

**MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVENESS
AGENDA**

*September 20, 2018, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – March 15, 2018
4. **DELEGATIONS**
 - 4.1. **Dementia Friendly Communities**
 - Kim McKercher, Alzheimer’s Society
 - Myna Norman, Community Member
 - 4.2. **Age Friendly Initiative Subcommittee**
 - Heather Treleaven
5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 5.1. 2019 Access Awareness Week – Planning for the event and Awards evening
 - 5.2. Business Planning 2019
 - 5.3. Accessible Parking in Downtown Core
6. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**
 - 6.1. MACAI Awards – Review of the 2018 Awards evening
 - 6.2. Age Friendly Initiative – Review of the Implementation Strategy
 - 6.3. UBCM ‘Accessible Senior Transportation’
7. **STAFF LIAISON UPDATES**
 - 7.1. City of Pitt Meadows Staff Liaison Transition
8. **QUESTION PERIOD**
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
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. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak. Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.

**MAPLE RIDGE/PITT MEADOWS
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVENESS**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee
on Accessibility and Inclusiveness, held in the Blaney Room at the Maple Ridge City Hall on
March 15, 2018 at 4:01 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Craig Speirs	Council Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Councillor Bruce Bell	Council Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Kristina Morrison, Chair	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Gillian Small, Vice Chair	Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living
Brad Dinwoodie	Member at Large, Pitt Meadows
Greg Turnbull	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Kim McLennan	Fraser Health
Maria Kovacs	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Mike Murray	School Trustee, School District No. 42
Roberta O'Brien	Local Immigration Partnership, Family Education and Support Centre

STAFF PRESENT

Petra Frederick	Recreation Coordinator
	Staff Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Ryan Slevin	Business Operations Coordinator
	Staff Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Amanda Allen	Committee Clerk

GUESTS

Don Cramb	Senior Recreation Manager, City of Maple Ridge
Don Mitchell	Ridge Meadows Seniors Society
Rysa Kronebusch	

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2018-008

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the March 15, 2018 Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness meeting be amended to add Item 4. Delegation: Albion Community Centre, to add item 7.4 Accessible Design Workshop to the Staff Liaison updates, that the agenda items be renumbered accordingly and that the agenda as amended be approved.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

R/2018-009

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness dated January 18, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **DELEGATION**

4.1. **South Albion Community Centre**

- Don Cramb, Senior Recreation Manager, City of Maple Ridge

The Senior Recreation Manager gave a presentation on the South Albion Community Centre. The Senior Recreation Manager outlined the proposed floor plans and welcomed comment for design around accessibility from MACAI members. The Committee reviewed and discussed the plans.

Note: The Senior Recreation Manager left the meeting at 4:26 pm

5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1. **Meeting Presentations/Learning Opportunities**

P. Frederick, Staff liaison enquired if there is Committee interest to invite delegations to future meetings. There was discussion that possible delegations could include a Home Care provider, a mental health organization, the Rainbow Club, Community Services, a Seniors Society, and the Age Friendly Initiative Task Force specifically with regards to the walkability of downtown.

Note: Greg Turnbull joined the meeting at 4:40 pm

5.2. **National Awareness Week – Participation**

P. Frederick, Staff liaison, solicited feedback from the Committee around hosting additional events during National Awareness Week which runs annually at the end of May through the first week of June. There was discussion around the BC Blind Sports Company that encourages people with low vision and the visually impaired to participate in sport. Discussion was held on scheduling an inspirational speaker, possibly Gordon Kirkland, at the 2018 MACAI Awards. The MACAI awards subcommittee will explore further the possibility of inviting a speaker to the event.

5.3. **232nd Street Upgrade – Update**

P. Frederick, Staff liaison, provided an update on the 232 Street improvement plans. The project consultant and the Rick Hansen Foundation were contacted and staff were advised that at this time there is not a specific standard that currently exists for the use of directional tactile. The Committee reviewed and discussed the updated plans provided by the

Engineering Department on the use of directional tactile and bright red colour paint at the sidewalk/bike lane. The Staff liaison and Maria Kovacs reported on their discussions with the City of Vancouver who have hired a consultant to review accessibility and bike lanes within the City. The Staff liaison will contact Donna Rodman to enquire about tactile standards or best practices with which she may be familiar.

R/2018-010

It was moved and seconded

That Councillor Speirs speak with the Traffic and Transportation Technologist about the development of a resolution that could be presented to UBCM and/or the Association of British Columbia Traffic Engineers (or their equivalent) on the subject of universal standards for pedestrian crossings specific to the vision impaired with particular reference to roundabouts.

CARRIED

5.4. Rick Hansen Course

Maria Kovacs reported on the course offered by the Rick Hansen Foundation. Ms. Kovacs requested financial support to attend the course on universal design and access and informed of the benefits of sharing the information with the community and teaching others. Ms. Kovacs would like to attend the course with P. Frederick, Staff liaison. There was discussion on the Committee budget. Ms. Kovacs will explore outside funding opportunities and the Staff liaison will investigate internal funding for employees to attend educational opportunities.

5.5. TransLink's Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan

P. Frederick, Staff liaison, reviewed the request from TransLink. TransLink seeks to establish a public advisory committee comprised of representatives from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows to provide advice on the engagement approach and the development of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan.

R/2018-011

It was moved and seconded

That Brad Dinwoodie & Kim McLennan represent the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness on the TransLink Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan Public Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

6. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

6.1. MACAI Awards

The MACAI Awards are scheduled for May 28, 2018 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at the Pitt Meadows Seniors Centre. The Committee reviewed the draft nomination form and provided edits, noting that further revision will be required if a guest speaker will be opening the event. Once complete, P. Frederick, Staff liaison, will circulate the nomination form to the Community Network, the Seniors Network and will have the form published on the City of Maple Ridge website and Facebook page. R. Slevin, Staff liaison reported on the cost of

hosting the event at the Pitt Meadows Seniors Centre. The Committee discussed the location and gave consent for the Staff liaison to book the Seniors Centre for the Awards.

Note: Roberta O'Brien joined the meeting 5:45 pm

6.2. UBCM 'Accessible Senior Transportation'

P. Frederick, Staff liaison reported that the project to develop an accessible transportation plan for seniors is underway. The Age Friendly Initiative subcommittee is currently researching modes of transportation and existing best practices. The Staff liaison advised the grant funding received from UBCM included approximately \$7,000 for purchase of a vehicle.

7. STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

7.1. Leisure Centre Retrofit Update and Accommodation Plan

P. Frederick, Staff liaison reported that March 26, 2018 is the closure date of the aquatic area of the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre. A customer accommodation plan has been developed that includes 16 new dry land fitness programs and the Hammond Outdoor pool will be open for an extended season. An understanding with three local community centres, Mission Leisure Centre, Hyde Creek Centre in Port Coquitlam, and Walnut Grove Community Centre in the Township of Langley, has been established whereby they will honour the Maple Ridge 'Participation Member' program and members can purchase a 10 admission pass at a reduced rate. Participation members must purchase the pass at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre prior to visiting a participating facility. A transportation service to and from the participating facilities will also be offered. The accessible bus will be available on select days and times and a \$5 membership and pre-registration will be required to use the service.

Note: Gillian Small left the meeting at 5:59 pm

7.2. MACAI Funding Update

R. Slevin, Staff liaison reported that the City of Pitt Meadows will be matching City of Maple Ridge funds and is contributing \$2000 to the annual budget of MACAI. Additionally, the City of Pitt Meadows is contributing \$1000 for the administrative time of the Committee Clerk.

7.3. 2018 BCRPA Symposium

R. Slevin, Staff liaison advised that he will be attending the 2018 BCRPA Symposium on April 30 – May 2, 2018. The focus of the symposium is on creating inclusive spaces and places. The Staff liaison will email the list of symposium speakers and requests that MACAI members forward any questions they may have for him to ask at the event. The Staff liaison will provide a summary of the symposium at the next MACAI meeting.

7.4. Accessible Design Workshop: Designing for People with Vision Impairment

P. Frederick, Staff liaison reported that the City of Vancouver is hosting an Accessible Design Workshop on April 10, 2018. The Staff liaison, Maria Kovacs and the Traffic and Transportation Technologist have registered to attend and will be looking to learn best practices around tactile design for the visually impaired.

8. **QUESTION PERIOD** - Nil

9. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Nil

10. **ROUNDTABLE**

Roberta O'Brien passed around a 'Newcomers Resource Guide' and a 'Community Maps of Programs and Services for Newcomers'.

Councillor Speirs advised that the 'Innovation in Emerging Cities' Workshop is taking place on April 4, 2018 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at the ACT and invited members to register and attend.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:05 pm.

K. Morrison, Chair

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