

REPORT NO. 259 of the
**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**
of its meeting held January 7, 2015.

Present:

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Paul Borrelli
Councillor Rino Bortolin
Councillor John Elliott
Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

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

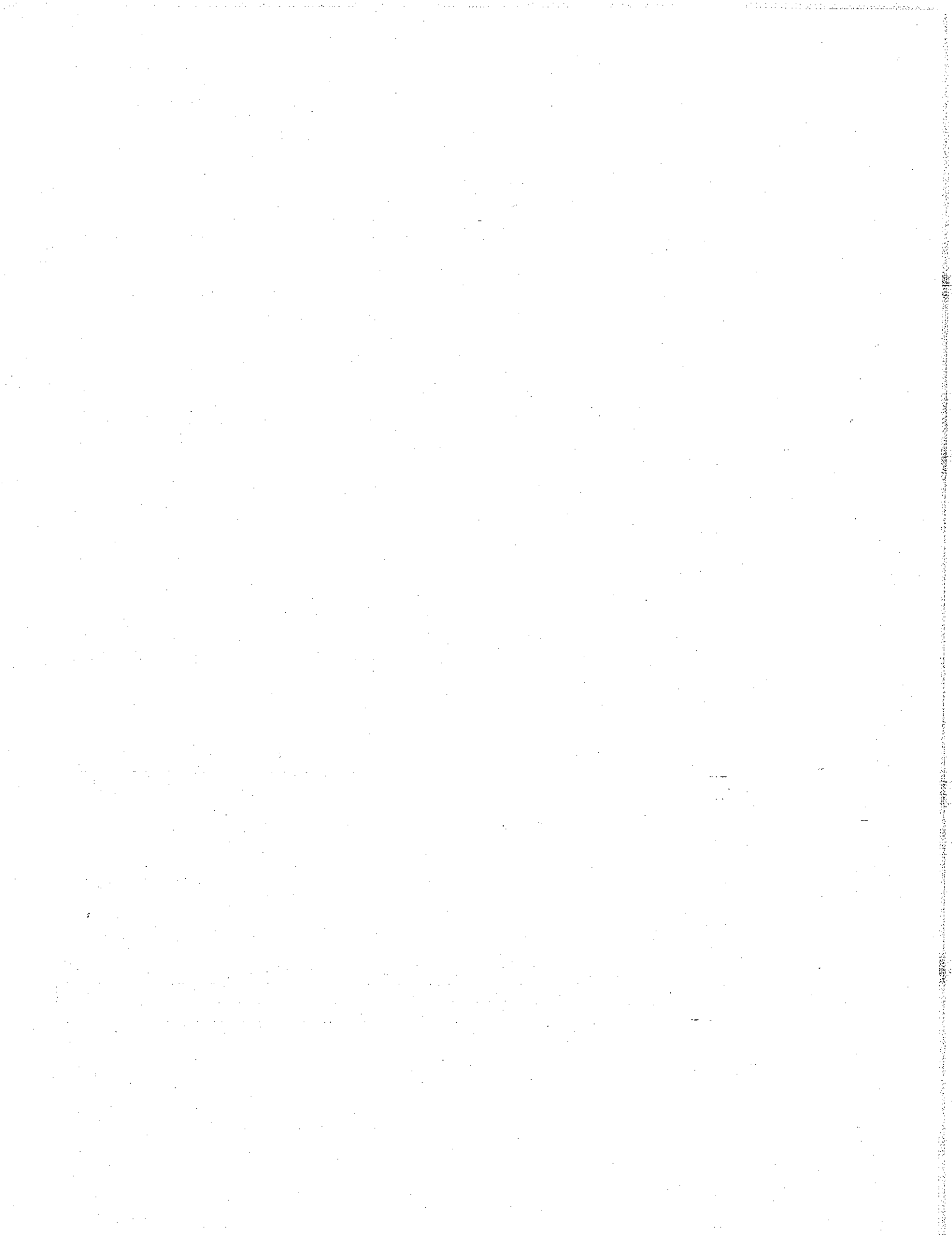
Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Elliott,
That the 2014 Annual Report of the Seniors Advisory Committee **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Clerk's Note: That the report by the Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee entitled "*Windsor Seniors Advisory Committee Annual Report 2014*" is attached as background information.


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Windsor Seniors Advisory Committee Annual Report 2014

Council established the SAC in 2007 respecting the reality that adults over 50 represent about one-third of our population and continue to be its fastest growing demographic in a time when our City's overall population has been relatively stable and even decreasing in some segments.

SAC's overarching focus in these seven years has been on establishing Windsor as a model in the World Health Organization global network of "Age Friendly Communities". Arguably, SAC's major achievement in 2014 was completing and submitting on schedule in June the "Age Friendly Windsor – Action Plan 2014 – 2017".

The Action Plan involved a two year process built upon monthly meetings of the Age Friendly Windsor Network and extensive six month consultations with all of the City's Departments. Our achievement was only possible due to the determination and perseverance and most of all the positive and willing co-operation of all those involved.

For the record, some description of what it means to be an 'age-friendly community' and what are the implications for the City and its citizens, indeed what is contained in the Three Year Action Plan can be explained in our Annual Report as follows:

1. in accordance with City financial planning, no new costs or budgets are required, however, City departments will be asked, as will the approximate thirty social services organizations engaged in the Age-Friendly Windsor 'Network', to look at their budgeting and planning processes through 'age-friendly lenses'.
2. more specifically, the Action Plan contains in its three sections of Livability, Lifestyles, Well Being a total of 69 recommendations for implementation and consideration.
3. for each recommendation a services organization has been identified as leading the effort towards its implementation.
4. the AFW Network will meet monthly to monitor the progress being made on the implementation of the recommendations.
5. SAC will in its reporting to Council advise on the Action Plan's implementation status.

Notwithstanding the effort required to move the AFW Project forward, SAC remains engaged on its primary mission of being a "communication link to City Council and Administration for the purpose of improving the quality of life for seniors in Windsor".

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SAC did this by participating in all ten of the Ward meetings held in the late 2013/2014 timeframe and similarly by whenever and wherever having a table at seniors related info fairs and events.

SAC also in November 2013 met with Ontario's Minister for Seniors, Mario Sergio, and works on strengthening its consultations with City seniors and promoting seniors interests by on-going partnering with like-minded organizations like Life After Fifty, CARP Windsor Essex Chapter, Canterbury ElderCollege, Transit Windsor, the Housing Advisory Committee, and several union retirees locals.

SAC also partners with the foregoing organizations in annual programs like June Seniors Month and October 1 UN International Day of Elder Persons and National Seniors Day with the objective of raising senior's profile in Windsor and demonstrating our demographics manifold contributions to our community to healthy and independent living and the volunteer sector.

SAC supports the City's strategic plan by promoting Windsor as a preferred retirement location through primarily its efforts on the Age Friendly Community and its pro-active networking and consultations activities.

SAC vigorously supported the 2014 Summer Ontario Seniors Games through sponsorship, info tables, volunteering, and indeed, proudly, direct participation: Alex Gyemi, gold medalist in five pin bowling

SAC has been successful in its efforts due to fostering open and respectful relationships with Council and Administration and particularly by its active partnering efforts with all of the aforementioned local seniors and services organizations. We are grateful for the patience and empathy provided to us by our Council representative, Ed Sleiman, and our Committee Administration resource personnel, Karen Kadour, Pam Labute, Celia Southward, Sandra Brandt, and from the Library, Janice Koval.

In closing, I would like to particularly acknowledge and thank the eight other city appointed members of SAC for their hard work and perseverance: Lynne Adams, Bruce Draper, Alex Gyemi, Natalie Taylor, Frank Duralia, and from LAF, Cal Little, Amy's Helping Hands Jeannette Ware-Michael, CMHA Jill Cadarette.

Most of these individuals are looking to return to SAC after the municipal elections and will again invite all new Council members to meet with them to further our mutual efforts of working towards the betterment of life and living environments of seniors in our community!

With Respect,
Larry Duffield, Chair,
Windsor SAC – November 1, 2014