

**SENIORS UNITED NOW  
NORTH EAST EDMONTON CHAPTER MEETING  
LOCATION: EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY – LONDONDERRY MALL  
THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2019  
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: WAYNE SORENSON**

**OPENING REMARKS**

Wayne Sorenson called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. He welcomed the 30 people in attendance and reviewed housekeeping issues, such as washroom location, emergency response plan. One person attended our meeting for the first time and he was introduced to our group and received a warm welcome.

**CHAPTER REVIEW**

Wayne also drew everyone's attention to the availability of SUN promotional materials located on our display table. He also distributed the chapter minutes of our last meeting.

Wayne also recognized Save on Foods for their pastry donations and Starbucks for their coffee donation. Our chapter always sends them a thank you card, and we also gave them a copy of our Sunburst magazine and made them aware of the recognition that we give them.

**CHAPTER BUSINESS**

Wayne gave a preview of our meeting highlights, referred to our guest speaker, Jasmine Monaghan, and that chapter information will be reviewed.

Wayne called for approval of the February 14, 2019 chapter minutes. Deirdre Richards moved, seconded by Edith Green that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion was carried.

Several chapter members continue to distribute our meeting posters at Londonderry Mall – Save on Foods, North Edmonton Seniors Centre, Manning Alberta Treasury Branch, Sobeys and at several condo buildings located in north east Edmonton.

The SUN membership form was made available and one member renewed their membership and registered for the A.G.M.

**CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wayne asked for any announcements from the floor. Deirdre Richards brought forward the idea of providing clip on name tags for our members to use at our meetings. Our members thought it would be a great idea and she will pursue this issue.

Wayne asked, and everyone confirmed that they received a copy of the most recent Sunburst magazine.

Wayne indicated that Ed Hamaliuk would like somebody to take over the duty of lining up guest speakers for our meetings. At this time nobody came forward.

Wayne also announced that our upcoming Casino event will be held on March 20 & 21 and that all SUN volunteer workers are in place and have been telephoned to confirm their attendance. Our chapter has supplied 13 volunteers, well done!!

Wayne reviewed the recent activities of the SUN Board and handed out a feedback form that outlined “2019 Alberta Provincial Election – Senior topics for discussion”, that they may consider using when their politician comes door knocking.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER AND CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Ed Hamaliuk enthusiastically introduced guest speaker Jasmine Monaghan, Director of Community Services of e4c. Her topic was “Make Tax Time Program” She provided an excellent power point presentation, supplemented with several handouts. She stressed the importance of filing your income tax and some of her topics included GST, Medical expenses, home accessibility tax credit, Pension income splitting, disability tax credit and guaranteed income supplement. She also reviewed, based on income, who is eligible to have their taxes done for free. She also made everyone aware of how to increase your income by:

- Discover benefits, subsidies and grants that you may be eligible for
- Easily access information on municipal, provincial and federal benefits
- Learn about options that can help with the cost of education, recreation, seniors support, health and child care plus much more!

For more detailed information you can access” [youcanbenefit.ca](http://youcanbenefit.ca)”

At the conclusion of her presentation, a very beneficial Q & A session took place. Ed Hamaliuk presented her with a gift of appreciation and a thank you card.

The 50/50 draw winner of \$23.00 was Deirdre Richards. Wayne announced that our next meeting will be held on April 11, 2019. Speaker Brian Finley will discuss property tax deferral, moving into condos, assisted housing and when to sell your home. Wayne thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and wished everyone a safe trip home. The Chapter meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.