also interests younger residents and entices newcomers, of all ages, to our community. It also strengthens strong social networks between residents (of all ages) and creates a proficient, more attractive, and welcoming community composition.

Thank you World Health Organization and Pan American Health Organization for your hard work and continued commitment.

Yours truly,

Martin Johansen Mayor

cc Oliver Council

