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**MEMORANDUM
AND
NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS
October 16, 2024**

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TO: All Members of ElderActive Recreation Association,
Golden Age Society and Yukon Council on Aging

RE: SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Date: **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**
10:00 am Golden Age Society
12:00 pm Yukon Council on Aging
2:00 pm ElderActive Recreation Association

Location: Elks Hall, 401 Hawkins St., Whitehorse
(Zoom/phone participation also to be provided)

On the 16th of October, there will be Special General Meetings of the members of the Yukon Council on Aging (YCOA), Golden Age Society (GAS) and ElderActive Recreation Association (ERA).

You may have heard that these meetings were to happen on October 10. That was the original plan. We have changed the date to October 16 so we can be sure all members get the required notice.

Over the past number of months, our three organizations have been working on a possible amalgamation. However, that work did not produce a proposal that the Boards of Directors of all three organizations were prepared to put to members.

These Special General Meetings therefore have a more limited goal. Their purpose is for members to give their respective boards a mandate to continue working to find ways their services, activities and administration can be better coordinated to better serve members and other Yukoners 55+. You will be asked to vote on a

motion to do that. The general wording of the motion is below. The wording may be slightly different for each organization, because we all do things a little differently.

The work that you will be asked to approve may lead to the potential amalgamation of the three organization at some future date. It is important to understand, however, that no decision on amalgamation is being made now. The decision is instead whether to continue exploring options.

Your voice matters and your participation in making this decision is critical.

The Boards of YCOA, GAS and ERA encourage you to attend the meeting for each organization you belong to. At each meeting, you will be asked to vote on a motion that authorizes the organization to continue discussing coordination, cooperation and potential amalgamation.

Again, this is not a vote to amalgamate. It is a vote to continue looking for ways to work together. But it is important for your Boards to know that members agree to proceed with these discussions.

The meetings will take place at the Elks Hall following this schedule:

1. 10:00 – 11:30 Golden Age Society
2. 12:00 – 1:30 Yukon Council on Aging
3. 2:00 – 3:30 ElderActive Recreation Association

It is important that we are able to achieve quorum for these meetings so for those that are unable to attend in person, zoom online and phone conferencing will be available. Details will be posted on the ERA and YCOA websites; GAS members can call GAS at 867-668-5538. Voting methods and procedures will be in accordance with each organization's bylaws.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th of October!

Motion (to be voted on by members)

The Members of [name of organization] direct the Board of Directors

- to pursue areas of greater cooperation and coordination and potential amalgamation between ElderActive Recreation Association, Golden Age Society and Yukon Council on Aging; and
- to report to the Members, at a time and place to be determined, as to efforts taken and progress made.

Note that each organization's motion may be slightly differently worded to comply with its own procedures.