

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Open Board Meeting held Thursday, July 17, 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, Leslie Carnie, * Deborah Jamieson

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Jennifer Baille (Maple Ridge Community Recreation)

REGRETS: Kathy Baxter (on leave)

1.0 Land Acknowledgement

2.0 Call to order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:32 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 June 19, 2025

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

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons

- **Jennifer Baille (Maple Ridge)**
 - Maple Ridge still in process of looking for replacement for Tony Cotroneo's position. Currently in interview stage with replacement ETA by end of summer.
 - Sept 6 is 'Our Neck of the Woods' event; Save the Date stickers to be available at RMSS front desk
 - 'Discover Maple Ridge' tab added to Maple Ridge city website which shows all the upcoming events. Community groups including RMSS can post our events using this tab
- **Pitt Meadows**
 - All staff and council liaisons were unavailable to attend today as they are attending the opening of Grabenhorst Gardens

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- RMSS free bus shuttle service is going well after first week operating. Run through a grant from United Way.

- EngAge program in Maple Ridge is going very well, two days a week from 9 am- 3pm and getting great feedback
 - a maximum of 12 participants
 - Jessica, a recreation therapist, is running the program
 - Community Services will run EngAge program at Pitt Meadows Senior Activity Centre on Mon and Tues, hopefully starting in August
- Outreach Coordinator's absence is being handled by all staff.
- RMSS memberships continue to grow with total now of 2303
 - 763 new members in last year (July /24 – July/ 25)
 - 1432 renewals
 - 108 members over the age of 90
 - Demographic breakdown –1748 live in Maple Ridge
555 live in Pitt Meadows

5.3 Finance

- Year End Financials - Karen Hjort-Olsen reported a 'very small' deficit

5.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- No response to parking lot issues

6.0 New Business

6.1 RMSS Board has engaged the services of Dale, Matheson, Car-Hilton, La Bonte (DMCL) to review our current Quick Book set up

- Agreement has been signed and meeting them next week

**Deborah Jamieson joined the meeting at 10:00 am.*

7.0 Old Business

7.1 We are still looking for new board members.

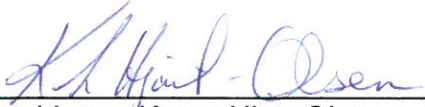
7.2 Effective July, small pricing increases were implemented for food items; limited feedback from the public.

7.3 There will be NO Open meeting next month in August

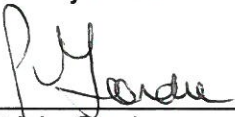
8.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Leslie Carnie moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan. **CARRIED.**

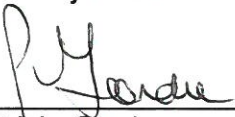
Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.



President – Karen Hjort-Olsen



Secretary – Patricia Gordon



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