

KITIMAT 50+ SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
50+ Centre, 658 Columbia Ave.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Pauline Morgan

Attendance

Executive Present: Pauline Morgan, Vice-President
 Barb Thomas, Treasurer
 Shirley Boudreault, Secretary
 Norbert Eitner, Director
 Louise Avery, Director
 Anne Hansen, Director

Membership attendance – 49 (includes Executive)

The Chair noted that out of 330 members 320 are eligible to vote and 49 were present. As the bylaws require a quorum of 10%, it was determined that a quorum was present.

The Chair spoke a few words about Sharon Keller's recent demise and her past contributions to the centre.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

Additions and approval of the agenda:

1. New items – access to the centre (added as item #8)
2. Getting additional channels for the tv (added as item #9)

Moved by Jack, seconded by Anne - That the agenda be adopted as amended. - Motion Carried

Minutes

Moved by Loesje, seconded by Jack - That the minutes of the General Meeting held January 22, 2026 be approved - Motion Carried

Moved by Darlene, seconded by Anne - That the minutes of the General Meeting held March 19, 2026 be approved. - Motion Carried

Treasurer's Monthly Report: Barb Thomas gave the Treasurer's Monthly report for the period ending April 30, 2026.

Moved by Loesje, seconded by Janice - That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. - Motion Carried

Old Business

1. Election of Officers – President and one Director - the meeting was turned over to Sandra Knowles, Nomination Committee, to conduct the election for the positions of President and one Director. Mary-Ellen Proctor had agreed to run for the position of President.

Sandra called for further nominations for position of President – there were none.

Moved by Rob, seconded by Karen – That Mary-Ellen Proctor be acclaimed to the position of president for the remaining 8 months of the term. – Motion Carried

Cynthia Cridge and Teresa Delisser had agreed to put their names forward for the position of Director, however, upon further enquiry, Cynthia declined the nomination for Director. Sandra called for further nominations for Director – there were none.

Moved by Janice, seconded by Ruth – That Teresa DeLisser be acclaimed in the position of Director for the remaining 8 months of the term. – Motion Carried

2. Centre Signage – Summary presented to the members - design #3 was the winner. There were 31 votes cast in favour of design #3 and 19 in favour of design #4. Silvertip Signs will install the new name and design and if they find anything concerning about the condition of the awning, they will let us know before proceeding.
3. Refurbish Card Tables – The Chair said we need someone with expertise to tell us whether the table tops can be refinished. We are looking for volunteers to organize a work party. Another option is to buy new square folding tables.
4. Summer Student – Federal gov't approved grant for summer student for 8 weeks at 35 hours per week at \$21/hour - one week less than the Kitimat 50+ Society applied for. This covers June 29th to August 21st. The position has been awarded to Jason Ekeleme who is graduating from high school.

Amelia is not back until September 8th so that leaves two weeks with no programmer. The Executive recommends adding an extra week of wages for the summer student to include the last week of August. Cost is estimated to be approximately \$850.00. We can use funds from the \$5,000.00 deferred grant from last year to cover this expense. This grant was given to the Society to use as we wished and it hasn't been touched yet.

Moved by Sylvia, seconded by Sandra – That we approve paying the student to work the extra week, if they are available, with funding to come out of the \$5k. – Motion Carried

5. LNG grant – Program Developer, wellness program – Kanaeta did a presentation on the new health and wellness program. Her job includes increasing the Centre's potential health offerings to its members so Kanaeta developed a survey to see what the membership was interested in - 25 people responded – It was noted that people want to see more introductions to centre events, plus interest in joint health, cognitive health, and social health, etc. were mentioned. Kanaeta has also asked activity leads what their equipment needs are. Kanaeta will post the survey final results and where we will be going in the next few months. She said it is up to LNG and the executive to make the final decision of how the grant money is spent. If members have suggestions on what they would like they can email Kanaeta.

New Business

1. District of Kitimat request for support – The Executive made a decision that the Kitimat 50+ Society provide a letter of support to the District of Kitimat for a grant application for an evacuation route planning project in Kitimat.
2. Charges for Photocopying – In order to cover the cost of printing, the Executive made a decision to charge members .10 cents for black and white and .30 cents for colour photocopying. Upon enquiry from a member, the executive will discuss whether there is a cap on the number of pages.
3. Christmas party – Legion has asked if we are booking again this year. A member of the Executive met with the Legion representative to discuss some of the issues from last year and is confident these have been resolved but we want the membership to give input. In the discussion of last year's party most people who attended thought it was well done. They would like to continue at this location so long as the music and food issues are resolved. Question arose about attendance with the idea that attendance of 120 would always be the maximum. The convenience factor of having a music system and built in bartender makes the Legion the preferred location. The executive thanks the membership for their input on this matter.
4. Activity Lead Reports – Years ago activity leads reported at the general meeting but often there was no report and it added to the length of the meeting. The executive is suggesting each activity could send a rep to give a report. Janice Bienas, Lead of Chair Exercise, said she remembers those days and she said she enjoyed hearing what the programs were doing. She thanked Amelia for bringing in experts such as physiotherapists, etc. which shows that what she is doing is on track with our health and wellness goals. Darlene Gleig reported on Mahjong, said she agreed that it is nice to hear what other programs are doing and she reminded the membership that Mahjong is one of those challenging activities that stimulates your brain. Sue Jay said she was speaking on behalf of the Tai Chi group and they are averaging 9-10 participants and they are stopping June 29th and resuming Sept 19th. Sandra Knowles, lead of Book Club which meets every month and Duplicate Bridge held Monday evenings said there is an opportunity to learn bridge on Wednesdays. Cheryl Groves leads the ukulele and singing groups and reported that they go in to Delta King and Mountainview Lodge monthly which is very much appreciated. Maria Torres said that she and Ruth Santos run the Sick and Wellness program, and that if we know of anyone who is sick to contact her and they'll send a card. Karen Santucci, who volunteers with the bingo group said they are always looking for more volunteers such as callers, verifiers, desk person. Maynard Reid, lead of the boardgames group, said they started this group in January and there are about 8 of them who gather Friday afternoons. He said they are on break now but will resume in September. Pauline Morgan, Lead for Yoga, said they meet 3 times per week. They use videos for instruction, it is very relaxed and she encouraged the membership to participate in yoga sessions somewhere. She is also lead of Canasta and Mexican Train, both very popular activities and stated the group is willing to teach new players.
5. Fridge doors – The members were reminded that they need to ensure fridge and freezer doors are closed. There was a recent incident where the fridge/freezer closest to the stove iced up. Also, keep in mind that the new microwave has a door open button to push

before it can be opened.

6. BBQ replacement – our BBQ is 20 yrs old and is in terrible condition due to not being cleaned after it's last use so the executive has decided to replace it using the remaining kitchen renovations grant.

Moved by Karen, seconded by Loesje – That the membership approve the purchase of a BBQ with funding to come from the remaining kitchen renovations grant. – Motion Carried

7. July 1st Canada Day – This year's theme is Community Pride. A member suggested we gauge the interest to participate this year by sending an email to the membership asking for July 1st Committee volunteers.
8. Access to the 50+ Centre after hours - Anyone who urgently needs to access the Centre when it is closed will need to call an Executive member. For security reasons, the key fob at Riverlodge front desk will no longer be handed out to just anyone. From Monday to Friday the Centre hours are posted as 10 am to 3 pm however the Centre front door is unlocked from 8:30 am to 3 pm. A policy will be developed.
9. Additional TV Channels – A member asked if we could get additional TV channels. It was suggested we look at apps that provide free TV or a streaming service. The executive will look into more options of what's available.

Programmer's Report – Amelia Pozsgay, Programmer, gave her monthly report, covering upcoming and past month activities and events.

Mens' Shed - Doug Young gave a brief presentation on the Mens' Shed program which is a group of men who meet to connect socially by doing and building for people in the community. They do things such as build planters, teach people how to repair lawnmowers, etc. Mens' Sheds have been proven to help with male mental health. They have a temporary location where they will meet and a notice will go out when Kitimat's group begins. A member asked what the possibility was that they could take on our table refurbishment project. Doug said he would get back to us. When questioned how they are funded, Doug said they are a non-profit society who rely on grants and would also look at selling some of their projects. A donation of tools from a centre member was made to the Mens' Shed which is much appreciated.

Door Prizes - The winners of the door prize planters were Zelia Marleau and Rob Goffinet.

Next General Meeting: September 24, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.