

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, at Maple Ridge Municipal Hall on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 7:01 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Goos, Chair	Community at Large
Councillor Cheryl Ashlie	Council Liaison
Councillor Bob Masse	Council Liaison
Arlana Kuzyk Authority	Community Health Specialist, Fraser Health
Inspector David Fleugel	
Rajinder Kalra	Community at Large
Sheila McLaughlin	Community at Large
Steven Lamothe	Community at Large

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Shawn Matthewson	Social Planning Coordinator
Joanne Georgelin	Committee Clerk

REGRETS/ABSENT S

Candace Gordon Network	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community
Ineke Boekhorst	Business Improvement Association
John Heffernan Living	Ridge Meadows Association for Community
Kathy Marshall (Alternate)	School Trustee, School District No. 42
Sarah Nelson	School Trustee, School District No. 42
Staff Sergeant Major Andrew Martin	Ridge-Meadows RCMP
Sue Wheeler	Director of Community Services
Treena Innes, Vice-Chair	Community at Large

GUESTS

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Bob Goos called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
Introductions of the Committee were made.

2. Agenda Approval

R13-018 It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2013 be adopted with the addition of:

- 9.3 Correspondence - Mayors of Canada's Biggest Cities Call on Government Partners to Address Growing Housing Crisis.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the May 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

R13-019 It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Delegations and Presentations - Nil

5. New Business

5.1 Report on the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness Constituency Table: Staff Report and Submission from RSCH Secretariat
Shawn Matthewson gave an overview of the Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness which she recently attended along with, Darrell Pilgrim and Stephanie Ediger. Ms. Matthewson noted that the District of Maple Ridge has sat on this committee for the past 9 years.

5.2 FCM Resolutions
Shawn Matthewson asked the committee if they were interested in sending any resolutions for FCM.

A suggestion was made to bring back the M.U.R.B. program for multi-unit residential buildings.

Action item: Shawn Matthewson will investigate the M.U.R.B. program and report back to this committee.

R13-020 It was moved and seconded

That the Social Planning Advisory Committee develop a resolution for FCM that recommends that the Federal Government maintain or enhance current levels of funding for drug prevention and harm reduction strategies, recognizing that the public health implications of diminishing this funding and focus are considerable.

CARRIED

Please note the Committee members chose to discuss another topic at this time.

- 5.3 Neighbourhood Champions Event
Shawn Matthewson gave an update on the Neighbourhood Champions and their Neighbourhood Forum event last weekend which had 40 people in attendance.

Ms. Matthewson also updated the committee on the 2nd annual Port Haney Day celebration happening September 3rd. More information will follow.

6. Unfinished Business

- 6.1 Meeting with Randy Kamp Update
Shawn Matthewson gave an overview of the recent meeting with Randy Kamp that included discussion of; drug misuse, the national housing strategy, funding for housing, and an experiential learning program. It was recommended by committee members to make this a bi-annual meeting with Mr. Kamp.

R13-020 It was moved and seconded

That a letter be sent from Chair Bob Goos from this committee and council thanking Mr. Kamp for the recent meeting.

CARRIED

Action item: Shawn Matthewson is to compose the above noted for Mr. Kamp.

- 6.2 Vibrant Downtown Task Force Update
Arlena Kuzyk gave an overview of the recent Downtown Task Force committee meeting, the upcoming walk-about with the Vibrant Downtown Task Force and upcoming projects.
Ms. Matthewson further reported that the Vibrant Downtown Task Force has put a call-out to artists for their upcoming project on window painting within the downtown core.

Please note the Committee members chose to discuss another topic at this time.

- 6.3 Membership Review with Committee Recommendations
Shawn Mathewson gave an overview of the proposed changes to the SPAC bylaw.

Recommended changes include:

- The removal of membership for the Joint Parks and Leisure Citizen's Advisory Committee.
- The addition of membership for a post-secondary representative.
- The removal of membership for a UWLM representative.
- The addition of membership for a youth group representative.
- The addition of membership for an organization that focuses on aboriginal services

- The addition of membership for the Ministry of Social Housing and Development-Income Assistance Branch.
- The addition of membership from an organization that focuses on poverty alleviation service.
- To review membership from the senior's community to ensure that the senior's community is being appropriately and adequately represented.
- The addition of membership for a SD42 senior staff
- The addition of membership from Immigrant Services.

R13-021 It was moved and seconded

That the Social Planning Advisory Committee forward a recommendation to Council that the proposed changes to the SPAC membership bylaw be adopted.

CARRIED

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community Network Update
Shawn Matthewson gave updates on the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community Network including the development of a marketing committee, web site changes, and that the community van will be going back into the Ministry.

8. Roundtable

Arlena Kuzyk presented a video created for the recent Healthy Living Trade Show in Langley attended by Fraser Health.

Sheila McLaughlin reported that the Alouette Heights has been open for 1 year now with great success.

Inspector David Fleugel reported that the RCMP was recently in attendance at Pitt Meadows Day and was involved in a Police Fair at Valley Fair Mall this week. Inspector Fleugel further reported that RCMP have implemented enhanced initiatives for the summer which will include more foot patrols in the downtown area additional funding for seasonal policing in rural areas. A press release went out regarding the unhealthy social activities that youth are participating in online. This W.I.T.S. (walk-away, ignore, talk to someone, seek help) program is a modernization of the D.A.R.E. program. Inspector Fleugel also reported that the Musical Ride is returning to Maple Ridge on September 5 at the Albion Fairgrounds.

Shawn Matthewson reported that Substance Misuse Committee is working on education around why children should not be participating in underage drinking and how underage drinking can have negative impact to a child's brain development.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Housing a Child Health Issue: More Than Shelter

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- 9.2 The Caledon Institute: The Case for a Social Report
- 9.3 Mayors of Canada's Biggest Cities Call on Government Partners to Address Growing Housing Crisis

- 10. Adjournment - 9:03**
- 11. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 3, 2013
Agenda Deadline: Monday, June 24, 2013

Location: Blaney Room, Maple Ridge Municipal Hall

Chairperson

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