

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging in Room 207 at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, January 12, 2023, commencing at 1:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Henry Hunter, Chair, Wood Buffalo Housing Representative  
Ken Ball, Councillor  
Luana Bussieres, St. Aidan's House Society Representative  
Janice Eisenhauer, Public - At - Large  
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee Representative  
Clement Mercredi, Indigenous Representative  
Ken Saunderson, Golden Years Society Representative  
Denise Wilkinson, Senior-At-Large - Urban

**Absent:**

Darline Reid, Alberta Health Services Representative

**Administration:**

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services  
Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, Community and Protective Services  
Heidi Major, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services  
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer  
Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

**1. Call to Order**

Legislative Services Clerk Destiny Gale, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Henry Hunter
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Carolyn Evancio
<b>FOR:</b>	Ball, Bussieres, Eisenhower, Evancio, Hunter, Mercredi, Saunderson, Wilkinson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Reid

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

#### **3.1. Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting - December 8, 2022**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting held on December 8, 2022 be approved as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Luana Bussieres
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Denise Wilkinson
<b>FOR:</b>	Ball, Bussieres, Eisenhower, Evancio, Hunter, Mercredi, Saunderson, Wilkinson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Reid

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

#### **4.1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

Luana Bussieres nominated Henry Hunter for the position of Chair. Henry Hunter accepted the nomination and was elected Chair by acclamation as no other nominations were made.

##### **MOTION:**

THAT Henry Hunter be appointed to the position of Chair.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ken Saunderson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Luana Bussieres
<b>FOR:</b>	Ball, Bussieres, Eisenhower, Evancio, Hunter, Mercredi, Saunderson, Wilkinson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Reid

#### Assuming the Chair

Henry Hunter assumed the Chair at 1:15 p.m.

Carolyn Evancio nominated Ken Saunderson for the position of Vice-Chair. Ken Saunderson declined the nomination. Councilor K. Ball nominated Luana Bussieres for the position of Vice-Chair. Luana Bussieres accepted the nomination and was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation as no other nominations were made.

#### **MOTION:**

THAT Luana Bussieres be appointed to the position of Vice-Chair.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ken Ball
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Denise Wilkinson
<b>FOR:</b>	Ball, Bussieres, Eisenhower, Evancio, Hunter, Mercredi, Saunderson, Wilkinson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Reid

#### **4.2. Review of 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule**

#### **MOTION:**

THAT the regular Advisory Committee on Aging meetings be held at 1:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of any statutory holidays and scheduled recess periods

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ken Saunderson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Carolyn Evancio
<b>FOR:</b>	Ball, Bussieres, Eisenhower, Evancio, Hunter, Mercredi, Saunderson, Wilkinson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Reid

### **4.3. Committee Mandate and Overview**

Destiny Gale, Clerk, Legislative Services, and Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services, provided a brief orientation of the Committee including the Committee's mandate, roles and responsibilities of members, the meeting process, and an overview of the Committee.

### **4.4. Administrative Updates**

Heidi Major, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services, provided an update of the Snow Angels program noting that 105 seniors signed up for a snow angel, approximately 81 of those have been matched with the remaining 24 unmatched in the downtown area.

Committee members discussed the status of the Age Friendly Work Plan, noting that the Age Friendly Work Plan Working Group will continue to engage with stakeholders to gather information on grant funding needs. It was further noted that the next step in completing the application for Age Friendly status, is to request a letter of support from Council.

#### Entrance:

Janice Eisenhower joined the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

### **4.5. Seniors Resource Committee Update**

Committee Member Carolyn Evancio, provided an update on the Seniors Resource Committee noting the committee has new members and the top priorities currently include Seniors Month in June; the Christmas Light Tour; and YMM Top 10 over 60. It was further noted that voting for the YMM Top 10 over 60 will take place on February 1, 2023, and the winner will be announced during the Senior's lunch in June.

Administration committed to investigating free transit for seniors during Senior's Week, including in the rural hamlets and the SmartBus program.

### **4.6. Emerging Issues and Trends**

Heidi Major, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services, noted that Emerging Issues and Trends will be a standing agenda item to provide the Committee with an opportunity for regular discussions.

Committee members discussed the effects of COVID-19 isolation on seniors.

Committee Member Ken Saunderson, brought forward issues for the committee's consideration and awareness on behalf of seniors, the paint used for pride sidewalks is slippery, and that with the recent Alberta affordability issues, there are concern with an

increase in rent for Wood Buffalo Housing. Henry Hunter, Chair, confirmed that rent prices at Wood Buffalo Housing will not be affected.

#### **4.7. Information Updates**

Legislative Services will be holding a Boards and Committees orientation at a later date, all members are invited with new members encouraged to attend.

Committee members discussed how to address accessibility issues in private buildings around the municipality.

Vice-Chair Luana Bussieres advised of an Accessibility Workshop taking place March 1st and 2nd in White Rock B.C. by the Rick Hanson Foundation; suggesting a member of the committee attend as it would increase internal knowledge.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

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Chair