

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Open Board Meeting held Thursday, April 16, 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, Beth Turner

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

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

REGRETS: 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 9:32 am.

3.0 Approval of the agenda

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

4.0 Approval of the minutes of March 19, 2026

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

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons

- Rich Bosma (Pitt Meadows)
 - BCRPA grant received for 'Choose to Move' funding
 - Grant received for World Cup FIFA viewing party to be held at Pitt Meadows Family Rec Centre for June 24 game Canada vs Switzerland at noon
 - Intergenerational event with capacity of 500
 - Easter event was very well attended with 1200+ children
 - Pitt Meadows Day still needing volunteers
 - PMAP artificial turf fields and new covered sports box projects have been started with 'shovels in the ground'

- Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows)
 - RM baseball opening day well attended
 - New RCMP station now open in Pitt Meadows
 - New KFN council inauguration event
- Dave Speers (Maple Ridge)
 - Farmers Market opening day is Apr 18 with free parking again this year
 - Summer hiring ongoing
 - Spring and summer sports up and running with many tournaments
 - April 16 BC Games Legacy Event that sees any left over funds from games (\$105,000) going back into community.
 - Committee decided on new bleachers with accessible seating and new shade trees for Telosky stadium and funds to go to MRCF for youth sports scholarships
 - Whonnock Lake upgrades to dock and boathouse

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- May 6 is Grand Opening of new Wellness and Footcare clinic at Pitt Meadows Activity Centre funded by Lions Club and Golden Ears Care Society
 - Fraser Health is providing a small grant to sterilize the footcare equipment; a third party will be used that provides pick up and drop off
- Two Variety Plus events held Apr 10/11 were very well attended
- 'Mobility for Life' activity class at Pitt Meadows is well attended
- Albion Centre Tues/Thurs Chair Fit class numbers are growing; will run until June
- May 15 is a 'Poetry Jam and Music Jam' event at Maple Ridge
- May 23 is Community Garage sale with tables still available
- Inservice with CRN held for staff and volunteers on 'Elder Abuse'; how to identify
- New Horizons grant – we did NOT receive the \$25,000 federal grant that was to be used for a new website and for our Education Day

5.3 Finance

- Deborah Jamieson reported "Our Gaming Account is used solely for receiving, holding, and disbursing gaming funds. A total of \$8000 for February and March was transferred from Gaming to Operating to cover wages relating to Seniors Support and Outreach Programs."
- An early look at our year end, income was higher than expected resulting in a \$25,000 profit for the year, however we continue to receive expenses
- The balance sheet shows 2026/2027 grants received with 3 grant funds carried over from 2025/26 fiscal year.

5.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- Karen reported that City of Maple Ridge met with the new Panorama strata council to discuss our compromise to parking issue; the strata did not agree with the compromises as proposed
- Strata made other suggestions that the City is looking into including off site parking spots; update to follow
- New landscaper is doing a great job

6.0 New Business

6.1 Fraser Health - Day Program for Older Adults

- RMSS submitted an EOI and got a reply that we were the lead proponent
- Meeting next week with Fraser Health to discuss
- Fraser Health will be reopening the program on May 4 for existing family clients in the same old location at RMH

6.2 City of Maple Ridge – Operating and Lease Agreements

- Lease Agreement received with small increase for each of next three years
- Further clarification needed

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Bingo Fundraiser


- Postponed until fall due to the number of other events planned for May

7.2 City of Pitt Meadows Operating agreement

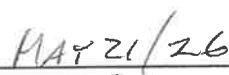
- Was signed in December; CPI increase for 2026
- Additional ask still being discussed

8.0 Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Leslie Carnie moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deborah Jamieson. **CARRIED**
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.



 President – Karen Hjort-Olsen



 Date



 Secretary – Patricia Gordon