

Community Recognition



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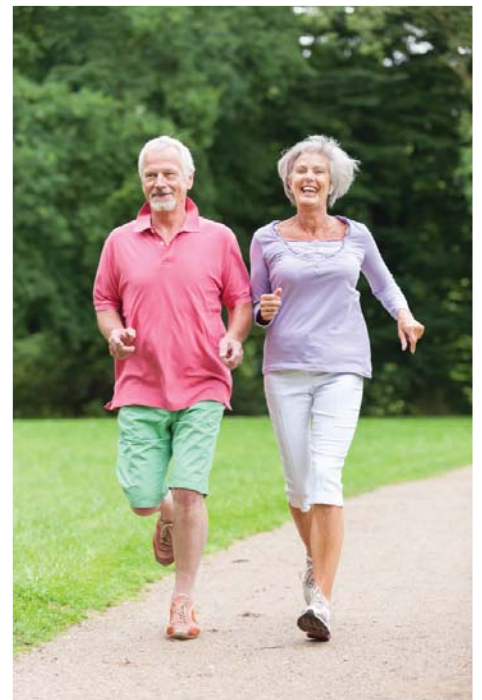
PURPOSE

Age-Friendly Communities is a global initiative started by the World Health Organization. It promotes healthy, accessible, inclusive communities where all people are valued, included & supported.

The Saskatchewan Age-Friendly Recognition Program recognizes success and encourages communities to take sustainable action towards becoming Age-Friendly. It is intended to promote the importance of age-friendly concepts across the province. The Age-Friendly Community movement encourages the establishment of policies, services, and structures that promote healthy aging and wellness. These actions enable seniors to live inclusive in communities where all people live and thrive.

Ours goals for Age-Friendly Saskatchewan are:

- Promote the development of Age-Friendly Communities within Saskatchewan
- Provide ongoing networking and support for Age-Friendly Communities



CRITERIA

The Starting Point

Each Community might start off from a slightly different point, depending on what initiatives have been taken in each community. It provides information and practical tools to enable communities to undertake and implement the approach.

The guide has been created with Saskatchewan Communities context in mind and respects the broad principles and parameters recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

To be recognized for their age-friendly efforts, communities must complete the following 4 basic steps based on the WHO framework. These steps demonstrate a community's commitment to age-friendly principles through community engagement and action. Each step is designed to help communities increase awareness and gather support from key partners (e.g. citizens, local agencies, non-government organizations, and local business).

4 BASIC STEPS

The process for the AFC approach includes the following steps:

1. Establish an Age-Friendly Committee
2. Secure the support of your municipal government.
3. Assess the community, determining where Age-Friendly initiatives are needed.
4. Develop, publicize and implement an action plan.



AGE-FRIENDLY RECOGNITION STATUS

Recognition status for a community's commitment to become Age-Friendly will include:

- An Age-Friendly Recognition Award from the Province of Saskatchewan
- Use of the Age-Friendly Saskatchewan Logo
- National recognition by the Public Health Agency of Canada

Maintaining Age-Friendly Recognition Status:

To maintain Recognition Status, communities will need to show evidence of continued implementation and monitoring of age-friendly initiatives.

- Demonstrate evidence that the community continues to implement the action plan.
- Monitor age-friendly progress by measuring and reviewing activities, and report publicly on the action plan outcomes.
- Communities that wish to retain their Age-Friendly Recognition Status will be asked to provide published age-friendly assessments, action plans, and an evaluation report. Communities will be assessed for continued Recognition Status biannually.

APPLICATION FORM

Applications will be accepted throughout the year. Awards will be made once or twice a year. To apply, please submit a completed application from by email to program@skseniorsmechanism.ca. Applications received before March 31, 2018 will be considered for 2018 Age-Friendly Recognition.

For further information, please contact The Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (306) 757-1898 – 112-2001 Cornwall St, Regina SK S4P 3X9

Community Applicant	
Community:	Mailing Address:
Contact Person:	Position:
Phone:	Email:

Other Contact (if applicable)	
Community:	Mailing Address:
Contact Person:	Position:
Phone:	Email:

Describe how your community completed the 4 basic steps required to be recognized as taking sustainable action towards becoming Age-Friendly. These steps are described in greater detail in the Guide: How to Develop Your Age-Friendly Community.

Please type up your responses and attach them to your completed application form.

1. Passed a local council or board resolution that actively supports, promotes, and works towards becoming Age-Friendly. *(Please attach a copy of the resolution and indicate date passed.)*
 - Explain how the council's leadership has created conditions to reinforce the promotion and execution of plans for your community in becoming Age-Friendly. Local governments may choose to strengthen the age-friendly commitment through specific goals, objectives or policies in an official community plan or strategic plan.
 - Demonstrate broad-based community support from stakeholders in the community this can include community leaders, service clubs and organizations

2. Established a steering committee to actively engage the community and ensure participation by seniors in the planning of age-friendly activities. An existing committee with a mandate that aligns with the age-friendly initiative and includes senior representatives within a community can serve this purpose.
 - Steering committee name (please specify type: advisory committee, steering committee or other).
 - How many people sit on the committee?
 - Demonstrate how the senior population is represented on your committee.
 - Demonstrate how the development of community relationships has helped your committee in creating an inclusive community.
 - Describe how you have utilized resources and talents (including seniors) in your community to support action and initiate change.
 - How has the committee engaged with seniors in the community? For example, through community meetings or other events.

3. Conducted an age-friendly community assessment. Please attach a copy of the assessment questions as well as the report of results.
 - Identify date age-friendly assessment(s) completed. *(This may be a survey, focus group or other form of assessment.)*
 - Describe how citizens of varying ages and abilities (including seniors) were involved as full partners in the assessment process *(e.g. focus groups, surveys, number of participants)*.
 - Demonstrate how seniors have played a role in suggesting changes to implement and monitor improvements.

4. Developed an action plan in consultation with seniors. The plan sets the foundation for evaluation as it states goals and intended outcomes. The plan outlines the actions to be taken including activities, timing & resources *(human & financial)*. *(Please see example of action plan included in guide and attach a copy of your community's action plan.)*
 - Date action plan was approved by committee. Identify short-term items you will plan to implement and timelines for longer-term items.
 - Explain how your process has engaged and mobilized partners (including seniors) to draw on their existing strengths and assets to improve capacity, set priorities, make decisions, plan strategies, and implement programs which will lead to sustainable change.
 - What indicators have been used to measure your community's progress and to evaluate your age-friendly initiatives? Resource: <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/seniors-aines/indicators-indicateurs-eng.php>.
 - Demonstrate public commitment by explaining how you will publicly post and share the Action Plan.

Please include the following attachments and/or website links. Required submissions to include with your application:

- Age-friendly committee terms of reference.
- Age-friendly council resolution.
- Age-friendly needs assessment.
- Age-friendly action plan.
- One-page action summary highlighting community steps and initiatives taken to achieve age-friendly status.

Additional Comments: *(if you wish, include pictures but this isn't required)*

I _____ confirm that the contents of this application are accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree that the SSM may publish the action summary document I have provided and may reference my community in Age-Friendly Saskatchewan and/or government of Saskatchewan program material.

Signature of Mayor or Lead Organization

Date

Signature of Chair of the Advisory Committee

Date