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Town of Arnprior Receives
Provincial Age-Friendly Community Recognition Award

Arnprior, ON. On the heels of receiving the Province of Ontario’s “David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility” in 2017, the Town of Arnprior is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of the “2018 Ontario Age-Friendly Community Recognition Award” under Category 2. Age-friendly communities are characterized by accessible and inclusive environments, both physical and social, that enable seniors to live independent, healthy and active, safe and socially connected lives. Communities selected for the Award demonstrate a strong commitment to key principles for creating age-friendly communities, including engagement with local seniors, collaboration with a diversity of community partners, and significant impact on the local community.

In 2015 and 2016 the Town of Arnprior prepared an Age-Friendly Community Plan to establish key priorities for this demographic. Town Planner Robin Paquette and Deputy Clerk Kaila Zamojski partnered to lead the preparation of the Plan, which culminated in the recommendation to establish a Seniors Council. In 2016, the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC) was created and the Town of Arnprior continues to work with the GASC on an ongoing basis to advance initiatives that benefit seniors in Arnprior.

Arnprior's Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Wildman, commented, “The Town of Arnprior continues on a quest of inclusivity for all its residents and visitors. We are especially proud of recognition at the provincial level for our accessibility and seniors initiatives.”

Arnprior's Mayor David Reid added, “On behalf of Arnprior Town Council, I wish to acknowledge the hard work of Michael Wildman and his staff, particularly Robin Paquette and Kaila Zamojski, as well as members of the Greater Arnprior Senior’s Council, chaired by Darrel O’Shaughnessy. The Town is thrilled to receive further recognition of our efforts in making Arnprior a supportive and inclusive community for all our residents and visitors.”

Darrel O’Shaughnessy, Chair of the Greater Arnprior Senior’s Council (GASC) stated “Thank you to the Town of Arnprior for all of its hard work and dedication in helping to create the kind of Community that we all want and deserve to grow older in - where Senior’s get recognition and respect as valued, engaged participants, where no one gets left behind. To have Arnprior recognized by the Province, as an Age-Friendly Community is a great honour to say the least. Congratulations guys.”

The 2018 Ontario Age-Friendly Community Recognition Award under Category 2 was presented in Toronto by Dipika Damerla, the Minister of Seniors Affairs on Monday, March 26, 2018. Photos to follow.

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