



## CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

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### **TITLE:** Age Friendly Community Designation

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On October 11, 2016 Councillor Hughes provided notice in accordance with Section 23 of Procedure Bylaw 35/2009 that she intended to bring forward the proposed motion below.

*In order for Council to debate the motion, the motion must be formally moved.*

That administration report to council by Q1 of 2017, whether St. Albert's current initiatives meet the requirements to qualify to apply for provincial age-friendly community designation, and list any missing requirements to qualify for this designation.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Provincial age-friendly community designation is less about accomplishments or current initiatives and more about conducting identified steps and making a long term commitment to issues faced by the ageing community. As such, St. Albert's current initiatives would not influence or impact our ability to apply for this designation, we would need to start at Step 1 and complete all the identified steps:

**Step 1: Establish an age-friendly committee** that is made up of seniors and would be a forum for ideas and innovative solutions for becoming more age-friendly, develop a holistic and coordinated approach amongst all stakeholders, and raise public awareness and interest in building a more age-friendly community.

**Step 2: Have a municipal resolution passed** that would offer symbolic importance, a commitment to public infrastructure needs, bylaw influence, and assistance in gaining formal recognition.

**Step 3: Conduct an age-friendly assessment of the community** to determine where your community stands today in terms of age-friendliness, and how it can improve. Steps include developing a community profile, conducting a consultation through surveys and focus groups (based on approximately 95 elements related to physical accessibility, social inclusion, and support services), assessing the data collected, and publishing results.

**Step 4: Develop and implement an action plan** that will determine specific, tangible and priority actions that can be taken to become more age-friendly.

This is a very labor-intensive endeavor that would impact multiple departments and we estimate would require 18 months to 2 years of a FTE allocated position (it is not within current capacity). For Q1 of 2017, Community & Social Development can prepare a summary document of our current initiatives from the Social Master Plan, that address the needs of ageing residents.

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