

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 9:30 am
South Bonson Community Centre
10932 Barnston View Rd, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 0B9

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

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

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

REGRETS: Cindy Juker (Director), 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. Add 5.5 Report on Summit on Aging.

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

.0 Approval of the minutes of March 23, 2022

MOTION: Fran Preston moved that the Minutes of March 23 be approved. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan. **CARRIED**

4.0 Correspondence

A Thank-you note from Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation was received.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liasons:

Bob Meachen

- Firehall is on schedule and on budget. There are 8 permanent firefighters and approximately 30 paid on call.
- CP Rail is expanding their inter mogul
- The full transition and the building of the new RCMP station should be complete by 2024

Judy Dueck

- Looking for more career fire fighters. Training is very expensive.
- Community Services building open house. The rents are 20% below market value.
- Home Show was a great success and well attended. There was a booth set up asking residents what they would like in Parks and Recs.
- Earth Day had a great turn out.

Jackie Senchyna

- Easter Egg hunt had over 1,000 children participate. Police were present inter-acting and mingling with residents.
- There are 2 new bylaw officers in Pitt Meadows.

- At Pitt Meadow Athletic Park, 2 tennis courts will be resurfaced and there will be 6 pickleball courts put in.
- Keeping Sommerset Park for tennis.
- Food trucks will coming back this year from June 10 to September 30. Info will be online.
- There is a new exhibition at the Art Gallery.

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Seniors Week music concerts June 7- MR ; June 9 PM Cost of \$5.
- Variety Plus Show - May 27/28 tickets \$8. Unmasked! Back after just over 2 years.
- Gas prices increase will affect the amount charged back to passengers for using the volunteer
- Volunteer Appreciate Function will take place in September. Volunteers gift bags for Chamber awards. Feedback is incredible.
- May 12, Seniors Transportation summit virtual meeting
- SFU Gerontology Research invitation to staff and board- Will email invitation
- Vancouver Foundation is proud to partner with the Government of BC, United Way BC, and New Relationship Trust to mobilize more than \$30 million over the next three years for community organizations across the province that are struggling from the effects of the pandemic.
- All of the successful grant applications I have applied for in the last few months are listed below:
 - **Good Food Access Fund-** The government of Canada has given over 20 million through the good food access fund to distribute to organizations that have applied due to the deepening food insecurity crisis.
 - We have been granted 20k to distribute over three months. (April to June 2022) We have a target of meeting the needs of approximately 100 people per month through our hot meal program (go-go meals) as well as grocery gift cards. Approximately 34 hours of staff wages is incorporated into this grant per month.
 - **Petro Canada Caremakers-** \$7,500 towards the Cognitive wellness program. This money will offset the wages of the cognitive wellness staff in an effort to cut the cost in half for clients of the program.
 - **New Horizons Grant-** Government of Canada \$20k, applied for in partnership with the Wesbrooke. The money will be received through Pat Deluca but RMSS will manage the project. The project will provide new paint and repairs to the Pitt Meadows Centre as well as a new upright commercial freezer.
 - **Connect to Care Program-** Fraser Health & Sparc BC. End of project March 2023. 20K the aim is to distribute smartphones to clients who have difficulty accessing health and social services because they do not have a phone. Offering our vulnerable seniors access to a free phone will enhance their ability to communicate and maintain a certain level of independence.
 - **BC Gaming Funding-** 23k for Outreach Services to offset staff wages. April 2022-March 2023.
 - **United Way of BC-** the provincial government has agreed to fund the current projects for one more year due to the loss of momentum in 2020. This means the Caregiver Connection program will be funded until March 2023.

5.3 Finance: Richard reviewed the statements.

5.4 Committees:

5.4.1 Pitt Meadow - no update.

5.4.2 Strata – no update.

5.4.3 Policy & Procedure – no update

5.4.4 Fundraising – see attached

5.4.5 Duck Tickets – selling tickets on Mon/Wed/Fri in Maple Ridge and Wednesday in Pitt Meadows. Fran is looking for volunteers. Please email Fran with your availability.

5.5 Summit on Aging

A two day conference+ one day of pre summit workshops. We are already on board with a lot of their suggestions. Very good summit.

6.0 Unfinished Business

6.1 Covid staff policy. Discussion followed

MOTION: Richard Newman moved that starting today, May 4th we will no longer be requesting vaccination information for new hires, contract workers or volunteers. Seconded by Cindy Juker. 5 in favour, 1 opposed. **CARRIED**

6.2 Bus Grant – no updates.

7.0 New Business - None

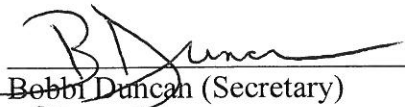
8.0 Adjournment

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



Don Mitchell (President)

May 25 / 2022
Date



Bobbi Duncan (Secretary)