

**SOCIAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**November 2, 2016, 7:00 pm  
Blaney Room, Maple Ridge Municipal Hall**

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- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 3. MINUTES APPROVAL** – September 7, 2016 Meeting
- 4. PRESENTATIONS - Nil**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
  - 5.1 End of Year Celebration
  - 5.2 SPAC Budget Update – Shawn Matthewson
  - 5.3 Federal Government’s Affordable and Social Housing Announcements – deferred from Sept
  - 5.4 Ideas for the Social Policy Workshops
  - 5.5 Update from the Opioid Overdose Working Group
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 6.1 Youth Strategy Update
  - 6.2 Update on the BC Bus Pass Program for People with Disabilities – deferred from Sept
- 7. COMMITTEE UPDATES**
  - 7.1 Community Dialogue on Homelessness Subcommittee Update – Vicki Kipps
  - 7.2 Community Network – Vicki Kipps
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE**
  - 8.1 Correspondence received from public following September SPAC Meeting
- 9. QUESTION PERIOD**
- 10. ROUNDTABLE**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments on subjects that are of concern to them. Questions or comments must be directed to the Chair of the meeting. Each person will be permitted 2 minutes to speak. A second 2 minutes to speak may be granted at the discretion of the Chair if no other member of the public is waiting. The total time allotted for Question Period is 10 minutes.

Each speaker will be asked to provide their name for the record. No derogatory remarks will be tolerated. The Committee reserves the right to defer responding to a question in order to obtain the information required to provide a complete and accurate response.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 Correspondence received from public following September SPAC Meeting**

## Sunny Schiller

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**From:** Shawn Matthewson  
**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2016 1:39 PM  
**To:** 'cherryquotes'  
**Cc:** Tony Cotroneo; Brenda GRESIUK; Sunny Schiller; Fred Armstrong  
**Subject:** RE: Social policy advisory questions.

Good afternoon Ryan,

Thank you for your patience. Please see my responses embedded in your email. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
Shawn Matthewson, Social Planning Analyst



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-Rainer Maria Rilke

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**From:** cherryquotes [<mailto:cherryquotes@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 07, 2016 8:55 PM  
**To:** Shawn Matthewson  
**Cc:** Sunny Schiller  
**Subject:** Social policy advisory questions.

My name is Ryan cocling. I am very disappointed with the time given for questions at tonight's meeting. The public was not given a chance for questions. 3 people were able to ask a question, not acceptable. My questions and comments are as follows:

I don't believe maple Ridge is a safe place to live and raise a family. I have start to consider leaving maple Ridge and the lower mainland. I have also owned and operated a mid size business employing approximately 20 people with high paying jobs. I have sold this business and could start a new business, creating jobs. It would be far to big of a risk building a business in maple Ridge due to the ramped drug us.

Why is there a 2 teir legal system, where if you have a fixed address the police will happily give you speeding tickets. Where as if you have no fixed address high as a kit, anything goes. Blaming the courts is not a good enough anwser.

The police are arresting individuals with no fixed address. I have copied Sgt. Gresiuk on this email and she can confirm this.

We seem to be hard pressed to help the druggies that don't seem to what help. What consideration's have been made to increase fire services, police services, ER services and ambulance services. Also who would pay for these added services?

These types of services are paid for through tax dollars- provincial, municipal and federal. The premier announced this week that Maple Ridge will be receiving another ambulance for the community. Fire and police services are reviewed annually as communities grow, these services are often increased on an annual basis. I am not able to speak to health care services as this is a provincial matter.

What is your plan to make us feel and be safe in our town?

The City has a coordinated inter-municipal team called the Community Standards Enforcement Team (CSET) that monitors issues of community safety. The RCMP has a number of programs that are intended to enhance community safety. Sgt. Gresiuk can provide you with this information. The City has also hired a Downtown Community Safety Liaison Officer and has increased private security services in the downtown core. The City has also enhanced lighting in the downtown. We are constantly assessing safety needs in the community. Is there something specific that you would like to suggest, as I can bring this information to CSE?

Is it good social planning to build a shelter of any kind beside a daycare?

Like every municipal activity, development takes place within a legislative framework set by the provincial/territorial government. Municipal acts, planning acts, building codes and environmental assessment acts are the laws most commonly associated with community developments.. Legislation from planning acts to human rights codes prevent "people zoning.". Shelter and housing facilities exist all over the province and some are located in close proximity to daycares. BC Housing uses a set of criteria to determine the location of shelters and neighbourhood context is one of them. There is currently no decision on the location of a shelter or housing facility in Maple Ridge. There has been no development application made.

There has been very little action to clean up the needles. What plans are in place? What plans are being implemented for increased needle pick up?

There are number of agencies and volunteers who are coordinating the effort to ensure that needles are disposed of appropriately and if they are not that they are retrieved in a safe manner. Fraser Health has provided funding to a local agency, Alouette Addictions, to pick up used needles in the community. Regular daily sweeps are also being done by Raincity staff. Additional sweeps are being done on Saturday morning and on Thursday evenings by another health agency. The city of Maple Ridge picks up needles on public and park property. The City also tracks where needles are being found. Please find information around needle pick up and the tracking map through this link.

<https://www.mapleridge.ca/1047/Harm-Reduction>

If you could please get back to me in regards to my questions would be much appreciated.

Ryan

Sent from my Samsung device

## Sunny Schiller

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**From:** Sunny Schiller  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 11:57 AM  
**To:** 'Jodi Statham'  
**Subject:** RE: 21375 Lougheed Hwy

Hi Jodi,

Thank you for your correspondence. Your message will be provided to Council as part of the Social Policy Advisory Committee September meeting minutes.

Regards,

**Sunny Schiller**  
Committee Clerk



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**From:** Jodi Statham [mailto:stathamfam@shaw.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 07, 2016 11:46 PM  
**To:** Sunny Schiller  
**Subject:** Re: 21375 Lougheed Hwy

Was given this email to ask questions however I don't really have a question per say but wanted to share the letter that I have sent to Mayor, Council, Rich Coleman and the MLA's

I am truly frustrated that I would once again have to write a letter to any of you asking that you think again about your decisions. If you had truly listened to the Maple Ridge Residents in the first place many of us wouldn't be having to write these letters to any of you. Firstly, I will say to any of those that want a continued future in politics should really take some time to reflect on the decisions they make in the future cause I know many of this city will not including me vote for anyone who passes this location for the "supportive housing." Before I continue writing my letter about why again I am against this location. The two attachments that I have included are my main reasons for my being against this location. This being my hometown - I have grown up here in Maple Ridge since 1988. Also my two boys who I had wished to let this be their hometown but now having second thoughts. This town isn't a family town anymore, it's being run down by the street citizens that continue to be allowed the free range of this town.

I will start with this as he states point blank what most people are mad about. "Residents' frustration stem from the lack of a "proper consultation," Bing told The **TIMES**." The lack of transparency and proper consultation like we as residents were told we would get. Once again just like the Quality Inn that never had happened. So let's just buy this land and then tell the residents we are planning on putting a shelter there.

According to the Mayor that "it is sort of away from residential" Please Mayor Nicole Read come tell that to the many of us that live right around here along with the many other homes near by - that it's not close to us. Where was a letter to my house regarding the location of either Quality Inn (400m) or 21375 Lougheed Hwy (550m) according to Google - My home is right in the middle of the two locations. Secondly, there has been no transparency in any regard in the location

of this supportive housing. To the purchase of the location, nor the City trying to keep quiet about them trying to buy the property of GM Restaurant that is just next door to 21375 Lougheed Hwy. Why hasn't this info been made public? I'm sure that the public would love to hear that the City is trying to push out a 20yr old business from having a new restaurant build beside the location that is set to be a supportive housing but won't if this location goes through. Also, I doubt that it's true that the Mayor knows nothing about this process of the location with spending \$15 Mil dollars. I am sure Mayor Nicole Read knows much more than the stuff she is telling us residents.

Thirdly, we have been told that we won't be affected by this location regarding crime or whatever else. That again is a lie. We in my area are already suffering from crime and having to lock things down. A few months ago we had a street citizen ringing our door at 1:30am looking for money (a neighbour up the road was crazy enough to open the door at that time) , we also have had many things stolen in this neighbourhood just recently was hanging baskets from two of my neighbours. Along with the street citizens coming all hours of the night/early morning during recycling day to see what stuff they can come take. My kids safety comes first and I truly don't feel safe anymore that I hardly told anyone that we were leaving on holidays (just got back from holidays) due to the fear that someone would come break into our home and take everything we own. Recently, my husband and I have been looking into buying a security camera for the outside of our home so that I can feel somewhat safe again. I truly feel that this purchase should be given back to the City to pay for as I shouldn't have to be buying a camera to feel safe.

Before any kind of supportive housing goes into place in Maple Ridge - the City should have a proper consultation and a vote on what the taxpaying residents of this City want. Give the residents a voice like we should be able to have regarding the future of our town.

So I end in asking all who read this, that you think of the children and Grandma who live next door to the location 21375 Lougheed Hwy, the children at the Daycare, the Vet and the many residents that are in the neighbourhood. Is this something that you would support in your backyard? If so, maybe plan on moving it there until then I will continue to fight for my town and the safety of my children and other peoples' children.

Thank you for listening to my concerns,

Jodi Statham.

## Sunny Schiller

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**From:** Shawn Matthewson  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2016 2:30 PM  
**To:** 'Lindsay'; Sunny Schiller; Robert Masse  
**Cc:** Sunny Schiller  
**Subject:** RE: Question

Hi Lindsay,

Thank you for your correspondence. Here is the link to the 2014 Regional Homeless Count:  
<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/regional-planning/homelessness/HomelessnessPublications/2014MVHomelessCountJuly31-14Results.pdf>  
The next regional count will be undertaken in 2017.

In terms of the Development Application Information Meeting and the Re-Zoning Application, there will be significant notice regarding the meetings pertaining to both applications. We are working on a Communications Strategy and are likely going to be able to email information to people interested in keeping up to date on what is happening. The email would be in the form of a weekly newsletter. If you like I can add your name to the mail out list once it is up and running. Please let me know if that works for you.

Sincerely,  
Shawn Matthewson, Social Planning Analyst

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lindsay [<mailto:lindsayzepeski@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 12:34 PM  
To: Shawn Matthewson; Sunny Schiller; Robert Masse  
Subject: Question

Hello,

I attended the committee meeting last night. Thanks for amending your agenda to suit the community members who attended; that was much appreciated. I have two questions:



I asked last night about stats on the number of homeless people in Maple Ridge. It seems odd to push ahead with certain models when we don't know if they are working to actually reduce homelessness. The problem may not be bigger but I suspect it is, or at least it's more visible. Could you point me to the data from 2014?

Will the public be made familiar with BC Housing's application for the new development on Lougheed Hwy before the rezoning hearings begin? With ample time to look it over and understand it, possibly to ask questions about it first?

Lindsay Zepeski  
11889 Cherrington Place

Sent from my iPhone