

## RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Open Board Meeting held Thursday, at 09:30 am March 19, 2026  
Pitt Meadows Seniors Activity Centre,  
19065 119b Ave., Pitt Meadows, B.C. V3Y 0E6

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**PRESENT:** Karen Hjort-Olsen, Bobbi Duncan, Patricia Gordon, Deborah Jamieson, Leslie Carnie, Beth Turner

**STAFF:** Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

**LIAISONS:** Jackie Didrikson (Recreation and Culture Program Coordinator, Pitt Meadows),  
Councillor Mike Hayes, Pitt Meadows

**REGRETS:** Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows), Councillor Onyeka Dozie (Maple Ridge), Dave Speers (Associate Recreation Manager, Maple Ridge), Rich Bosma (Manager of Recreation, Pitt Meadows,) Tara Berdej (Recreation Manager Program Community Services Maple Ridge)

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### 1.0 Land Acknowledgment

### 2.0 Call to order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

### 3.0 Approval of the agenda

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

### 4.0 Approval of the minutes of Feb. 19, 2026

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

### 5.0 Reports

#### 5.1 Liaisons

- Councillor Mike Hayes
  - New art exhibition called 'The Art of Upcycling'; PMAG looking for volunteers to work in studio, if interested contact the City
  - Pitt Meadows Day June 6 planning underway; RMSS bus and two other shuttles to be used to make event accessible; a drone show planned
  - Maple Ridge Lawn Bowling opening is April 6
- Jackie Didrikson
  - April 5 Easter Egg Hunt at Harris Rd park
  - Provincial govt grant received to hold 'Choose to Move' program for July/Aug at Family Rec Centre
  - 'Active Aging' grant being worked on to put on programs for two age groups – 55+ and 70+ to better meet the needs
  - June 4 FIFA viewing event in Family Rec Centre gym -waiting for grant

#### 5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- St. Patrick's Day event at Maple Ridge was a big success; Mystery bag table did very well
- The transition and training of staff in their new roles is ongoing

- RMSS Tax Clinics are very busy operating four days/week until May and then once a month after as needed.
  - In the first four days, the clinics prepared 130 returns
  - Maple Ridge library also doing clinics but is sending clients to RMSS without any age restrictions; MR Library needs to be encouraged to vet clients and only send those 55+ to RMSS
- RMSS bus was broken into with items stolen
  - One of our drivers Don was able to find eight wheelchair straps at a recycler to replace the ones stolen
  - MR News article posted with an ask for local businesses to contact if they have suitable enclosed parking we can park bus; Carmen also sourcing out other options
- Volunteer Appreciation Event is in the planning stage
- Petro-Can grant not renewed after getting for three years. It provided \$7500 for our 'Go-Go Meals' programs to provide free meals to care givers.
  - We will investigate other avenues to hopefully continue the program
- Three of the four grant renewals have been approved for another two years – TAPS, Social Meals and Caregivers
- Still not heard about the New Horizon grant; neither have other agencies yet

### 5.3 Finance

- Deborah Jamieson reported "Our Gaming Account is used solely for receiving, holding, and disbursing gaming funds. A total of \$4000 was transferred from Gaming to Operating to cover wages relating to Seniors Support and Outreach Programs."

### 5.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- Additional drainage work will be done- Strata pays
- Carpet in snooker room to be replaced once completed
- No update about MR Parking lot

### 6.0 New Business

- Bingo Fundraiser for May 30 being investigated; details to follow

### 7.0 Old Business

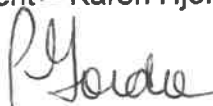
- EOI for Adult Day Care Program – RMSS submitted a response with our parameters; no reply to date

### 8.0 Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Leslie Carnie moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deborah Jamieson. **CARRIED.**
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

  
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 President – Karen Hjort-Olsen

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 Secretary – Patricia Gordon