

Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging held via electronic communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, February 10, 2022, commencing at 1:00 PM

Present:

Henry Hunter, Wood Buffalo Housing
Denise Wilkinson, Senior At Large - Urban
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
Ken Saunderson, Golden Years Society
Ken Ball, Councillor

Absent:

Luana Bussieres, St. Aidan's House Society
Darline Reid, Alberta Health Services

Administration:

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Legislative Services
Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Acting Manager, Community and Protective Services
Martin Byaruhanga, Acting Supervisor, Community and Protective Services
Caitlin Sheaves, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1. MOTION:

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

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

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting – January 13, 2022

THAT the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Aging meeting held on January 13, 2022 be approved as presented.

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

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Age-Friendly Work Plan Updates

Working Group Update:

Chair Henry Hunter advised that the Working Group has met regularly to discuss and update the stakeholders list, it was further noted that progress is being made on a communications plan.

Snow Angels Program:

Chair Henry Hunter relayed a message on behalf of Committee Member Luana Bussieres suggesting that the committee recommend a review of the Snow Angels Program be undertaken to provide an analysis of current community participation, to determine deficiencies, and enhance the age friendly aspects of the program.

Martin Byaruhanga, Acting Supervisor, Community and Protective Services, provided an overview of the Snow Angels Program, including volunteer recruitment, communications statistics, and next steps including enhancing communications, volunteer appreciation and program evaluation.

MOTION:

THAT the Committee supports administrative review of the Snow Angels Program and bring it back to the Committee for review

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

4.2. Seniors' Week 2022

Chair Henry Hunter advised that Seniors Week will be taking place from June 6 - 12, 2022 and Elder Abuse Day is June 15, 2022. It was requested that administration submit a proclamation request for both Seniors Week and Elder Abuse Day, additionally committee members noted that they would like to see ACoA and the RMWB support a Seniors Week event.

Action Item:

1. Administration to submit a proclamation request for Seniors Week and Elder Abuse Day.
2. Administration and Legislative Services will collaborate on options for hosting or supporting a Seniors Week event and bring it back to the Committee.

4.3. Alberta Age-Friendly Community of Practice: Housing Webinar Series

Martin Byaruhanga, Acting Supervisor, Community and Protective Services advised that the Alberta Age-Friendly Community of Practice has prepared a series of housing webinars, with several sessions being held between February and June 2022. Sessions are intended to increase and acknowledge housing options that are available to seniors in various communities.

4.4. Administrative Updates

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Acting Manager, Community and Protective Services provided an update on the Accessibility Audit noting that the funding was approved for the project, and once administration has defined the scope of work for the working group they can begin to meet.

Deanne Bergey, Director Community and Protective Services further noted that they will be reaching out to and working with various businesses in the Community to ensure the Accessibility Audit is a broad project and not limited to only municipal facilities.

4.5. Action Log

Martin Byaruhanga, Acting Supervisor, Community and Protective Services, provided a brief overview of the action log noting that Emergency Social Services will bring forward a presentation to the Committee regarding the Vulnerable Persons Registry at the next committee meeting.

4.6. Information Updates

Carolyn Evancio, Committee Member, provided an update on behalf of the Seniors Resource Committee (SRC) noting there were some identified issues within mobility supports for seniors and that clarification has been provided by Willow Square Continuing Care Facility on how the process of providing mobility aids to seniors can be improved.

It was further noted that the SRC held discussions around seniors' recognition and have invited the ACoA to provide a letter of support to YMM Magazine requesting the addition of a Seniors Recognition feature to their magazine similar to the Top 50 under 50 feature.

MOTION:

THAT the Chair write a letter of support on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Aging to YMM magazine supporting the addition of a Seniors Recognition feature in their magazine.

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

Chair Henry Hunter provided an update on behalf of Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation noting that he recently met with the local MLA regarding the pursuit of funding for a Seniors Housing Master Plan, and a letter will be written to the Minister of Seniors and Housing as well as Mayor and Council.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Chair