

Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, November 12, 2020, commencing at 1:00 PM.

Present:

Carol Theberge, Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council
Linda Mywaart, Public-at-Large - Rural
Joan Furber, Golden Years Society
Luana Bussieres, Public-at-Large - Urban
Henry Hunter,
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
Keith McGrath, Councillor

Administration:

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services
Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services
Melissa Williams, Program Assistant, Neighbourhood & Community Dev
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Linda Mywaart called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol Theberge, Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council
SECONDER:	Keith McGrath, Councillor
FOR:	Theberge, Mywaart, Furber, Bussieres, Hunter, Evancio, McGrath

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Advisory Committee on Aging - Meeting - Oct 8, 2020 1:00 PM

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting held on October 8, 2020 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Henry Hunter
SECONDER:	Joan Furber, Golden Years Society
FOR:	Theberge, Mywaart, Furber, Bussieres, Hunter, Evancio, McGrath

4. Presentation

4.1. Shailesh Makwana and Such Chandhiok, Planning and Development re: Municipal Development Plan

Such Chandhiok, Supervisor, Statutory Plans, and Shailesh Makwana, Planner, and Ashlee Bevis, Planner, Planning and Development, presented an overview of the proposed new Municipal Development Plan (MDP) noting that it is a land use policy framework to guide development and manage growth in the region for the next 20 years and focuses on making the region a great place to live.

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1. Land Use Bylaw re: Seniors Parking in Rural Areas

Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community Services, provided an overview of the seniors' parking stalls in the rural areas in the proposed Land Use Bylaw and noted that they will continue to solicit feedback in the rural areas regarding these stalls.

Through consensus of the Committee, it was agreed to support the requirement for seniors parking stalls in the rural service areas similar to the requirement for seniors' parking stalls in the urban service area in the proposed Land Use Bylaw.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 2:38 p.m. and returned at 2:42 p.m.

5.2. Snow Angels

Melissa Williams, Department Administrator, provided an overview of the Snow Angels Program to date, noting that the Municipality has partnered with Wood Buffalo Volunteers to register volunteers for the more than 100 seniors who have applied to the program to have their walkways and driveways shoveled this winter.

5.3. Alberta Health Services Naming Policy

Councillor Keith McGrath noted that he will be prepared to bring forward more information at the January Committee meeting regarding a potential request to Alberta Health Services under their naming policy.

5.4. Action Log

The Action Log was reviewed, and the following updates were provided:

- Chair Linda Mywaart noted that a request to Council to consider a senior's discount for development fees would be brought forward to Council in the future.
- Luana Bussieres reported that a list of issues regarding the content for seniors on the Municipal website has been provided to Communications.
- Deanne Bergey noted that although there is no formal usage data available, the seniors' parking stalls at MacDonald Island appear to be well used and more stalls have been added.
- Deanne Bergey will provide information on any potential changes to the Committees Bylaw in January.

Exit

Henry Hunter exited the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

All other action items are ongoing and updates will be provided at future meetings.

5.5. Information Updates

Chair Linda Mywaart reported that work is ongoing at Willow Square and that turnover of the property to Alberta Health Services is pending.

Carol Theberge noted that a mental health and addictions workshop held in October was well attended and that she will provide a report to the Committee on mental health and seniors.

Luana Bussieres reported on an Adopt a Senior program currently underway in the region which is intended to help take care of some of the needs of the seniors and to make sure they are not lonely while still following Alberta Health Services COVID-19 guidelines.

Action Items:

- Toni Elliott noted that the Committee's support of the requirement for senior's parking stalls in the rural services areas will be provided to Planning and Development.
- Luana Bussieres will provide the Chair with the list of issues regarding the seniors' information on the Municipal website that was shared with Communications so it can be distributed to the Committee Members.
- Carol Theberge will provide the Committee members with the report on mental health and seniors.

Adjournment

Chair