

VICTORIA PARK SENIOR'S CENTRE
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

PRESENT: Mavis Vet, Donna Wagenaar, Claire Penrose. Joanne Whitney, Bruce Parkin, Pat Newson, Denis Craddock, Kathryn Morgan.

REGRETS: Joan Berry, Mike Agnew, Nick Topolinsky.

CALL TO ORDER: VPSC Advisory Board Chair Mavis Vet welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA: Motion to accept the agenda moved by Claire, seconded by Donna.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. January 8, 2024: Approved by Donna, seconded by Joanne.

3. BUSINESS ARISING, OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: A discussion was held about DEI as it relates to the Senior's Centre. It was noted that seniors at this centre as well as administration continue to be quite welcoming to all who attend. Programming is open to all.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: No report at this time.

5. MAINTENANCE REPORT: No report at this time.

6. KITCHEN REPORT: Read by Donna. Let us begin this New Year with a clean Kitchen. In January, the kitchen cupboards and the stoves (after Robbie Burns) were given a good cleaning. We will take stock after Donna's cranberry chicken meal. Next up will be the defrosting of the freezer and cleaning the cupboards in the second kitchen. We are getting ready to gear up for the Valentine Lunch (Hospital) and Donna's cranberry chicken. We are open to variation in the menu in the New Year. We look forward to recruiting more volunteers (returning and new). Anyone who is interested in prep, menu planning or dishes is welcome to talk to Kelly to see what can be established. As always, if there are any comments, suggestions or menus that people would like to offer the Programme Committee, we would appreciate hearing from them. The suggestion box is open.

7. PROGRAMME COMMITTEE REPORT: Read by Joanne. We served 24 at the January 10 Lunch including takeouts. We served 58 including takeouts for the homemade Robbie Burns Lunch on January 24. Sixty participated in the Melody Makers Scottish Songs Musical Programme. The Programme Committee is organizing two lunches in February: February 14 for Valentine's Day with the Melody Makers providing a musical programme after lunch and February 28, Donna's Cranberry Chicken Lunch.

8. ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Current membership is 742, including 227 new members. Seven attended the January New Members Talk & Tour with the next one scheduled for February 12. Thanks to our Programme Committee volunteers for preparing the homemade Robbie Burns Lunch and the Melody Makers Choir for the music programme. The second winter session of registered programmes begins the week of February 21 to March 31 for both in-person and virtual programmes. We are currently organizing the annual Active Living and Retirement Show on February 23, 10am to 2pm, held at the Sportsplex with over 40 exhibitor booths, free seminars, fitness demos, refreshments, grab bags and door prizes. We are also working on the Spring & Summer 2024 Community Guide. The Guide will be available March 7 with the first day of registration on March 12 and will include all programmes from April to August. The Centre will be closed February 19 for Family Day.

9. MANAGING DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: Bruce reports that we are operating multiple programmes and expanding others. Pickleball will be offered at both the Fergus and Elora locations and Fergus and Elora will be offering full day camps. Pat reports that the DEI Advisory Committee has set their Annual Work Plan for the Township. The VPSC Supervisor will be invited to attend an upcoming DEI meeting to share information on Programmes, facility details, memberships and other information about the Centre and share how DEI is a lens considered. The DEI Advisory Committee may provide some feedback or ideas on how to collaborate moving forward. This is one of many areas that the DEI will be reviewing and hearing about.

10. COUNCIL APPOINTEE'S COMMENTS: Denis is pleased that the VPSC will be collaborating with the DEI Advisory Committee. Strathallen Park Catholic High School will be opened in north Fergus.

11. CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Mavis reports that volunteers are always needed for community programmes and encourages VPSC members to volunteer.

12. NEW BUSINESS: Posters for the upcoming dance will be printed and distributed. It has been noted that it is much less costly to rent the facilities at the Elora Legion rather than the Fergus venue.

13. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING: Moved by Claire and seconded by Donna.
NEXT MEETING: Monday March 4, 2024.