

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Board Meeting held Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 at 09:30 am
South Bonson Community Centre,
10932 Barnston View Road, Pitt Meadows, BC

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

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director), Guest Raman Narang

LIAISONS: Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows) Tony Cotroneo (Manager of Community Recreation)

REGRETS: Onyeka Dozzie (Maple Ridge), Jackie Didrikson (Recreation Program Service Coordinator)

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1.0 Meeting was called to order at 9:41 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda.

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

3.0 Approval of the minutes of May 24th, 2023. Amendment required to the error in Richards last name.

MOTION: Fran Preston moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan
CARRIED

4.0 **Staff Presentation: Raman Narang, Caregiver Connection Coordinator**

Raman coordinates activities related to caregiver programs and supports. Supports can take the form of group activities, one on one interactions in person or by the telephone. There are approximately 50 caregivers that participate across both activity centres with a focus on providing people with tools and resources to support their needs through a circle of care approach. As an example, information on how to navigate Fraser Health for caregivers is part of the educational components of the activities and programs. Recently an emergency planner is being developed and there is work starting on a cook book.

5.0 **Reports**

5.1 Liaisons

Bob Meachen

- Pitt Meadows just published its 2022 Annual Report, which is available upon request.
- The recent Pride concert was a success with a diverse crowd participating in Spirit Square.
- The affordable housing project is still in the design phase. Underground parking is now a more prominent part of the project.

- The Art Gallery is now moving to the South Bonson Community centre at the front of the building. This will drastically reduce costs in the longer term, as it will eventually need to move again as part of the larger City Centre development plan.
- The Firehall is now completed and 8 FTE's have been hired.
- The Mayor has received written support from various levels of government related to funding of the Underpass. Stay tuned for future developments.
- Canada Day celebrations will be coming up.
- The RCMP building is at the design phase and appears to be on track.
- The Farmers Market begins every Tuesday at Spirit Square and the music evenings begin on July 5th and will continue for the summer.
- Recently a survey was conducted on potential upgrades to the outside pool because of keen public interest.
- The PM Recreation Centre roof is being fixed.

Tony Cotroneo

- Canada Day celebrations are being planned and will include presentation of an Annual Youth Award. There were suggestions to also consider a future Seniors Award.
- The Maple Ridge Annual report has now been published.
- The Pride sidewalk is being upgraded.
- The Hammond pool is now open and Albion is celebrating its one year anniversary.

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- The Maple Ridge front doors are now fixed, as well as the moveable dividing wall in the gym.
- The flooring project (Social Activity Centre and the Craft Room) is underway and 2 potential paint colours were chosen by the Committee (that includes Richard and Angie) for membership vote. Work will start the beginning of August.
- The Evacuation training is taking place the week of the meeting, with key volunteers and staff involved.
- Evening and weekend activities are fairly slow to attract participants, but this is not unusual for the summertime. A focus on these activities will be increased in the fall.
- The Food bank has approximately 60 people registered in MR and 3 in PM.
- The Lunch Buddies grant for \$25000 has now been received.
- Reminder that the AGM takes place on September 27th in Maple Ridge.

5.3 Finance

- The budget is on track with only one outstanding accounts receivable account as of the meeting date.
- RMSS expects more donations towards the end of the year.
- The new cold plates prepared by the kitchen are proving popular this time of year.

5.4 Information Technology

- The purchase of the new software program Book King is moving ahead as approved at the last meeting.

5.5 Fundraising

- Duck Race tickets sales are \$2540 as of the date of the meeting, which translates into \$2032 raised for RMSS. 8 venues have been staffed to date, with approximately 14 books of tickets left

to sell. Tickets sales will continue until the end of July, so more sales are expected. Board members are asked to return their unsold tickets books to Gayle as soon as possible.

5.6 Maple Ridge Strata

- The roofing company has accepted all responsibility for the fire on the roof and have already repaired the roof.
- The walk in cooler condenser has now been replaced.

5.7 Housing Summit

- The summit on May 30th was attended by Angie and Don, and was well received.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Dress Code

- Karen presented a draft policy on a proposed RMSS dress code after she had reached out to the Chamber of Commerce for general input. It was suggested in the discussion that additional wording be added in the document that covers activities that take place outside the MR and PM Centres. Also that the policy exclude the acceptance of vulgar words/phrases and/or support for the use of illicit drugs.

MOTION: Gayle Lyons motioned to approve the draft Policy on Dress Code per the proposed amendments. Seconded by Richard Newman. **CARRIED**

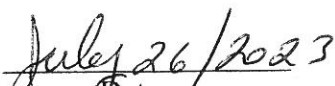
6.2 Calendar of Events

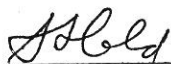
- Susan shared information related to the Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge city websites that set out various calendars of activities, including community and special events. The Maple Ridge website also has a notify me option. Both websites also identify the dates of City Council and Advisory group meetings and associated topics. City staff suggested that the RMSS Board utilize these websites and social media to keep ourselves informed of upcoming events so that our participation could be planned.
- The Business Improvement Association Website was also suggested as a good source of upcoming events.
- It was suggested that a Board member review the calendars on a monthly basis and share with the Board the list of upcoming events that may be of interest. Gayle Lyons volunteered to action this item for the Board.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Richard Newman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Fran Preston. The meeting was adjourned at 1120 am.


Don Mitchell (President)


Date


Susan Schenkeveld (Secretary)