

**District of Maple Ridge  
and the  
City of Pitt Meadows**

MAPLE RIDGE and PITT MEADOWS PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES  
COMMISSION **REGULAR** MEETING

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services Commission, held in the Blaney Room at the Maple Ridge Municipal Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Don Mitchell, Chair	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Commissioner Ian Brown	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Commissioner Corisa Bell	District of Maple Ridge, Councillor
Commissioner Garrett MacDonald, Vice-Chair	Member at Large, Pitt Meadows
Commissioner Shannon Roberts	Member at Large, Pitt Meadows
Commissioner Al Hogarth	District of Maple Ridge, Councillor
Commissioner Dave Rempel	School District No. 42, Board of Education,
Trustee	
Commissioner Mike Murray	School District No. 42, Board of Education,
Trustee	
Commissioner Doug Bing	City of Pitt Meadows, Councillor
Commissioner Eleanor Palis	School District No. 42, Board of Education,
Trustee	
Commissioner Gwen O'Connell	City of Pitt Meadows, Councillor
Commissioner Alanna Carmichael	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Commissioner Tyler Shymkiw	Member at Large, Maple Ridge

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelly Swift	General Manager: Community Development, Parks & Recreation Services
David Boag	Director of Parks and Facilities
Sue Wheeler	Director of Community Services
Tony Cotroneo	Recreation Manager Youth/Neighbourhood
Geoff Mallory	Manager Parks & Open Space
Kathryn Baird	Recreation Coordinator Volunteer/Special Events
Christina Stewart	Committee Clerk

**GUESTS**

Rik Watson	Ridge-Meadows Community Living Association
Derrick Terpsma & Scott Couture	Event Kit Trailer Crew for Ridge Meadow Community Living Association
Robert Hornsey	Executive Director, Bluegrass Festival
Liz Bader	Member of a Network of Bluegrass Festivals Across North America
5 on a String Band	Bluegrass Festival Representatives
Garry Stevenson	Pacific Bluegrass and Heritage Society

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Commissioner Deb Walters	City of Pitt Meadows, Mayor
Commissioner Ernie Daykin	District of Maple Ridge, Mayor

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

There being a quorum present, Don Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Introductions of the Commission were made.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

R13-023 It was moved and seconded

**That the Agenda for March 14, 2013 be adopted with the following amendments;**

- **Item 4.2 is changed to the Bluegrass Festival Delegation**
- **Item 4.3 is changed to Sport Field Maintenance Management Plan Presentation**

**CARRIED**

**3. Minutes of the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services Commission Regular Meeting**

R13-024 It was moved and seconded

**That the Minutes of the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services Commission Regular Meeting of February 14, 2013 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Delegations**

4.1 Mr. Rik Watson, Ridge-Meadows Community Living Association Presentation

Kathryn Baird introduced the Ridge-Meadows Community Living Association delegation and gave an overview of the Event Kit Trailer program which is a partnership with the District of Maple Ridge and Ridge-Meadows Community Living Association. Ms. Baird presented each of the delegation with a baseball cap and certificate.

4.2 Bluegrass Festival

Robert Hornsey, Executive Director of the Bluegrass Festival, made a presentation describing the Bluegrass Festival and proposed having the event in Maple Ridge. Members of a Bluegrass Band were in attendance and provided a sample of the style of music for this type of festival.

4.3 Sport Field Maintenance Management Plan Presentation

Geoff Mallory updated the Commission on the year round process of maintaining and renovating the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Sports Fields.

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## 5. Decision Items

### 5.1 Festival Support Recommendations

Kathryn Baird reviewed the Festival Support Recommendations compiled by the Festival Support Sub-Committee consisting of Alanna Carmichael, Dave Rempel and Kathryn Baird.

R13-025 It was moved and seconded

**That the festival support allocations for May to November 2013 be approved as noted in the summary developed by the Parks and Leisure Services Commission Festival Support sub-committee, attached to the 2013-03-14 report on this subject.**

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### 5.2 BC Seniors Games bid 2015 or 2016

Tony Cotroneo, Recreation Manager Youth/Neighbourhood, advised that Maple Ridge is unlikely to be successful in the BC Seniors Games Bid 2015 or 2016 due to a shortage of accommodations needed for the event.

R13-026 It was moved and seconded

**That a recommendation be forwarded to both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Councils to respectfully decline the opportunity to bid on hosting the 2015 or 2016 BC Seniors Games.**

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Note: Commissioner Garrett MacDonald opposed this motion.

### 5.3 Commission Policy Review

Kelly Swift introduced the Commission Policy Review and explained that this is the first group of policies being brought forward for review this year. More will follow at future meetings. There are no recommendations to change this group of policies at this time.

R13-027 It was moved and seconded

**That the Commission Policy Review be received as information .**

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### 5.4 Whonnock Neighborhood Process

David Boag, Director of Parks and Facilities, provided an update on the Whonnock Neighborhood meeting that took place on February 21, 2013

R13-028 It was moved and seconded

**That the update for the Whonnock Neighborhood Meeting be received as information.**

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**6. Discussion Items - Nil**

**7. Information Items**

**7.1 B.C. Recreation & Parks Association Resolution Process**

Kelly Swift reviewed the B.C. Recreation & Parks Association Resolution Process with the Commission.

**8. Commission Liaison Reports**

Mike Murray and Eleanor Palis reported on financial issues at School District No. 42.

**9. Staff Liaison Reports**

David Boag reported on the Hammond Stadium project. Formal announcement of the project grant was made and construction will start soon.

**10. Question Period - Nil**

**11. Adjourned**

R13-029 It was moved and seconded

**That the regular meeting of the Parks and Leisure Services Commission be adjourned.**

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The regular meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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Chairperson

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