

*B*ACKGROUND

Pioneer Ridge opened in 1994 and formed a Family & Friends Committee that consists of family and friends of residents, community and staff members. Meetings are held five times a year.

*D*EFINITION

The Family & Friends Committee is an organized, self-led, self-determining and democratic group which provides assistance and advice to families/friends and residents in the Home and makes recommendations to the Home in the interests of residents and their families.

Friends and Family
GATHER HERE

*W*HAT DOES THE FAMILY & FRIENDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DO?

- Welcomes and supports families
- Serves in an advisory capacity
- Sponsors activities
- Educates
- Advocates (locally & provincially)

*W*HAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

- Enhances quality of life of the residents
- Educates and informs
- Method to express concerns
- Problem Solving

*M*EMBERSHIP

Membership consists of:

- Family representatives for each Home Area
- Auxiliary Representation
- Staff & Resident Council Representation
- Community Representation



*W*HAT IS THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY & FRIENDS COMMITTEE?

- Provide assistance, information and advice to residents & family members
- Advise residents & family of their rights and obligations under the Act
- Attempt to resolve disputes between the licensee and residents.
- Sponsor and plan activities for residents.
- Collaborate with community groups and volunteers concerning activities for residents.
- Review inspection reports, summaries and financial statements
- Advise the licensee of any concerns or recommendations the Council has about the operation of the home.
- Report to the Director any concerns and recommendations that in the Council's opinion ought to be brought to the Director's attention.

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Home Area 1 – **Angel Perreault, Maria Lento**

Home Area 2 – **Lloyd Ivany, Lorna Balacko, Shirley Hendel, Brenda Clapp, Gord Cromier**

Home Area 3 – **Cindy Salo**

Home Area 4 – **Dave Kawahara, Judy Savela, Helping Hands Auxiliary – Sheila Meijer**
Resident – **Alice Makay, Marcella Smithers**
Community Representative – **Vacant**

The Administrative Assistant will be able to provide member's contact information for you.

2024 Meeting Schedule

Monday Feb 5

Monday March 18

Monday June 17

Monday September 16

Monday November 18 Annual Potluck at 12:30pm

All meetings begin at 2:00pm in the Pioneer Ridge Classroom.

FUTURE DIRECTION

To Learn More about Family & Friends visit our communication board located on the main floor across from the elevator.

The Family & Friends Advisory Committee would like to hear from you – other family members and friends.

Please let us know about your ideas, suggestions, issues and/or concerns.

Drop off your correspondence to the Business Office or mail to:

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