

**RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY**  
Revised Open Board Meeting held Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 09:30 am  
Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre  
12150 224 Street, Maple Ridge

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**PRESENT:** Karen Hjort-Olsen (President), Bobbi Duncan (Vice President), Gayle Lyons (secretary), Margaret Attwell ( Director), Deborah Jamieson (Director), Patricia Gordon (Director)

**STAFF:** Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

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

**REGRETS:** Richard Newman (Treasurer)absent on Sick Leave, Angie Hodgins, (Director), Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows Councillor), Onyeka Dozzie (Maple Ridge Councillor)

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1.0 Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am., with acknowledgement of First Nations Territorial Lands

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Patricia Gordon moved that the Agenda be approved. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan.  
**CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of the minutes of November 16, 2023.

**MOTION:** Patricia Gordon moved that the Minutes be approved. Seconded by Bobbie Duncan.  
**CARRIED**

4.0 **Reports**

**4.1 Liaisons**

Tony Cotroneo

City of Maple Ridge tax increase of 6.5%

Maple Ridge City website to be made more user friendly and easier to navigate.

Meeting on Feasibility for new Rec. Centre in Hammond is ongoing and arrangements will be made to have the Project Manager visit the Board.

City plans to make their Festivals bigger, better and more frequent.

This summer the City will host the BC Summer Games.

Jackie Didrikson

Pitt Meadows will not proceed with plans for a new pool.

February events – Family Day Carnival and Free Skating at PM Arena.

March events – Rain Pierre’s Art exhibit at South Bonson Community Centre March 12 to April 5th, 2024.

#### 4.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Have received a \$25,000 Grant from New Horizons. Music Therapy program to run parallel to the Caregivers support group. It will be facilitated by a Music Therapist.
- RMSS will collaborate with Community Services for United Way Enhancement Grants. Community Services will apply for Aging in Motion Grant Stream, while RMSS will apply for the Social Meals Enhancement.
- Developing a package in collaboration with MacLean Edge Street Building to support seniors who purchase a studio suite. This will see them receive one year free meals.
- New YouConnect transition- FAQ's are posted within the centres and have been sent out via email. Can also access info through our February Grapevine. Parts of Roll Out starts March 11. Full Roll out March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Bev our Outreach Coordinator is away on a medical leave for a couple more weeks.
- Flood update on key minor repairs was given.
- Envision Financial sent out an invitation to attend "Food for Good" conversation dinner about food insecurity, its causes and impact in our region.
- Volunteer Drivers Program reported to have saved Seniors \$14,392 over using a Taxi.

#### 4.3 Finance

- Karen provided an overview of the financial statement.

#### 4.4 Maple Ridge Strata

Strata looking at replacement on one maybe two Boilers.

The bank has notified Strata of a Dormant Commercial Account. An investigation is under way.

#### 5. Unfinished Business

- Maple Ridge Agreement – Tony Cotroneo says agreement will be completed by April. New contract over three years, 6% (2023 retroactive) 2% - 2024, 2% - 2025.
- Parking Lot at the PM Centre. A meeting was held with Colin O'Byrne, Metro Vancouver Housing and Scott Construction, heard our concerns and provided a design of what the Parking Lot will look like during construction.


#### 6. New Business

No new business


#### 7.1 Adjournment

**MOTION:** Bobbi Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Patricia Gordon.

**CARRIED.** Meeting was adjourned at 10:17.

  
Karen Hjort-Olsen (President)

  
Date

  
Gayle Lyons (Secretary)