

Seniors Safety Advisory Meeting

April 18, 2016

Town hall

Meeting Minutes

Present: Councillor David Tudor  
Councillor Danny Harvieux  
Councillor Jimmy MacAlpine  
Debby Miller  
Sheree Halliday  
Karley Titus

Other: Cpl Sean Boulger  
Matthew Raymond  
Dawn Thomas

Regrets: Mike Bartlett

1. Call to Order at 10:00am

2. Additions to the agenda; 10 years with Dawn

Approval of the agenda as amended.

Moved by Councillor David Tudor

Seconded by Debby Miller

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of February 2016

A motion to approve the minutes

Moved by Councillor Danny Harvieux

Seconded by Councillor David Tudor

MOTION CARRIED

#### 4. Business Arising

##### a. Guest Gordon Wilson, MLA

Gordon talked to us about seniors being an asset and not a liability and of Nova Scotia seniors being an important and growing part of the economy. He is grateful to be a supporter of the program and sees it as important in meeting the needs and filling in the gaps of seniors in our area.

Gordon is surprised at how many in government still don't know of the program's vitality and suggests a presentation to caucus. This funding opportunity should not be an annual request, but a line in the budget.

Conversation with all included gratitude for his support, the ongoing need for mental health support for people in our community. We also talked about the Senior Navigator position that seems to be a new and duplication that is currently being funded. Dawn talked about wait lists for everything from home care, long term care. Housing grants and housing. Caregivers are giving unbelievable support because there is little choice and many grow sick and old. She also talked about the ALP program from community services that is not available to Digby residents. Gordon asked for follow up in writing about all of this.

Danny talked about the growing support for the program but shared real concerns of a partner no longer supporting the program, or the changes within the RCMP.

- ##### b. Seniors Safety Car- Talk about purchase of a new car. Dawn to get a second opinion of needed repairs from Bolivars and return to next meeting with a quote. Mike to come back with details on a new and local car.

#### 5. New Business:

##### a. Coordinators Report:

A motion was made to accept the Coordinators Report as presented.

Moved by Councillor David Tudor

Seconded by Councillor Danny Harvieux

**MOTION CARRIED**

##### b. Financial Report:

The draft budget for the year ended March 31, 2017 was discussed. It was requested that we no longer record local workshop advertising costs within the Work shops – local” budget line but record these costs in the “Advertising and promotions” budget line. A fundraising effort will also be made to encourage donations and sponsorships to raise additional revenue.

As the Seniors Safety Coordinator is no longer provided a work cell phone, a suggestion was made to provide a monthly allowance to the Coordinator.

A motion was made to provide a monthly \$30 cell phone allowance to the Coordinator.

Moved by Danny Harvieux  
Seconded by Sheree Halliday

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made to pass the Budget for the Year ended March 31, 2017 with the suggested amendments resulting in a budgeted deficit for the year in the amount of \$97

Moved by Councillor David Tudor  
Seconded by Sheree Halliday

MOTION CARRIED

- c. New Board Member -Welcome to Karley Titus. Karley comes with volunteer experience to the program, and knowledge and interest in seniors. She is currently working for home care.

A motion was made for Dawn to purchase a gift of gratitude for past member Muriel Goguen with a limit of \$100. A card will be available for the chair to sign on behalf of the board.

Moved by Councillor Danny Harvieux

Seconded by Councillor David Tudor

MOTION CARRIED

- d. Spring into Summer Expo-

A motion was made for the Seniors Safety Program to participate in this expo at a cost of \$125

Moved by Debby Miller

Seconded by Karley Titus

MOTION CARRIED

e. Dawn's 10 years-

Councillor Danny Harvieux congratulated Dawn on all the accomplishments in the last 10 years. The program has grown exponentially in the last while and it's evident that it is changing the lives of seniors and closing some of the many gaps that exist.

6. Next Meeting:

We will have the AGM followed by a regular meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Municipal office.

7. Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

Moved by Councillor David Tudor

Seconded by Sheree Halliday

MOTION CARRIED