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## TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN WEST LINCOLN AGE FRIENDLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WLAFAC)

**MEETING NO. ONE HELD:** Friday, Jan 12, 2024, Township Administration Building, 318 Canborough Street, and Smithville – 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Chair:

**Deb Thomas** 

Members:

Mayor Cheryl Ganann

Kitty McGrail

Tina Jol Toni Mills Linda Sivyer John Ganann Sue Langdon Karen Parker

Regrets:

Lisa Maychak

Councillor Terry Bell

Guest:

Stuart Lord

Staff:

Jacquie Thrower, Executive Assistant

1. Welcome and Introduction of members/guests

Chair Thomas welcomed the members of the Committee to the meeting and welcomed Stuart Lord as a guest. Stuart has submitted his application to join the Committee and a formal bylaw will be presented at the Jan 29, 2024 Council Meeting.

2. Ratification of Minutes from last meeting – Dec 8

The minutes of Friday, December 8th, 2023 were ratified by the Committee as amended.

3. Business Arising from Minutes – Collecting Info/resources and contact info for June 14, 2024 Forum – Business Cards etc.

There was general discussion regarding the Older Adult's Forum contact form that Chair Thomas distributed and contact information was updated with the understanding that any further changes be emailed directly to her. Chair Thomas will forward an updated contact form once she has completed all the changes.

Jacquie distributed a draft letter that can be sent to potential organizations inviting them to participate in the 2024 Older Adult Forum. Jacquie will distribute letters accordingly.

John provided members of the Committee with a link for free events for seniors hosted by the Burlington Central Library, (Centennial Hall) which is located at 2331 New St, Burlington ON. <a href="https://www.mariongoard.ca/seniors/empowered.aspx">https://www.mariongoard.ca/seniors/empowered.aspx</a>

John advised that he recently attended the Crime Stoppers Flag Raising at the West Lincoln Community Centre and met the Board Chairman, Ernie Sibbert who is interested in participating in the Older Adult Forum. Jacquie will forward a letter to Crime Stoppers inviting them to participate in the Forum. John advised he recently viewed a webinar regarding a sleep disorders study for seniors that was very informative and advised that webinar would be posted online. Link below:

https://www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org/blog/detail/videos/2022/01/19/insomnia-aresleeping-pills-the-answer

John will provide Jacquie with the McMaster Aging Portal info that she can share with the committee. Link below:

https://www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org/contact

John suggested that we contact neighbouring municipalities to spread the word about upcoming events.

Stuart volunteered to reach out to various organizations to invite them to attend the forum.

Karen inquired about inviting area businesses who provide pet care to attend the forum to provide info to older adults.

## 4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Deb Thomas

Jacquie Thrower, Executive Assistant