

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Open Board Meeting held Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026 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, Deborah Jamieson, Leslie Carnie, Beth Turner

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Rich Bosma (Manager of Recreation, Pitt Meadows), Dave Speers (Associate Recreation Manager, Maple Ridge)

REGRETS: Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows), Councillor Onyeka Dozie (Maple Ridge), Councillor Mike Manion (Pitt Meadows), Tara Berdej (Recreation Manager Program Community Services Maple Ridge)

1.0 Land Acknowledgment

2.0 Call to order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.

3.0 Approval of the agenda

- **MOTION:** Deborah Jamieson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Leslie Carnie.
 - Karen Hjort-Olsen amended the agenda to add in 'New Business'
 - 6.3 Fundraising – Bobbi Duncan
- **MOTION:** Bobbi Duncan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Beth Turner. **CARRIED**

4.0 Approval of the minutes of Nov. 20, 2025

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

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons

- **Rich Bosma (Pitt Meadows)**
 - Family Day event on Feb. 16
 - Working on grant for city to host a FIFA World Cup viewing party for the Canada-Switzerland game on June 24 at noon at Family Rec Centre
 - Hoping the event would include RMSS for intergenerational participation opportunity
 - Spring Recreation Program 2026 will include many activities at Grabenhorst Garden

- **Dave Speers (Maple Ridge)**
 - Family Day event on Feb. 16
 - Planning for FIFA viewing parties
 - Spring Program is out
 - Farmers' Market will start up again in April
 - Paid parking will be removed on Saturdays for Market
 - Youth Centre has expanded their hours to now open for two hours after school in addition to the current evening hours

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- The Creekside Day Program at RMH has closed and notice given to their 77 client families
 - RMSS EngAge program is full with 23 on our waitlist
 - Fraser Health to send out an RFP by end of the week
 - Discussion followed
- Nancy, the Administrative Coordinator at RMSS Maple Ridge Seniors Centre retired on Dec. 31, 2025 after 22 years at RMSS.
 - A new position 'Operations Manager' has been created
 - Three internal applicants are being interviewed next week
- Grant reports for United Way are being worked on
 - United Way announced that there will be no new applications; instead current programs will use a program renewal application that is valid for two years
- Maria and Deborah attended the Seniors Network Housing table presentation which included UBC students studying what seniors need to manage and live in Maple Ridge—housing in Maple Ridge being the main focus.
- RMSS and Seniors Network had conversations-Seniors Network is going to focus on larger projects
 - This means RMSS will take over in March to handle presentations at the Maple Ridge Library as a satellite program for RMSS
 - Looking at adding a caregiver outreach program to Maple Ridge library
- Upcoming Events – tickets available
 - Italian Fest in Pitt Meadows Feb. 12
 - Winter Blues in Maple Ridge Jan. 20

5.3 Finance

- **Deborah Jamieson reported**
 - Food sales, membership and activities were up = \$80,000 increase in sales
 - \$14,000 deficit
 - Fundraising and donations have not been hitting targets
 - 2026 budget being worked on

5.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- Karen reported that at the recent Panorama Strata AGM, a change in strata council members means the City of Maple Ridge now needs to meet with new strata council to discuss parking at Maple Ridge Centre
- RMSS had previously agreed to the parking plan proposed by the City of Maple Ridge
- Dave Speers (Maple Ridge) offered to investigate

6.0 New Business

6.1 Extension to City of Pitt Meadows contract

- Karen reported an extension to 3 year contract has been signed
- Karen and Maria will be meeting with city Feb. 4 to discuss funding

6.2 Permanent Bookkeeper

- Karen reported that Kathy Baxter has been hired as of the end of Dec.
- As a result, Kathy has resigned from the RMSS Board of Directors
- Margaret Attwell also resigned from the RMSS Board of Directors
- Karen expressed thanks to them both for their time on the Board

6.3 Fundraising

- Bobbi Duncan reported that the Lions Club of Pitt Meadows donated \$5000 towards the new RMSS Wellness Clinic to be located at Pitt Meadows Seniors Activity Centre
- The Lions Club also agreed to make RMSS the recipient of the proceeds from their 50/50 draw they hold weekly at the Jolly Coachman.
 - The first week it was held, the winner graciously donated back the entire winnings minus their ticket cost so RMSS received \$900.
 - Maria reported that 'Thank you' has been sent to the Lions Club

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Perimeter Drain work at Maple Ridge Centre

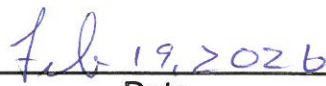
- Issue still being worked on to ensure repair has fixed issue
- Carpet will most likely need to be replaced in Snooker Room as it smells but that is a Strata issue

8.0 Adjournment

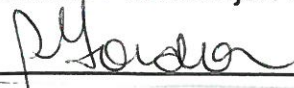
- **MOTION:** Bobbi Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Leslie Carnie. **CARRIED**
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.



President – Karen Hjort-Olsen



Date



Secretary – Patricia Gordon