

## **Windsor Seniors Advisory Committee Annual Report 2017**

2017 was a banner milestone year for the Windsor Seniors Advisory Committee. Established by Council in 2007, SAC has been proactive since its inception promoting its mandate: "Identify and report... to Council... on issues that affect seniors in the City of Windsor".

SAC, with the support of Council and Administration, does "...believe that all seniors should have a right to multiple opportunities for healthy aging and a full range of supports to assist them."(refer to SAC Terms of Reference).

SAC celebrated its first decade by being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ontario community to complete its first cycle (initiated in 2009) as a World Health Organization (WHO) sanctioned Age Friendly Community (AFC). Since 2012 Windsor has been a member of the WHO AFC Global Network and continues to be a model for other communities in Ontario and further afield.

Notably, the Age-Friendly Windsor Final Report 2014-2017 was completed as prescribed and dispatched to WHO Geneva in June under a letter signed by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Office Uust as had been done in 2012 with the preliminary AFW Report to the Community).

Celia Southward was the principal author of the Age Friendly Network Final Report.

Completing that milestone, SAC did undertake to share its AFC experiences and more importantly, to determine how Windsor might continue its AFC status and responsibility. Thus, in partnership with the AFW Network, and with the lead of the CARP Windsor Essex Chapter, an AFC Seniors Summit was organized and held on November 3, 2017 (supported by an Ontario Community Grant).

The Summit was a success, attracting more than a 100 participants including attendees from Essex County communities and organizations. Windsor's Life After Fifty (LAF) subsequently undertook to become the Windsor lead on AFC activities and applied on November 30, 2017 for an Ontario Community Grant to support their efforts. SAC will support the LAF initiative and will continue to report to Council on the AFC program.

On other matters, SAC meets quarterly as a Council Committee and thanks Council for its financial and administrative support, particularly that of Karen Kadour. SAC thanks Council too for appointing Brian Cyncora replacing a resigned member.

In March, SAC successfully nominated members, former and current, eligible to receive Ontario Volunteer Service Awards: Bruce Draper, Larry Duffield, Frank Duralia, Alex Gyemi, Natalie Taylor - congratulations to them!

In February, SAC and City Administration senior representatives met to review common interests. This meeting was facilitated with thanks to our Council representative, Ed Sleiman. This initiative may be considered on an annual basis.

In April, a SAC letter to Ontario Minister Hoskins was dispatched which strongly supported the regional mega hospital project.

Seniors Month in June was celebrated with a Declaration by the Mayor, which expressed support for the Windsor Transit Loonie Ride program, attendance at a regional AFC workshop, and Larry Duffield receiving the Windsor Senior of the Year Award.

Efforts in the Fall centred on the United Nations Day for Elder Persons and Canada Seniors Day event held this year on September 29, 2017. The 2017 event was new in being intergenerational with a youth marching band and primary school students participating, along with the usual seniors supporting organizations, including for first time however, the Essex County Warden and several long term care facilities residents.

In the Fall, SAC participated again in approximately seven Ward meetings.

As 2018 will be the fourth and final year of our current SAC term, our Annual Report will begin to conclude with thanks to the other six appointed members: Brian Cyncora, Karen Demers, Alex Gyemi, Sungee John, Celia Southward, Sonya Vani, and with special acknowledgment to our Council rep, Ed Sleiman.

Respectively submitted,

Sally Bennett Olczak, Chair, and Larry Duffield, Vice Chair,  
Windsor Seniors Advisory Committee,  
February 6, 2018.

**Kadour, Karen**

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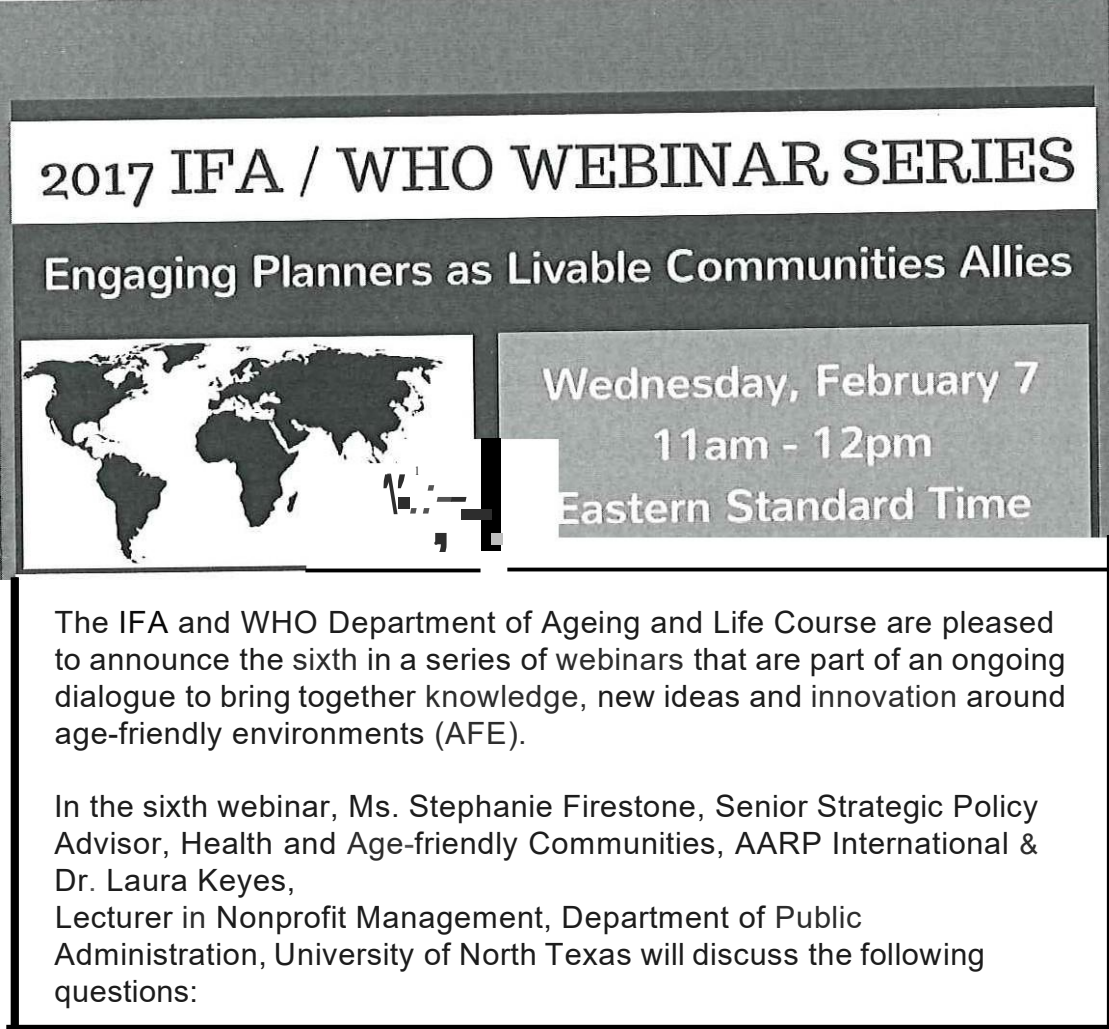
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I forgot to send you this. Sorry.  
For our meeting I hope.

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The IFA and WHO Department of Ageing and Life Course are pleased to announce the sixth in a series of webinars that are part of an ongoing dialogue to bring together knowledge, new ideas and innovation around age-friendly environments (AFE).

In the sixth webinar, Ms. Stephanie Firestone, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor, Health and Age-friendly Communities, AARP International & Dr. Laura Keyes, Lecturer in Nonprofit Management, Department of Public Administration, University of North Texas will discuss the following questions:

1. Why is cross collaboration among the professions of planning and aging important to advancing Livable Communities for All Ages (LCA) work in our communities?
2. What are the most important strategies for engaging planners globally in LCA?
3. How are planners around the world supported or stymied in advancing LCA?

The webinars are one element of the IFA's age-friendly innovation exchange (AFIX), an umbrella for a number of platforms that encourage international dialogue, engage new and current parties around AFE and stimulate robust discussions on hard-to-deal-with issues.

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