



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

Date: June 24, 2026

Residents Present: Ann MacDonald, Wanda Grace, Regis Kell, Arnold Pelly, Glen Smith, Mike MacIntosh

Staff Present: Mary Partridge (Recreation, Spiritual Care & Volunteer Services (Co-Chair), Brenda Borden (Clinical Services), Terry MacIntyre (CEO), Kalli MacDonald (Dietary)

Item	Topic	Discussion / Required Actions	Owner	Due
1.1 Safety		Resident stated that the front door being locked in evenings is still an issue. There is not always a response when the bell or buzzer is used or sometimes the response takes a long time. CEO response - We are not funded for a security person to be at the front of the building and Clinical staff will be reminded about the buzzer protocol.		

	2.1	Resident asks why there is no security person on duty and also what is the policy if a negative situation arises in evening or overnight. – Information was provided that the licensed staff person is responsible for dealing with what may arise in a scenario like this. More information was requested. Also requested - what is the policy during a bad storm? Does a manager stay on site along with maintenance staff? CEO response- There is an Annual Risk Assessment completed and the RCMP are involved in this. Thankfully we do not have a high level of risk in the community to warrant a security guard at the front. We have a Code White if there is a dangerous person in the facility We have a Code Silver safety plan as well We have a Storm Policy: this outlines overnight accommodations for staff, food services provided, etc. It is activated 2 days before anticipated storm		
	2.2	There were no resident safety concerns and no resident concerns or feedback for departmental representatives for this month's meeting.		
	2.3	Discussion in May about the RK songwriting project. Suggestion made to play the CD over channel 1885. Recreation team are scheduled to meet with Laura around the logistics of getting more CDs and being able to play the CD building wide.		

		Discussion was had on perhaps trialling the CD playing on TV in one of the care areas. Music Care National Conference in Halifax will be highlight the RK Song Writing Project and CD production.		
	2.4	Resident asked about beverage choices for summer months. Lemonade and other summer beverages will be available over summer months.		
3. Departmental Reports	3.1 CEO	Some staff went up to the grounds of the new facility for a tour. They were able to go into part of the building on the third floor and see the nice view from up there Waiting on drivers to be able to take folks up for a loop around the grounds. Another site visit is planned for September Building is going to be weather tight by December There will be a room done up with furniture etc. so that folks can see the layout. At the next Resident Council meeting there will be a Power Point presentation on the new building	Terry MacIntyre	

	3.2 Dietary	Canada Day is next Wednesday; burgers, salads and a special dessert is on the menu Ongoing improvements to recipes and testing of recipes is always occurring behind the scenes in Food Service All feedback is welcome re: food and menu items and Kalli will make changes as needed Hydration is very important for both residents and staff. A reminder to folks to ensure they are staying hydrated as we approach the summer months. Staff have required education on hydration that they complete every year. Kalli posted new hydration signage in all care areas as reminders of the importance of hydration. Dietary team continues to onboard new dietary staff, you may see some new faces in the department. They will continue to get to know residents and orient themselves to the facility.	Kalli MacDonald	
	3.3 Environmental	Health Inspector and Licensing Officer were here recently and no deficiencies were noted. Fire Marshall was here to complete 3-year check-up. There were some items that need to be addressed such as preventative maintenance and moving of some items that are not meeting code requirements.	Terry MacIntyre	

	3.4 Recreation, Spiritual Care and Volunteer Services	Residents are busy in the gardens this month, stop by and check out their hard work. We had two events sharing RK Resident gardener's plants with staff, with more to come. June was filled with lots of music with Tyke Wallace, Bill Grover and Friends and also our other valued musical performers. The service clubs will be taking a break from Bingos for the summer months. Our little friends from Children's Place Daycare had their last visit before their break for the summer. Mass will continue weekly on Fridays and United Church services 2 times monthly. The hens arrived in June – go out to the Veggie garden and visit them. Lots of other programming will be happening with two special events: Highland Games Parade July 11th and Family Fun Afternoon July 26 th . We always welcome your suggestions and if we can make it happen, we will do our very best!	Mary Partridge	
	3.5 Clinical Services	The CCA staffing compliment is good right now. There will be more causal staff (ex: StFX students) covering shifts throughout the summer. These will be new faces to folks. The RK continues to support SPA-LTC (Strengthening Palliative Approach in Long Term Care)	Brenda Borden	
4.0 Date of Next Meeting: It will take place at 11 am – July 22, 2026 Location: TBA				
5.0 Adjournment		Time: 11:30 am		

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