

RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY

Open Board Meeting held Thursday, June 18, 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: Rich Bosma (Manager of Recreation, Pitt Meadows), Tara Berdej (Recreation Manager Program Community Services Maple Ridge)

REGRETS: Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows), Councillor Onyeka Dozie (Maple Ridge)

1.0 Land Acknowledgement

2.0 Call to order

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

3.0 Approval of the agenda

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

4.0 Approval of the minutes of May 21, 2026

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

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons

- Rich Bosma, Pitt Meadows
 - Rich thanked RMSS for the use of the RMSS Community bus the City used as an accessible shuttle for Pitt Meadows Day
 - Pitt Meadows Day was well attended and successful
 - Pride event on June 17 at Spirit Square went very well
 - FIFA Cup viewing event upcoming for the Canada-Switzerland game on June 24 from 11-3 at Family Rec Centre
 - Canada Day event upcoming
 - City recreation summer camps starting next week; Grabenhorst Garden being used for some new programs
- Tara Berdej, Maple Ridge
 - Maple Ridge FIFA watch party taking place today; many more planned at both the ACT Theatre and Memorial Peace Park
 - Summer programs doing well especially the specialty ones such as sewing

- Canada Day event upcoming
- Mental Health Awareness Art Show coming up in October at Albion; submissions open until end of August
- Food Truck Friday started last week and ongoing throughout the summer

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- RMSS taking a break during the summer from operating the free senior shuttle
 - Instead, will be offering free outings for 55+, no need to be a member to visit locations such as Osprey Village, Ft. Langley, Patch Brewery
 - Pre-registration will be required
- Volunteer survey to be completed
- Fitness classes at Albion are unable to continue as City needs the space
 - Alternate location at Fraserview Village is being investigated. Updates to follow
- Wellness Clinic at Pitt Meadows has been very successful with the footcare clinic booked up until October
 - Looking to expand with a second chair or more days if volunteer staff can be found
- Statistics being gathered for the AGM but sneak peek includes –
 - 166 volunteers put in 20 000 hours last year,
 - tax clinic did 980 preparations saving clients about \$100,000 in fees,
 - volunteer drivers put in 1068 hr saving about \$42,000 in taxi fares
 - Caregivers over this programming year- 13 caregivers accessed the EngAge Program and received 464 days of respite at no cost.
 - **80,000** total visits to our centres, up from 64,000 in previous fiscal end 2024
 - 53,000 at Maple Ridge (up 23% from previous 43,000)
 - 27,000 at Pitt Meadows (up by 50% from previous 18,000)

5.3 Finance

- Deborah Jamieson reported “Our Gaming Account is used solely for receiving, holding, and disbursing gaming funds. Each month \$4000 is transferred from Gaming to Operating to cover wages relating to Seniors Support and Outreach Programs”
- RMSS receive more gaming funds this year.
- Donations have increased

5.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- Drainage problem still not fixed outside snooker room; C&C will come when it next rains
 - Carpets won't be replaced until problem is resolved
- No update from City about parking issues

6.0 New Business

6.1 Fraser Health -Adult Day Program

- In discussions about running a 3 day/week program
- Looking at St. John's Anglican church space as possible location

6.2 Audit

- Audit started on Monday
- Auditor will present to the board at In Camera meeting on July 16 (with alternate date of July 30)

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Parking Decal Implementation

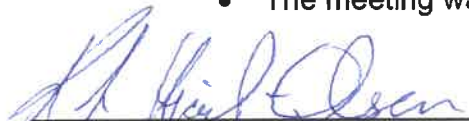
- Going well but no date yet when to start monitoring parking lot

7.2 Shred-a-thon

- Patricia reported that 92 vehicles attended resulting in \$2167.25 collected in donations
- Discussion with suggestions about how to advertise to broader community for 2027 event

8.0 Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Bobbi Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Leslie Carnie. **CARRIED.**
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.



President – Karen Hjort-Olsen

July 16, 2026

Date



Secretary – Patricia Gordon