

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, December 10, 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, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation  
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee

**Absent:**

Keith McGrath, Councillor

**Administration:**

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services  
Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community and Protective Services  
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer  
Leesa McLeod, Manager, Community and Protective Services  
Melissa Williams, Department Administrator, Neighbourhood & Community Development  
Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Linda Mywaart called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the agenda be amended by adding Item No. 4.2.1 "Communications Update - Seniors and rmwb.ca"; and

THAT the Committee waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed additions; and

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joan Furber, Golden Years Society
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Henry Hunter, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation
<b>FOR:</b>	Theberge, Mywaart, Furber, Bussieres, Hunter, Evancio
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McGrath

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

#### **3.1. Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting - November 12, 2020**

##### **MOTION**

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting held on November 12, 2020 be approved as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Carol Theberge, Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council
<b>FOR:</b>	Theberge, Mywaart, Furber, Bussieres, Hunter, Evancio
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McGrath

### **4. New and Unfinished Business**

#### **4.1. Franklin and Main Park Project Update**

Bipul Bhowmik, Engineer, RMWB, and Rick Gendron, Consultant, 818 Studio, presented an overview of the Franklin and Main Park Project, indicating the scope of the project, different design concepts, the need to create continuity, and build a place for multigeneration families to enjoy. These design concepts are available on RMWB participation website.

The Committee discussed their preferred concepts and noted the importance of accessible amenities.

#### **4.2. Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan**

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, and Nabil Malik, Planner, Planning and Development, presented an overview of the draft Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP). Feedback received through public engagement will help define ARP's priorities. Key factors considered were, Residential Communities; Waterfront; Existing Conditions; Community Engagements; Site Considerations; and Economic Conditions.

The Committee indicated preferences, noted the importance of accessibility, and expressed concerns with universal design and losing the waterfront view.

#### **4.3. Communications Update - Seniors and rmwb.ca**

Megan Langpap, Manager, Communications, noted the RMWB webpage was updated in September to be more accessible for seniors. More changes are expected to be in place by January 2021.

#### **4.4. Age Friendly Work Plan Update**

The Subcommittee provided an update indicating there would be benefit in having additional organizations included in the membership of the Committee. Sonia Soutter, Manager, Legislative Services, advised that any changes in the constitution of the membership of the Committee would be facilitated by a bylaw amendment. It was noted that the Subcommittee should formally present their recommendations to the Committee, following that, the Committee would then work with administration to bring forward a bylaw amendment.

The committee discussed the opportunity to consult with a social planner regarding the 2021 workplan and to present the Committee's recommendations to Council.

#### Exit:

Luana Bussieres, Committee Member disconnected from the meeting at 2:45 p.m and returned at 2:47 p.m.

#### Action item:

- Administration will look into getting a social planner to go over a work plan in 2021

#### **4.5. Action Log**

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

- Chair, Linda Mywaart, offered the idea of the Committee meeting with "Voices of Albertans with Disabilities" in the new year, in which there was no objection
- Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, is to arrange for a social planner to work with the Committee

#### Exit:

Luana Bussieres, Committee Member, disconnected from the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

#### **4.6. Information Updates**

Henry Hunter, Committee Member, provided updates on how new Covid-19 restrictions are affecting the Rotary House and the Wood Buffalo Housing offices.

Chair, Linda Mywaart, and Carol Theberge, Committee Member, provided updates on the Willow Square long-term care facility.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

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Chair