

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Virtual Board Meeting Minutes, March 24, 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)

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director), Kara Matthew (Volunteer 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 9:31 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda. Change 6.1 to United Way Grant not Cultural Connections Programs.

MOTION: Fran Preston moved that the Agenda be approved with the above correction. Seconded by Richard Newman. **CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of the minutes

MOTION: Bobbi Duncan moved that the Minutes of February 24/01 be approved. Seconded by Cindy Juker. **CARRIED**

4.0 Staff Presentation

- Kara Matthew – Volunteer Co-ordinator. Kara gave a summary of her job responsibilities which include managing a database of 200 volunteers. Part of this entails ensuring the Wellness Call team keep in touch with our members; helping volunteers adapt to doing different roles then they were doing pre Covid; main contact with cashiers and volunteer drivers. Kara is also currently looking after the Grab and Go library and filling in at the front desk when needed.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons:

- Judy Dueck
 - Received quarterly report and the cost to offset COVID was enormous.
 - Positive response to the launching of the 3month pilot program – Crime Reduction and Safety.
 - Pubic needs to know that dog licenses are required for their pets.
- Bob Meachen
 - Pitt Meadows is on Spring Break.
 - Continuing opposition to the CP Rail proposal.
 - Having own detachment of RCMP is ongoing
 - Work being done at Shoreline Park to take out invasive species and add more benches and grass areas.
 - Pandemic protocol is still in place for Pitt Meadows City Hall.

- Tony Cotroneo
 - Long time volunteer, Patrick Harris, passed away last week.
 - City Hall ambassadors program will continue throughout the summer. It will be combined with the youth program.
 - David Boag has retired as General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture and will be replaced by Scott Hartman.
- Jackie Senchyna
 - Spring Break programs are running.
 - Goody Bags are available to families to pick up for Easter.
 - Registration is ongoing and most Yoga classes are full.
 - Any pickleball enquires are being directed to the Golden Ears Pickleball Club.
 - Running Clinic has been given approval to start up again.

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Immigration Partnership – Do You Know Your Community. A Videographer came to both centres to show what the centres do and offer. Video was viewed. Excellent.
- Volunteer drivers are available to drive seniors to their vaccination shots.
- Doing Zoom programming for Trivia and Art Classes.
- Workshop will be offered on how to research and write about your family history.

5.3 Finance

- January financials were provided. No discussion.
- Working on budget
- Wage subsidy is coming to an end.

5.4 Duck Race

- Takes a lot of time to process an order. Still learning program and will make a few adjustments to quicken process.

6.0 Unfinished Business:

6.1 Grants:

- United Way- Navigation and Peet Support Grant – we were not successful in receiving this grant.
- New Horizons 2021 and Family and Friends Caregiver Grants will be starting next week.

6.2 Strategic Plan:

- Board objective – Affordable Housing. BC Housing has 1.5 billion dollars to spend on affordable housing. We will look into the Maple Ridge housing plan and see what we can do to be proactive. Discussion followed. Fran, Bobbi, Richard and Don will form a sub-committee to look into affordable housing.

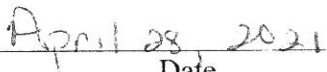
6.3 Handicap Parking – Pitt Meadows:

- City of Pitt Meadows is looking into it. We will put up temporary sign until city makes a decision.

7.0 New Business - None

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.


Don Mitchell (President)


Date


Bobbi Duncan (Secretary)