

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Board Meeting held Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 09:30 am
Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre, 12150 224th Street, Maple Ridge, B.C

PRESENT: Karen Hjort-Olsen (President), Bobbi Duncan (Vice President), Margaret Attwell (Director), Angie Hodgins (Director), Deborah Jamieson (Director)

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Tony Cotroneo (Manager, Recreation Services, Maple Ridge) Jackie Didrikson (Recreation Program Service Coordinator, Pitt Meadows), Mike Hayes (Pitt Meadows Councillor)

REGRETS: Richard Newman (Treasurer), Gayle Lyons (Secretary), Patricia Gordon (Director), Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows), Onyeka Dozzie (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 addition:
- Add 5.1 Maple Ridge Agreement

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

3.0 Approval of the minutes of July 26, 2023.
Corrections:

- 4.0 -2nd line- remove 'helping Carmen' and add 'adding new events'
- 5.2 – 3rd bullet, 2nd line – remove 'help supplement' and add 'create a music program that will run in tandem with'
- 5.6 – 2nd bullet, 2nd line – remove 'in place and sponsorships will be sought' to 'being developed'

MOTION: Margaret Attwell moved that the minutes be approved with the above corrections. Seconded by Deborah Jamieson. **CARRIED**

4.0 Reports

4.1 Liaisons

Mike Hayes

- December 1st – Christmas in Pitt Meadows at Spirit Square and the Rec Centre.
- December 17th – Christmas Train.
- Still pushing for funding for underpass.
- Pool survey still ongoing.
- Construction of new RCMP building has started.

Jackie Didrikson

- Plans for park and pool are online.
- January 8th the new Art Building will open at South Bonson.

Tony Cotroneo

- Many changes with the employees in Maple Ridge but steady leadership at top.
- City of Maple Ridge has new branding.
- Illuminate Maple Ridge is on from November 24 to January 6th.
- Christmas in the Park on December 2nd.
- A new Pool and Rec Centre is being proposed for Hammond Park.

4.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Completion of the floors & paint through New Horizons Grant
- Katie- List of upcoming events given out.
- Lunch Buddies update. First social dining program intended to facilitate a sense of community, reduce isolation, and improve nutritional health for unserved seniors. Funded through First West Foundation. We will aim to target the seniors that we have not seen return to our centres.
- Grace has returned to her Kitchen Supervisor role
- Grant for Caregivers meals submitted through Petro Canada Foundation in September - \$7500
- Gaming Grant application for 2024 completed. 83k
- Attended the Seniors Activity & Volunteer Fair at Golden Ears Church on Saturday.... Promoting our programs and volunteer positions
- Meet and greet- orientations are going very well. This was created as a result of the survey earlier in the year. 51 people have attended...most people are hearing about it through the grapevine.
- Launch date for new software will be delayed.

4.3 Finance

- Karen provided an overview of the financial statement.

4.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- Exhaust fan should be back in place by the end of the week.
- The AGM will be held in December.

5. Unfinished Business

- Maple Ridge Agreement: RMSS Board is finalizing concerns pertaining to the City agreement and will have these concerns submitted to the City before year end.

6. New Business

6.1 City of Pitt Meadows: We received a response from the City acknowledging our letter re: parking concerns for new build. Discussion followed.

6.2 Increase in Activity Fees from \$1 to \$2:

- The board decision in April, 2023 to increase the activity drop in fees from \$1 to \$2 will take effect once the new software is in place. This was determined to be necessary to streamline the new software implementation and cover the growing operational costs of the centres.

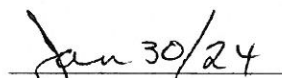
- Looking into the development of a subsidy program to help members with increases. Once developed a member can apply for a subsidy.

7.1 Adjournment

MOTION: Margaret Attwell moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Angie Hodgins.

CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25.


Karen Hjort-Olsen (President)


Date


Bobbi Duncan (Vice-president)

