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Dear Mississauga Resident;

On December 4, 2013, General Committee of Council recommended an Older Adult Advisory Panel be established to involve residents and organizations in planning and delivering municipal services to older adult residents in the Mississauga community.

The Older Adult Panel of 11 community members, five city staff and two City councillors will provide advice and support in four specific areas:

- Co-ordinate the annual Older Adult Educational Symposium
- Assist in planning Senior Month activities in June 2014
- Provide input to Future Directions (refresh of Master Plans for services including Recreation, Fire and Emergency Services, Parks and Forestry and Library) focussing on a community physical space review for current and future needs
- Help the City pursue designation as an Age Friendly City from the World Health Organization (WHO)

The Older Adult Advisory Panel delivers on the Older Adult Plan recommendation to provide the chance for older adults to exchange information and advice with City staff on developing and improving older adult services. The panel also will be involved in preparing a multi-year work plan to guide its activities.

A major initiative will be the City's designation as an Age Friendly community. This designation will establish Mississauga in this internationally-recognized WHO program as a municipality that supports older adult participation in social, civic, employment, communication, healthy active living opportunities in the community.

The term for each Community Panel member will be two years and members may serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms. Selection criteria requires that applicants be 55 years or older and represent the broader interests of the older adult community. A selection committee will review the applications with an effort to recruit members that represent Mississauga's ethnic diversity and gender balance. Application deadline date is February 28, 2014.

If you are interested in applying to become an Older Adult Advisory Panel member hard copies of the Older Adult Advisory Panel Terms of Reference and Application Form can be found at city community centres, libraries and the Customer Service Centre at the Central Library. These forms are also available on the city's older adult website www.mississauga.ca/olderadults. For more information or if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Sincerely,

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