

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, April 8, 2021, commencing at 1:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Henry Hunter, Wood Buffalo Housing Development  
Luana Bussieres, Public-at-Large - Urban  
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee  
Carol Theberge, Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council  
Keith McGrath, Councillor

**Absent:**

Linda Mywaart, Public-at-Large - Rural  
Joan Furber, Golden Years Society

**Administration:**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chair, Henry Hunter, called the Meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Entrance

Committee member, Luana Bussieres, joined the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

<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>	Bussieres, Hunter, Evancio, McGrath, Theberge
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mywaart, Furber

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

#### **3.1. Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting - March 11, 2021**

THAT the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting held on March 11, 2021 be approved as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Keith McGrath, Councillor
<b>FOR:</b>	Bussieres, Hunter, Evancio, McGrath, Theberge
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mywaart, Furber

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

#### **4.1. Age Friendly Working Group re: Age- Friendly Work Plan Update**

Carolyn Evancio, Committee Member, and Martin Byaruhanga, Social Planner, Community and Protective Services, provided an update on the three-year Age Friendly Work Plan, noting the trends, needs, and gaps identified through the Needs Assessment Summary.

Melissa Williams, Department Administrator, provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the Committee's Bylaw 17/024 as a result of recommendations put forward in the Work Plan.

#### **MOTION**

THAT the Advisory Committee on Aging supports the Amendment to Committee's Bylaw 17/024 be brought forward to Council to increase the membership of the Advisory Committee on Aging to nine (9) members, to expand the Committee's membership to include representation from the following:

- 1 - Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council
- 1 - Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation
- 1 - Alberta Health Services
- 1 - Golden Years Society Board
- 1 - Wood Buffalo Senior Resource Committee

- 1 - St. Aidan's House Society
- 3 - Senior-at-Large - 1 each from the rural and urban services areas and 1 from the Indigenous community. If there are insufficient applicants, Council may appoint a member from senior-at-large.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Luana Bussieres, Public-at-Large - Urban
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Carol Theberge, Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council
<b>FOR:</b>	Bussieres, Hunter, Evancio, McGrath, Theberge
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mywaart, Furber

#### 4.2. Action Log

Committee members reviewed the Action Log, it was noted for Log item 21-034 Melissa Williams, Department Administrator, will follow up with Darline Reid of Alberta Health Services on the naming policy.

All other action items are ongoing.

#### 4.3. Information Updates

Carolyn Evancio, Committee Member, noted that the Seniors Resource Committee is continuing to meet virtually and will move ahead with activities based on COVID-19 restrictions.

Luana Bussieres, Committee Member, noted that Alberta Health Services conducted a review of the emotional, mental, and psychological effect on seniors not being able to have access to a support person when seeking medical attention at the hospital. It was advised that the decision has been reversed and depending on the level of care needed every patient attending a hospital is allowed access to at least one support person.

Carol Theberge, Committee Member, noted that due to a positive COVID-19 case, Long Term Care seniors moving into Willow Square will be delayed by a week or two.

Henry Hunter, Chair, noted that the Government of Alberta re-launched the Rent Supplement Program, which closed in 2019. Wood Buffalo Housing is now in the process of determining who they can help in the community with the rent subsidy.

#### Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

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Chair