

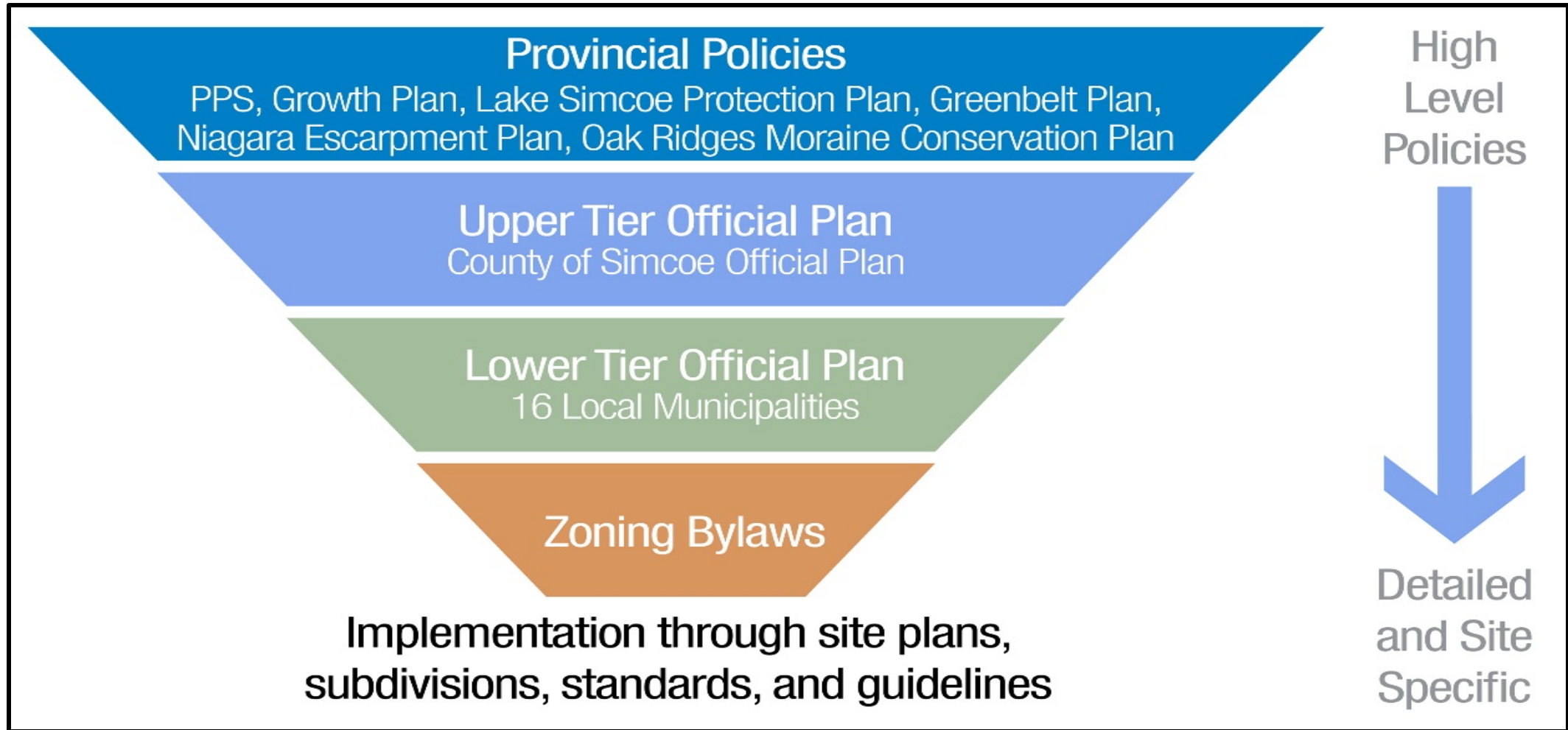


Age-Friendly Policies County Official Plan Amendment

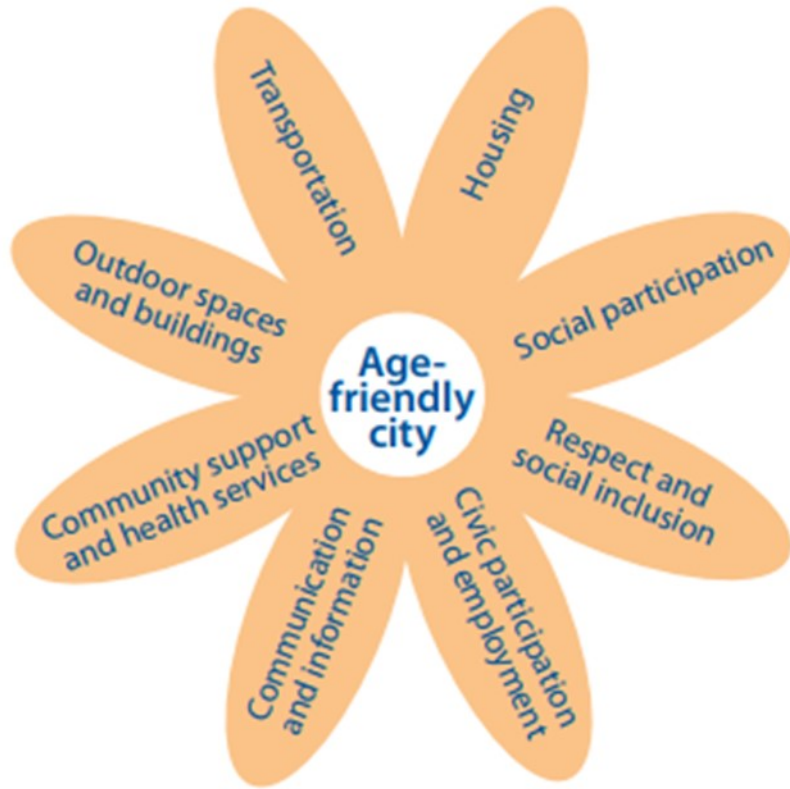
Simcoe County Statutory Public Meeting
November 24, 2020



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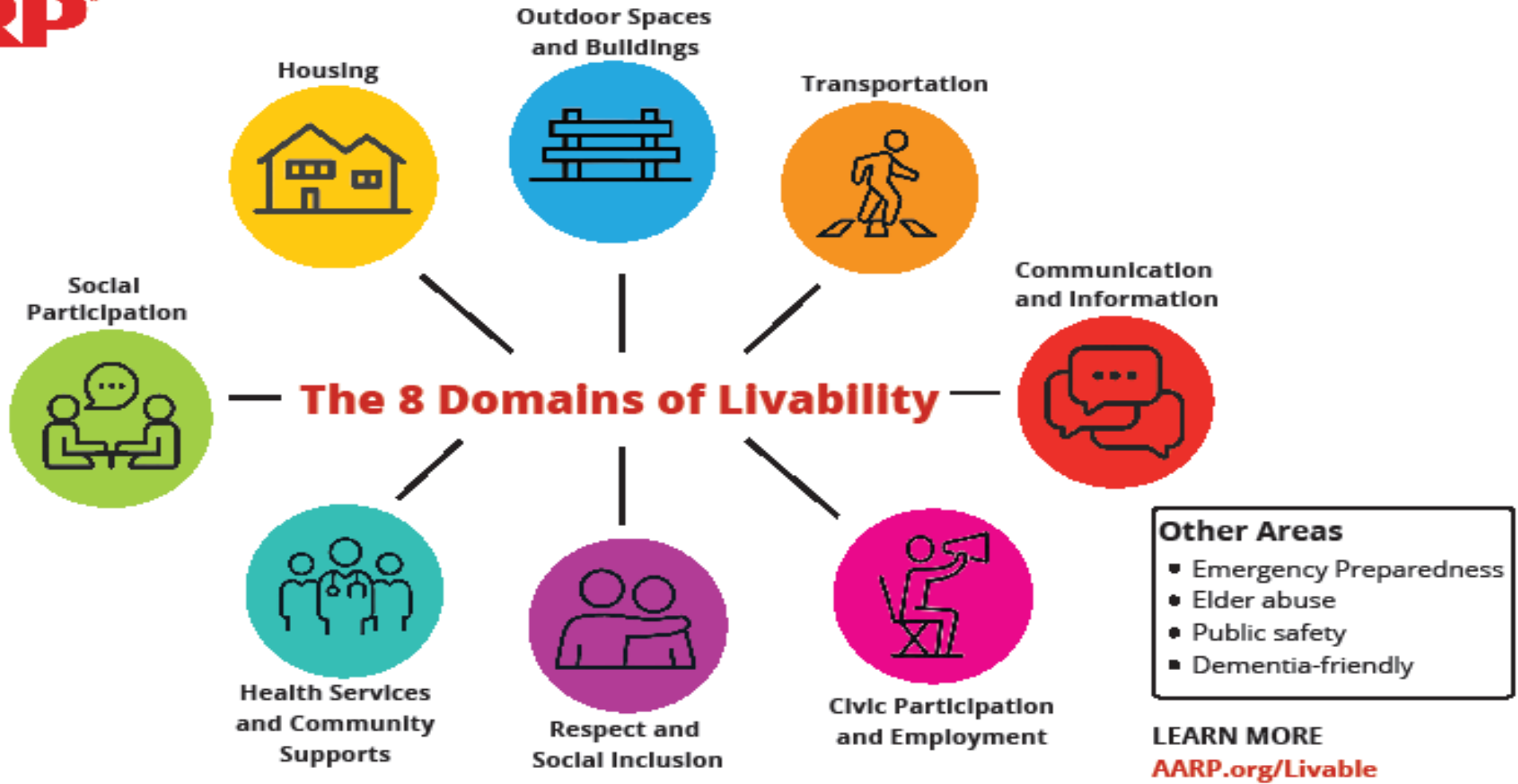


Direction for Age-friendly Policies



- **World Health Organization (WHO's) Guiding Principles**
- **Key Dimensions:**
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Outdoor Space and Buildings

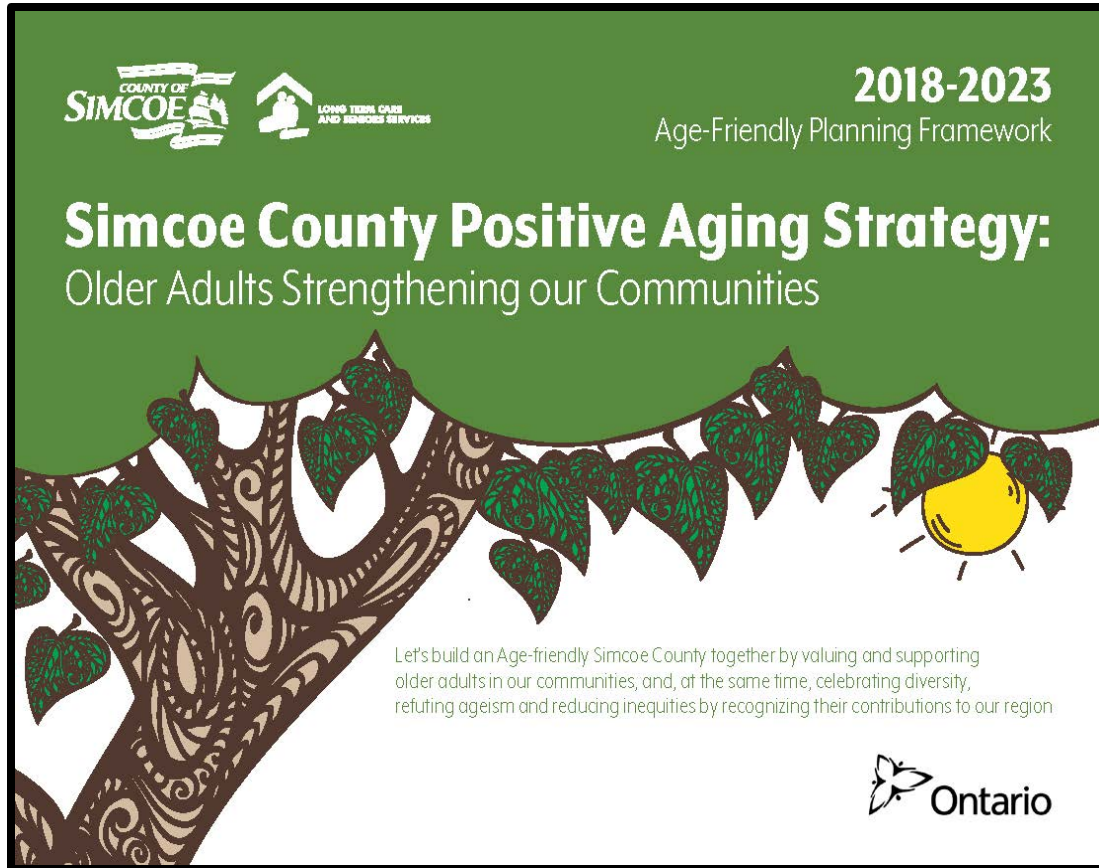
Source: WHO (2007) Global Age-Friendly Cities: A Guide, page 9



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Direction for Age-friendly Policies



- **Simcoe County Positive Aging Strategy;**
 - Includes priorities related to official plan policy development
 - Directs the County Planning Department to lead a variety of County initiatives related to:
 - Transportation
 - Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
 - Walkable, accessible, complete communities for all stages of life.

Official Plan Amendment – Timelines & Key Steps

TIMEFRAME	TASK or KEY STEP
June 2019	Introduced Age-Friendly OPA to County Council (CCW)
November 2019	Report to County Planning Advisory Committee
November 2019	Presentation to County Age-Friendly Advisory Committee
Q1 2020	Circulate Draft OPA for comments
Q2 2020	Received input from MMAH on policies
Q3 2020	Revised County Official Plan policies
Q4 2020	Statutory Public Meeting
Q1 2021	Revise County Official Plan policies
Q1 2021	Report to CCW recommending adoption

County Official Plan Policy Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendment to the County of Simcoe Official Plan includes:

- 1. additional goals to positively influence built environments for all users within the County;
- 2. demographic information specific to older persons;
- 3. enhance policy language throughout the Plan to be specifically inclusive of all people;
- 4. additional objective to promote healthy, complete, and accessible communities;
- 5. additional encouragement policies to support downtown settlements;

County Official Plan Policy Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendment to the **County of Simcoe Official Plan** includes:

- 6. enhanced policy language throughout the Transportation section;
- 7. additional affordable housing policy to encourage local municipalities to develop supportive age-friendly policies within their official plans;
- 8. new Age-Friendly Planning policy section to recognize, support and celebrate older persons; and
- 9. new definitions to provide clarity and understanding of Age-Friendly principles:
 - a. Active Aging
 - b. Age-Friendly
 - c. Aging in Place
 - d. Healthy Aging
 - e. Microtransit



County Official Plan Policy

NEW Age-Friendly Section 4.10

A new Age-Friendly Planning section has been incorporated in the plan.

■ **New objectives:**

- Build an Age-Friendly Simcoe County by valuing and supporting older persons; and
- Celebrate and support diversity, refute ageism and reduce inequalities by recognizing older persons' contributions to our region.

■ **New policies:**

- Encourage provision of age-friendly services and programs;
- Encourage accessible and inclusive considerations in land use decisions;
- Identify opportunities to better support people of all ages and abilities;
- Encourage local municipalities to develop policies to support health, wellness and security for all residents;



County Official Plan Policy NEW Age-Friendly Section 4.10

■ New policies continued:

- Encourage official plan policies to support residents to age in place;
- Create a Healthy Development Framework Tool which may be implemented by local municipalities to assess the health impacts of land-use development;
- Encourage the use of universal design guidelines;
- Ensure that County Transit programs consider age-friendly elements;
- Promote innovative ideas to plan for older persons in both rural and urban communities; and
- Recognize long-term care homes as a connection point between older persons in the County and available community services.



County Official Plan Policy Proposed Amendments

The effect of the proposed amendment to the County of Simcoe Official Plan:

- To incorporate age-friendly principles into a regional policy framework;
- To assist our local municipalities in introducing land-use policies which recognize the needs for people of all ages and abilities.

Next Steps

- Review and address any comments received at the Public Meeting;
- Present the draft official plan amendment (OPA) to CCW;
- If adopted, submit OPA Submission Package to MMAH for review and approval.

Questions for Discussion



“Yesterday’s child is today’s adult and tomorrow’s grandmother or grandfather. The quality of life they will enjoy as grandparents depends on the risks and opportunities they experienced throughout the life course, as well as the manner in which succeeding generations provide mutual aid and support for each other.”

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