

Hanover officially recognized as an **Age-Friendly Community** by the Ontario Government

The Town of Hanover has officially been recognized as an Age-Friendly Community by the Ontario Government. The Ontario Age-Friendly Community Recognition Ceremony coincided with the 2026 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) conference In January.

“The Ceremony provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of many communities, recognizing their contributions toward making Ontario more accessible and inclusive for people of all ages and abilities. Age-friendly communities create more inclusive physical and social environments that support older adults to live safely, enjoy good health and stay active and involved. Your community, along with others across Ontario, is being recognized for its achievements in building spaces that are more inclusive of older adults, “ wrote the Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility.

Ontario’s recognition of this work would also support Hanover in obtaining recognition nationally (through the Public Health Agency of Canada) and internationally (through the World Health Organization).

At the recent Age Friendly Expo in Hanover, Mayor Sue Paterson presented the certificate to members of Hanover’s Age Friendly Committee. From left to right: Committee Member Brandon Dobson (Programs Supervisor, Town of Hanover); Committee Member Laura-Lee Ribey-Hicks (Hanover Library); Committee Member Susanne Kunkel; Mayor Paterson; Committee Member Pat Butler; Deputy Mayor Warren Dickert and Jennifer Olivero (Hanover’s Official Town Crier).

