



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Title:** Request for Support - Age Friendly Cold Lake

**Meeting Date:** September 22, 2020

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### **Executive Summary:**

At Council's August 11, 2020 regular meeting of Council, Age Friendly Cold Lake representatives presented Council with a power point presentation on their findings from the Age Friendly Cold Lake Comprehensive Action Plan Study to Council.

Further to the delegation to Council, attached is the final document "Creating an Age Friendly Cold Lake", and a letter dated August 26, 2020 wherein Age Friendly Cold Lake advising Council of the need for the following actions and are requesting the City's support in doing so:

1. They will form an advisory committee made up of a representation of older people and individuals from relevant sectors in the community to identify and strategize around specific gaps in services for older people. They would like to report to City Council quarterly to keep Council informed about current issues affecting local seniors and their progress towards meeting their goals.
2. They would like to invite a member of Council to work with them on this committee.
3. They would like to begin the process of having Cold Lake officially designated as an Age Friendly community. Advice from the Seniors & Housing ministry suggests that such application is appropriate to indicate a community has declared the intention of becoming an age friendly community, and is actively working towards that end. As the application is officially from the municipal government, they would like to request the City's support in going forward with that application.

### **Background:**

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Since the advisory committee is not a "Council" advisory committee there would be no requirement to develop a bylaw to create such a committee. That being said, it would appear that the group would like to act as Council's advisory committee (similar to that of the FCSS Advisory Committee). With that, any council appointment would be that of a liaison to the organization.



The following is link to Cold Lake Age Friendly Group:

<https://agefriendlycoldlake.ca/>

They would like to schedule quarterly meeting with City Council to make Cold Lake a more age friendly community. Key features of an age-friendly community include:

- well-situated public benches
- clean, secure, and accessible public toilets
- maintained and well-lit sidewalks
- fully accessible public buildings
- housing integrated in the community that accommodates changing needs and abilities as people grow older
- friendly, personalized service and information instead of automated answering services
- public and commercial services and stores in neighbourhoods close to where people live

Further information can be found on the following link:

<https://www.alberta.ca/age-friendly-communities.aspx>

A copy of the generic terms of reference for their committee can be found on the following link:

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/dd383d73-d49e-4939-b153-6cff6bbe8220/resource/0188d70c-6509-48f5-bb12-e5e65918f1ae/download/agefriendly-terms-of-reference-2012.pdf>

It would be recommended that the committee provide City Council with a presentation regarding the designation of an “Age Friendly Community”

**Alternatives:**

**Recommended Action:**

That Council appoint a member of Council as a liaison to the committee.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

No



City of *Cold Lake*

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