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Ontario has many adults 50+ who do wonderful things locally or who impact on people's lives across Ontario. It takes a very special person who can do both. Larry Duffield, retired diplomat, volunteer extraordinaire and repatriated Windsorite does just that.

This year Mayor Drew Dilkens recognized Larry's many contributions and nominated him for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award. Every year **Ontario Senior of the Year Award** gives each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one local senior. The award reviewers agreed with Mayor Dilkens recommendation. Larry is the 2017 recipient of the prestigious Ontario's Senior of the Year award.

Retirement has not stopped Larry. He is busy with his many volunteer and charitable activities such as delivering meals on wheels, helping found Elder College or as a warden at All Saints Anglican Church. Larry also sits on the board of Ontario Society of Senior Citizens Organizations (OSSCO) with its commitment to the wellbeing of older Ontarians. His perspective impacts seniors' programs at the Federal level as a member of the Seniors Advisory Committee (Ontario Region) and keeps the province focused on its Age-Friendly Community initiatives by participating on the Ministry of Affairs' Liaison Committee.

OSSCO members and our board of directors extend congratulations to Larry Duffield on this well deserved award. The award will be presented on August 8, 2017 at 6:00pm by Windsor Council. Location is 350 City Hall Square West, Windsor, Ontario, N9A 6S1.

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Ontario Society of Senior Citizen's Organizations
La Société d'Organisations des Citoyens Aînés de l'Ontario

Ontario Society of Senior Citizen's Organization (OSSCO) is a collaborative group of community minded individuals in our province who are committed to improving the quality of life for Ontario's seniors. We focus on improving the quality of life for Ontario's seniors through our member organizations and individuals by:

- encouraging seniors' involvement in all aspects of society,
- keeping them informed on current issues, and
- focusing on programs to benefit an aging population.

OSSCO provides a variety of programs as educational and joint educational programs and services to seniors including information, referral and mediated access, to their families and professionals who provide resources, services and programs to seniors. We also participate in policy review and influencing stakeholders. In the past year OSSCO worked locally on educational programming with Leamington and District Half Century Centre, and developing programming initiatives with Multicultural Council of Windsor-Essex and Centre communautaire francophone Windsor-Essex-Kent Inc. (CCFWEK). Our board members come from across Ontario.

A registered charity, OSSCO is one of the largest seniors' organizations in Ontario. There are more than 140 organizations and individual members under OSSCO's umbrella, representing 400,000 Ontario seniors.