

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 9:30 am
Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre
12150 224th Street, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 3N8

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

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

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

REGRETS: Richard Newman (Treasurer), Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows), Tony Cotroneo (Manager, Recreation Services for Maple Ridge)

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1.0 Call to order at 9:30 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda.

MOTION: Cindy Juker moved that the Agenda be approved. Seconded by Fran Preston. **CARRIED**

.0 Approval of the minutes of February 23, 2022

MOTION: Cindy Juker moved that the Minutes of February 23 be approved. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan.
CARRIED

4.0 Correspondence – none

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liasons:

Judy Dueck

- There is a lot of employment opportunities at the City of Maple Ridge.
- Hired a new Director of Parks and Recreation.

Petra Frederick

- Facilities are at full capacity with Spring break camps in full swing.
- Choose to Move program intro to 65+ fitness, nutrition is not full.
- Creative Dimensions program for dementia patients and their careworkers.
- Festivals and events are gearing up for the spring and summer.

Jackie Senchyna

- Loosing 3 personnel in the Planning Department.
- All systems are a go and classes are full.
- The survey for the pickleball courts was finished on February 28th with 87% voting yes.
- The live Easter Egg Hunt will be by registration.
- Earthday will be celebrated by tree planting.
- Plans for the live Pitt Meadows Day events are underway.
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee will have their first meeting in April.
- Choose to Move program is ongoing.

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Cultural Connection Grant Project success. Project still needs to create the brochures and purchase a few items. 2 education days were well received.
- We were approved 20k for our last New Horizons Grant application. This is for new paint, repairing walls and a new commercial freezer. All for Pitt Meadows.
- Possibility to provide meal programs at Mission Seniors Society and Maple Towers in Maple Ridge.
- Another successful grant application for Good Food Access Fund. 20k to provide full meals and grocery gift cards to those seniors who are unable to afford. This funding must be used between April-June 2022.

5.3 Finance: Don reviewed the statements. Discussion followed.

5.4 Committees:

5.4.1 Pitt Meadows Update – some painting will be done at the centre.

5.4.2 Strata Update – there is still a roof issue in Maple Ridge

5.4.3 Information and Technology

- Updated internet speed
- Move files to the cloud

6.0 Unfinished Business

6.1 Covid regulations/passport. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Carla Reed moved that RMSS will choose to follow the public health guidelines regarding proof of vaccination passports. Seconded by Susan Schenkeveld. 5 in favour; 1 opposed. **CARRIED**

6.2 Provincial Gaming Grant – still pursuing. City of Maple Ridge to provide food security data.

6.3 Bus Grant

We have had three years to match the \$21,000.00 grant and the three years in now up. A further \$7,260.00 from City of Maple Ridge was earmarked for training. A housing contractor from Maple Ridge has shown interest to help with maintaining a bus. Discussion followed. We will forward this information to our housing sub-committee.

6.4 Duck Tickets – will be virtual again this year. Fran will let us know more information when available.

7.0 New Business - None

8.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Cindy Juker moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 am. Seconded by Susan Schenkeveld. **CARRIED**


Don Mitchell (President)


Date

