

**SHERWOOD PARK / STRATHCONA COUNTY**  
**SENIORS UNITED NOW**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Date:

September 15 2015

Present: 37 Signed in  
 46 Head count

**General / Chapter**

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order @ 1:27 P.M.</li> </ul>	Acting Chair- Denis Beaudry
2. Today's agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agenda was approved as circulated.</li> </ul>	Moved by Denis Beaudry
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes of June 16 2015 were approved as read</li> </ul>	Moved by Carmen Pearce Seconded by Gwen Thacker
4. Reports		CARRIED
4.1 Provincial Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gordon Voth, President of Sun outlined what the Sun Board has accomplished in the past year. Among the plans are to get more people involved in seniors' housing.</li> <li>Seeking a meeting with Sarah Huffman re: housing, transportation, healthcare, etc.</li> <li>A chapter in Calgary has opened and they will have their first meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Denis has been working on establishing a steering committee to start a chapter in Red Deer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received as information</li> </ul>
4.2 Advocacy Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eileen Miller gave a report on behalf of the Housing Committee and outlined 7 recommendations for affordable housing for seniors wishing to downsize including co-op type housing, possibility of using modular homes, changing bylaws on basement dwellings, etc. a list of recommendations has been sent to councilors Fiona Beland-Quest and Carla Howatt and they have promised to report back before Christmas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received as information</li> </ul>

## **5. Chapter Involvement and Announcements**

### **5.1 Federal Election**

- Election is on October 19, 2015. Denis read “Question & Facts” on the Federal Level as put out by the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers for us to think about when we choose a party to vote for. It is accessible on the web at [www.acer-cart.org](http://www.acer-cart.org). Click on seniors’ issues. Included are topics such as seniors’ housing, drop of health accord, pension reform, end of life care, sustainability of health care, etc.

### **5.2 Chapter Elections -**

- Denis Beaudry reminded all that the Chair, Vice Chair & Publicity positions are still vacant. Gordon Voth is only available to help on the executive meetings until December. We thank Denis for chairing this meeting.

### **6. Coffee Break**

### **7. Introduction of our Guest Speaker**

- Denis introduced Annie McKitrick, MLA by giving us some of her past many accomplishments. Ms Mckitrick introduced us to her assistant Robin who has worked on senior care for the past 4 years. Ms McKitrick talked on senior issues and answered the many questions from our members.

### **8. Next Meeting**

- October 20 2015 @ 1:30 Bethel Lutheran Church.
- Program: Senior fire safety with video by Jonathan Winters (tentative). Presented by Alberta Office of the Fire Commissioner
- Denis finished the meeting with a thought provoking reading and called for an adjournment at 3:20.

### **9. Adjournment**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Kyle, Secretary.**