

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Virtual Board Meeting Minutes, January 27, 2021 9:35 am.

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

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director), Bev Schmahmann (Outreach & Support Services), Raman Narang (Caregiver Connections Co-ordinator)

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

REGRETS: Joan Thane (Director), Tony Cotroneo (Manager, Recreation Services for Maple Ridge)

1.0 Introductions and Call to order at 9:35 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda. Add 5.0 Correspondence.

MOTION: Bobbi Duncan moved that the Agenda be approved with the above addition. Seconded by Fran Preston. **CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of the minutes

MOTION: Bobbi Duncan moved that the Minutes of November 25/20 be approved. Seconded by Richard Newman. **CARRIED**

4.0 Staff Presentation

- Bev Schmahmann – Outreach & Support Services. Bev gave a summary of her job and what she and her committee have been doing.
- Raman Narang – Caregiver Connection Co-ordinator. Raman is a new hire for RMSS. This new position is a result of United Way Grant Funding. Part of Raman's job responsibilities is to support caregivers and offer resources for them.

5.0 Correspondence:

5.1 Thank-you card. A thank-you card was received from Maple Towers for all the Christmas hampers. Every resident received a hamper worth approximately \$100.00.

5.2 Thank-you letter to "A Reason to Smile" joke book by 5 year old Tristen and his mom Naya. At \$20.00 each, over 500 books have been sold and the proceeds are being donated to the RMSS and the Friends in Need Food Bank. This donation will be used to subsidize memberships and activities for those older adults who cannot afford it.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Liaisons:

- Bob Meachen
 - Pitt Meadows Staff did an excellent job with decorations and creating a Christmas Feeling despite all the Covid regulations.

- CP Rail: Pitt Meadows council does not agree with the proposal and are looking into raising the taxation rate for CP Rail.
- Judy Dueck
 - Thank you to the Maple Ridge staff for their excellent efforts during Christmas.
 - There is a new acting RCMP Superintendent. The previous superintendent took a job in Surrey.
 - Hwy 7 between 266 and 287 will be completed. Go to <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/highway7widening266-287> to see video.
- Jackie Senchyna
 - During the Christmas Season, the Art Gallery sold quite a few of their pieces and were very happy with the visits and exposure.
 - Waiting for Dr. Henry's Feb. 5th direction as to what can be opened for fitness classes.
 - Still working on Parks and Culture Master Plan

6.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- 'Seniors helping Santa' in partnership with London Drugs delivered 250 Christmas Hampers. An additional 100 will be produced for 'Christmas in July'.
- YouConnect system is working well.
- Four of the volunteer drivers have installed the plexiglass in their vehicles. This was paid for by a Community Foundation of Canada grant that RMSS had applied for.
- Raman has made great connections for referrals to the Caregiver Connection program.
- Pre Covid- RMSS offered 100+ activities per week. September we re-opened with 50 per week. January we are at 30 per week.

6.3 Finance: December financials were provided. No discussion.

6.4 Meeting with City of Pitt Meadows

- Maria, Bobbi, Fran and Don attended a zoom meeting with the Parks and Culture Masterplan Planning committee. An online questionnaire is available on the Pitt Meadows website which we encourage everyone living in Pitt Meadows to complete.

6.5 Seniors Network Committee

- Bev Schmahmann and Carmen Tischer sit on this committee. Anyone can attend a meeting but if you want to be a member it is a \$2.00 cost.

7.0 Unfinished Business:

7.1 Grant Review

- \$72, 000 for 2021 United Way Family and Friends Caregiver Grant Funds used to cover wages, advertising, volunteers, speakers, supplies and equipment for the Caregiver Support program. Ends June of 2022 with the hope that it will continue to be funded.
- \$92, 000 Gaming Grant covers partial costs of the Outreach Coordinator (20,000), some of the wages of the kitchen staff (72, 000).
- \$24, 782 New Horizons Grant from April 2020 (postponed until April 2021/22)- Cultural Connections program. This is to increase the number of multicultural seniors using the society's programs and services.

- \$45, 000 Vancouver Foundation for Covid related activities
- \$12, 000 for Covid related expenses (drivers' plexiglass in vehicles, plexi in centres, additional equipment and supplies)
- \$21, 000 Community Gaming Matching Funds. For a bus. We have until early 2022 to use it or give it back. (in addition, \$7260- City of Maple Ridge for insurance and funds towards Bus)

Applications Submitted

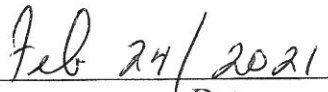
- \$100, 000 Gaming Application for 2021- hear by end of the month
- \$25, 000 New Horizons 2021- in partnership with Barbara Morgan to create an Emergency Planning handbook for Retirement Communities. – should hear by February
- \$75,000 two years United Way Navigation and Peer Support Proposal- To add an additional staff for the outreach department to cover the growth of services requested.
- Wage subsidy to date \$153, 000 received to offset staff cost during covid closures

8.0 New Business - None

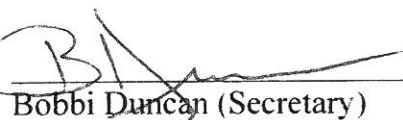
Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.



Don Mitchell (President)



Date



Bobbi Duncan (Secretary)