



Minister Dipika Damerla
Ministry of Seniors Affairs
6th Floor, Frost Building South
7 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1Y7.

September 8, 2017.

Dear Minister Damerla,

Windsor takes pride in being a leader as an Age Friendly Community that encourages active aging by optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security thereby enhancing quality of life as people age.

On Friday, November 3, 2017, the CARP Windsor Essex Chapter, in partnership with the Windsor Seniors Advisory Committee and its Age Friendly Windsor Network, will organize a Seniors Summit presenting its AFC Final Report.

The Windsor partners will share with attendees their experiences and best practices gathered over the eight year journey needed to complete its first WHO AFC model cycle. The Seniors Summit will also serve as a "community celebration" of Windsor's 5th year as a member of the WHO global network of age friendly communities.

On behalf of the partners, I have the privilege to invite you to address our Seniors Summit on the status of your Ministry and that of seniors in our province. We believe this to be an exciting time in Ontario particularly with your Government's creation of the stand-alone Ministry of Seniors Affairs!

To accommodate your busy schedule, we would be pleased to have you make your key note presentation at any time in our day's program. I would be pleased to discuss with your staff any details which will facilitate your participation in our Seniors Summit.

We look forward to your favourable consideration of our invitation.

Sincerely,

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Windsor Age Friendly Background:

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines an age-friendly city (AFC) as one that encourages active aging by optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age (WHO, 2007). Older adults should be included in all aspects of community life and be recognized for the valuable contributions they make. In 2005, the WHO created the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC) project which identified core characteristics of an age-friendly city in eight areas of urban life that communities can strive for to become designated as age friendly. The eight core areas of urban life are: outdoor spaces and buildings; transportation; housing; social participation; respect and social inclusion; civic participation and employment; communication and information; and community support and health services.

In November 2009 Windsor's Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) embarked on the rigorous AFC process conducting a community assessment which was presented to City Council in its 'Report to the Community June 2011'. The Action Plan was then developed and endorsed by the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor's Office and Chief Administrative Officer submitted an application for Windsor's membership in the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC). In June 2012, the City of Windsor became a member, joining over 200 other cities and communities worldwide and supporting the Province of Ontario's age-friendly initiative. The Age-friendly Windsor Network was formed as a collaboration of older adults, community stakeholders, and municipal representatives all dedicated to carrying out the recommendations outlined in the City of Windsor's Age-friendly Action Plan (2014-2017).

The 2017 Final Report: Livability, Lifestyles and Well-being outlines Windsor's status (achieved, not achieved, ongoing, needs more work) on the 65 recommendations from the Action Plan that the AFW Network worked on to complete over the past 3 years. Below are just some specific highlights to the many accomplishments that have developed from the various recommendations outlined in the report:



2017 Final Report - Highlights

1. As of November 2016, 96% of the city's sidewalks have dropped curbs.
2. Received federal funding for 157 new bus shelters which will be solar powered with light inside.
3. Residents can phone 211 Ontario or visit the 211 Ontario website to find information regarding home maintenance services, senior move management specialists or other community resources.
4. Partnership between Windsor Essex Community Health Centre and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit to promote and distribute a resource that helps older adults exercise safely at home: 'Exercises at the Kitchen Sink'.
5. Biz X awards has started annual awards to businesses who have dedicated services to seniors called "Biz Dedicated to Seniors' Services."
6. Council on Aging developed a training tool for staff at businesses to learn how to provide more Age-friendly services. It can be delivered anytime.
7. The Unemployed Help Centre of Windsor Inc. offers 8 week programs called Targeted Initiative for Older Adult Workers ages 55-64.
8. Community Gardens grew to 57 sites. Thousands of pounds of food were shared with the community informally and through food rescue programs.
9. Large-scale, multi-sectoral, collective impact initiative underway to make Windsor Canada's most compassionate community. <http://compassionatecarecommunity.com>

WINDSOR AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SENIORS SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 3, 2017

8:30 AM — 3:30 PM

Collovino Hall, WFCU Centre,

8787 McHugh St., Windsor.

CARP Windsor Essex Chapter on behalf of the Windsor Seniors Advisory Committee and its Age Friendly Windsor Network, invites you to its presentation of the AFC Final Report 2014-17. This year highlights the need to encourage older immigrants, individuals in rural/small towns, indigenous elders and socially isolated individuals to speak up and voice their thoughts and issues. The event will hold special speakers such as, the Minister Dipika Damerla of the Ministry of Seniors Affairs, Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens, and Dr. John Lewis, Research Institute for Aging, Theme Leader, and Age-Friendly Physical Environments. As well, there will also be **complimentary** refreshments. To reserve your spot, kindly register before Friday, October 27, 2017.



For more information contact:

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To register visit **APPENDIX "B"**

www.surveymonkey.com/r/afcsummit

SAC Planning Dates Sept. 2017 – June 2019

	EVENT	ACTIVITY
September 2017	<p>SAC Quarterly Meeting – first Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Annual Budget • Ontario Volunteer Service Awards • Sept 29 UN International Day of Elder Persons, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve all activities for October, November and December • Deadline January 25th to Toronto • Host Event
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 1st – National Seniors Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flag Raising at City Hall
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARP AGM • LAF Health Fair • November 3 Age Friendly Community Seniors Summit (partnership with CARP Windsor Essex Chapter and AFW Network), Collovino Hall, WFCU Centre, Windsor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display Booth • Display Booth • Host Conference
December	<p>SAC Quarterly Meeting – first Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award • Seniors Community Grants (OSS) • New Horizons Grant • OTF Grow Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve all activities for January, February and March • Deadline December 5th to Toronto • Deadline January 25th to Toronto • Open now; call for proposals. Requires Motion to apply. Closes March 4, 2018 • Opens in the spring. Requires Motion to apply • Application deadline: Dec. 2, 2017 5 p.m. EST.

2018

January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Volunteer Service Awards • OTF Seed and Capital Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline January 25th to Toronto • Application deadline: Jan. 6, 2018 5 p.m. EST.
February	<p>SAC Quarterly Meeting – first Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Excellence Awards • New Horizons Grant announced • Nominations for Windsor's Senior of the Year Award • OTF Grow Grants • OTF Seed and Capital Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve all activities for April, May, June, • Final criteria prepared for Senior Friendly Business • Opens in the spring. Requires Motion to apply • Call Mar. 1st; Deadline Mar. 31st • Consideration of process for grant application in June • Consideration of process for grant application in July

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March 2018	Ontario Seniors Community Grant (OSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm Loonie Ride with Transit • Prepare Proclamation for June for Seniors Month in 1st week • Closes March 4th
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Excellence Awards • OTF Seed and Capital Grants • Ontario Senior of the Year Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Awards presentation • Application deadline: Apr. 6, 2016 5 p.m. EST. • Deadline April 30th
May	<p>SAC Quarterly Meeting – first Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Volunteer Service Awards • Finalize New Horizons Grant • June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award • OTF Grow Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve all activities for October, November and December • Advertise Loonie Ride on Transit Windsor • Approve nominees for award for January 2017 • Submit grant application • SAC to nominate; Due Dec. 5th to Toronto • Consideration of process for grant application in Dec.
June Seniors Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Senior Achievement Awards • Windsor Senior of the Year Award • Seniors Fair LAF • UNIFOR Retirees Day • Chrysler Retirees Day • Attend World Elder Abuse Day June 15th each year • International Day of Older Persons • OTF Grow Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve all activities for July, August and September • Deadline June 15th to Toronto • Present Award at Council • Display Booth • Display Booth • Display Booth • Prepare Proclamation for International Day of Older Persons for October by end of the month; actively participate on Community Celebration Event committee • Application deadline: June 22, 2018, 5 p.m. EST.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTF Seed and Capital Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application deadline: July 6, 2018 5 p.m. EST.
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Annual Budget 	
September	<p>SAC Quarterly Meeting – first Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTF Seed and Capital Grants • Approve Annual Budget • Ontario Seniors Community Grant (OSS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve all activities for January, February and March • Application deadline: Sept. 14, 2018, 5 p.m. EST. • Motion needed to apply; closes in March

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario Senior of the Year Award Ontario Seniors Community Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAC to approve a candidate. Due on April 30, 2017 Motion to apply for March 2017
October 2018	Transit Windsor Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 1st – International Day of Older Persons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in Community Celebration Event
November	CARP AGM LAF Health Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display Booth Display Booth
December	SAC Quarterly Meeting – first Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteering OTF Grow Grants Ontario Senior Achievement Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve all activities for April, May and June Deadline December 5th to Toronto Application deadline: December 14, 2018, 5 p.m. EST. SAC to approve a candidate. Due on June 15th




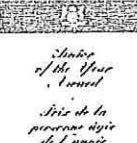
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January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTF Seed and Capital Grants Ontario Volunteer Service Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application deadline: Jan.th, 5 p.m. EST. Deadline January 25th to Toronto
February	SAC Quarterly Meeting – first Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve all activities for July, August and September
March	Ontario Seniors Community Grant (OSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm Loonie Ride Closes in March
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for Nominations for Windsor's Senior of the Year Award Business Excellence Awards Ontario Senior of the Year Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call on April 1st; Deadline April 30th Present Award Prepare Proclamation for June for Seniors Month in 1st week Deadline April 30th
May	SAC Quarterly Meeting – first Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve all activities for October, November and December Select Winner for Senior Award Advertise Loonie Ride on Transit SAC to nominate; Due Dec. 5th to Toronto

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Honours and Awards

	<p>Ontario Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals for 5 to 60+ years of continuous service in a given organization - youth are recognized for 2+ years of volunteer service. Deadline: January 25</p>
	<p>June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes individuals and groups for their exceptional volunteer contributions to their communities and to the province. Deadline: December 5</p>
	<p>Ontario Senior Achievement Award recognizes individuals who, after the age of 65, have made significant contributions to their communities. Deadline: June 15</p>
	<p>Ontario Senior of the Year Award local municipalities recognize an outstanding senior who after the age of 65 has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community. Deadline: April 30</p>