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His Worship Andrew LeBlanc
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Dear Mayor Andrew LeBlanc:

On behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the Town of Riverview on being recognized by the Government of New Brunswick for its commitment to becoming an age-friendly community (AFC).

Making communities age-friendly has been identified as one of the best ways to help older adults remain healthy and active, while enabling them to be and do what they value. Age-friendly communities encourage healthy aging by improving and preserving health; improving and preserving physical, social and mental wellness; maintaining independence; and enhancing quality of life. At the same time, these communities create better, safer and healthier places for all Canadians to live and thrive in as they age.

PHAC and the World Health Organization (WHO) recognize the importance of creating social and physical environments in communities that facilitate active and healthy aging. By creating environments that foster the abilities of older people, the Town of Riverview is supporting the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030). On behalf of PHAC and WHO, I am pleased to endorse the Government of New Brunswick's recognition of your community's commitment to becoming age-friendly.

In becoming part of the Pan-Canadian Age-Friendly Community Initiative, the Town of Riverview has the immediate benefit of also being pre-approved to join the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. To finalize the process of being added to the list of WHO Network Members, please visit: <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/application-form/>.

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Once membership is processed by WHO, you can log in to your profile page to download an official certificate of membership. Please note that while you will be required to enter general information about the Town of Riverview's age-friendly work, you will not have to undergo an additional screening process and will be accepted upon completion of the form. For further information about membership in the Global Network, you are invited to read the Terms of Reference for Membership at:

<https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/membership/>.

I also encourage you to actively engage in the Global Network, as this will give you the greatest benefit and international visibility. In order to maintain membership, you are required to submit at least one age-friendly practice per year, which you can do at:

<https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/submit-afp/>.

Please accept our best wishes for your continued efforts to support healthy aging. Thank you as well for leading the way for other communities in New Brunswick, and across Canada, to become age-friendly.

Sincerely,



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