



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

Date: April 30, 2025

Resident's Present: Jane Gorman (Co-Chair), Ann MacDonald, Audrey LaFountain, Arnold Pelly, Gerard MacLellan, Diane Delorey, Patsy Fenton, John MacKenzie

Staff Present: Mary Partridge (Recreation, Co-Chair), Lee Kelly (Clinical Services), Kalli MacDonald (Dietary), Mark Chisholm (Environmental), Clara Wood (Recreation)

Item	Topic	Discussion / Required Actions	Owner	Due
1.1 Safety	1.1 Door Access	Brought forward from last meetings – doors to the main dining room were closing too quickly. Door seems to be working properly now. The double set of doors in the front lobby are closing too quickly. Mark and Jane will check this out and	Environmental	Next meeting
	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	STFX Students – Wrapped up their school year in April 2025 – we have some students who were with us that will be graduating but there will be some who will return with us in the Fall! Yeah! And, then we will welcome some new folks from the University in the	Mary Partridge	

	<p>Fall, 2025. New Volunteers – we do have some applications trickling in – and they will go through the orientation process and get started. We have a new Volunteer Brochure that was created by our – on staff person – Alexa – who is also graduating from Kinetics at STFX in May, 2025. She created our brochure as a class project and we will printing those off and sharing them around as part of our volunteer recruitment efforts.</p> <p>Children’s Place Visits – continuing most weeks – on Wednesday mornings. Having opportunity for both residents and the children to work together on Nature based projects – they are loving it – today they were planting seeds for Milkweed – which have been stratified in the fridge all winter – in preparation for planting. Milkweed is food for Monarch butterflies....Butter fly ranger stuff. Outdoor Garden Season – preparations for. Fixing up some of the beds. Soil amendments to the raised beds – compost. New raised beds for Cobblestone and Thistledown. And, Mary talking to Holly re: adding strawberries to Eric’s garden in the existing bed.</p> <p>Memorial Service will be held in chapel followed by reception in the MDR– Celebrating the life of Residents who have died from November 01, 2025 – April 30, 2025 – will be held in chapel at 6:30 pm. Invitations will be going out to families this week. All are welcome.</p> <p>Red & White Casual today – All Things Canadian Month! Celebrations of music, food, casual days this month. And, we will be taking a group photo of everyone wanting to participate this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the MDR. Please join us!</p>		
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	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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