

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Virtual Board Meeting Minutes, February 24, 2021 9:35 am.

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

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director), Carmen Tischer (Activity 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 Introductions and Call to order at 9:33 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda. Add 6.1 Grants and 7.2 Handicap Signs – Pitt Meadows.

MOTION: Cindy Juker moved that the Agenda be approved with the above addition. Seconded by Richard Newman. **CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of the minutes

MOTION: Fran Preston moved that the Minutes of January 27/01 be approved. Seconded by Cindy Juker. **CARRIED**

4.0 Staff Presentation

- Carmen Tischer – Activity Co-ordinator. Carmen gave a summary of her job responsibilities which include all programming, working with activity leaders, supporting and promoting current programs, introducing new programs and producing the Grapevine. She is the hub of the centres.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons:

- Judy Dueck
 - BC Housing is meeting to discuss Senior Housing in Maple Ridge.
 - The acting RCMP Superintendent is launching a 3 month pilot program – Crime Reduction and Safety. There will be an increase in foot patrols in malls with CSO's (Community Safety Officers) to make the downtown area safer.
 - Upgrading the street lighting especially in the laneways in downtown.
- Bob Meachen
 - 20 ongoing projects in Pitt Meadows.
 - CP Rail: Pitt Meadows council does not agree with the proposal and are looking into raising the taxation rate for CP Rail.
 - Having own detachment of RCMP is ongoing
 - Work has started for new Fire Hall.
- Tony Cotroneo
 - Maple Ridge received UBCM grants for Food Security and a Neighborhood Recreation Program

- Jackie Senchyna
 - No decision has been made about what the 8 acres that Onni gave to the city will be used for.
 - Fitness programs have been modified but are being offered.
 - Golden Ears Pickleball Club has been formed. Information online.
 - Family Day festivities went well with Grab Bags being distributed.
 - Still working on Parks and Culture Master Plan.

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Fitness programs running well, some with waiting lists.
- Cultural Connections Grant from New Horizons Grant to increase the number of multicultural seniors using the society's programs and services. Newcomers week is in March.
- Gaming Grant of \$95,000.00 which supports outreach program and supplements kitchen staff wages and the Meals on Wheels has changed and \$72,000.00 of it is no longer eligible for food services. We have been given a years grace but will have to look elsewhere for the money.

5.3 Finance: January financials were provided. No discussion.

6.0 Unfinished Business:

6.1 Grants – we have not heard back from New Horizons 2021 or United Way Family and Friends Caregiver Grant

7.0 New Business

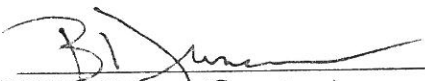
7.1 Duck Race – the Duck Race will be online this year. Tickets will be available from March 1st to June 5th. Bobbi Duncan will volunteer to help seniors at Pitt Meadows centre who do not have access to a computer to buy the tickets and Kathleen Spies will help at the Maple Ridge centre.

7.2 Handicap Parking Signs – Pitt Meadows Senior Centre needs the parking stalls painted. We will contact the city to see if they will do it.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.


Don Mitchell (President)


Date


Bobbi Duncan (Secretary)