

Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, June 10, 2021, commencing at 1:00 PM.

Present:

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

Absent:

Luana Bussieres, Public-at-Large - Urban

Administration:

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

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath exited from the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Henry Hunter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Linda Mywaart |
| SECONDER: | Carol Theberge |
| FOR: | Hunter, Evancio, Mywaart, Furber, Theberge |
| ABSENT: | Bussieres, McGrath |

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1 Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting – May 13, 2021

MOTION

THAT the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting held on May 13, 2021 be approved as presented.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Carolyn Evancio |
| SECONDER: | Joan Furber |
| FOR: | Hunter, Evancio, Mywaart, Furber, Theberge |
| ABSENT: | Bussieres, McGrath, |

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Age- Friendly Work Plan: Next Steps

Melissa Williams, Department Administrator, provided an update on the “Healthy Community” grant noting the Accessibility Audit does not qualify for the grant, however; the Committee will continue to move forward with including the Accessibility Audit in the 2022 Budget.

Committee Members, Linda Mywaart and Henry Hunter, agreed to participate in a Accessibility Audit working group. It was noted that the working group will consist of individuals from other Committees and groups such as the Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, the Regional Inclusive Committee, Voices of Albertans with Disabilities and individuals from the community who have experienced accessibility issues.

It was further noted that Council adopted the Age Friendly Workplan at the May 25, 2021 Council Meeting, Administration will begin actioning the workplan and communicating progress to the Committee.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for Social Planner, Martin Byaruhanga, who helped develop the Age Friendly Workplan. It was agreed by the Committee that the Chair, would provide written remarks, to thank Martin on behalf of the Committee.

4.2. Alberta Age- Friendly Community of Practice

Melissa Williams provided an update noting that the Alberta Age-Friendly Community of Practice is a provincial call that is attended by Administration monthly. It was noted that a conference call takes place on the same day as the regular Advisory Committee on

Aging Meetings, however, the June 10, 2021 call was rescheduled, an update will be provided to the Committee following the next meeting.

4.3. Committee Summer Meeting Schedule

The Committee Members reviewed their meeting schedule and agreed to cancel their July and August Meetings with the ability to call a special meeting if an important item arises.

MOTION

THAT the regular Advisory Committee on Aging Meetings scheduled for the months of July and August be cancelled with the exception that a special meeting may be called if an important item needs to be addressed.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Joan Furber |
| SECONDER: | Linda Mywaart |
| FOR: | Hunter, Evancio, Mywaart, Furber, Theberge |
| ABSENT: | Bussieres, McGrath |

4.4. Action Log

Joan Furber, Committee Member, noted residents will move from Northern Lights Regional Hospital to the Willow Square Long-Term facility on June 23. Carol Theberge, Committee Member, noted that there may be a need for volunteers to assist moving residents or with the celebration of the move in which Committee members expressed interest, Carol committed to obtaining more information to share with the Committee.

Linda Mywaart, Committee Member, brought forth issues that are present with volunteering in a hospital setting.

4.5. Information Updates

The Committee members expressed thanks to Administration and Legislative Services for their dedication.

Legislative Services confirmed that the Amendment to Committee's Bylaw 17/024 was adopted by Council at their June 8, 2021 meeting and that the amendments are effective immediately. It was noted that the next steps would be an update to the Committees' Skills Matrix which will be carried out over the summer months. Following that, recruitment will be carried out during the Fall Annual Recruitment campaign for 2021 at which time the Skills Matrix will be relied on to fill any vacancies and appointments will be made for terms starting January 2022.

Carolyn Evancio, Committee Member, gave an overview on Seniors week that took place from June 7-13, giving thanks to Administration for putting the Senior's Week activity schedule on the provincial website, as well as the "Happy Seniors Week" banner outside the Northern Lights Regional Hospital. A further update was provided on fully vaccinated individuals in the 75+ age group, noting that 49.9% of individuals in the Rural area are now fully vaccinated and 53.2% of individuals in the Urban area are fully vaccinated. Further to that, she provided feedback on the Franklin and Main Park noting that the name of the park is Kiyām Community Park, a Cree and Michif word meaning "Let It Be", construction has started and hoping to be finalized in fall of 2021.

Carol Theberge, Committee Member, noted the Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Committee commitments and priorities for 2021-2023 have been drafted with the four priorities being; Addiction and Mental Health, Seniors and Continuing Care, Rural Health and Public Health.

Henry Hunter, Chair, provided an update on seniors living in Rotary House, noting that any individuals who wanted to be vaccinated have now been fully vaccinated. It was also noted that during Seniors Week, the Wood Buffalo Housing staff delivered plants to all of the seniors throughout Wood Buffalo Housing.

Linda Mywaart, Committee Member, noted there is a heightened awareness in our community that seniors are receiving help and although things take time, there is a difference being made for Seniors.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer