



Seniors and Law Enforcement Together
Making a Difference in our Communities

January 31, 2012

11:00 AM, Super 8 Motel

Attendance:

Nell Laur

Robert Shulz

Donna McKelvie

Vicky Wishart

Gloria Bergner

Sue Drew

Marg Rousseau

Krista Nielson, NWHU

Marjorie Katerick

Gordon Ross

Gerri Yerxa, CMHA

Mike Bird

Heather Johnson, RBC

Gaby Hanzuk

Anne McCoy, OPP

Raj Sud

1.01 Introductions were made for the members present

1.02 SALT officer elections – several members agreed that Robert Shulz is doing a great job as chairperson. Robert agreed that he is willing to stay in the chair person position for the group. Krista Nielson will be the new recording secretary.

1.03 Power of Attorney Presentation – Heather Johnson, Royal Bank

Heather distributed pamphlets and information to the members, and will supply the same pamphlets for SALT members to use during their Elder Abuse presentations in the community. Heather warned about the dangers of adding another person to your account, making it a “joint” account. If someone is added as a joint account holder, that money is technically also now *theirs* – if they (or their spouse) ever wanted to, they could empty the account. Appointing a POA is a much more favorable option. It is best to have a POA appointed before it is ever needed, *then* have their authority activated when necessary. For example, if someone has a dementia diagnosis, he/she will only be able to make a POA designation with a lawyer present to determine that the individual is in the appropriate state of mind to make such a decision. Although POA forms are available from many different places and in many different formats, it is *always* best to have them reviewed by a lawyer. If anyone brings in POA forms to the Royal Bank for another individual, the Bank would contact the individual before taking any action. Heather also stressed the importance of keeping your POA information up to date – for example, if your POA passes away or is otherwise unavailable (ie: illness, dementia). A POA can be cancelled by the individual, or by death – if your POA passes away, your will takes over. Some people choose to have more than one POA –

Heather indicated that this is an important individual decision, and that people must do what is best for them. Heather also stressed the importance of keeping any PIN #'s and access codes private – if another person uses *your* bank card, that is considered fraud.

1.04 Elder Abuse Presentation – Mike Bird and Nell Laur

Some of the SALT members have been practicing their Elder Abuse presentations, so Mike and Nell shared their presentation about Power of Attorney fraud with the group. They explained the SALT initiatives, described different types of elder abuse, shared a video and led the group in a discussion. Several SALT members gave positive feedback on their presentation.

1.05 SALT website – Mike Bird has been adding information to the website. Some modifications are still needed, and links need to be added in.

Anne McCoy advised the group that through her Hate Crimes grant, money will be available to hire a consultant to assist with getting the website up and running.

1.06 VALA computer training – the training for will be taking place

on Thursdays at 2:00 pm.

1.07 Safe Schools – there is a meeting at Robert Moore School on

February 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Anyone from the SALT team is eligible to attend; call Peg Loyie to confirm @ 274-5687.

1.08 ALAG updates – the ALAG group is working on getting two surveys out focusing on Assisted Living. One survey will focus on the health care aspect, while the other will focus on the economic side of things. Because financial support is not available from the town, the group is looking at hiring a coordinator to assist with the survey development and implementation.

1.09 Member updates: the OPP and community partners are creating their 2012 business plan. At the next SALT meeting, we will discuss a statement to provide for this – sharing what we have done as a group, and where we want to go. The more information that we are able to include, the better, as this will help to ensure continued support from the OPP.

Gaby Hanzuk – Meals on Wheels update – the front entrance (where the ambulance goes) will now be used when picking up meals. There will be no more stairs to worry about, and automatic doors to use! 😊

Gloria Bergner – cautioned the group on email scams that have been going around. Emails look as though they are coming from a service provider (cable company, hydro, etc.) and ask for specific information, saying that your service will be disconnected if you do not reply. These are not legitimate; do not reply to them!

10.0 Adjournment – our next meeting will be held on February 28 at the Super 8 meeting room, at 11:00 am.