



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

Date: September 25, 2025

Residents Present: Anne Gillis, Catherine MacGillivray, John MacKenzie, Shirley Bertrand, Arnold Pelly, Donald Julian

Staff Present: Mary Partridge (Recreation, Co-Chair), Lee Kelly (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 - the motor is losing compression – pricing on new compressor is extremely high. Discussion was held that will bring a workable solution.	Environmental	
2.0 Resident Feedback/Concerns	2.1	Resident requests information about the dental office and when it will be in operation. Clinical Services representative Lee Kelly gave update: there was a significant delay in equipment but all is now ready. Next step is finalizing the paperwork for the Federal funding. Very soon a dental hygienist will be taking appointments.	Clinical Services	
	2.2	Resident asked if a massage therapist could come to the RK and Residents could make appointments.	Clinical Services	Next meeting
	2.3	Resident says she has no questions today, listening today.		
	2.4	Resident says it's been good today and has no comments.		
	2.6	Resident asked about the PA system and if the volume can be louder. Also if the announcements can be repeated so people get the full message.		

3. Departmental Reports	3.1 CEO	No update available.		
	3.2 Clinical Services	Clinical Services department is evolving. The two new CCA leads are Emily Robinson (upstairs) and Brenda Borden (downstairs). They help coordinate the CCAs, help in scheduling and with care assignments. This is a focus shift, previously the nurses did this. You will begin to hear more about palliative care in our language. It is more that death and dying. It really defines our roles as specialists in geriatrics – our way of geriatrics in nursing. We engaged SPA (Strengthening Palliative Approach) for education that we will adapt and help in our communication, dialog, dealing with grief, talking it out in our language as more than end of life. Education is ongoing for staff, residents and families. Staffing: the RN/LPN complement is filled. We do have 75 CCA positions with 17 vacancies. We have 29 people in the RPL program, learning on the job. 7 new hires are expected in October.	Lee Kelly	
	3.3 Food Services	New fall items will be incorporated into the menu. Feedback is invited. The issue brought to last meeting about the breaded chicken being too hard has been addressed. The cooks have been coached about cooking it so it is softer and moister. Always good to have a quality check. Feedback is very important regarding the menu and food quality. Let us know when you have any issues.	Damien Welsh (for Kalli MacDonald)	
	3.4 Environmental	Project updates: the dryer in Cobblestone has been replaced with a new, topnotch model. The floors, also in Cobblestone have been fixed. We still have two dishwashers in Cobblestone and	Damian Welsh	

		Thistledown to be fixed. This is being looked into and hopefully will be purchased soon. We have had no major weather events (hurricanes) yet this fall. Business as usual. Please bring any concerns you may have.		
	3.5 Recreation	<p>STFX Students –we have several students returning this year – who were with us last year or the year before along with 10 Service Learning Students (STFX) which is part of their course outline – which brings them here with us 10 weeks – 2 hours a week. There will also be four large events held over October and November months – where we will have any average 10-15 per event. These are additional Students – who sign up for these special events.</p> <p>High School Students – have returned with teacher – Suzi Synishin. We had a terrific Karaoke Party this Monday past – 34 students – and they will be back on Monday, October 06th for Bingo Morning.</p> <p>Children’s Place Visits – will be resuming in October, 2025.</p> <p>Memorial Service will be held in November – on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>September– we continued to have Open Art Studio with Emily in the RP, Storytelling with Susan, harvesting and baking, Bingo, Van Outings (Simply Ducky, Keppoch), various music programs including Bill Grover & Friends, Brent MacLean, Kevin Decoste, Tyke Wallace, and we will have Wes Croxen returning to play on Saturday, October 04, 2025 – 2:00 in the Main Dining Room.</p> <p>October will be filled with Thanksgiving & Halloween Events – we will keep you posted! We always welcome your ideas and suggestions!</p>	Mary Partridge	

5.0 Date of Next Meeting: 11 AM – October 29th, 2025 Location: Rhubarb Patch				
6.0 Adjournment		Time: 11:30 AM		

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