

District of Maple Ridge

SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee, held in the Blaney Room, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7:02 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Cheryl Ashlie	Council Liaison
Councillor Robert Masse	Council Liaison
Candace Gordon	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community Network
Arlana Kuzyk	Community Health Specialist, Fraser Health Authority
Sheila McLaughlin	Community at Large
Staff Sergeant Major Andrew Martin	Ridge-Meadows RCMP
Steven Lamothe	Community at Large
Bob Goos	Community at Large
Rajinder Kalra	Community at Large

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Shawn Matthewson	Social Planning Coordinator
Christina Stewart	Committee Clerk

REGRETS/ABSENT S

Treena Innes	Community at Large
Ineke Boekhorst	Business Improvement Association
John Heffernan	Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living
Kathy Marshall (Alternate)	School Trustee, School District No. 42
Sarah Nelson	School Trustee, School District No. 42

Note: Rajinder Kalra was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Bob Goos called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Introductions of the Committee were made.

2. Agenda Approval

R13-016 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Agenda for April 3, 2013 be adopted with the following amendments;

- Item 4.1 deferred

CARRIED

3. **Approval of the March 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

R13-017 Motion was moved and seconded

- **That the margin date be changed from February 6, 2013 to March 6, 2013 and that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2013 as amended be adopted.**

CARRIED

4. **Delegations & Presentations**

4.1 EDI and Early Childhood Development Committee Initiatives - Deferred

5. **New Business**

5.1 Healthy Families BC Report

Arlana Kuzyck distributed Healthy Families BC information to the Committee. Ms. Kuzyck gave an overview of the initiatives taken to collaborate with local municipalities to form and implement strategies encouraging well being and healthy lifestyles in each community. Ms. Kuzyck gave an overview of changes to various Healthy Living grants.

Note: Rajinder Kalra entered the meeting at 7:09pm.

5.2 Membership Review

Shawn Matthewson distributed a membership list to the Committee and reviewed the list of representatives. The Committee also discussed the possibility of adding a representative from the Fire Department and multicultural communities. The committee recommended not removing the post-secondary representative.

Note: it was the consensus of the Committee to discuss a topic not related to the item at hand.

Action Item: Discuss with staff at the next meeting, inviting a Post Secondary Institution to make a presentation regarding setting up programs in Maple Ridge.

5.3 Child Poverty Presentation at St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Bob Goos

Bob Goos invited the Committee to an event . on April 13, 2013 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Maple Ridge. featuring Dr. Paul Kershaw speaking on

poverty and the struggles of a generation squeezed for time and resources. For more information visit www.gensqueeze.ca.

5.4 FCM Resolutions Timelines and Process

Shawn Matthewson gave an overview to the Committee of the timeline and process of compiling and drafting Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) resolutions.

Action Item: the Committee will compile and discuss draft FCM resolutions at the June meeting.

5.5 Review of UBCM Resolutions

Councillor Bob Masse and Councillor Cheryl Ashlie gave an overview of UBCM resolutions being submitted. One resolution is to reinstate Riverview Hospital in Coquitlam as a provincial centre of excellence for mental health care.

The Committee made a suggestion to change some of the language of the resolution.

Councillor Bob Masse and Councillor Cheryl Ashlie also gave an update on the Seniors' Advocate Office UBCM resolution.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Nurse Practitioner Application for the Frail Elderly

Shawn Matthewson gave an overview of the Nurse Practitioner Application for the Frail Elderly. Ms. Matthewson explained a nurse practitioner has been recruited to work with clients who are homeless or have substance misuse or mental health issues. They will be stationed at the Caring Place.

6.2 Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness Proposed Structure Changes

Shawn Matthewson advised the Committee that proposed structure changes did come forward by the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness. The Community Network has made recommendations for representation on the Constituency table. The District of Maple Ridge will continue to be a member of the larger table.

6.2 Downtown Business Engagement Process Update

Shawn Matthewson gave an overview of the first Downtown Business Engagement meeting and explained that there will be a presentation at the next meeting.

6.3 Request for Fraser Health representation at meeting with MP

Shawn Matthewson explained that she sent the letter requesting a Fraser Health representative attend the bi--annual meeting between the Substance Misuse Prevention Committee and Housing Planning Table and Randy Kamp. Ms. Matthewson has not heard back yet. Ms. Matthewson also gave an overview of topics for the meeting with Mr. Kamp.

6.4 Update regarding the letter of support for the position outlined by the Regional Senior's Planning Table

Shawn Matthewson drafted a letter regarding support of this position that will go to Council with a staff report in late April.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community Network Update

Candace Gordon provided an update on the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community Network. Ms. Gordon explained that the Community Foundation and Network Community Chest Proposal is almost complete.

The annual spring workshop for all the committee chairs and coordinators is coming up and they will work on a collaboration document to guide the process of working together to apply for funding.

7.2 Port Haney Neighborhood Change Initiative Update

Shawn Matthewson reported the Port Haney Neighborhood Change Initiative is having a neighbourhood walk on Saturday April 27, 2013 and an annual clean up project is coming up.

8. Roundtable

Arlana Kuzyk - distributed a brochure to the Committee and reported that the informed dining program is expanding to include many new restaurants.

Ms. Kuzyk reported that a smoke free property Fraser Health policy was launched at Surrey Memorial Hospital. The policy has increased penalties for infractions.

Rajinder Kalra reported that the University of Victoria psychology department is researching the topic of multiculturalism and poverty and we may want to include this research into discussion.

Steven Lamothe - reported that the Ministry of Housing and Social Development has a program to support people with disabilities starting up businesses.

Candace Gordon - reported she has received a grant to do some food education workshops and that the Saturday night Community Suppers run by the St. Andrews Parish have moved to the Golden Ears United Church.

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Bob Goos - reported Ridge Meadows Senior Society has received a grant to renovate the front of their building and that St. Paul's church is providing a hot lunch program He is also looking into starting a program to enable seniors to access meals without having to wait in line at the Friends in Need Food Bank.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 How Poverty Influences a Child's Brain Development
- 9.2 CMAJ Access to Primary Care Research
- 9.3 Ottawa Funding for Affordable Housing

10. Adjournment - 8:51 p.m.

- 11. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 1, 2013
Agenda Deadline: Wednesday, April 16, 2013

Location: Blaney Room, Maple Ridge Municipal Hall

Chairperson

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