



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

Date: January 28, 2026

Residents Present: Catherine MacGillivray, Anne Gillis, Shirley Bertrand, Arnold Pelly, Gerard MacLellan, Florence Farrell, Claire Bond, Todd Falkenham, Margaret Decoste

Staff Present: Mary Partridge (Recreation, Co-Chair), Terry MacIntyre (CEO), Brenda Borden (Clinical Services) Chelsey MacIsaac (Clinical Services), Colin MacEachern (Clinical Services/Rehab)

Item	Topic	Discussion / Required Actions	Owner	Due
1.1 Safety		Question about front door access from the outside after 8pm, was brought back to the meeting. Travana is looking at having the outside buzzers going to the phone system to ensure quicker response time. No update available at time of this meeting.	Environmental/CEO	Next meeting
2.0 Resident Feedback/Concerns	2.1	Brought forward from last meeting - Resident asked about staffing and break times when it sometimes appears there is no one around, even though staff are doing care in Resident rooms. Staff have been reminded to use green lights above Resident doors during care. There will also be a note on the board re: staff breaks. This will be brought up at clinical staff huddle.	Clinical Services	

	2.2	Residents states they are pleased to be here with the group and have no complaints at this time. However hearing aids are not working.	Clinical Services	Next meeting
	2.3	Resident stated that as far as they are concerned, all is fine.		
	2.4	Resident says that so far they have no questions but will read the minutes and ask then.		
	2.5	Resident asks if we can have more bingo	Recreation	
	2.6	Resident asks if events can be posted well ahead, as early as possible so they are aware of what is happening. Also request for the monthly recreation calendar – include a key for the abbreviations used to make sure all know where things are happening.	Recreation Recreation	
3. Departmental Reports				
	3.1 CEO	The 3-way stop at Pleasant and Victoria Streets. Will be put in place in the spring. This will help reduce the speed of vehicles going past the RK. PCL will bring a power point presentation to the main dining room in mid-February to show progress on the New Build. There will be photos and drone videos so we will get a unique perspective of progress at the site.	Terry MacIntyre	
	3.2 Dietary	There is no update available		

	<p>3.3 Environmental</p>	<p>Damian was unavailable for the meeting but has sent his update: We have hired a part time administrative dietitian who will be help Kalli with several key initiatives, great things to come! Brand New Generator has been successfully installed and will be commissioned tomorrow, so we will be safe and warm in the event of any power outages! Lots of snow and the maintenance team is working hard to ensure the walkways and emergency exits are cleared and safe for you folks As always, feel free to bring your concerns and comments forward, your feedback is much appreciated.</p>	<p>Damian Welsh</p>	
	<p>3.4 Recreation, Spiritual Care and Volunteer Services</p>	<p>After the Christmas clean-up, January was a busy month with many Recreation programs like baking, spa afternoons, balloon fun, room-to-room treats, music, YouTube video parties and much more. Mass and other services continued in the chapel. See our February calendar to see what is in store. Service Learning STFX student volunteers have returned. Group orientation for them on January 28th. Bill Grover will be here 2 times this month along with music with Brent MacLean, Tyke Wallace and Mary</p>	<p>Mary partridge</p>	

		<p>Beth Carty. There will be large group Service Learning events happening – Valentine Cookie decorating and Tea party and a Tropical Karaoke Party. Bingos with service clubs continue – Lions Club, Kinsmen, KOC and West River 4-H Club. The High-school students will be visiting for Valentine’s Day. With a generous donation from the Kinsmen Club we will have a special supper in February – more details to come. Please welcome all our new volunteers when they arrive. We always welcome your suggestions and if we can make it happen, we will do our very best!</p>		
	3.2 Clinical Services	<p>With the stormy weather some days there have been lower numbers of CCAs. But in February several new CCAs from NSCC will be arriving to do their placement here and we hope some will stay on to work with us.</p> <p>A reminder of the resident support facilitator role, to support residents and families i.e.: helping with the earlier question regarding hearing aids – here to help you, talk to you in private or about something sensitive. My office is on the 1st floor. Come and chat. Any conversation will be confidential unless permission is given to share.</p>	<p>Brenda Borden</p> <p>Chelsey MacIsaac</p>	

5.0 Date of Next Meeting: meeting moved from the usual last Wednesday in December due to holidays. It will take place at 11 am – February 25, 2026 Location: Rhubarb Patch				
6.0 Adjournment		Time: 11:45 am		

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