



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

Date: May 28, 2025

Resident's Present: Jane Gorman (Co-Chair), Ann MacDonald, Arnold Pelly, Gerard MacLellan, Florence Farrell, Annie Gillis, George Irish, Sarah Melanson, Catherine MacGillivray, Wanda Grace

Staff Present: Mary Partridge (Recreation, Co-Chair), Christina Borden (Clinical Services), Chelsey MacIsaac (Clinical Services), Kalli MacDonald (Dietary), Jillian (Dietary Intern), Tammy Ryan (Environmental)

Item	Topic	Discussion / Required Actions	Owner	Due
1.1 Safety	1.1 Door Access	Brought forward from last meetings – The double set of doors in the front lobby are still closing too quickly. The doors to the 3Bs garden also close too quickly for some residents who need more time.	Environmental	Next meeting
	1.2 Garden Doors access	The door fobs arrived but there are still access issues with the 3Bs garden and the Veggie garden. Some Residents continue to have issues getting back indoors.	CEO Clinical Services and Environmental	Next meeting
	1.3 Elevator Doors	Resident says she got stuck in the elevator one time and had to wait a while. Check on location of emergency button.	Environmental	Next meeting
2.0 Resident Feedback/Concerns	2.1	Resident states that all is good, it's a lovely place. And to make sure and have a look at all the tomato plants being grown and cared for by the Residents.		
	2.2	Several Resident states that they have no questions, all is OK.		
	2.3	Resident states her Dad lived here and it is a very good place.		

	2.4	Resident says she got stuck in the elevator one time and had to wait a while. This will be moved to Safety section. Discussion was held about checking accessibility of emergency buttons.		
	2.5	Resident asks when water feature and birdbath will be taken care of in the 3Bs garden.	Environmental	Next meeting
	2.6	Resident states that the font on staff name tags is too small and hard to read.	HR	Next meeting
3. Departmental Reports	3.1 CEO	No update available.		
	3.2 Food Services	Introduction to Jillian who is doing her Dietary Internship at the RK. She will be here several weeks. Kalli and Jillian went to an education day in late May where they tried some new food and chatted and shared knowledge with others in the field. You will see more summer-friendly items on the menu now – including potato salad, coleslaw, hamburgers and chicken burgers. A new product, breaded hake has been well received. Also the citrus herb blend for the breaded cod. Tuna pasta salad is new and mac and tomato instead of plain mac and cheese. There will be some different takes on sandwiches, trying some different ways – i.e.: the mini-croissant with soup. Jillian and Kalli will pop by to get feedback on new items. Jillian will be doing surveys to ask if you are enjoying the service, any improvements needed, or happy with it.	Kalli MacDonald	
	3.3 Environmental	We are gearing up for summer and the lawn furniture is out. There will be a BBQ in each area this summer. The ACs will be going in soon. There is a back-up generator in place while fixing the old one.	Tamm6y Ryan	
	3.4 Clinical	We will be getting more nursing staff and this will be for all shifts,	Christina	

	Services	both day and night shifts. These new positions will be starting soon. The STFX students are doing placements and some will be working as casual for the summer. Christina introduced Chelsey in her new position of Resident Support Facilitator. Chelsey worked here previously in the Recreation Dept. She will support new residents upon admission, help the family and residents – if there is a concern, help you figure out who to see. Her office is on the 1 st floor. Come and chat with her anytime.	Borden and Chelsey MacIsaac	
	3.4 Recreation	Lots happening in the month of May – music, Bingo, Open Art Studio, Story Telling workshops, Mother’s Day Room-to-Room treats, our final Lion’s Club Bingo of the season – they will be back in the fall. They provide all the prizes and volunteers – a great community partner. Bill Grover and Friends came back in May – they had some illness in winter months – now here 2 times monthly. The Memorial Service was held on the evening of May 20 th . Laura Teasdale and Susan Walsh teamed up to work with Resident artists and song writing crew to create the album cover for the Song Writing Project. The album launch to happen in June. May 29 th will be the 1 st in a series of 4 films shown in the main dining room – partnering with the Seniors for Climate Change – ending with a storytelling workshop with Susan. Club Bingo May 31 with West River 4-H, Care Van outings, gardening, Butterfly Ranger activities including planting milkweed with Children’s Place daycare. Please let us know if you have any ideas for activities you would like to do.	Mary Partridge	

5.0 Date of Next Meeting:	11 AM – June 25, 2025	Location: Rhubarb Patch
6.0 Adjournment	Time: 11:45 AM	

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