

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Open Board Meeting held Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024 at 09:30 am

Pitt Meadows Seniors Activity Centre,
19065 119b Ave., Pitt Meadows, B.C. V3Y 0E6

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

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows), Onyeka Dozzie (Maple Ridge) , Jackie Didrikson (Recreation Program Service Coordinator)

REGRETS:

1.0 Meeting was called to order at 9:34 am.

2.0 Approval of the agenda

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

3.0 Approval of the minutes of Oct. 17, 2024

MOTION: Deborah Jamieson moved minutes be approved as amended to correct spelling of Bobbi Duncan's name. Seconded by Margaret Attwell.
CARRIED.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Liaisons

Councillor Dozzie (Maple Ridge)

- Spoke of how impressed he and council were with all that RMSS is doing to help with food security for seniors in our communities
- City is getting ready for winter and encouraged everyone to have emergency kits and be aware of vulnerable seniors who live alone
- Maple Ridge is looking for more volunteers to help with emergency response. More information is available on the city's webpage under 'Engagement' tab.

Councillor Meachen (Pitt Meadows)

- City of Pitt Meadows has started their budget planning with public meetings held Nov. 25 and 26 at city hall
- Metro Van fees likely to increase which will impact tax increases

Jackie Didriksen (Pitt Meadows)

- Fee for service agreements are up next year 2025
- Dec. 1 Christmas lights are up
- PMAG Christmas exhibition 'That's a Wrap' ongoing to Dec 24
- Dec. 6 Christmas in Pitt Meadows
- The planning stage has begun of the covered sports box on amenity lands by PMAP

4.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Number of participants at both centres is up so some classes have been capped for safety
- MRCF to cover revitalizing the Wellness Clinic in Maple Ridge; future plans are to expand to Pitt Meadows
- UW Social Meals Breakfast Buddies are weekly and going well
- We will participate with a SFU research project in gerontology around socialization and isolation
- Maria and some staff attended the United Way summit with Dan Levitt, the new Senior Advocate as Keynote Speaker
- Feb, 22, 2025 Saturday will be 'Education Day for Seniors' held at Maple Ridge Centre funded through a New Horizons grant. Dan Levitt has agreed to be the Keynote Speaker.

4.3 Finance

- Kathy Baxter reported we are right on budget.

4.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- When Margaret Attwell did a safety inspection, it was noted Panorama residents were using our hallway to move furniture in/out.
- With the help of the Facilities Manager of the City of Maple Ridge, this issue has been dealt with; Panorama must use their front door.

5.0 New Business

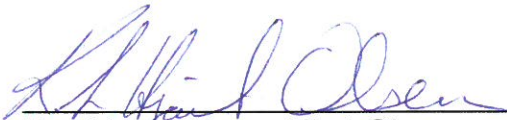
- Maria is confirming dates and creating the PowerPoint presentation for a delegation to both City Councils in January.
- Looking into partnering more with Seniors Network
- Maple Ridge parking lot issue is still being investigated with the city liaison working with Panorama
- Second Annual RMSS Shred-a-thon is set for Sat. June 7, 2025 9 am – 12 noon in Maple Ridge Centre parking lot.

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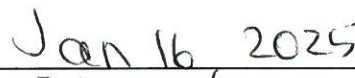
- Pitt Meadows Centre temporary parking lot on the grassy area to west of centre to be constructed making 35-40 spots available to RMSS during Heron's Nest construction.

7.0 Adjournment

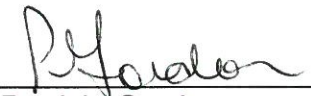
MOTION: Bobbi Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by Kathy Baxter **CARRIED.**
Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.



President – Karen Hjort-Olsen



Date



Secretary – Patricia Gordon