

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Open Board Meeting held Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024 at 09:30 am
Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre,
12150 224th Street, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 3N8

PRESENT: Karen Hjort-Olsen, Bobbi Duncan, Patricia Gordon, Kathy Baxter, Margaret Attwell, Deborah Jamieson

REGRETS: Leslie Carnie.

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows), Onyeka Dozzie (Maple Ridge) Tony Cotroneo (Manager of Community Recreation), Jackie Didrikson (Recreation Program Service Coordinator)

1.0 Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Bobbi Duncan moved the agenda be approved as presented.
Seconded by Kathy Baxter. **CARRIED.**

3.0 Reports

4.1 Liaisons

Councillor Dozzie (Maple Ridge)

- City of Maple Ridge has a new website with a new council dashboard called 'Council Strategic Plan'

Tony Cotroneo (Maple Ridge)

- New intergenerational community garden opened 'Garden on Garden'
- Barb Morgan recently passed away; a long time Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge city employee
- Seniors Network chose Christina Shearme as their new Coordinator
- City of Maple Ridge investigating implementing a 'Silver Alert' system
- Sat. Oct 19 'Celebrate the Night' event planned
- City of Maple Ridge is starting 2025 Business planning and hopes RMSS will make a presentation to council

Jackie Didrikson (Pitt Meadows)

- Pitt Meadows Art Gallery (PMAG) has a new exhibit by artist James Groening on display until Oct 27, 2024
- The Sport Court outside of Pitt Meadows Family Rec Centre is completed.
- Staff planning Remembrance Day and Christmas in the City events
- Public skating is underway at Planet Ice
- Athletic Park planning is underway for improvements on the 8 acres amenity land by PMAP

Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows)

- The new RCMP building is on budget and on time
- Pitt Meadows Regional Airport (YPK) is planning more light industrial expansion
- YPK recently got approval from CBSA to allow international flights to land and receive CBSA clearance
- Harris Road grade separation discussions ongoing; BC Provincial Government granted City of Pitt Meadows \$12 M to be used for 'active transportation'

4.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Both centres held successful RMSS 25 th Birthday celebrations
 - 95 Maple Ridge residents at the Oct. 8 party
 - 85 Pitt Meadows residents and Pitt Meadow Mayor and all of council attended the Oct. 10 party.
- Our new Event Coordinator, Anita Bettsworth, is busy adding events. Maria to email the year's Event Calendar to all the board.
- Bingo will be returning
- New kitchen staff hired.
- "Breakfast Buddies" will become a weekly event thanks to a United Way grant until March 2025; hopefully a new grant will allow this to continue.
- Maple Ridge Community Foundation cheque for \$94,000 received. We have three years to use and will expand and develop our volunteer program inclusive of meals.
- RMSS has started two satellite groups
 - 'Caregiver Support' held at Golden Ears United Church
 - 'Music Therapy' held at Meadow Highlands Mobile Home Co-op thanks to a New Horizon Federal grant
- Parking at Maple Ridge centre still difficult at times so classes being rearranged to better accommodate. Changes will be updated in the Nov/Dec Grapevine.

4.3 Finance

Kathy Baxter, Treasurer

- As of Sept. 30, 2024, RMSS was \$3888 under budget.
- Kathy will work with Maria to design more practical statements

4.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- The budget being worked on in preparation for Maple Ridge strata AGM in December

5.0 New Business

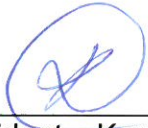
- Maria provided RMSS statistics to Fraser Health for inclusion in "Food Security Forum"
- Councillor Meachen suggested we provide the data to the cities to be posted on both cities' social media and quarterly reports.

6.0 Old Business

- Maple Ridge Parking Lot continues to be an issue. Tony has investigated the issue; Tony said the vacant lot across the street is privately owned, not city owned.
- Pitt Meadows Parking Lot discussions continue with city. Karen, Maria and Patricia have met with CAO Mark Roberts and Director of Planning Patrick Ward.

7.0 Adjournment

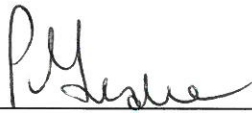
MOTION: Bobbi Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Kathy Baxter **CARRIED.**
Meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.



President – Karen Hjort-Olsen

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Secretary – Patricia Gordon