

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Open Board Meeting held Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026 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, Deborah Jamieson, Leslie Carnie

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Dave Speers (Associate Recreation Manager, Maple Ridge), Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows)

REGRETS: Beth Turner, Rich Bosma (Manager of Recreation, Pitt Meadows,) Councillor Onyeka Dozie (Maple Ridge), Tara Berdej (Recreation Manager Program Community Services Maple Ridge)

1.0 Land Acknowledgement

2.0 Call to order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

3.0 Approval of the agenda

- **MOTION:** Leslie Carnie moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Deborah Jamieson.
 - Karen amended the agenda to add under New Business 6.3 Activity Coordinator
 - Leslie Carnie moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Deborah Jamieson. **CARRIED.**

4.0 Approval of the minutes of Jan. 15, 2026

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

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons

- **Dave Speers (Maple Ridge)**
 - Plans underway for FIFA events in June
 - Report presented to Maple Ridge Council about improving financial access to recreational programs for those with financial needs
 - Maple Ridge doing more outdoor recreational activities using Metro Parks such as guided trail walks; using Youth Centre rock walls and bouldering for families and birthday parties

- **Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows)**
 - Pitt Meadows' new RCMP detachment building opening in April with official opening in May
 - City of Pitt Meadows was named as one of Canada's top employers and #1 Most Livable Small City and #3 Most Livable City in Canada
 - City is recruiting volunteers to apply for citizen committees
 - City held award ceremonies for Citizen Volunteers

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Completed four reports and four grant renewal applications
- Waiting to hear about New Horizon grant application (for new website design)
- Work Experience grant applied for from Federal and Provincial Government "Stronger BC Recovery Plan"
- City of Maple Ridge staff are coming to RMSS MR Centre to explain property tax notices on March 11
- March/April Grapevine coming out soon: highlights are:
 - St. Patrick's Day party March 17 in Maple Ridge
 - Variety Plus 'Happy Together' April 10 and 11
 - Education and workshops for seniors to be held at Maple Ridge Library
- Pitt Meadows Wellness Clinic opening in April with a dedicated footcare nurse (\$5 fee and must prebook)
 - Funding through the Lions Club and Golden Ears Care Society
 - Drop in Clinic will be open one day/month to start
 - Fraser Health no longer sterilizes our foot care equipment; being done privately in interim while other options explored

5.3 Finance

- Deborah Jamieson reported that we continue to exceed targets with number of members, drop-in activities and food services increased
- The Gaming Account Statements were reviewed and authorized transfer of funds to the Senior Support wages and Outreach wages
- Many donations are directed towards the Food Bank
- Unexpected costs such as fridge and dishwasher

5.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- City of Maple Ridge met with Panorama Strata; we are waiting to hear more regarding parking

6.0 New Business

6.1 EOI (Expression of Interest)

- EOI has been posted to look for replacement of the discontinued RMH Creekside Day Care; 71 families were impacted and 18 participants per each of five days/week program

6.2 Operations Manager

- Admin Coordinator retired in December
- The role was redesigned as Operations Manager with the new position taking some operational and manager duties off Maria
- Position will also include managing some support staff including custodial contract and lease agreement
- Carmen Tischer was the successful candidate
- Carmen starts her new role March 2, 2026

6.3 Activity Coordinator

- Met with some external applicants but Vanessa De Freitas stepped forward and was the successful candidate
- We will not be replacing the Online and Software Coordinator

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Perimeter work at Maple Ridge

- Previous work didn't resolve the water problem
- New quote for new work acquired
- Strata pays for the repairs; carpet in Snooker Room to be replaced once problem is solved

7.2 City of Pitt Meadows Agreement

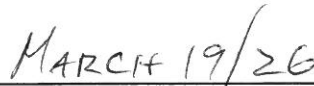
- Three Year Contract has been signed
- Ongoing discussions with City about our request for budget increase

8.0 Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Deborah Jamieson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Leslie Carnie. **CARRIED**
- Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.



President – Karen Hjort-Olsen



Date



Secretary – Patricia Gordon