

# RFCC Advisory Team Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	October 27, 2025	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	1330
<b>Chair:</b>	Kathy MacDonald	<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Chapel/Zoom
<b>Recorder:</b>	Joanna Johnson	<b>Next Meeting Date:</b>	November 24, 2025
<b>Attendees:</b>	Ken R (CEO); Debbie C (DORC); Leyola/Colleen (Res/Family 2 <sup>nd</sup> ); Amy P (Rec Therapy); Debbie M (Chaplain); Hilary (Resident 4 <sup>th</sup> floor)		

1.0 Welcome and introductions-

2.0 Additions to the Agenda: will add as the meeting progresses

3.0 Business arising from the minutes

3.1 Infection Control Update (Joanna): All current eligible residents have received both their influenza and COVID vaccines. Any new residents being admitted will be given their influenza and COVID vaccines until the eligibility period is completed. Joanna also attended a call with Public Health and Medical Officer of Health for Public Health regarding some of the changes for the management of Respiratory Outbreaks in long term care facilities. Two of the biggest changes this year are:

3.1.1 Roommate Cohorting: If a resident is positive for a respiratory illness, as long as their roommate is asymptomatic, they don't need to be isolated in the room with the infected resident. The roommate would be tested 48 hrs later and if at that time they are positive, then they would remain isolated in the room

3.1.2 Once an outbreak is declared for COVID, any new cases can be confirmed through a rapid test. Previously, once it was confirmed COVID, we didn't do any tests, and assumed any residents with new symptoms were positive for COVID.

3.2 Capital Projects update (Ken/John): The biggest project at the moment is the renovations taking place on the exterior stairs of the chapel. All of the masonry work has been completed, however, waiting for the stairs to have new railings put on, and then delivered/installed. We also had an issue this past Friday, when we didn't have heat on the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors; it had been repaired, and then the valve broke again over the weekend resulting in another emergency service call to repair it.

3.3 Recreation (Amy G): Some of the December activities are unit Christmas parties will be starting on December 8<sup>th</sup>; Christmas themed Bingo; Children Christmas carol singing; Christmas Light "walk" in the Solarium or outside (weather dependent); Christmas Eve roving cart, New Year's Eve sparkling wine and cart. More information will be posted on the unit calendars and on the website.

3.4 Pastoral Care Update (Debbie M): Christmas Choir concert on December 9<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve service on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anglican, Presbyterian, Catholic and United Church services will be taking place. Debbie is also having a toy drive box made, and has ideas for children between 8-10 years old.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Fall Fair: Taking place on November 28<sup>th</sup> from 0900-1300 in the Windsor Room. If anyone wants to drop off baking please call the Recreation office at ext 119. There will also be some artwork and baskets which will have tickets sold on them to raise money for the Recreation department.

4.2 Christmas Clothing Labeling: The last day for Christmas clothes to be dropped off for labeling by the seamstress is December 18<sup>th</sup>, as her last day before the holidays is December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Family can also leave the clothes at the nursing station with the resident's name clearly on it to be labeled after this date.

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- 4.3 CUPE Negotiation update: Saint Vincent's is at the Lead table for the negotiations between CUPE and the province for this round of negotiations. Saint Vincent's had completed negotiations of our local issues two years ago. CUPE has applied for conciliation which might not occur until the new year. As more information is made available we will bring it to this committee.
  - 4.4 Gift from the Heart Campaign: Every year we look at our needs, and send out a letter campaign asking for donations. This year we are looking at raising \$30,000 to upgrade our dental suite up to code for Infection Control Standards. We have been working with Dr. J. Pringle who is working on a project to bring Dalhousie Dental Students in LTC facilities. Part of this project is to upgrade the X-ray machine, and our cabinetry, which does not meet the current standards.
  - 4.5 New Build Update: We have received notification that our new build has been delayed until further notice. Our previous date for completion was 2032, however, the current 19 facilities that are in the construction phase have also been delayed with their completion date. As we receive information from the NS government, we will update this committee.
  - 4.6 Safety: GPA: Amy and Manuel Bautista are the trainers for a program called Gentle Persuasive Approach (GPA) which focuses on non pharmacological interventions for staff to take with resident who have dementia. It will be offered to staff on a monthly basis until most of the staff have taken this program, and then it will be offered every other month.
- 5.0 Round Table: No discussion
- 6.0 Meeting adjourned at 1404