RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
Open Board Meeting held Thursday, July 16, 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: Tara Berdej (Recreation Manager Program Community Services Maple Ridge), Councillor Bob Meachen (Pitt Meadows),

REGRETS: Rich Bosma (Manager of Recreation, Pitt Meadows), Councillor Onyeka Dozie (Maple Ridge)

1.0 Land Acknowledgment

2.0 Call to order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m.

3.0 Approval of the agenda

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

4.0 Approval of the minutes of June 18, 2026

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

5.0 Reports

5.1 Liaisons

- Tara Berdej, Maple Ridge
  - FIFA Watch parties continue with the Gold Medal game including a beer garden
  - The 2nd info session regarding the Recreation Referendum will be held Aug. 5 at Albion from 4 – 7 pm. The referendum will include three questions, one for each potential project.
- Councillor Meachen, Pitt Meadows
  - Gave update on the July 14, 2026 EPC meeting about the North Lougheed Area Plan (NLAP)

5.2 Maria Perretta, Executive Director

- Fraserview Village location for once/week Chair Fit class to start in September.
  - Many thanks to Margaret Attwell for helping facilitate

- Volunteer Survey had 80 responses which was excellent return rate
- Updated stats will be reported in the AGM Report for September
- New Horizon grant for next year applied for
    - Limit was raised for up to $50 K
    - New tables and chairs for activities, new patio furniture and new speaker and sound system identified as needed
- Interesting new stats when the 166 new members (Jan – June) were asked where they heard about RMSS—word of mouth led the way
    - 97 or 60% saying from family and friends.
    - 19 from the internet
    - 11 from printed material
    - 4 from their doctors

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*"
- Revenue is slightly low but we are entering the slower summer season
- We are within 2-3% of our budget

5.4 Maple Ridge Strata

- Karen reported we lost 12 parking spots while the roof is being replaced
- Panorama allotted us 4 new spots in the 16 week interim while work is being done

6.0 New Business

- As this is the last Open Meeting of this board, Karen thanked Tara Berdej for being a liaison and looks forward to her joining the new board after the September AGM
- Karen also thanked Councillor Meachen for his eight years as City of Pitt Meadows liaison as he has reached the end of his liaison term limit

7.0 Old Business

- Maple Ridge Parking lot issues ongoing; City of Maple Ridge still working on it

8.0 Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Deborah Jamieson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bobbi Duncan. **CARRIED.**
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