



**R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home
Council of Residents Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 26, 2025

Resident's Present: Jane Gorman - via FaceTime (Co-Chair), Ann MacDonald, Catherine MacGillivray, Glen Smith, Kathleen Chisholm and Wanda Grace.

Staff Present: Mary Partridge (Recreation, Co-Chair), Michelle Tinio (Clinical Services), Kalli MacDonald (Dietary), Mark Chisholm (Environmental), Terry MacIntyre (CEO)

Resident Council began the meeting with a pause to honour two of our regular resident Council members who have recently passed away.

Item	Topic	Discussion / Required Actions	Owner	Due
	1.1 Door Access	Brought forward from last meetings – doors to the main dining room were closing too quickly when people are walking through. Update from Mark Chisholm – Door company was here and adjusted the timing. Door seems to be working properly now.	Environmental	Resolved
	1.2 Garden Doors access	The door fobs are ordered and confirmation will be needed to confirm they work for all outer doors. A walk-through will happen and reported on at next meeting.	CEO and Environmental	Next meeting
2.0 Resident Feedback/Concerns	2.1	Resident states that all is good, it's a lovely place.		
	2.2	Several Resident states that they have no questions, all is OK.		
	2.3	Resident states she is impressed by how good all is.		
	2.4	Resident says he is the 'new guy' and is just listening this time.		
	2.6	Resident re-states that 'Canada is not for Sale'-see April calendar for events.		

	2.7	Resident wants to find out what the process will be re: elections – Cathy in front office will have this information.		
3. Departmental Reports	3.1 CEO	New Build update: the general contractor will be announced end of March. The RK Foundation has provided funds for a KFC or McDonald's supper, a Lobster supper, Mother's Day and Father's Day treats and Family Fun Day. They have also funded three summer student positions. This will help support Resident's mobility and getting outside. Family Council wish to share that families are always welcome.	Terry MacIntyre	
	3.2 Food Services	Not really much to update this month. We had our Kinsmen St. Paddy's Day McDonald's meal with fries and a milkshake. Pictures were taken and everyone had a great meal. Does anyone have any questions or concerns about the menu? Feedback is always welcome. We are looking at some summer-themed dinners – i.e.: Pub Night. Suggestions welcome.	Kalli MacDonald	
	3.3 Environmental	Environmental Dept. getting ready for the good weather – sun and warm weather. The lawn furniture will be going out for family and residents to get out and enjoy it. The Capitol Equipment requests for this year: more ceiling lifts and more adjustable tables for residents. Also a vending with nutritional snacks and blanket warmers for Tanglewood and Maple Ridge. We should hear about approval by June. Answer to Resident question re: heating pads, hot pack machine (hydroculator) in physio not working – the company will be coming to fix it soon.	Mark Chisholm	
	3.4 Recreation	Despite some illness in the building, there were loads of programming and events that happened in the Home in March. Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes with Fr. Andrew Boyd	Mary Partridge	

	<p>Music with Tyke Wallace – 5 days a week – rotating through various care areas of the Home.</p> <p>Music with Brent MacLean – here often & Saturdays</p> <p>Music with newcomer to the home Kevin Decoste – who has been really well received and will join us again very soon.</p> <p>Art with Emily on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings, Susan Walsh is here weekly to facilitate Story Telling Workshop</p> <p>And, Special programming included this Month was AHA! Funded Dance for Parkinson’s Program 1x weekly in the Chapel with Dance for Parkinson’s Dance for NS trained facilitator – Olivia Rossong. That program will be wrapping up on Monday of next week – the 31st but we hope that we will be able to welcome Olivia back again very soon. And, there are three more opportunities to join the group – this afternoon at 2:15, tomorrow at 2:00 and Monday for the finale at 1:30. Tyke will join Olivia for Monday’s class – and all are held in Chapel.</p> <p>Mass continued every Friday in March. United Church Services – 2x – once with Rev. Heather Manuel & Rev. Peter Smith.</p> <p>Lots of special programming with Service Learning Students & groups – held in March. Visiting Highschool students & Community living class 3-4 x monthly.</p> <p>April – will be an exciting month as Spring has arrived.</p> <p>Jane will speak to some planning for the month of April that will celebrate All Things Canadian.</p> <p>April is Volunteer Month – and we will be doing a huge shout out to our many many volunteers who give so freely of their time to support RK residents.</p> <p>April will include all kinds of musical programming, art, Canadian themed programming, and hopefully getting outside and enjoying some spring sun shiny days! And, some new baby goat and sheep visits.</p> <p>Easter Spiritual Events are being planned – Good Friday Service at 10:30 on April 18th with Fr. Andrew Boyd and Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 on</p>		
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		<p>Easter Sunday – 10:30. Van outings – hopefully – to be able to get out and enjoy some scenic drives, etc... We welcome any ideas that you have for programming! And, April will include the wrapping up of our songwriting album (a little more recording of resident singers & art work workshop for the album cover) with Laura Teasdale & Justin Gregg. And, then a date will be made for a celebratory album launch.</p>		
	3.5 Clinical Services	<p>There are some changes in the department with new staff. We couldn't get a social worker and instead a Resident Support Facilitator will begin by end of April. This will be to support Residents and families. There is a relocation of nurses. There will be a nurse overseeing in each care area. These will be RN's Olivia, Karen, Charlene and Sonia. NSCC and STFX students have been helping during their placements. If anyone has any questions, please reach out.</p>	Michelle Tinio	
5.0 Date of Next Meeting:		11 AM – April 30th, 2025	Location: Rhubarb Patch	
6.0 Adjournment		Time: 11:45 AM		

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