

Minutes of a Meeting of the Seniors' Advisory Committee held in the Douglas Cardinal Boardroom and remotely via Zoom, on the above date at 6:30 p.m.

Present

Councillor Hughes
S. Brown
S. Clemens
G. Ewert
C. Ferstay
S. Friedenthal
L. Jack – via Zoom

Absent

A. Urbina

Staff

T. Boonstra, Staff Liaison
R. McDonald, Legislative Officer

Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

T. Boonstra, Staff Liaison, assumed the role of Chair and called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., read the Treaty Acknowledge Statement and welcomed committee members and staff in attendance.

Round Table Introductions

A round table of introductions occurred.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

T. Boonstra called for nominations for the position of Seniors' Advisory Committee Chair for the 2025 term.

S. Clemens nominated S. Brown. S. Brown accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations for the position of Chair, S. Brown was declared elected Chair of the Seniors' Advisory Committee by acclamation for the 2025 term.

T. Boonstra called for nominations for the for the position of Vice Chair for the Seniors' Advisory Committee 2025 term.

S. Clemens nominated L. Jack. L. Jack accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations for the position of Vice Chair, L. Jack was declared elected Vice Chair of the Seniors' Advisory Committee by acclamation for the 2025 term.

T. Boonstra relinquished the role of Chair to S. Brown.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair declared the January 15, 2025 agenda adopted as amended with the addition of item Sub-Committees Update.

Adoption of Minutes

The Chair declared the minutes of November 20, 2024, adopted as presented.

Review of SAC 2024

S. Clemens provided highlights from the final report provided as an attachment in the January 15, 2025 Agenda Package.

Moved by S. Friedenthal

That the Seniors Advisory Committee 2024 Annual Report be approved as amended and be presented at the February 4, 2025, City Council meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Setting SAC Priorities for 2025

The Committee discussed the Seniors' Advisory Committee meeting schedule and priorities for 2025.

Moved by C. Ferstay

That the Seniors' Advisory Committee approve the following priorities for 2025:

- Continue with the Elders/ Seniors Service Awards Program.
- Provide input on Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability.
- Seniors' Advisory Committee Bylaw review.
- Understand seniors and seniors' issues in the City of St. Albert through participation in community groups, educational sessions and reviewing statistical data.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024 Census Report Brief Review & Discussion

G. Ewert provided highlights from the 2024 Census Report provided to the Committee from St. Albert's Municipal Census held in the spring of 2024.

Update from Council

Councillor Hughes provided the Committee with updates from recent Council meetings.

Update from Staff Liaison

T. Boonstra confirmed the meeting being held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability meeting. Seniors' Advisory Committee members are needed for input.

T. Boonstra updated the Committee with the status of the Seniors & Elders Service Awards Program.

T. Boonstra reminded members of the Seniors Housing Presentation being held January 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the Douglas Cardinal Boardroom.

Seniors' Week Working Group led by the Seniors Centre and City of St. Albert are starting to meet monthly on Thursday afternoons to coordinate cross city events and activities.

Sub-Committees Update

S. Friedenthal agreed to continue with the St. Albert Housing Coalition sub-committee in 2025. No updates to report.

L. Jack provided an update to the Committee on the most recent Older Adult Working Group community events. L. Jack agreed to continue with the Older Adult Working Group sub-committee.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday February 19, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. Douglas Cardinal Boardroom

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Sharon Brown

Sharon Brown (Mar 26, 2025 13:35 MDT)

CHAIR

D. Hotte

DESIGNATED OFFICER