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Chair and Members
Planning and Growth Management Committee
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Chair and Members,

PG22.2: Planning an Age-Friendly Toronto

At the May 31, 2017 meeting, PGMC adopted a motion (PG21.17), later adopted by City Council on July 4, 2017 without amendments, that directed the Chief Planner to introduce policies into the City's next Official Plan which support and complement the City's (Council's) commitment to become an age-friendly city.

In the August 4, 2017 report to PGMC (PG22.2) responding to this request, the Chief Planner acknowledges the importance of "incorporating policy language" into the Official Plan but stops short of explicitly referencing Council's commitment to become an age friendly city in the context of Toronto's desire to sustain membership in the World Health Organization's Global Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Network. The importance of referencing Council's commitment cannot be understated. While it is appreciated that future official plan policies will incorporate "age friendly policies and guidelines," I believe it is necessary to indicate unequivocally that the vision for our next Official Plan directly acknowledge Council's commitment to retain and strengthen its international status as a WHO Age-friendly City.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. City Council direct that the City of Toronto's Official Plan adhere to the World Health Organization's essential features of a Global Age-Friendly City and that Toronto will continue, through its Seniors Strategy and Official Plan, to take all necessary actions to become a more inclusive, caring and age-friendly city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Matlow", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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