



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

Date: October 29, 2025

Residents Present: Anne Gillis, Shirley Bertrand, Donnie Julian, Audrey LaFontaine, Ann MacDonald, Glen Smith,

Staff Present: Mary Partridge (Recreation, Co-Chair), Lee Kelly (Clinical Services), Chelsey MacIsaac (Clinical Services), Kalli MacDonald (Dietary), Damian Welsh (Environmental)

Item	Topic	Discussion / Required Actions	Owner	Due
1.1 Safety		No safety issues brought forward at this time.		
2.0 Resident Feedback/Concerns	2.1	Resident suggested that we at the RK have a conversation about reaching out and offering a helping hand to a staff member who has had some difficult personal circumstances.	RK Team – Recreation will look into this idea and bring to the RK Team	Next Meeting
	2.2	Resident asks if the paper products can be looked at. The current paper towels are too thin and don't hold up.	Environmental	
	2.3	Resident says she has no questions at this moment.		
	2.4	Resident says it's all good right now.		
3. Departmental Reports	3.1 CEO	No update available.		
	3.2 Dietary	No specific update today. The floor is open to talk about the menu, food services and any feedback is always appreciated by	Kalli MacDonald	

		the food services team. This feedback or questions can take place in a group like this or a one-to-one conversation.		
	3.3 Environmental	Not a lot to report today. We are preparing for winter – putting outdoor furniture away, removing tree branches, and preparing for the forecasted bad weather on Friday. Town of Antigonish may move Halloween celebrations to Friday. Quite a bit of rain and wind is expected. We will be ‘storm ready’. The external generator is ready if it is needed. The project for the internal generator is well underway with financing approved. We have had ongoing plumbing issues in some areas of the Home. Please report any issues if you notice any. My door is open and you can pop in anytime.	Damian Welsh	
	3.4 Recreation, Spiritual Care and Volunteer Services	October has been a busy month with many seasonal celebrations, Thanksgiving and Halloween events. We continue to have lots of musicians with gatherings both in the neighbourhoods and in the main dining room. This afternoon is Pumpkin Carving with the STFX Service Learning students, with more to come. These student volunteers have many times over the years told us stories of how important their volunteer time here is. Meeting and getting to know Residents here at the RK, has even influenced career paths and brought joy to many. The Wednesday and Friday services and mass in the chapel continue. Coming in November will be Remembrance Day service with Legion members and on November 18 th the Memorial Service will take place. The November calendar will be printed soon with all the details.	Mary partridge	

	3.2 Clinical Services	Follow up from the last minutes about the dental office – It will be opening in mid-November. The charge nurses will coordinate the appointments. Re: the massage therapist coming to RK – we now have a location and a table to use and are in process of contacting massage therapists. More update to follow on that. Staffing update – we currently have thirteen CCA vacancies (the number is down from last month) and are working hard to close the gap. There is such a demand for CCAs everywhere. In response to a Resident question about finding a CCA when no one is around – there should always be someone there. Sometimes they may be giving care in another Resident’s room and if that is the case, the green light should be on.	Lee Kelly	
5.0 Date of Next Meeting: 11 am – November 26th, 2025			Location: Rhubarb Patch	
6.0 Adjournment	Time: 11:40 am			

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