
To: Mayor and Council

Submitted by: Jamie Ferguson, Manager Active Living & Culture

Date: January 26, 2026

Subject: Age-Friendly Community

PROPOSAL

To have Council pass a resolution supporting the Municipality's efforts to become an Age-Friendly Community.

BACKGROUND

Staff have recently been approached by a group of community members representing a variety of organizations within the Municipality about applying to the New Brunswick Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program. Currently, there are sixteen communities in New Brunswick that are part of the program.

The Age-Friendly Community movement encourages healthy aging and wellness under the following eight areas:

- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social participation
- Respect and social inclusion
- Civic participation and employment
- Communication and information
- Community support and health services

DISCUSSION

A previous resolution was passed by the former Town of Sackville on March 12, 2018 that stated:

#18-047 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ALLISON BUTCHER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT SACKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT THE MAYOR'S AGE FRIENDLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO BE DESIGNATED UNDER THE NEW BRUNSWICK AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED.

Given the time that has lapsed and the formation of the Municipality of Tantramar, a new resolution would need to be passed to support the commitment to become an Age-Friendly Community. A kick-off meeting was held on November 27, 2025, with interested community members to revive this initiative, with a total of eleven individuals in attendance.

If Council approves this resolution, the next step would be the formation of a Steering Committee and the development of Terms of Reference. Following this, a community needs assessment would be completed, a three-year action plan, and a one-page summary of the steps and initiatives undertaken

by the community in working towards becoming age-friendly. These five items, plus the application form, would be submitted to the Province as part of Tantramar's full application to become an Age-Friendly Community.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION

N/A

LEGISLATION/POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

LEGAL

N/A

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Social media, website, etc.

TANTRAMAR 2025-2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

This aligns with our *Planning for the Built and Natural Environment, Supporting Social and Cultural Connections to Build our Community and Building a Community of Understanding and Collaboration* pillars from Tantramar's [2025-2028 Strategic Plan](#).

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Creating a more age-friendly community and increasing opportunities that support healthy aging and wellbeing.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CLIMATE LENS

Climate Lens	Towards	Away	No change
Emissions reduction			X
Stormwater management			X
Thriving natural assets			X
Sustainable processes			X
Climate change adaptation			X
Climate leadership			X

OPTIONS

- a) Pass a resolution supporting the Municipality's efforts to become an Age-Friendly Community.
- b) Do not pass a resolution supporting the Municipality's efforts to become an Age-Friendly Community.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council pass a resolution supporting the Municipality's work towards applying to the Province to become an Age-Friendly Community. We request that motion be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting of February 10, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A