July 6, 2017

[*City of \_\_\_\_\_\_*]

[*Insert Mailing Address*]
[*City, Province*]

[*Postal Code*]

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I’m writing to ask you to show your support for making our community dementia-friendly.

There are an estimated 70,000 people living with dementia in British Columbia and sixty per cent live alone in the community or with a caregiver. When someone develops Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia, they will begin to experience barriers to completing daily tasks, such as taking out a library book, paying their taxes or attending their local community centre. However, with information, compassion and community engagement, we have an opportunity to change this.

A dementia-friendly community focuses on stigma reduction and the inclusion of people living with dementia. Municipalities can display leadership by applying a “dementia-friendly lens” when creating policy, bylaws, city plans, and programming. The Alzheimer Society of B.C. is committed to providing municipalities with the planning, tools, education and partnerships needed to meet their dementia-friendly goals.

As a municipal resident, I’m hoping you can tell me what steps our current city council has taken in ensuring people living with dementia are supported and included in our community? Have we formally committed to becoming a dementia-friendly community?

Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

*[Name]*

*[Contact Info]*