

Wetaskiwin & Area Lodge Authority  
Meeting Held Via Zoom  
May 12, 2021 @ 9:00 am

## MINUTES

<b>County of Wetaskiwin</b>	Kathy Rooyakkers	Ken Adair	Terry Van De Kraats
<b>City of Wetaskiwin</b>	Wayne Neilson	Alan Hilgartner	
<b>Town of Millet</b>	Carol Sadoroszney		
<b>The Bethany Group</b>	Carla Beck	Outi Kite	Melodie Stol
	Michelle Wideman (recorder)		

1.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Kathy Rooyakkers, Board Chair.
2.	Review of Agenda <b>WALA 21-23    MOVED by T. Van De Kraats to accept the Agenda as presented.    CARRIED</b>
3.	Approval of Minutes <b>WALA 21-24    MOVED by W. Neilson to accept the Minutes of March 31, 2021 as presented.    CARRIED</b>
4.	Correspondence
a.	Ministry of Seniors and Housing – Rent Supplement Program <b>WALA 21-25    MOVED by A. Hilgartner to accept the Rent Supplement Program as information.    CARRIED</b>
b.	ASCHA Online Convention Report <b>WALA 21-26    MOVED by K. Adair to accept the ASCHA Report as information.    CARRIED</b>
c.	Seniors Income Amounts April 2021 <b>WALA 21-27    MOVED by C. Sadoroszney to accept the Seniors Income Amounts as information.    CARRIED</b>
d.	Faith and Communications Symposium <b>WALA 21-28    MOVED by A. Hilgartner to accept the Faith and Communications Symposium as information.    CARRIED</b>

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	e.	<p>2021 Carry Over Request – Peace Hills Lodge</p> <p>Capital Maintenance funds not spent from the 2018 CMR Grant Funding Agreement; will be used for Courtyard improvements.</p> <p><b>WALA 21-29      MOVED by T. Van De Kraats to accept the 2021 Carry-Over Request as information.      CARRIED</b></p>
5.	Reports	
	a.	<p>Financial Reports – for the 3 months ending March 31, 2021</p> <p>The Critical Worker Benefit was paid to staff last month, which is reflected as an expense under Salaries and Benefits. Covid expenses are submitted monthly and government remits the following month.</p> <p><b>WALA 21-30      MOVED by T. Van De Kraats to accept the Financial Reports as information.      CARRIED</b></p>
	b.	<p>Occupancy Reports – for the period ending March 31, 2021</p> <p>Three move-ins will happen this month at West Pine Lodge, bringing that site to 10 residents. Peace Hills Lodge has 3 vacancies which will be filled once the outbreak is lifted. Direction provided from the CDC and the Medical Officer of Health has been that residents are to be restricted to their rooms until more test results are received, however escorted walks are permitted. The mental state of the residents seems to be fairly positive; Outi did not receive any negative comments when she spoke with them earlier this week.</p> <p><b>WALA 21-31      MOVED by C. Sadoroszney to accept the Occupancy Reports as information.      CARRIED</b></p>
	c.	<p>Directors Update</p> <p>West Pine Lodge Survey – the survey link has been posted on the Wetaskiwin County website and facebook page, as well as on the WALA website with 34 responses to date.</p> <p>Outi will coordinate a mailout for Divisions 5, and 6, and will contact the post office regarding an unaddressed ad-mailout to Division 7 and the Breton Area. Paper copies and a dropbox will also be available at the lodge itself.</p> <p><b>WALA 21-32      MOVED by K. Adair to proceed with the distribution of the Winfield Area Seniors Housing Survey to Divisions 5 and 6 via personally addressed mail and a return envelope, and an unaddressed ad-mailout to Division 7 and Breton area.      CARRIED</b></p> <p>Jim Fowler has been hired as the new manager for Peace Hills and West Pine Lodge, to begin June 1<sup>st</sup>, and an assistant manager will also be hired.</p>

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	d.	<p><b>Covid-19 Update</b></p> <p>Discussion regarding the changes related to Order 16, including the increase in Designated Family Support Persons to 4 per resident. Outdoor visits allow up to 10 people at a time, which has created some confusion with the recent Public Health Order. The choice for indoor social visits is to be resident directed, requiring 51% of residents in favour, so will vary from site to site.</p> <p>Additionally, potential changes to Order 32 may include a relaxation of the mandatory 14-day isolation for new move-ins, to be dependent on other criteria, possibly vaccination status. This would likely improve vacancy rates in most facilities, as would a reintroduction of group dining and recreation activities.</p> <p>Bethany's Education Department has been working diligently to address vaccine hesitancy, and has been meeting with staff one on one to encourage open communication and discussion. Lodge staff have been eligible for the vaccines for several months, but unfortunately uptake has not been as high as we would have hoped.</p> <p><b>WALA 21-33      <u>MOVED</u> by A. Hilgatner to accept the Directors Report and Covid Update as information.      <b>CARRIED</b></b></p>
6.	<b>New Business</b>	
	a.	<p><b>Business Plan 2021</b></p> <p>Review of the proposed Business Plan summary for 2021. Will be finalized for the June meeting.</p> <p><b>WALA 21-34      <u>MOVED</u> by C. Sadoroszney to accept the Business Plan summary as information.      <b>CARRIED</b></b></p>
7.	<b>Strategic Planning Discussion</b>	
	a.	<p><b>Proposed Tagline 'Caring Communities'</b></p> <p>Highlights to be discussed at the Strategic Planning discussion.</p>
	b.	<p><b>Future of West Pine Lodge</b></p> <p>Highlights to be discussed at the Strategic Planning discussion. A report will also be provided on recreation programming at West Pine Lodge.</p>
	<p><b>WALA 21-35      <u>MOVED</u> by A. Hilgartner to accept the Strategic Planning Discussion as information.      <b>CARRIED</b></b></p>	
8.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wednesday June 16, 2021 @ 9:00am</li> </ul>	

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9.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p><b>WALA 21-36</b>    <b>MOVED by T. Van De Kraats that the May 12, 2021 WALA meeting adjourn at 10:12am.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
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Kathy Rooyakkers, Board Chair

October 4, 2021

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Carla Beck or Outi Kite, The Bethany Group

October 4, 2021

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