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To Mayor Copeland and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to present the final document, "Creating an Age Friendly Cold Lake" at the August 11th Council Meeting. We felt that Council's response was positive and hope to further engage you and City staff in the days ahead in planning for Cold Lake's older residents.

By way of follow up from the meeting, may we provide the following actions we are prepared to take and request your support in doing so:

- We 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. As mentioned in the meeting we would like to report to City Council quarterly to keep you informed about current issues affecting local seniors and our progress towards meeting our goals.
- 2. We would like to invite a member of Council to work with us on this committee. As Chair of the Lakeland Lodge and Housing Foundation, Councillor Vining may have the most interest in the committee, but any member of Council would be welcome.
- 3. We would like to begin the process of having Cold Lake officially designated as an Age Friendly community. Advice from the Seniors and 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, we would like to request your support in going forward with that application.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, either about our process or our hopes for Council's support in going forward, please contact me directly.

Thank you,

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Diane Stonehocker, M.Sc. Board Chair

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