

**MINUTES**  
**THAMES CENTRE SENIOR CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY, July 26, 2024**  
**9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Joanne Bugo, Karen Gress, Nancy Kell, Joan Kemp, Gord Lewis, and Eileen Tupholme.

REGRETS: Ray Chowen

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed, and it was:

Moved by: N. Kell

Seconded by: J. Bugo

(Resolution # TCSCAC-07-2024)

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the April 26, 2024, meeting be received as printed. Carried.

3. REPORTS

(A) **Activity Report – Presented by Karen Gress**

The Senior Centre Co-Ordinator reported that the Spring Hot Meal was a nice afternoon that was enjoyed by many. The Eats and Beats fundraising dinner was a successful evening with great music and a silent auction. The July Beef BBQ was cancelled due to lack of interest. Armchair Travel in June was a chance for participants to travel through the Galapagos Island and Haid Gwaih, Barb and Holly shared their adventures while participants enjoyed themed desserts. Movie afternoons lacked interest during the summer months, exciting titles are being discussed for the fall months. The last bid euchre tournament did not turn a profit, prizes at the next tournament will be determined by Active Living Centre Staff to ensure more profit is turned. The garage sale was successful, there were less donated items prior to the sale due to lack of storage space during the renovation. Bus trips have become more profitable and more fun since Active Living Centre staff are back to planning the trips, each stop is carefully picked to make the most of the day.

The Activity Report was presented, and it was:

Moved by: J. Bugo

Seconded by: N. Kell

(Resolution # TCSCAC-08-2024)

RESOLVED THAT the Activity Report be accepted as presented.

4. OTHER ITEMS – None.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS –  
Will Rooyakkers was presented with the Senior of the Year Award.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revision to the Newsletter was made to indicate the membership fees allow participation in both Dorchester and Thorndale. N. Kell and E. Tupholme stated the newsletter provides detailed information for new members, K. Gress will check with R. Chowen for any further revisions.

8. NEW BUSINESS

K. Gress shared a progress update on the renovations and shared that the facility is looking great. The tentative move in date for the new facility is August 9 and it is looking like all programs will be facilitated in the new Centre in the fall. The new VON facility and Active Living Centre are still waiting for sprinkler systems before either party can move in. The names of the multipurpose rooms in the Active Living Centre were shared. Hot Meals were successful in Thorndale during the renovation and will be moved back to Dorchester when the new facility is ready. R. Chowen previously expressed concern with moving hot meals entirely to Dorchester. K. Gress explains the difficulty with transporting all required food and materials to Thorndale each month, and that the Centre would need duplicate of needed supplies in Dorchester and Thorndale if we were to alternate locations for hot meals. It was discussed that a committee in Thorndale to discuss potential new programs would be beneficial in order to get an idea of what the community is interested in. In the fall, a coffee hour meeting can be utilized to begin the brainstorming process and commence seeking volunteers to spearhead programs.

9. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

(A) Next meeting will be Friday, October 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Thorndale Community Centre.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was:

Moved by: G. Lewis

Seconded by: E. Tupholme

(Resolution # TCSCAC-09-2024)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. Carried.

Joan Kemp, Chair

Karen Gress, Recording Secretary