

Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging in room 206 at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, December 8, 2022, commencing at 1:00 PM.

Present:

Henry Hunter, Chair, Wood Buffalo Housing Representative
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee Representative
Ken Saunderson, Golden Years Society Representative
Ken Ball, Councillor

Absent:

Denise Wilkinson, Senior At Large - Urban
Luana Bussieres, St. Aidan's House Society Representative
Darline Reid, Alberta Health Services Representative

Administration:

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services
Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, Community and Protective Services
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
Heidi Major, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services
Caitlin Sheaves, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Henry Hunter called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carolyn Evancio
SECONDER:	Ken Saunderson
FOR:	Ball, Evancio, Hunter, Saunderson
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Reid, Wilkinson

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting - November 10, 2022

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting held on November 10, 2022 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Saunderson
SECONDER:	Carolyn Evancio
FOR:	Ball, Evancio, Hunter, Saunderson
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Reid, Wilkinson

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Accessibility Concerns - Non-Municipal Buildings

The Committee discussed ways that residents can report accessibility issues and concerns in non-municipal facilities and buildings such as grocery stores, shopping malls, doctors' offices etc. It was decided that residents can bring their concerns to the Advisory Committee on Aging and the Committee will then send a letter and a package of resources to the local business, to inform them of the concerns and provide education on how to improve accessibility.

4.2. Administrative Updates

Age-Friendly Work Plan

Heidi Major, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services, noted that the Age-Friendly Assessment Tool has been deemed too extensive and agencies are expressing difficulty in completing it.

With Consensus of the Committee, it was decided that the Age-Friendly Work Plan Working Group will meet in the New Year to re-evaluate the assessment tool.

Snow Angels

Heidi Major, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services, provided an update on the Snow Angels program noting that there are approximately 30 unmatched seniors in the downtown area, and that the Department will continue to work on recruiting volunteers throughout the year.

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, advised that Administration is currently reviewing the Snow Angels Program, and managing the

funds for the program closely, And that the committee may consider rescinding the motion that was previously passed at their November 10, 2022 Committee meeting.

MOTION:

THAT the following motion, passed on November 10, 2022 be rescinded:

THAT the ACoA recommend to Council that funding be made available to Administration to facilitate the Snow Angels Program so that no seniors over the age of 65 are turned down, with immediate effect until the end of the current snow removal season that being Spring 2023 and that Council ask Administration to review the Snow Angels Program and bring forward options in relation to future operations of the Program.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Ball
SECONDER:	Henry Hunter
FOR:	Ball, Evancio, Hunter, Saunderson
ABSENT:	Bussieres, Reid, Wilkinson

Seniors Resource Committee

Committee Member Carolyn Evancio provided a brief update on the YMM Magazine Top 10 over 50 Seniors Recognition feature, noting that a selection committee has been formed, and that sponsors are being sought out to support the program.

Committee Member Ken Saunderson noted that the Seniors Christmas Lights tour has been cancelled for this year, as the Organizations that typically facilitate the event have not had the capacity to do so this year. It was further noted that plans are underway for the Golden Years Society and the Seniors Resource Committee to collaborate on facilitating the event in 2023.

Accessibility Audit

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, Community and Protective Services, provided a brief updated on the Accessibility Audit, noting that the public engagement survey results will be shared with the Committee following the meeting, and that the Request for Proposal has closed and applications will be reviewed by an internal panel. It was further noted that the timeline for the project will be monitored closely to ensure that deadlines and expectations are met in a timely manner.

4.3. Information Updates

Councillor K. Ball provided feedback on the Seniors Luncheon, which was hosted in partnership with the Golden Years Society at the Quality Hotel on December 6, noting that the event was a huge success.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Chair