

Minutes of the Meeting of the Fort Smith Regional Wellness Council

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

1400 - 1600

Location: 41 Breynat Street, Fort Smith Health Centre Board Room

Members Present:

Dianna Korol, Chair
Mary Pat Short, Council Member
Lynda Martin, Council Member
Lorraine Tordiff, Council Member
Alan Karasiuk, Council Member

Members with Regrets:

Don Webb, Council Member

Staff Present:

Lisa Sanderson, COO
Candace Dion, Executive Assistant

Guests:

#	Item and Details	Time	Responsibility
1.0	Call to Order	1400	Chair
2.0	Reflection / Prayer led by Council Member Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory led by Council Member.	1400	Chair/Council Members
3.0	Approval of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Al Karasiuk • Second by Lorraine Tordiff Carried	1401	Chair/Council Members
4.0	Review and Approval of Previous Minutes May 21, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Lynda Martin • Second by Mary Pat Short Carried	1404	Chair/Council Members
5.0	Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes Edits on Page 2 of 6: Requesting stats on DI medivacs. The COO will get the stats for DI from 2016 to the present. A council member is not happy with the response to the secure room. Have we heard anything back from Infrastructure? It seems not to be a priority.	1405	Chair/Council Members

	<p>Secondly, the previous Child & Youth Counsellor Program (CYCC) was not strong and successful, as the minutes say.</p> <p>The chair is frustrated and struggling to connect with the Public Administration/Regional Wellness Chari Forum. The council is not seeing any resolution with the information from the community that shares their narrative experiences with the PA and the forum. A council member asked the chair to ask the PA/Forum what their standard is for responding to correspondence. Should they acknowledge receipt of a letter? Should they then commit to getting back to you within seven days?</p> <p>A council member raised concern that no definitive assurances were given for the questions – only political answers.</p> <p>The council is not satisfied with the responses on Mental Health. This is a very serious issue, and their response did not answer their questions.</p>		
6.0	New Business		
6.1	<p>COO Report</p> <p>The COO presented her report to the council; see attached.</p>	1427	COO
6.2	<p>Chairpersons Report</p> <p>The Chair presented her report to the council; see attached.</p>	1435	Chair
6.3	<p>Motion to Accept the COO and Chair Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Al Karasiuk • Second by Lynda Martin <p>Carried</p>	1442	Chair/Council Members
7.0	<p>Council Member Observations and Comments</p> <p>AK: Nothing to report.</p> <p>DK: She received a copy of the brief one-page meeting minutes with the Fort Smith Seniors/Public Meeting with the Health Minister; she will circulate them around.</p> <p>MPS: Nothing additional.</p> <p>LM: Brought forward a concern that LTC can no longer have emotional support animals enter the facility.</p> <p>The COO states that if your pet is well-trained, you can bring them in. Pet therapy is still happening at the LTC facility.</p>	1443	Chair/Council Members

	<p>LT: Brought forward that public health was going into the schools to attend to the physio needs of the students, and the schools very well received it. Now, this program has stopped, and she is wondering who has the authority to stop it. Does it come from here or higher-ups?</p> <p>The public health dept. must report to the COO. She had no idea that they were going into the schools. Public Health needs to incorporate more than just physio, such as blood pressure and diet, among others.</p>		
8.0	<p>Decision Items and Recommendations to the NTHSSA Leadership Council</p> <p>A council member asked if we could submit the Physio in school program regarding the 52 Improvements in 52 Weeks initiative that the Public Administrator is implementing through the NTHSSA.</p>	1454	Chair/Council Members
9.0	<p>Review of Action Items/Workplan</p> <p>Nothing new to report until the NTHSSA Workplan comes out.</p>	1453	Chair/Council Members
10.0	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2025, @ 1400.</p>	1500	Chair/Council Members

	ACTION ITEM	OWNER	ASSIGNED	DUE	COMPLETED
1	Health Centre Cafeteria opening.	COO	RM, Raphael Jeansonne-Gélinas	March 2024	On Hold
2	Once the website has been updated, we can retrieve a copy of the Medical Travel Booklet. New pamphlets will be distributed to communities.	COO	COO	April 2025	Completed New Medical Travel Revision coming in 2026.
3	Chair, COO & Council Member to revise the work plan layout.	Chair	COO	January 2024	On Going
4	Request an update on Trailcross programming and the status of the Trailcross building from Kristy Jones.	COO	COO	April 2025	
5	Kristy Jones will be asked to attend an RWC meeting virtually to answer questions regarding Medical Travel.	COO	COO	June 2025	
6	Provide an update on Mental Health Renewal.	COO	COO	September 2024	On Going
7	Work on increasing Inpatient Occupancy.	COO & Council	COO	September 2024	
8	Enlarge the Mission, Values, and Vision posters in the boardroom.	COO	EA	Jan 2025	Completed

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Approved by Dianna Korol
Fort Smith RWC Chair