



**Health Care Committee
Town Hall – Council Chambers
January 22, 2023 - 4:30 pm
Minutes**

Attendees:

Barb Gates (Co-Chair)	Lois Moore (Co-Chair)	Dr. Collings
Mayor Robert Doucet	Dawn O’Dell	Dr. Hall

Guests: Kelly Blakney, Coordinator – Nursing Home Without Walls

Staff: Richard Malone Chief Administrative Officer
Jessie Dean Executive Assistant to the CAO

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm by Lois Moore (Co-Chair).

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Doucet and seconded by Dawn O’Dell to approve the agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None Declared.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Doucet and seconded by Dawn O’Dell to accept the minutes of the October 23, 2023 meeting.

Motion Carried

5. Recurring Business

a. Nursing Homes Without Walls

Kelly Blakney, Coordinator for Nursing Home Without Walls provided a presentation to the committee. She noted that the program is in the beginning stages, currently reaching out to community partners. The aim of Nursing Home Without Walls is to serve seniors 60+, focusing on the expanded Hampton (3 wards). The program is hosted by the local nursing home (Dr. VA Snow Centre),



with each Nursing Home Without Walls being different as they are geared towards the unique community needs.

Support and services for aging in place:

- Navigating Aging in Place, support with navigating the unique needs of independent seniors with rural lifestyles. Kelly highlighted the Aging in New Brunswick User Guide to assist seniors with personal information and documentation required for applications and planning ahead.
- Interactive community nursing home, 3 hours, 2 days a week for identified clients in nursing home environments.
- Supportive Services, next steps will be networking with community partners.

b. Physician Recruitment

Discussion on potential doctor recruits for the area. It was noted that Envision Saint John has received Provincial funding to work on recruitment, Richard will report back when more information is available. Dr. Hall updated that there is a new Dean of Medicine at Dalhousie University, Julie Copeland who grew up in Hampton and will be based out of Saint John. Dr. Hall noted that there are 7 new seats in NB Medical Education Programs, 2 of which are in Saint John.

6. New Business

a. Membership Review

Richard Malone noted the resignation of Lew Moulton. Council will review the two applications received and will appoint new committee members.

7. Other Business

a. Unhoused

Discussion regarding current unhoused, need for subsidized housing and other community initiatives to address.

8. Next Meeting

There being conflicts with February 19th, 2024 date, the committee agreed to schedule the next meeting for Monday, March 18th, 2024 at 4:30 pm.



9. **Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Doucet that the meeting be adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Approved:

Barbara Gates – Co Chair

Lois Moore – Co-Chair

Richard Malone - Staff Representative