

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Open Board Meeting held Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 09:30 am
Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre,
12150 – 224 th Street, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 3N8

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

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

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

REGRETS: Kathy Baxter (on leave)

1.0 Land Acknowledgment

2.0 Call to order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

3.0 Approval of the agenda

- **MOTION:** Bobbi Duncan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Leslie Carnie. **CARRIED.**

4.0 Approval of the minutes of April 17, 2025

- **MOTION:** Leslie Carnie moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan. **CARRIED**

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons

Jackie Didrikson (Pitt Meadows)

- Pitt Meadows Day is June 7 with the parade starting from Civic Centre at new time of 12 noon and will end at PM Athletic Park.
- Drone show again this year in place of fireworks display.
- Public Works Week is next week with trucks on display at Civic Centre on Tues. May 20 from 11 am – 1 pm
- Wed May 21 is Climate Action Strategy open house at PM Family Rec Centre.

Karen Hjort-Olsen for Councilor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows)

- Pitt Meadows Day committee still looking for more volunteers

Tony Cotroneo (Maple Ridge)

- Reminder to fill in the survey for the new Hammond area rec centre, available on line and paper copies
- 'Our Neck of the Woods' event planned for Sept 6
- Tony announced his retirement from the City of Maple Ridge on June 27

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- New seniors shuttle bus service to begin in the fall, details to follow; made possible by grant stream funding through Community Services and RMSS
- New rental for Friday evenings 6-10 pm at Maple Ridge Seniors Centre for prayer service; first week went well
- Seniors Week is June 1-7 with events planned including
 - Sports Day 'Fit for Life' June 3 (Maple Ridge)
 - Strawberry Tea June 5 (Pitt Meadows)
 - Pitt Meadows Day Parade June 7 (still need participants)
- Maria introduced three new staff members who have been hired as a result of grants recently received
 - Julia Larsen to work during Raman's 18 mth maternity leave to run the Caregiver Program
 - Jessica Rogers to oversee the new EngAge Program
 - Nicole Hyette to work with Kara to develop and expand the framework of the volunteer program

5.3 Finance

- Karen reported that financials are still being updated with final year end information; a copy will be released soon
- There is a preliminary budget which will be discussed in the In Camera meeting

5.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- Karen reported that the property manager is still getting quotes for the fire panel replacement
- The lighting replacement to all LED will be starting soon

6.0 New Business

6.1 Negotiations of City Contracts

- Negotiations will start shortly with City of Pitt Meadows

6.2 Call out for Board Members

- Karen asked city liaisons to put the word out that RMSS is looking for board members

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Fundraising

- Patricia reported that the Coffee Fundraiser had ended with 18 orders and 43 bags of coffee sold for total sales of \$215. After expenses of printing fliers, that leaves a net gain of \$172
- Shred-a-thon planned Sat June 14 from 9 am to 12 noon at Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre parking lot using RecordXPress for the secure mobile shredding truck
 - Shredding by cash donation of minimum \$25 for bankers' box size and \$10 for small plastic grocery bag size.

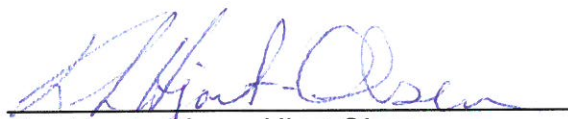
7.2 Maple Ridge Parking Lot

- Discussions are still ongoing

8.0 Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Bobbi Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deborah Jamieson. **CARRIED.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.



President – Karen Hjort-Olsen

June 19/25

Date



Secretary – Patricia Gordon