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His Worship Roy Avis  
Mayor of the Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3P9

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the Town of Fort Frances on being recognized by the Government of Ontario 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 seniors remain healthy, active, and independent for as long as they can. AFCs encourage healthy aging by improving and preserving: health; physical, social and mental wellness; independence; and quality of life. At the same time, AFCs create better, safer and healthier places for all Canadians to live in and thrive 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. On behalf of PHAC and WHO, I am pleased to endorse the Government of Ontario'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 Fort Frances 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 official list of WHO Network Members, you are requested to visit the following link: <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/application-form/>.

Once membership is processed by WHO, you can login to your profile page to download an official certificate of membership. Please note that while you will be required to enter general information about Fort Frances' 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 the following link: <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/membership/>.

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I would encourage active engagement in the Global Network, as this will provide you with the greatest benefit and international visibility. Members are also required to submit at least one Age-Friendly practice per year in order to maintain membership. Please visit <https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/submit-afp/> to submit your AFC practices.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Tam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Chief Public Health Officer

c.c.: Dr. John Beard, Director, WHO  
Ian Simpson, Age-Friendly Committee Coordinator, Town of Fort Frances