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

MEETING NO. ONE: Friday, Jan 10, 2025, Township Administration Building, 318 Canborough Street, and Smithville – 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Chair: Deb Thomas

Members: Mayor Cheryl Ganann
Stuart Lord
Toni Mills
John Ganann
Linda Sivyer
Karen Parker
Tina Jol
Denise Lipiec

Regrets: Councillor Greg Maychak
Kitty McGrail
Sue Langdon

Guests: Marianna Felvus
Deacon Stephen LaSalle

Staff: Brianne Parsons, Recreation & Wellness Programmer
Jacquie Thrower, Executive Assistant

1. Welcome and Introduction of members/guests

Chair Thomas introduced the two guests that were in attendance, Marianna Felvus and Deacon Stephen LaSalle.

2. Ratification of Minutes from last meeting – Dec 6, 2024

The minutes of Friday, December 6th, 2024 were ratified by the Committee.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

a) April 11 Event in Council Chambers

John advised that a new staff sergeant has been appointed to District 8 and suggested we invite him or a representative to attend our April 11 Event and present information relating to scams, love and fraud.

There was general discussion suggesting we discuss a more general topic such as senior safety awareness relating to property, shopping alone and being followed, snatch and grab incidents.

Another suggestion was to invite a representative from the Community Support Services of Niagara.

Direction was given to Jacquie to invite a representative from the NRP and as a second choice invite someone from Community Support Services of Niagara. Jacquie will offer times in the morning that the speaker can choose. If they cannot attend the April 11 event Jacquie will provide them with dates for our other events in June and September. It was the consensus of the Committee that the event be held in the morning and that Jacquie offer approx. 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the understanding the presenter can adjust the time.

Mayor Ganann suggested that sub committees could be formed to assist with the preparation, dividing the workload accordingly. Karen volunteered to look after refreshments for the event. Toni and John advised they could assist with advertising.

Denise suggested an icebreaker event such as a bingo type game as a method for people to meet and greet prior to the presentation.

Deacon Stephen advised that he has a website, Unified West Lincoln <https://www.unifiedwestlincoln.com/> which can advertise upcoming events.

John advised that the Canadian Association of retired persons (CARP) and Cogeco could spread the word about upcoming events and Jacquie stated that she regularly hears about upcoming events on our local radio station 88.5 The Lake from Grimsby.

In order to spread awareness regarding events Linda suggested having a signup sheet at programs at the West Lincoln Community Centre requesting people who play cards or partake in the music activities can add their name if they want to be notified of any upcoming events.

Toni can help by announcing any upcoming events at her monthly Prime Time event.

Stuart advised that Niagara Region Transit does have rides available on a first come first served basis.

Stuart stated that Niagara Support Services has a respite program and they are looking for volunteers.

4. Next Meeting – Feb 7

Direction was given to Jacquie to put the brochure from the City of Port Colborne Seniors Advisory Committee on the Feb 7 Agenda.

5. Brianne advised that recreation programs such as the walking club and YMCA swim trips commence next week.


Stuart stated that Niagara Support Services has a respite program and they are looking for volunteers.

John attended some zoom sessions and will provide Jacquie with the information for her to distribute to committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Mayor Cheryl Ganann



Jacquie Thrower, Executive Assistant