March, 2010

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in the 2010 Senior of the Year Award. This annual award was established in 1994 to give each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local senior.

Recipients are individuals who, after age 65, have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community without thought of personal or financial gain. A certificate, provided by the Ontario government, is signed by the Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor, myself as the Minister Responsible for Seniors, and the local Head of Council. The Government of Ontario is proud to offer this important initiative. You may wish to consider involving local MPPs in your selection process or presentation ceremony.

Council may also wish to host a presentation ceremony honouring the Senior of the Year Award recipient in June which is the month that we pay tribute to seniors in the province of Ontario. This year will mark the 26th anniversary of Seniors' Month which recognizes the contributions seniors make to family, community, province and country.

The Senior of the Year nomination forms are available on the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration's website, at www.citizenship.gov.on.ca. Follow the link to Ontario Honours and Awards, download the form and fax it to (416) 314-6050 or submit your nomination online by choosing the "Electronic Nomination" option. Nominations must be received by April 30, 2010.

For additional information, please contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat, at (416) 314-7526, 1-877-832-8622 or (TTY) (416) 327-2391.

Ontario's seniors deserve special recognition for their outstanding accomplishments. By working together with municipalities, we can ensure they are honoured in a meaningful way.

Sincerely,

Gerry Phillips
Minister