

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 9:30 am
Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Don Mitchell (President), Fran Preston (Vice President), Bobbi Duncan (Secretary), Richard Newman (Treasurer), Carla Reed (Director), Cindy Juker (Director), Susan Schenkeveld (Director)

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

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

REGRETS: Joan Thane (Director)

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1.0 Call to order at 9:30 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda.

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

3.0 Approval of the minutes of November 24, 2021

MOTION: Susan Schenkeveld moved that the Minutes of November 24 be approved. Seconded by Cindy Juker. **CARRIED**

4.0 Correspondence

Joan Thane is withdrawing from the Board of Directors.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liasons:

Bob Meachen

- Final approval for RCMP. Start-up of a transition team is happening.
- CP Rail will be funding 100% of the underpass expense. The Kennedy Overpass is on hold. CP is moving ahead with an industrial park at the northwest area of Pitt Meadows. Council is 100% opposed to this proposal. We do not have the infrastructure or resources to have more fulltime fireman in case there was a fire.

Judy Dueck

- Haney Place Mall and Valleyfair Mall have both been purchased. Lots of changes are planned for Haney Place but non for Valleyfair.
- MR maintenance department did an amazing job keeping the roads cleared during the cold snowy weather.
- Covid has resulted with a shortness of staff.
- The new GM for Parks and Recreation, Stephane Labonne, will start on March 7th.
- The exit from the Golden Ears Bridge to Maple Ridge has become a chokehold and is being looked at.

Jackie Senchyna

- Tennis courts and pickleball courts have been running all summer and fall. They need resurfacing. A survey will be done on whether to permanently resurface the area to keep pickleball as well as tennis.
- The Rec Centre has been reopened.
- A new advisory committee focusing on accessibility is being formed.
- Pitt Meadows day will be in person events this year.

Tony Cotroneo

- Maple Ridge will form their own advisory committee for adversity and accessibility.
- Youth have always been allowed to work out during the shutdowns.

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- We have brought back all fitness and dance classes this week. A number of classes are over the 25 people capacity limit in place so we have had to revert back to making them a pre-registered program until late February. Those will be open for registration this week and start back next week.
- Sent grant applications to Rexal Drugs, Good Food Access Fund, Petro Can Caremakers foundation. Have not received any word yet about these applications. We did hear back from Gaming. We were only successful in receiving our 22,000 for the Outreach Program. The other program applied for (instead of our Food Service Program) was called Seniors Support Services and we were turned down.
 - Rexal Drugs- Funding to support the Adult Cognitive Wellness Program to reduce the cost for seniors to participate. It's a partnership between Safe Care Home Support.
 - Good Food Access fund- to support no cost meals for seniors. 3 months 20K
 - Petro Canada Caremakers Foundation- Same as above 7500.
- Staff have moved from the Library back into the Outreach Office. There is a schedule for staff to be either in Maple Ridge, Home or at Pitt Meadows with some time booked in the board room. This is so that we only ever have 2 staff working out of the office.
- Cultural Connection Grant Project. Our NHG application from 2020 is being fulfilled this year. The long term objective will be to support the social participation and inclusion of the multicultural seniors. The anticipated results of this project are to increase the number of multicultural seniors using the society's programs and services which in turn will increase socialization, inclusiveness and provide a sense of security and friendship for all involved. Our steering committee is currently working on translating the RMSS brochure into the top 5 languages for our communities (Mandarin, French, Farsi, Punjabi and Spanish). Partners include LIPS, Multicultural Society, ISSof BC. The Educational Forum with a multicultural twist is slated for March 12-Mar and March 19- in PM
- Website update
- Volunteer Transportation Hours for 2021: 1871 hours
- Renewed members: 1033 and new members: 391

5.3 Finance: Richard reviewed the statements. Discussion followed. We need to form a budget committee.

5.4 Committees:

- 5.2.1 Fund Raising/Donor relations. Both members are new to the Board. They will continue to learn and develop the committee.
- 5.2.2 Strata. There is a new strata manager.
- 5.2.3 Policy and Procedure. Will add a new member and then have a report for the next meeting.
- 5.2.4 Housing Committee. No report

6.0 Unfinished Business - None

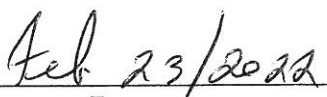
7.0 New Business - None

8.0 Adjournment

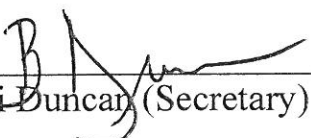
MOTION: Cindy Juker moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 am. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan.
CARRIED



Don Mitchell (President)



Date



Bobbi Duncan (Secretary)