

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

**MAPLE RIDGE/PITT MEADOWS  
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues, held in the Blaney Room at the Maple Ridge Municipal Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kevin Priebe, Chair  
Councillor Bruce Bell  
Gillian Small  
Kathy Marshall  
Thelma Boudreau

Community At Large, Maple Ridge  
Council Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows  
Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living  
School Board Trustee, School District No. 42  
Community at Large, Pitt Meadows

**STAFF PRESENT**

Petra Frederick  
Joanne Georgelin

Recreation Coordinator  
Committee Clerk

**REGRETS/ABSENT**

Councillor Al Hogarth  
Brenda Brown  
Joylene MacBurnie, Vice-Chair  
Julie Lewis  
Lisa Smith  
Mike Murray  
Randy Wagner  
Susan van der Heever  
Theresa Whyte

Council Liaison, District of Maple Ridge  
Community Living BC  
Community at Large, Maple Ridge  
Fraser Health Authority  
MCFD, Child and Youth Social Worker Maple Ridge  
School Board Chair, School District No. 42  
Community at Large, Maple Ridge  
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**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

R13-019 It was moved and seconded.

**That the Agenda dated September 19, 2013 be adopted with the following changes:**

- 5.5 B11 Regulations for Motorized Mobility Aids in Sidney

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Committee on Accessibility Issues  
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R13-020 It was moved and seconded.

**That the Minutes of the May 16, 2013 Regular Meeting be adopted.**

CARRIED

4. Delegations and Presentations - Nil

5. Unfinished & New Business

5.1 Review MACAI 2013 Business Plan  
Petra Frederick reviewed the goals of the 2013 Business Plan.

5.2 Business Planning 2014  
The Committee worked with staff to make revisions and suggestions for the 2014 Business Plan. Staff will make revisions and the Committee will review the draft Business Plan at the next meeting.

5.3 Review Accessibility Awards Event (changes for 2014)  
Petra Frederick thanked the committee for their attendance at the awards. The event was well received by all who attended. Committee members agreed they saw a need to increase the nominations.

5.4 Request Pitt Meadows City Hall to evaluate CP crossing at Harris Road  
Kevin Priebe gave an overview of recent research and photos he had taken at the Harris Road CP crossing and discussed the concerns with wheels (bike, wheelchair, walker, etc) have at this crossing. Mr. Priebe also presented research that this crossing is not just a localized problem and that the installation of a rubber flange way filler could potentially stop the problems of wheels getting stuck into railway crossings.

R13-021 It was moved and seconded.

**That the Committee will forward a staff report with recommendations and personal accounts regarding the dangers at the CP crossing at Harris Road to the City of Pitt Meadows staff.**

CARRIED

5.5 B11 Regulations for Motorized Mobility Aids - Sidney

Kevin Priebe gave an overview of the UBCM recommendation made by the City of Sidney regarding wheelchairs in the mobility act.

Kathy Marshall stated that the UBCM conference had occurred earlier in the day on September 19, and this resolution was not passed.

**6. Committee Reports**

6.1 Curb Cuts & Bus Stop Pads

Kevin Priebe gave an overview of the recommendations made to Pitt Meadows City Hall with the curb at Charlton Motors on Harris Road in Pitt Meadows and the outcome of what the City of Pitt Meadows did to repair this location.

R13-022 It was moved and seconded.

**That a letter be sent from the Chair of the Committee to the City of Pitt Meadows thanking them for the repairs made on the curb cut at Charlton Motors in Pitt Meadows at Harris Road and north of 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.**

**CARRIED**

6.2 Annual Accessibility Awards  
Dealt with under 5.3.

6.3 Displays & Presentations - Nil

**7. Roundtable**

Gillian Small reported that on October 2 there are 2 events taking place to celebrate Community Living Day. One is from 11:30-2:00 pm at Memorial Peace Park and includes a free lunch; the second event is later in the evening at 6:00 pm at The ACT which includes guest speakers. Tickets for the 6:00 pm event are \$20.

Thelma Boudreau reported that the Seniors Centre is doing wonderfully and just recently had several events which included; a youth and senior night, a patio party, a dessert and coffee where 42 people attended and they will be having a Chinese lunch October.

Petra Frederick reported there are two Seniors Symposiums coming up on October 5 in Pitt Meadows and October 12 in Maple Ridge. Ms. Frederick also reported that GetiFest is looking a involving individuals with varying abilities in their festivities, specifically a parade.

Maria Kovacs, resident of District of Maple Ridge brought to the attention of the committee, the City of Vancouver's new Housing bylaw initiative which is going forward for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.

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Ms. Frederick also reported she received an email from concerned citizen back in September regarding poor repair on sidewalks within the downtown core and that Engineering was made aware of this email.

Kevin Priebe explained the frustrations of using gas pumps in Maple Ridge, which are quite inaccessible for people in wheelchairs.

**8. Correspondence**

**9. Next Meeting :** **Thursday, October 17, 2013**  
**Agenda Deadline:** Thursday, September 30, 2013

**10. Adjournment :** **7:09 pm.**

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Chairperson

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