

Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging held via Electronic Communications, on Thursday, March 11, 2021, commencing at 1:00 PM.

Present:

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

Administration:

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

1. Call to Order

Chair, Henry Hunter, called the Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Linda Mywaart, Public-at-Large - Rural
SECONDER:	Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
FOR:	Bussieres, Hunter, Evancio, McGrath, Mywaart, Furber, Theberge

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting - February 11, 2021

MOTION

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

gRESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol Theberge, Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council
SECONDER:	Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
FOR:	Bussieres, Hunter, Evancio, McGrath, Mywaart, Furber, Theberge

4. Presentation

4.1. Darline Reid, Area Manager Seniors Health, Alberta Health Services re: Willow Square Update

Entrance

Joan Furber and Luana Bussieres joined the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Darline Reid, Area Manager, Seniors Health, Alberta Health Services, provided an update, stating the expected date for residents to move in is May 2021.

It was agreed that the Committee would assist in coordinating tours for seniors and that Willow Square may be able to host an open house before the doors open to residents.

Entrance

Councillor, Keith McGrath, joined the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Discussion occurred with respect to the inclusion of Indigenous art features, Treaty 8 and Metis land recognition and naming recognition for the seniors/elders that were instrumental in the conception of Willow Square. Darline Reid confirmed that there is government signage that recognizes Treaty 8 and Metis territory, and art work that recognizes the overall culture of the region.

Action Item:

Administration to liaise with Darline Reid on obtaining information on a naming recognition process.

Exit and Return

Luana Bussieres exited the meeting at 1:47 p.m. and rejoined at 1:49 p.m.

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1. Age Friendly Working Group re: Age Friendly Work Plan Update

Luana Bussieres, Committee Member, and Martin Byaruhanga, Social Planner, Community and Protective Services, provided an update on the Age Friendly Work Plan, and its alignment with the eight domains under the World Health Organization. It was noted that the next steps which involve incorporating the strategies and proposed actions will proceed and be brought back to the Committee at the April meeting.

Following discussions and with consensus of the Committee, it was agreed that the Committee will move their presentation to Council from April 13, 2021 to May 25, 2021.

Action Item

Administration to bring forward the complete list of requests to support the work plan to the next meeting.

5.2. Carolyn Evancio re: Seniors COVID-19 Vaccination

Carolyn Evancio, Committee Member, provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination for seniors noting that St. Aiden's booked and transported 350 seniors over the age of 75 to vaccination clinics.

5.3. Action Log

All action items are ongoing

5.4. Information Updates

Exit

Cr. Keith McGrath, left the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Carol Theberge, Committee Member, suggested inviting the Advisory Committee on Aging Committee to the Health Advisory Committee Meeting on March 31, 2021 for an opportunity to explore age friendly topics.

The Public Works department was recognized and thanked for the transportation that was provided for Seniors to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Chair