

Adopted by Council at its meeting held November 4, 2013 [M404-2013]

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Windsor, Ontario, November 4, 2013

**REPORT NO. 187 of the  
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,  
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
of its meeting held October 9, 2013

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**Present:**  
**Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair**  
**Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac**  
**Councillor Alan Halberstadt**  
**Councillor Fulvio Valentinis**

That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

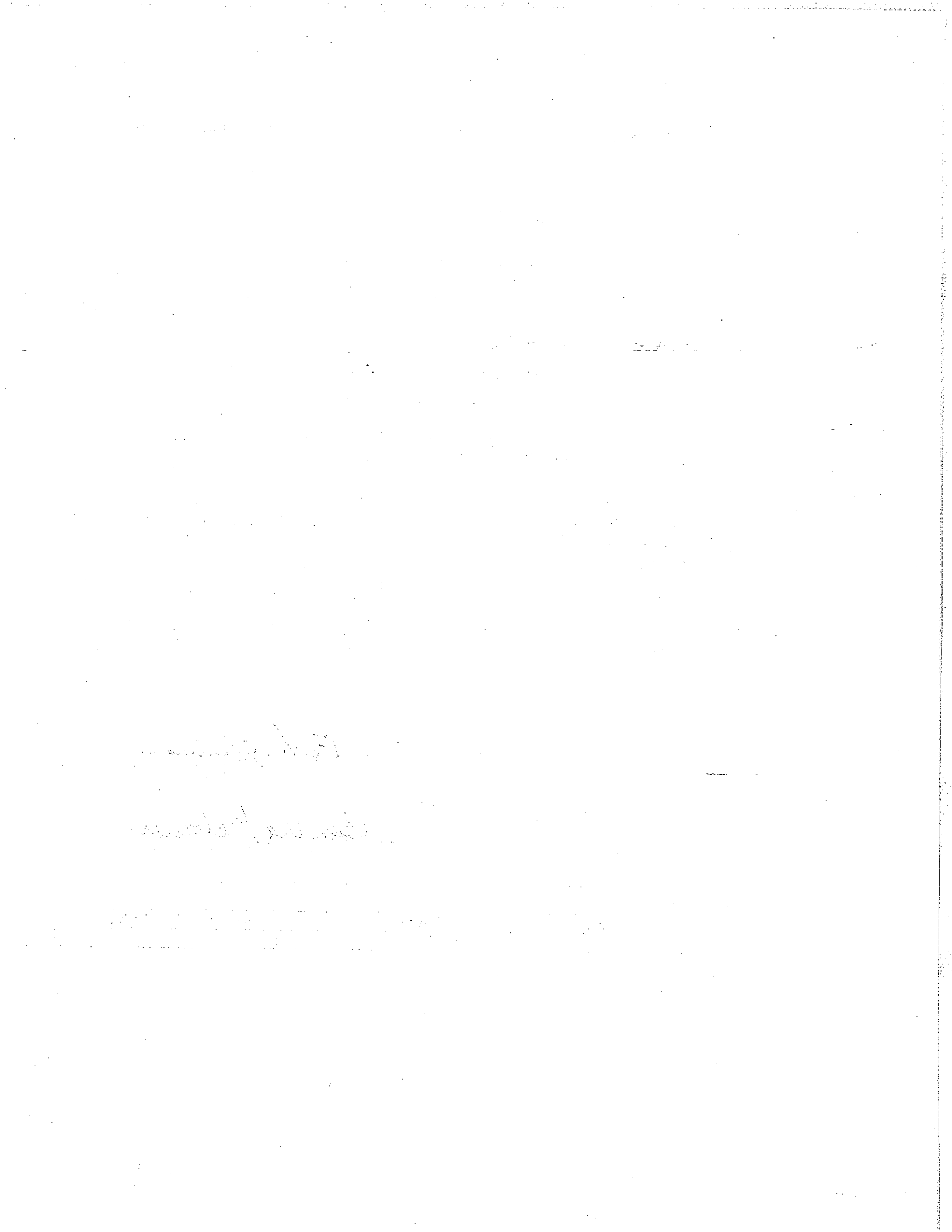
Moved by Councillor Valentinis, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,  
**THAT** the Seniors Advisory Committee 2013 Annual Report **BE RECEIVED** for information.  
Carried.

*Clerk's Note:* The Seniors Advisory Committee 2013 annual report is attached as background information.

  
CHAIRPERSON

  
COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

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## SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2013 ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

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SAC extends greetings to Council and expresses its appreciation for receiving our sixth Report since our inception in 2007. We begin by confirming our mission statement and values:

*"SAC will be a communication link to City Council and Administration for the purpose of improving the quality of life for seniors in Windsor.*

*.....all seniors should have a right to multiple opportunities for healthy aging and a full range of supports to assist them."*

SAC has since November 2009 focused its energies promoting Windsor as an Age – Friendly Community (AFC) achieving a major milestone in June 2012 when Windsor became a member of the WHO AFC Global Network.

Immediately thereafter, SAC embarked on a two year process to develop a 'three - five year action plan' building on the results embodied in its "Age-Friendly Windsor – Report to the Community".

A major step in this process was a Senior's Forum held in October 2012 organized by SAC in conjunction with Administration and other community partners. The primary outcome of the Forum has been the formation of an Age Friendly Windsor Network composed of wide range of more than forty organizations serving seniors in our community.

The Network, chaired by SAC, met from March to August drafting the Action Plan to be submitted to the WHO by June 2014 as a membership requirement. The Action Plan will be considered by SAC in September, proceed to the Standing Committee, and subsequently by Council.

Concurrently, in addition to its monthly and quarterly meetings SAC is:

- Regularly consulted by and engaged with the media on seniors matters,
- Participating in local seniors fairs and info shows,
- Meeting with special commissions and delegations visiting Windsor such as the Federal Minister of State for Seniors Alice Wong
- Building partnerships with like-minded organizations such as CARP, ElderCollege, Centers for Seniors, South Asian Center for Seniors,
- Promoting seniors in the community via representation on Transit Windsor, Seniors Month in June and International Seniors Day in October.

In April SAC had a 'Strategy and Priorities' session which undertook for 2013 - 2014:

1. To continue the AFW project thereby supporting the City's strategic plan to diversify the City's economy and to create jobs by:
  - a.) completing our 'action plan' as above,
  - b.) nurturing our partnerships through the AFW Network, and
  - c.) organizing and hosting a provincial Seniors Summit.
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  - a) To actively undertake trade show and info fair participation
  - b) to organize (up to ten) consultative meetings supporting the AFW project but also to seek input on issues of concern to seniors.
3. To work with Administration on means for seniors and their care-givers:
  - a) to complement 211/311 services for follow-up and case management
  - b) to proactively promote seniors services available in the City (timely info is the overarching need for seniors and care-givers).

SAC embraces the responsibility which Council provides our Committee:

- We encourage additional dialogue and consultative opportunities with Council,
- We request Council provide feed-back on our Strategy and Priorities (as set out above).

In closing, I acknowledge gratefully the support provided to SAC by Council:

- Through Councilor Ed Sleiman's dedication and motivation,
- Through Administration, thanking particularly Karen Kadour, as well as our 'resource personnel' Janice Koval, Library, and Celia Southward and her colleagues at Parks and Rec.

Finally, I must wholeheartedly thank the eight other members of SAC for their continuing support and participation, and for the passion which they bring to enhancing the health and quality of life for our City seniors:

WINDSOR – A CITY FOR ALL AGES.

Larry Duffield, Chair,  
Seniors Advisory Committee.