

MEET JEAN BAKER



Jean Baker may be turning 100 in July 2017 but she hasn't let that slow her down. The active resident of Peace Hills Lodge continues to be involved in activities. She still makes her own breakfast, and until recently helped clean the dishes from tables in the cafeteria.

"The secret to life is being active. I've been very active in my life. I curled. I golfed. And I played tennis and basketball in school. I also joined a dance club," she says with a smile. Nowadays, Jean enjoys playing the Wii and occasionally getting up to dance when entertainment comes to the lodge.

Growing up in Wetaskiwin, Jean danced at the Edmund's School of Dancing. She remembers, "We used to go to Edmonton and entertain up there in the theatre." Though she stopped dancing when she first got married, she did start again in her retirement. "We used to go and entertain the old people. We were old ourselves but we entertained the older people. And that was a lot of fun," she laughs.

Jean and her two brothers enjoyed life in Wetaskiwin, though she admits, "I was the pain the neck for them because they had to drag me along." She and her family also enjoyed vacations at Pigeon Lake. "In the early days, my parents went to Mameo Beach. We camped first in a tent – I was too small to remember that part. My mother loved canoeing, so they bought a canoe and a lean-to to store it in. Then they added on to the lean-to with a cottage. And then one night a hailstorm came down ... and that ended that cottage," she chuckles as she remembers. Her family did build another cottage, which did last until they sold it when the children had all grown up.

When Jean was 17, she married her first husband and together they moved across Alberta. "He was a greyhound driver. They'd move him to Lethbridge, Calgary, and then Edmonton, then back to Calgary. I did a lot of moving so I never collected a lot of junk to get rid of." Together, Jean and her husband had four daughters and a son.

"We were married about 20 years I believe," Jean explains. "My second marriage was 27 years. That was the better marriage."

At 58, Jean married her second husband and her family expanded. "I've got four stepdaughters and a step son. Then there's their extended family and my extended family, so it comes down to 27 great grandchildren and 30 something great great grandchildren, and two great great great grandchildren."

With their children all grown up, Jean and her husband were able to travel. "I've done all the travelling I care to do," she laughs. "We traveled from one end of Canada to the other. Then we started visiting the United States. We used to go to Arizona for about 15 years and traveled around there." They also loved to go on cruises, including to Alaska and the Panama Canal. One of Jean's favourite places is San Juan in Puerto Rico.

After her husband passed away, Jean sold their house in Wetaskiwin and moved into an apartment. From there, she moved into the old Peace Hills Lodge for a month before the finally moving into the new building.

"I thoroughly enjoy it here. It just feels like home now. I've moved so many times that even in the house I never got too used to it, except maybe in my second marriage." Though they had the house in Wetaskiwin, they traveled a lot in their motorhome while also wintering in Arizona. "We took some of the grandchildren with us and they loved it. I didn't have too many at that time but they're still producing," she laughs.

Jean stays in close contact with her family. As she explains, "Well, I have no plans for my 100th birthday but I'm not sure what they are planning." Her stepdaughter visits her once a week and helps Jean now that she gave up her car. She also visits her daughter in Airdrie often. Afterwards, she stays with her daughter's family in Sylvan Lake. "I try to make it weekends so I don't miss anything here," she chuckles.

When not visiting family, Jean does puzzles with some of the other residents. "In the evening, I'm usually in my room by eight o'clock. I usually play dominoes with the gang and we're done around that time. Afterwards, I come back and relax and if there's a good movie on I'll watch it and have a half glass of wine. I look forward to that," she says with a smile.

In the summer, Jean also gardens. "We have a little garden out there. I use mine but some people don't bother with them. I put tulips and bulbs in there so I'm anxious to see what comes up, if they come up."

Jean seems quite happy in her room and her life. Though life is quieter now she still remains active and lively.

WETASKIWIN & AREA LODGE AUTHORITY 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

CLIENTS

108 Total Clients Served

79%



21%



PEACE HILLS LODGE

Average Age 87 yrs

Average Stay 3 yrs

WEST PINE LODGE

Average Age 81 yrs

Average Stay 4 yrs

SITES

PEACE HILLS LODGE

79 spaces



WEST PINE LODGE

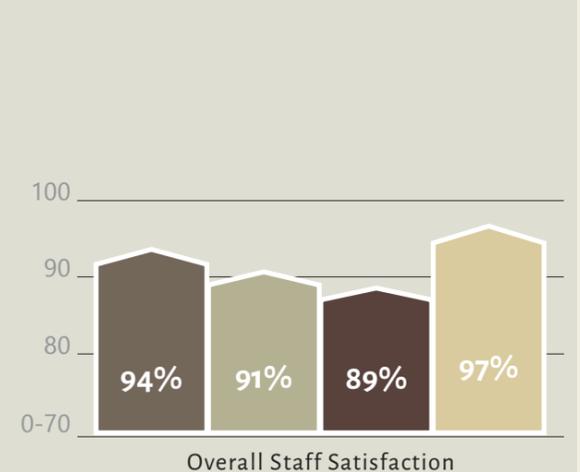
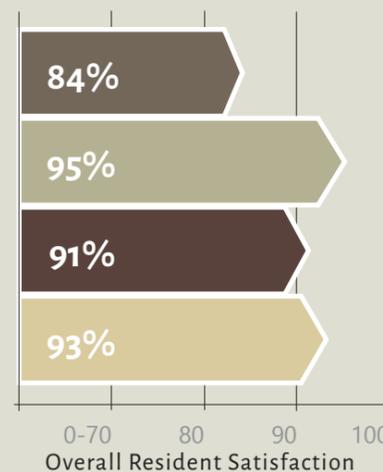
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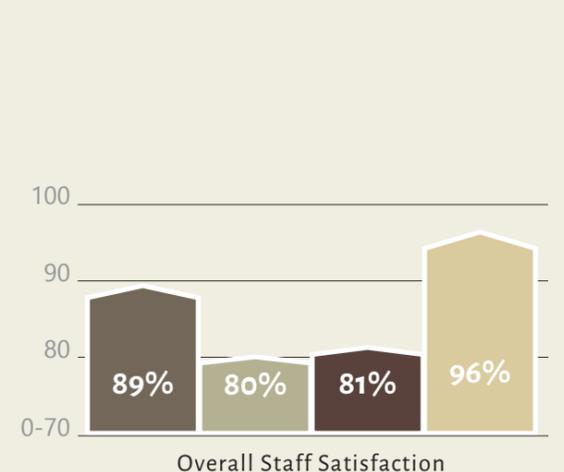
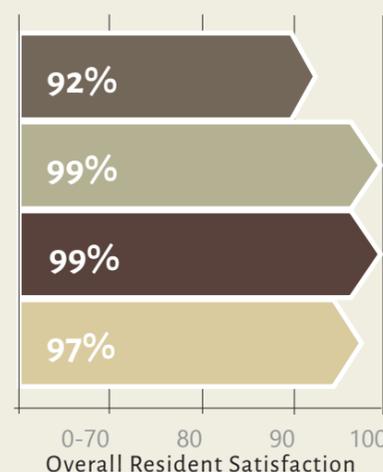
SURVEY RESULTS

2013 2014 2015 2016

WEST PINE LODGE



PEACE HILLS LODGE



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

INVESTING NOW & FOR THE FUTURE

- Increase the supply of affordable housing
- Improve and maintain the condition of existing affordable housing

INTEGRATED HOUSING & SUPPORTS

- Enhance integration with community support services

SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS & AGING IN COMMUNITY

- Enable transitions through the continuum of housing and supports
- Support the desire of Albertans to age in their community

FAIR & FLEXIBLE

- Modernize the regulatory framework to support equitable treatment and housing stability
- Improve system access and navigation
- Promote enhanced understanding of and coordinated response to rural and urban needs

A SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM

- Support operational and environmental sustainability of affordable housing projects
- Partner with other governments to support a sustainable system and meet the housing and support needs of Albertans
- Improve the knowledge of the housing and support needs of Albertans

OUR ORGANIZATION

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SENIORS LODGE PROGRAM MISSION

To provide supportive housing with priority given to low income seniors, through partnerships with the Government of Alberta, municipalities, and management bodies.

SENIORS LODGE PROGRAM VISION

Seniors in Alberta have access to high quality supportive living accommodation.

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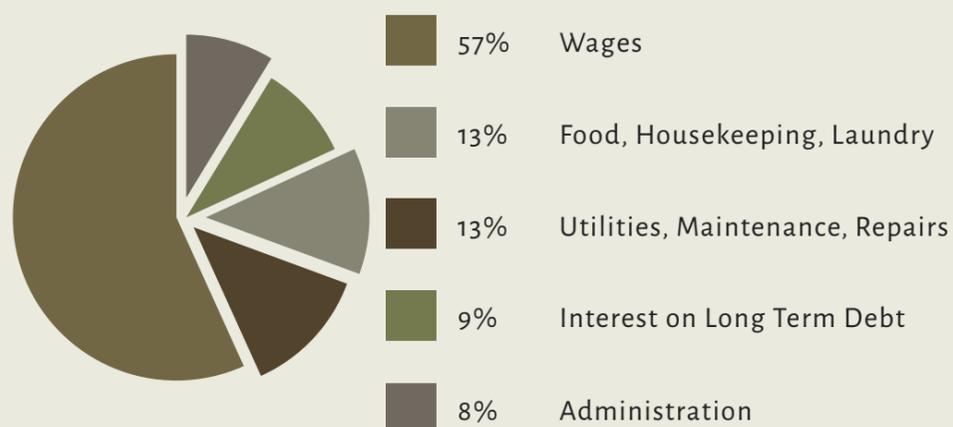
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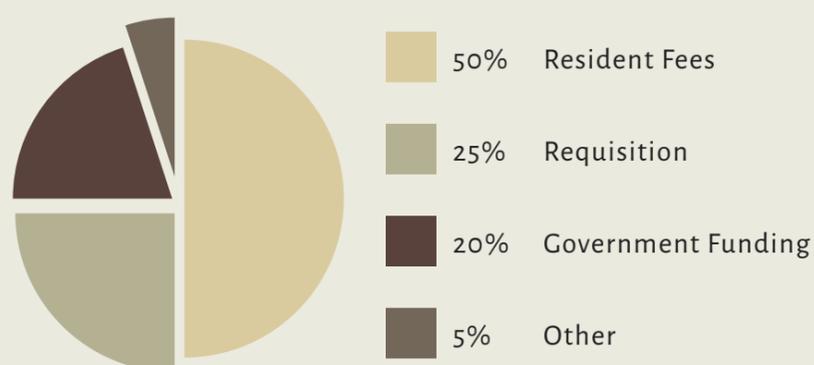
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FINANCES

EXPENSES



REVENUE



December 2017 Audited Financial Statements are available on our website at <http://www.wetaskiwinlodges.ca/>

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

As we reflect upon another successful year, we also look ahead to the future and where the Wetaskiwin & Area Lodge Authority sees itself.

Over the past year, we have focused our efforts on the continued effective and efficient operations at Peace Hills Lodge and West Pine Lodge. We have done this during changing economic times and government priorities, always looking to operate within our budgets while providing the highest quality of service to our clients.

As I mentioned in last year's annual report, the Board is working with The Bethany Group and the Government of Alberta to develop a strategic direction for West Pine Lodge. Though we have developed draft plans and proposals, at this time the project is still up in the air. We hope that in the near future, we will have something to report.

In the meantime, the Board remains committed to its vision and mission. We continue to plan for the future to anticipate community and regional needs in a changing environment. Through our partnership with The Bethany Group, we believe we have a solid foundation to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow Board members for their continued support. As well, thank you to the dedicated staff who realize our vision, mission, and values on a daily basis as they serve our clients. And to our clients, thank you for choosing us and believing in us as a Board and organization.