



Seniors and Law Enforcement Together
Making a Difference in our Communities

September 18, 2012

11:00 AM, NWHU Boardroom

Attendance:

**Krista Nielson, NWHU
Marjorie Katerick
Ian Simpson
Vicky Wishart
Ruth Caldwell
Erma Armit
Donna McKelvie
Gloria Bergner**

**Robert Schulz, chair
Arlene Lamb
Nell Laur
Bob Armit
Gordon Ross
Anne McCoy, OPP
Sue Drew**

- 1.0 Introductions were made for those present, and new attendees welcomed.**
- 2.0 Guest Speaker: Coun. Hallikas was unable to attend today's meeting, but has shared with Ian that the meeting of Aug.20-22 in Ottawa was *not* focused solely on assisted living – just one part of one workshop focused on it. Coun. Hallikas would be happy to attend future SALT meetings. The group decided that a letter should be sent to council to ensure clarification of his expectations (ie: if he is attending as a representative of Fort Frances town council). Coun. Hallikas will attend ALAG's Strategic Planning Workshop on Oct. 3 and is highly interested in assisted living. The group agreed that it is important to have council engaged as we move forward.**

- 3.0 Approval of minutes:** Nell moved that we accept the minutes of the July 17th SALT/ALAG meeting. Anne seconded the motion. All were in favour.
- 4.0 Discussion: LHIN survey:** Robert noted that an insert had been in the Fort Frances Times recently that outlined the LHIN's accomplishments over the past year. At least half of the SALT/ALAG members present completed the LHIN survey, "Your Region, Your Health, Your Voice". The survey has now ended. Westend Weekly article "Why Seniors Matter" –a link to this article is now on the SALT website (www.ffsalt.com).
- 5.0 Report: ALAG** – a small, core group of the steering committee has been meeting regularly. See attached report for details.
- 6.0 Report: Photovoice** – a small group of SALT/ALAG members are involved in a Senior's Photovoice project. In a photovoice project, participants take photos to answer a question. The intention of the project is to compile a number of pictures in response to a question, with the aim of stimulating debate, conversation and positive action. It's a technique designed for identifying community issues and instigating collective action. Krista began the project and invited the public to join. There are 5 participants currently taking photos in response to the questions : "What keeps you healthy and safe in the Rainy River District as you age?" and "What prevents you from being healthy and safe in the Rainy River District as you age?". All people participating either as a photographer or as the subject of a photo are required to sign a photo release form. Additionally, any pictures of private property require a release form to be signed by the property owner. The final project will be put together and shared at ALAG's Oct. 3 Strategic Planning workshop. It will also be shared and displayed at various ALAG/SALT events as well as on the website. The group has had a lot of fun with the project so far and is considering having it an "on-going" project that they add to.
- 7.0 Report: EAGER B's** – as reported previously, weekly walks are continuing – the group meets at the Harbourage at 2:00 on

Mondays and walks and/or pole walks – all are welcome! Zumba is starting at Energy Fitness on Sept. 27th and will continue on Thursdays for 8 weeks from 10:00 am – 10:40 am. Tai Chi may soon be offered at the Sister Kennedy Centre – more information to follow when available.

8.0 Update: Kiss & Ride – the planning group will meet in the Fall – some plans and approval are still needed -- it is the hope that both J.W. Walker and Robert Moore will be ready to go ahead with implementing Kiss & Ride for next year.

9.0 Discussion: Sleeveless Vests -- Anne will obtain a quote on 10 vests from Fort Frances General Supply. Electronic equipment – Anne has obtained a quote from Wilson’s for the equipment needed (\$1909.79). This is the best price (compared with quotes shared at previous meeting), and Wilson’s has a strong reputation for maintenance and support staff. The group discussed the importance of “spreading wealth” around town (ie: making purchases at various locations rather than sticking with one). As additional purchases will still be made, the group decided to go ahead with purchasing equipment from Wilsons and will consider alternate locations for future expenditures. Arlene motioned that we purchase the electronics from Wilson’s at the quoted price of \$1909.79. Nell seconded the motion. All were in favour.

10.0 Financial/Correspondance:

- **3 invoices have been approved by the email committee, totaling \$611.23:**
 - Tess’s Kitchen \$162.66 (July mtg)
 - Ink Cartridge (Ian) \$48.57
 - Professional Services (Ian) \$400.
- ***all were in favour of accepting this expenses pre-approved by the email committee***
- **1 new invoice has been received: \$29.32 was spent at Lowery’s Basics to purchase paper and supplies needed. Ian made this purchase and will be reimbursed for the**

cost. Ruth made a motion to approve the payment of the bill; Gloria seconded the motion. All were in favour.

- Gloria made a motion to pay Tess's Kitchen for lunches for 7 meetings (which would include today's), at a cost of \$162.22 (totaling \$1140.00). Marjorie seconded the motion. All were in favour. (We will have an existing credit with Tess and will receive a monthly invoice indicating what our charge was as well as our remaining balance).
- Donna made a motion that we approve the amount of \$600 to be paid to the Fort Frances Times for the professional printing of the ALAG survey reports. Nell seconded the motion. All were in favour. (Riverside has agreed to print 50 reports as well).
- Anne made a motion that we pay Ian Simpson \$1000 from the SALT/ALAG general account for services from July 2012 to present. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favour.

11.0 Financial Report: see attached. *note: \$50 deposit was to be made in to general account and not the account with the New Horizons Grant money.* Ian will ensure this is corrected. Grace has been contacted by New Horizons, requesting that they be notified of any special events (ie: appreciation gala).

12.0 Senior's Appreciation Gala – November 16, 2012 – Anne announced that she has secured a guest speaker for the event – Commissioner of OPP Chris Lewis will be attending the event. He is a fantastic speaker and we are lucky to have him coming to celebrate with us. The sub-planning group for the Appreciation Gala (Anne, Krista, Erma, Nell, Donna, June) will meet on Friday, 10:00 am at NWHU boardroom to discuss plans for the event.

Additional: Anne shared that she will be on a 3 month secondment in the Thunder Bay region beginning Oct. 1. Another OPP officer will join with SALT/ALAG during that time. Anne will still be attending the October 3 Strategic Planning Workshop, and the Appreciation Gala. She will resume her regular duties in January.

13.0 Adjournment: The next SALT/ALAG meeting will be held on Monday, October 29th at the Super 8 motel at 11:00 am.