

George Derby Centre (GDC)
Family Council – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 _ 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM _ (Boardroom & Microsoft Teams)

Attendees

Sohila, Dave, Newton, Lorena, John De Jong (via Teams)

Regrets

Don, Mimi, Albert, Dale, Susan

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM - Sohila

II. Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was read - Lorena

III. Welcome and Introductions

Welcomed attendees and introduction - Sohila

IV. Review of Agenda

The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed and accepted - All

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the April 14, 2026, meeting were reviewed and approved - All

VI. Unfinished Business

a) Gardening Volunteers

Sohila, Dale, and Newton volunteered to assist with gardening, while Dave will help with cleanup.

There are two gardening areas:

- A small solarium in MN downstairs, which Mallory has agreed to clean out, as items are currently being stored there.
- Another gardening area located behind MS.

b) Ministry's Response to Letters of Concern

Lorena read aloud the Ministry's response letter addressing concerns regarding funding cuts affecting Long-Term Care facilities.

VII. New Business

a) Staffing Concerns

Discussion took place regarding staffing shortages and the implications for residents' care and well-being.

b) Updated Family Council Invitation Letter

Sohila will ask Brittany to distribute the updated "Invitation to Join Family Council" letter during the annual email communication sent to residents' family contacts. The letter has been revised to include new FC's email and updated contact information.

c) FAFC and ILTCCABC Resources

Discussion took place regarding Fraser Association of Family Councils (FAFC) and Independent Long-Term Care Councils Association of BC (ILTCCABC), including the resources and supports they provide to Family Councils.

d) Summer Break

It was decided that the Family Council will take a summer break, and no meetings will be held during July and August.

e) FAFC Summer Picnic

FAFC will host a summer picnic in September in Langley. Members are encouraged to check the organization's website for additional details.

f) Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

g) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.