



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

Date: August 20, 2025

Residents Present: Annie Gillis, Mae Gaudreau, John MacKenzie, Shirley Bertrand, Arnold Pelly, Glen Smith

Staff Present: Mary Partridge (Recreation, Co-Chair), Brenda Borden (Clinical Services), Chelsey MacIsaac (Clinical Services), Damian Welsh (Environmental)

Item	Topic	Discussion / Required Actions	Owner	Due
1.1 Safety	1.1 Door Access	Brought forward from last meetings – The doors to the main dining room are still closing too quickly. – The Royal Door Co. was here and replacement parts are on order. The motor is losing compression and the adjustment doesn't last.	Environmental	Next meeting
2.0 Resident Feedback/Concerns	2.1	Resident requests better quality paper products –Follow-up requested about Kleenex. (The toilet paper issue has been addressed).	Environmental	Next meeting
	2.2	Resident requests that the breaded chicken not be fried so hard. Makes it too hard to eat.	Dietary	Next meeting
	2.3	Resident says she is taking a quiet day, no questions.		
	2.4	Resident says they agree, quiet day and no comments.		
	2.6	Resident says they will pass on questions and feedback this time.		
3. Departmental Reports	3.1 CEO	No update available.		

	3.2 Food Services	No update available.		
	3.2 Environmental	Not a lot to report today. Lots of little jobs getting done, following up on the door concerns, nothing major these days. We need rain for the gardens and to be able to lift the water restrictions. There is a lot of wind coming this weekend to be ready for otherwise it is business as usual. When repair requests come in we keep fixing them,	Damian Welsh	
	3.3 Recreation	Gardens are continuing to grow despite the drought. Residents, staff and families have enjoyed some produce – (beans, lettuce, red currants, etc.) Hoping that we will still have some harvest days ahead. Some of the grapes are ready and will be picked today and served so that residents can enjoy them. We will keep you posted. We are working with STFX to have Service Learning students with us 5 days a week in the Fall for individual service – 20 hours over 10 weeks of the semester plus 4 large group events set for the months of October and November. Orientation for these students will happen on the 19 th of September and they will start their volunteer service the following week. The Car Show is this Saturday, the 23rd from 2-4pm and all residents, staff and families are encouraged to head out to enjoy this wonderful annual event. Club Bingos – working the schedule – Lions will return on the 17 th of September in the main dining room. Knights of Columbus will be back Thursday October 23 at 6:30pm in the evening. Music, music and more music – will continue as often as we can. Creative	Mary Partridge	

		Arts Programming happening in The Rhubarb Patch – Storytelling with Susan every Wednesday and Open Art Studio with Emily Tuesdays and Wednesdays.		
	3.4 Clinical Services	Brenda is new in the CCA Lead role and no other updates today. Last week staff had two days of training about palliative care. This training will be available to all staff and the will have opportunity to learn more about palliative care. This will be introduced as people move into the home with conversation about the palliative care journey. You are encouraged to ask questions about this shift of approach.	Brenda Borden Chelsey MacIsaac	
5.0 Date of Next Meeting: 11 AM – September 24th, 2025 Location: Rhubarb Patch				
6.0 Adjournment		Time: 11:30 AM		

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