

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Brandon Age Friendly Committee of Council  
Held August 15, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. in the T. E. Snure Room, 638 Princess Avenue**

**Present:**

Chair Nancy McPherson, PMH Representative  
Co-chair Susan Boyachek, Citizen Representative  
Doug Fraser, Citizen Representative (left at 6:28 pm)  
Areta Donnelly, Citizen Representative  
Sylvia Barr, Citizen Representative  
Jim Doppler, Citizen Representative  
Perry Roque, City Representative  
Kaley Dueck, Administrative Assistant  
Greg Hildebrand, Councillor

**Regrets**

Tom Keep, Citizen Representative  
Pamela McTavish, Program Assistant  
Heather Karrouze, Councillor

**Guests**

Carla Richardson, Director of Transportation  
Shilpa Panicker, Watt Consulting Group

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Nancy McPherson called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

(32/2024)

**Motion: Jim Doppler/ Doug Fraser**

To approve the August 15, 2024, Age Friendly Committee meeting agenda.

***Carried***

**3.0 Approval of Age Friendly Committee Minutes**

(33/2024)

**Motion: Doug Fraser/ Areta Donnelly**

To approve the meeting minutes of June 20, 2024.

***Carried***

**4.0 Presentation**

Carla Richardson, City of Brandon, Director of Transportation  
Shilpa Panicker, Watt Consulting Group, Transit Lead

Shilpa and Carla presented the scope and background of the current Transportation Study. Shilpa mentioned that the report that the Age Friendly Committee had submitted was comprehensive and appreciated, though it seemed that report had not yet been read by Shilpa or Carla and was not discussed. The Committee was able to ask some basic questions about the study, including which six communities were being used for comparatives. Shilpa agreed to send Nancy McPherson the list of communities.

Following the presentation, a discussion ensued about the lack of transparency within the City of Brandon, disappointment at the lack of inclusion in this project, and about which avenues could be explored to express the committee's frustrations.

**ACTION ITEM:** Nancy McPherson and Susan Boyachek will draft a letter about this experience and submit it to Greg Hildebrand to take forward as an inquiry.

## **5.0 Correspondence**

A response letter was received from the MB Accessibility Fund notifying the committee that their grant application was not successful.

## **6.0 Old Business**

### **A. Action Plan/Metrics/Terms of Reference/Working Group updates - All**

There was no update for this item.

### **B. WCG Programming initiative update**

A working group had been created to try and give Pamela McTavish some ideas, contacts, etc. Nancy McPherson and Susan Boyachek were the only ones available, and they went through Pamela's Action Plan. Filming will resume after Pamela is back from her holidays.

### **C. September 2024 Newsletter & proposed future content**

Pamela McTavish had sent out a draft of the newsletter asking for feedback. Nancy McPherson asked that any comments and/or future content ideas be submitted to Pamela no later than Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> as it will be sent out on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **D. Vision Zero Update**

Areta Donnelly passed around the agenda from the past month's meeting. Areta asked that if anyone had any discussion items they would like to be brought up, please let herself or Jim Doppler know. The next meeting is on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **E. BU student project update**

Doug Fraser advised that the project proposal had been submitted around July 29<sup>th</sup> and it was confirmed that the submission has been received. Doug had not heard back yet if the project has been accepted.

Doug Fraser left at 6:28 pm.

## **7.0 New Business**

### **A. Assiniboine College Staff Gathering Event August 22, 2024 attendance**

Councillor Shaun Cameron sent an email to Pamela McTavish about joining the staff gathering event, which Pamela would like to attend.

(34/2024)

### **Motion: Susan Boyachek/ Jim Doppler**

Motion to support attendance at the Assiniboine College Staff Gathering Event on August 22<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela McTavish, and to provide appropriate distribution of marketing materials.

***Carried***

**B. Health Checks Event September 10, 2024 attendance**

The event will take place between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Pamela McTavish will open and set up the booth and Areta Donnelly will come for the second shift at 11:00 am. Jim Doppler and Doug Fraser will serve as backups.

**8.0 Information Items**

**A. Walmart Canada Sensory Friendly Shopping**

Age Friendly is pleased to see this happening in our community.

**9.0 Adjournment**

(35/2024)

**Motion: Jim Doppler/Sylvia Barr**

To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

***Carried***

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*Co-Chairperson*

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*Date*

Next Meeting: September 19, 2024

Minutes prepared by Kaley Dueck.