

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Open Board Meeting held Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 09:30 am
Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre
12150 224 Street, Maple Ridge, B.C.

PRESENT: Karen Hjort-Olsen (President), Bobbi Duncan (Vice President), Gayle Lyons (Secretary), Margaret Attwell (Director), Deborah Jamieson (Director), Patricia Gordon (Director), Angie Hodgins (Director), Kathy Baxter (Director)

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Petra Frederick, (Coordinator-Recreation Access, Maple Ridge) Jackie Didrikson (Recreation Program Service Coordinator, Pitt Meadows) Dan Ruimy (Mayor, Maple Ridge) Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows Councillor)

REGRETS: Richard Newman (Treasurer) Absent on Sick Leave, Onyeka Dozzie (Maple Ridge Councillor), Tony Cotroneo (Manager, Recreation Services, Maple Ridge)

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1.0 Meeting was called to order at 9:34 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 March 24, 2024.

MOTION: Patricia Gordon moved that the March/24 minutes be approved. Seconded by Angie Hodgins. **CARRIED**

4.0 **Reports**

4.1 Liaisons

Dan Rummy

- Touched on the widening of the Abernathy to improve the Golden Ears Transit
- New Hammond Recreation Centre and their vision for the Playing Fields.
- Touched on the new Budget which will provide more RCMP Officers and Firefighters
- City of Maple Ridge will host the BC Summer Games this summer.
- Celebrations are being planned for Maple Ridge 150 years.
- Rapid Transit expansion will start February 2025 for two more, designated Bus Lanes

Petra Frederick

- More Volunteers are needed for the BC Summer Games
- The Men's Shed will be meeting monthly at the Greg Moore Youth Centre

Jackie Didrikson

- "Rain's World" exhibit by Rain Pierre went really well.
- The new Pitt Meadows Art Gallery at South Bonson will now have ongoing exhibits. The gallery is open Tuesday- Saturday 11-2pm and will run April 20th – June 2nd.

- Still finalizing the Pitt Meadows Day Events
- Super Seniors Program has started, giving Seniors 80 and over free admission to the PM Rec. Centre
- Choose to Move Program will run till June 2024.

Bob Meachen

- New Firehall turned out great
- New Police Station is on time and on budget
- In June the Federal Government's new Law will put restrictions on where and how many Affordable Housing Projects can be done in Pitt Meadows
- An Urban Foresty Plan to plant more trees will go ahead
- The Train Underpass is still being worked on

4.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- United Way-Caregivers grant and social meals grant approved-\$134,522.
- Software update-almost concluded the software transition. All went well through the project leadership of Vanessa
- Donations-Many members chose to donate their leftover youconnect money on account. A big thank you to them
- Community Garage Sale May 4 at Maple Ridge
- Go-Go Meals for Caregivers to ease the burden of meal preparation. Using the funds from the Petro Canada Foundation grant
- Fire Panel Keys were given to RMSS to now have access to the panel and for announcements if an emergency would take place
- May 16-Volunteer Appreciation Social at Maple Ridge
- Members Highlights – April 1 – total of 2047 members. In this last year we have gained 664 new members. In January, PM had the most new members at 25. In September, MR had the most new members at 70
- RMSS celebrates our 25th Birthday this year. Details to be announced for the celebration
- Posting for a new Bus Driver for the Seniors Shuttle Bus. Hoping to have a service from MR to PM weekly.

4.3 Finance

Karen reviewed our Finances

4.4 Maple Ridge Strata

More damage has been detected in Hall C flooring. Waiting for final plans.

5. Unfinished Business

- Maple Ridge Agreement – Iteration
- Parking Lot at the PM Centre.

-Metro Vancouver Housing has reached out to the PM School Board.

-All pertinent information on this subject to be forwarded to Dan Ruimy Chair of MVH Committee.

6. New Business

September 19th will be RMSS 25Year Anniversary. Ours is the largest Seniors Organization in our area. A Planning Committee will be formed.

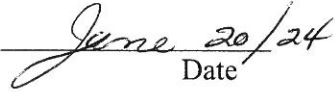
7.1 Adjournment

MOTION: Bobbi Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Kathy Baxter.

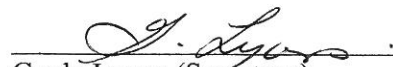
CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.



Karen Hjort-Olsen (President)



Date



Gayle Lyons (Secretary)