

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Brandon Age Friendly Committee of Council
Held February 15, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. in the Kavanagh Room, 638 Princess Ave.**

Present:

Chair Nancy McPherson, PMH Representative
Co-chair Susan Boyachek, Citizen Representative
Areta Donnelly, Citizen Representative
Doug Fraser, Citizen Representative
Perry Roque, City Representative
Kaley Dueck, City Representative
Heather Karrouze, Councillor (left at 6:28 p.m.)
Greg Hildebrand, Councillor (arrived at 5:58 p.m., left at 6:28 p.m.)

Guest:

Sylvia Barr, Citizen Representative applicant
Candice Waddell-Henowitch, Brandon University, Department of Psychiatric Nursing

1.0 Call to Order

Welcome/Introductions of Candice Waddell-Henowitch
Chair Nancy McPherson called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

(10/2024)

Motion: **Nancy McPherson/ Heather Karrouze**
To approve the February 15, 2024, Age Friendly Committee meeting agenda.

Carried

3.0 Approval of Age Friendly Committee Minutes

(11/2024)

Motion: **Doug Fraser/ Greg Hildebrand**
To approve the meeting minutes of January 18, 2024.

Carried

4.0 Presentation

Candice Waddell-Henowitch, Brandon University, Department of Psychiatric Nursing.

Presented a slideshow on the “CALL TO ACTION FOR ONGOING FUNDING TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS MEN’S HEALING & WELL BEING” and outlined what activities the research project included for the participants, research techniques, and the ongoing commitment to support Indigenous men’s healing through a reconnection to their culture.

5.0 Correspondence

Discussed an email that was received related to the \$10,000 grant that was rewarded. The Manitoba Association of Senior Community would like to come to Brandon to do a cheque presentation and photo-op. Susan Boyachek has been in contact with Age-Friendly’s partners to let them know. A date will be decided on between March 5th and March 7th. Sylvia Barr mentions that there was an announcement in the newspaper that City of Brandon and five other Westman communities have been awarded grants of \$10,000.

6.0 Old Business

A. Action Plan/Metrics/Terms of Reference updates - All

Susan Boyachek advised that the committee is supposed to go through the Action Plan once per year. One of the requirements of being a milestone community is to have this document posted on the website and continually updated. Susan suggested that this item be on the agenda monthly to ensure corrections and updates are being made. Susan adds that in the Terms of Reference, it does not speak about vacancies and how that would affect quorum of 50% plus one of the voting membership. This number would be six members and the committee currently has seven voting members.

ACTION ITEM: All voting members will go through the Action Plan, Terms of Reference and the Working Group Terms of Reference prior to the next meeting to decide what they can commit to in terms of the listed projects.

B. Vision Zero Update

Areta Donnelly presented what has been discussed at the four meetings they have had in this committee. There is a reduced speed study in two specific areas, which has showed that while people are obeying the reduced speed limit, it is causing increased traffic in those areas. Durum Drive had chicanes put in, that have since been removed due to public discontent. There is a roundabout on Princess Avenue East that the public has had difficulty understanding how to use which will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Heather Karrouze inquired if there was a suggestion for reducing the speed limit all over town to 40 km/hour. Areta Donnelly advised that the suggestion was for 30 km/hour in school zones and parks, 40 km/hour for residential streets and 50 km/hour on arterial roads. Susan Boyachek asked if the committee is consulting Age Friendly for input or are suggestions being driven by administration? Areta Donnelly advised that all the projects the committee is currently working on were already in place before the committee was formed headed by city representatives Mark Allard (General Manager of Development Services) and Sam van Huisen (Transportation) based on a national template. The committee has realized that the communication with the public could be improved and will be working on that in the future. A contact from Brandon Police Service will be providing data on crosswalk incidents.

ACTION ITEM: Areta Donnelly will break down the meeting minutes from the Vision Zero committee meetings and send them out to the members of the Age Friendly committee to review.

C. BU Focus Group February 2, 2024 attendance

Doug Fraser advised that the focus group run by Rachel Herron had six participants and the focus group lasted for almost two hours, including Susan Boyachek, Sylvia Barr and Doug Fraser. Rachel Herron was very happy with the discussion that took place. Doug Fraser mentioned that he sent out about 35 email invitations from his contact list of which Rachel Herron had contacted about 15 of them. Nancy McPherson thanked Doug Fraser for his efforts with the focus group.

7.0 New Business

A. 2024 Budget Update

Susan Boyachek advised that the result from the budget meeting was to grant \$11,000 for the Age Friendly committee, which is less than the \$16,000 that was requested. Nancy McPherson mentioned in consideration of future budget requests, there will need to be an increase in details presented to outline how the funds will be used. Perry Roque advised that in the lead-up to budget deliberations, various community groups presented to the City Council.

8.0 Information Items

A. Old Business follow up - Letters to the Students/Home Care document

Doug Fraser inquired on the status of the letters of reference for the two nursing students and Susan Boyachek further inquired on the status of the home care document edits by the working group. Nancy McPherson advised that the letters have not been sent out and will need to be edited and sent to Kaley Dueck to be put on City of Brandon letterhead as a priority item. Status of home care document remains outstanding.

9.0 Adjournment

(12/2024)

Motion: Doug Fraser/ Susan Boyachek

To adjourn the meeting 6:38 pm.

Carried

Co-Chairperson

Date

Next Meeting: March 21, 2024 @ 5:15 pm

Minutes prepared by Kaley Dueck.