

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Board Meeting held Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 09:30 am
Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall 12460 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC

PRESENT: Don Mitchell (President), Fran Preston (Vice President), Karen Hjort-Olsen (Treasurer), Bobbi Duncan (Director), Richard Newman (Director), Angie Hodgins (Director), Gayle Lyons (Director)

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Jackie Didrikson (Recreation Program Service Coordinator, Pitt Meadows), Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows)

REGRETS: Susan Schenkeveld (Secretary), Margaret Attwell (Director), Onyeka Dozzie (Maple Ridge) Tony Cotroneo (Manager, Recreation Services, Maple Ridge)

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1.0 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda with the following corrections:

- 5.7 Maple Ridge Housing Project
- 7.2 Medallion

MOTION: Karen Hjort-Olsen moved that the Agenda be approved with above corrections. Seconded by Fran Preston. **CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of the minutes of March 22, 2023.

MOTION: Karen Hjort-Olsen moved that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Gayle Lyons. **CARRIED**

4.0 **Staff Presentation: Marcia De Vega** only works at Pitt Meadows Senior Centre. She deals with all aspects of the centre, including room rentals, setting up and taking down after each activity, etc. and is the go to person for any mishaps that may happen. Marcia oversees supply needs and does all the ordering of supplies. She ensures that the janitorial staff is fulfilling their contract correctly. She is responsible for daily operations of the centre and carries out basic daily responsibilities of other coordinators when they are not there.

5.0 **Reports**

5.1 Liasons

Bob Meachen

- CP Rail. Council unanimously voted NO for payment of \$50,000,000 to cover 25% cost to the new underpass. The mayor has been in touch with several other arms of government about the issue and has gained support. Discussion followed.
- The Pitt Meadows new RCMP building will be nearby the Heritage Hall and beside the baseball diamonds.

Jackie Didrikson

- Red dresses will be hung in Spirit Square. Friday, May 5th there will be a gathering at the square.
- Gradenhorse Property: North of Lougheed, 5 acres have been donated to Pitt Meadows by the Gradenhorse family which will be turned into a park. On May 13th, Green Team Canada will be hosting a gathering to start removing invasive species from the property. Discussion followed.
- June 3rd is Pitt Meadows Day. The Royal Party is now called the Pitt Meadows Ambassadors. Lots of activities are planned. Check out the City of Pitt Meadows website.
- The roundabouts on Airport Way at Bonson and Harris are now gone. There will be a four lane traffic controlled roadway to replace them.
- The feasibility questionnaire for an aquatic centre has already received 1000 responses.

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- From the Survey that was received, the following items that will be actioned are:
 - Vegetarian/Vegan Meals
 - Gluten free meal
 - Tours for newcomers
 - Activity Ideas
 - Board of Directors visibility
 - New Member meet ups or group leader ambassador
- Veggie options are listed separately on the daily menu and a carrot symbol is used to identify hot lunch days with a hot veggie options on the weekly menu list.
- Evacuation planning is in the works. EMT will create an evacuate plan for us based on our Fire Safety Plan. They will also be in to train staff and volunteers.
- United way grant for caregivers is confirmed for this year to continue our Caregiver Support Program.
- New horizons grant for floors is seeking steering committee volunteers to start the planning of the upgrade to the floors and paint at MR (social activity and craft room)
- Here We Are teams were visible at Earth Day, Vision and Hearing Forum, also booked in for multicultural days. Some planning has started for Pitt Meadows Day parade.
- Open House May 3rd at MR to promote the new programs. Page 29 GrapeVine has information.
- May 26/27 Variety Plus shows. Tickets on sale now.

5.3 Finance

- Karen provided an overview of the financial statement. Overall, 7% below budget; food costs are 41% over budget. Discussion followed.

5.4 Information Technology

- Finished demo with Book King. Applied for grant to cover costs.

5.5 Fundraising

Duck Race tickets are going well. Look into cost of table for Pitt Meadows Day to sell tickets.

5.6 Maple Ridge Strata

- The roof repair is still not done. They are waiting for good weather.
- Damage around door frame of Hall C.
- Work needs to be done for walk in freezer.

5.7 Maple Ridge Housing Projects

There is a meeting on May 30th at the Albion Centre. The RMSS will be pushing for Senior Housing.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Bus: Still working on getting safety certificates.

7. New Business

7.1 Chamber of Commerce partnership. Discussion followed. We will not be pursuing it.

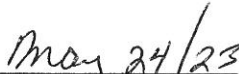
7.2 Medallion: Discussion followed. We will not be pursuing it.

8. Adjournment

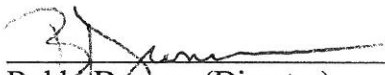
MOTION: Fran Preston moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:04.



Don Mitchell (President)



Date



Bobbi Duncan (Director)