

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Virtual Board Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2021 9:30 am.

PRESENT: Don Mitchell (President), Fran Preston (Vice President), Richard Newman (Treasurer), Bobbi Duncan (Secretary), Kathleen Spiess (Director), Cindy Juker (Director), Joan Thane (Director), Susan Schenkeveld (Director)

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director), Vanessa DeFreitas (U-Connect Co-ordinator)

LIAISONS: Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows), Councillor Judy Dueck (Maple Ridge), Jackie Senchyna (Recreation Program Services Coordinator, Pitt Meadows), Tony Cotroneo (Manager, Recreation Services for Maple Ridge)

1.0 Call to order at 9:31 am.

- Introduction and welcome to our newest board member, Susan Schenkeveld.

2.0 Approval of the agenda.

MOTION: Kathleen Spiess moved that the Agenda be approved with the above correction. Seconded by Cindy Juker. **CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of the minutes

MOTION: Joan Thane moved that the Minutes of March 24/01 be approved. Seconded by Fran Preston. **CARRIED**

4.0 Staff Presentation

- Vanessa DeFreitas – YouConnect Co-ordinator. Vanessa gave a summary of her job responsibilities which includes all communications with Mais- program testing, creating quick guides for users, producing training documents and training users. She is very familiar with the flow of the centres and can step in and do most jobs if needed. Amongst Vanessa's multiple responsibilities, she also keeps our website up to date and has even become our resident photographer.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons:

- Bob Meachen
 - Keeping track of organizations in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge that are focused on seniors care and day to day assistance. There a lot of volunteer who give their time to these endeavours.
 - Continuing opposition to the CP Rail proposal.
 - Having own detachment of RCMP is closer to being a go.
 - Pandemic protocol is still in place for Pitt Meadows City Hall.
- Judy Dueck
 - The 3month pilot program – Crime education and Safety is going well.
 - Translink is planning to expand the Golden Ears Way to 2 lanes both way to 210.
 - A rapid bus is needed to go to 240th.

- Jackie Senchyna
 - Indoor Fitness Programs have been put on hold but some have moved to the outdoors. The next updates on restrictions will be on May 25th. Hopefully more classes can be moved back inside
 - Volunteer Appreciation Week ended with Coffee and Goodies drive thru in Spirit Square.
 - Approval for vibrant community grants.
 - Painting of parking lot in front of Pitt Meadows centre will be done next week.
- Tony Cotroneo
 - City Hall moved their entrance to the East side of the building and their exit to the West side of the building. City Hall Ambassadors are now outside the front entrance and dealing with Anti-Covid residents.
 - The city's daycamps and summer programs will all be held outdoors.
 - The city has asked for extensions on the grants.

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Volunteer Appreciation Week. In lieu of a party, each of our volunteers receive a card signed by all staff and a little token of appreciation if they still volunteered their time during our covid closure. A great daily post on FB that spoke to the Value of One, The Power of Many highlight the great work that our volunteers do.
- Number of current members new and returned is 700.
- Grants applied for- Well Being grant, Innovative Programming and Emergency Relief Grant all through Help Age Canada.
- Added a YouTube channel to post our in house workshops and activities
- Added a donation button to FaceBook
- Added RMSS to the Canadian Database of Charities (CanadaHelps)
- Outdoor Fitness was going to be implemented if the Order is extended past May 25. We have discovered it won't be possible to commit to outdoor classes because of the 10 person limit.
- Federal Budget Highlights for seniors: Increase Old Age Pension, Age Well at Home initiative, money for affordable housing and expand the Family Well Being fund to support veterans.

5.3 Finance

- February financials were provided. No discussion.
- Keeping an eye on our food program

5.4 Duck Race

- Everyone is having trouble selling tickets.

6.0 Unfinished Business:

6.1 Strategic Plan:

- Affordable Housing. The committee met last week. Next week we will have a meeting with Bev and Maria to get a better picture of needs. We will look into the possibility of purchasing a few units from the developer during the building stage construction.

7.0 New Business – Budget

- The 2021-2022 was presented for approval.

MOTION: Richard Newman moved that the 2021-2022 Budget be approved. Seconded by Joan Thane.
CARRIED

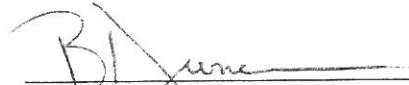
Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.



Don Mitchell (President)



Date



Bobbi Duncan (Secretary)