

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Open Board Meeting held Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 09:30 am
Pitt Meadows Seniors Activity Centre
19065 119b Ave, Pitt Meadows

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

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

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

REGRETS: Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows Councillor), Onyeka Dozzie (Maple Ridge Councillor), Tony Cotroneo, (Manager, Recreation Services)

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1.0 Meeting was called to order at 9:32am., with acknowledgement of First Nations Territorial Lands

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Kathy Baxter moved that the Agenda be approved. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan.
CARRIED

3.0 Approval of the minutes of June 20, 2024.

MOTION: Margaret Attwell moved that the Minutes be approved. Seconded by Deborah Jamieson.
CARRIED

4.0 **Reports**

4.1 Liaisons

Jackie Didrikson

The reopening of the Pitt Meadows Youth Lounge was on July 25th, 2024. It was renamed “The Constable Rick O’Brien Youth Lounge”

Bard on the Bandstand will run from July 18 – 20, 2024.

The Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre will shut down from Aug 3 – Sept.8, 2024 for summer maintenance. A new Gymnasium floor will take place from Aug 26-Sept. 23, 2024.

A Pickle Ball Tournament is set for Aug. 16 – 18, 2024 at Bonson Park

The H2o Exhibit at the Pitt Meadows Art Gallery will close of July 21, 2024 and from Aug. 3 - Sept. 8th a new Art Show will open called “West Coast Vision”

Pop-up PM Art Gallery Exhibit by Tammy Routley at PM City Hall from July 3 – Aug. 29th.

“No Lawn Watering” incentive signs are available for the public to place on their lawns.

The “Airport Day” event at the Pitt Meadows Airport was successful.

4.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- A candidate is being considered for the Event Coordinator’s position.
- The United Way Social Meals Program started off with people from the Food Bank being invited to socialize over a nutritious breakfast. The feedback was very positive.

- The Community Prosperity Fund grant is completed. Its purpose is to support community dwelling seniors who volunteer at our centres.
- The Music Therapy program has started and was a wonderful success. The Music Therapist we have chosen does an amazing job.
- Caregivers group with Golden Ears United Church partnership has started. Satellite location. Twice per month and we will bring the music therapy program to the church as well.
- Currently working on moving activities into alternative locations in the community or down the hall at the MR Centre due to the floors being replaced in Halls A-C from Aug. 12-Sept. 8, 2024.

4.3 Finance

Kathy Baxter reported that we are on track with finances.

4.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- Nothing new to report.

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5. Unfinished Business

- Parking Lot at the PM Centre.

- RMSS Board presented to the City of Pitt Meadows at the Council meeting on July 9, 2024, indicating our concern with respect a lack of a plan for additional parking for our Members during the Heron's Nest construction to the east of the Centre. Metro Vancouver Housing indicates they will begin bringing the services (hydro, gas, etc.) to the building site beginning mid-late August. Our understanding is these services will be under the parking lot to the site, eliminating all parking for approximately 10 weeks. Work on the actual site is not expected to begin until Fall, but service work will impact the parking lot and access on 119B and this is our concern, that no dedicated off-site parking is indicated and our ask is that it be in place prior to the August start to bring services to the site. We continue to push the City and Metro Vancouver Housing for this information

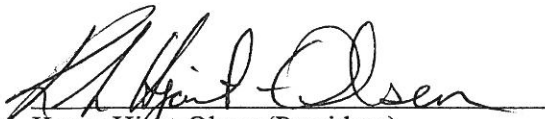
6. New Business


- Representatives from the City of Pitt Meadows and Metro Vancouver Housing to address our PM Members.
- AGM will be held in Pitt Meadows on Thursday, September 19, 2024.
- Information Packages will be given to the new Board Members.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: Deborah Jamieson moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Kathy Baxter.

CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25.


 Karen Hjort-Olsen (President)

SEPT. 13, 2024 
 Date


 Gayle Lyons (Secretary)