

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. Clemens - Chair
G. Ewert (*via Zoom*)
S. Friedenthal – Vice Chair
M. Langman
A. Urbina

Absent

S. Brown
L. Jack

Staff

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

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed committee members.

Land Acknowledgement

T. Boonstra read the Treaty Acknowledgement statement.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by A. Urbina
That the minutes of October 16, 2024, be approved
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Seniors/Elders Service Award

T. Boonstra provided an update to the Committee in regard to the Senior/Elders Service Award progress. T. Boonstra shared the webpage with the Committee. Next step is the launch of the campaign.

Seniors/Elders Service Award Launch Details

S. Clemens provided the launch details to the committee on the Seniors/Elders Service Award.

St. Albert Housing Coalition

S. Friedenthal provided an update to the Committee from the St. Albert Housing Coalition meeting attended on October 17, 2024.

SAC Interview Process

S. Clemens provided information to the Committee on the Civic Agency Annual Intake and the SAC Interview process. Interviews were held on Saturday November 2, 2024. 75 residents applied to various St. Albert Committees.

Staff Liaison Update

T. Boonstra provided an update to the Committee on items of general interest including Mental Health First Aid Training November 26 & 27, 2024. A. Urbina and S. Clemens provided firsthand insights into the training. Will advise Committee of the next training session.

M. Langman attended an AI seminar and provided highlights to the Committee.

Connecting Generations through Quilting. Youth in Action and Hugs n' Stitches Quilting Group of St. Albert learn the basics of quilting while chatting about ageism and how to work together to combat societal issues in the community. This free event will be held on Sunday November 24, 2024, at the St. Albert Quilters Studio.

Cultivate the Conversation webpage, a platform to useful input tools, all in one location. Go to <https://conversation.stalbert.ca/> to provide your input.

City Council Recognition Event

Councillor Hughes provided information to the Committee including a reminder of the upcoming Board Appreciation Event with Council on Dec 10/24 at the Arden Theatre, Councillor Hughes reappointed to the SAC as the Council representative for 2025 (Oct 22/24 – Sept 19/25), the upcoming 2025 Budget meeting on Nov 25/24 and an update on the NE Servicing Project.

The Committee members acknowledged Councillor Hughes' reappointment to the SAC and are very appreciative of her contribution.

M. Langman's term with the Seniors' Advisory Committee comes to an end December 31, 2024. The Committee acknowledged Manny for his time, commitment and contribution over the past 2 years.

Review of SAC Priorities for 2024 – Did we meet our objectives?

S. Clemens led a conversation with the Committee on the 2024 SAC Priorities and acknowledged the achievement of the goals and objectives accomplished. So much work completed behind the scenes and thanked the Committee for their contributions in 2024. The SAC Annual report will be presented to Council in January 2025.

The members of the Committee commend S. Clemens for her outstanding work as the SAC Chair.

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday January 15, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m., Community Services Boardroom, St. Albert Place

Roundtable

The Seniors' Advisory Committee members and staff provided feedback, discussed items of general interest, and gave final comments.

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

CHAIR

DESIGNATED OFFICER