

City of Maple Ridge

SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Social Planning Advisory Committee, held in the Blaney Room, at Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Delaram Farshad	Fraser Health
Annette Morgan	Seniors Network
Pierre Welbedagt, Vice-Chair	Member at Large
Vicki Kipps, Chair	Community Network
Councillor Bob Masse	Council Liaison
Steven Lamothe	Ministry of Social Development & Social Innovation
Const. Brenda Greskiuk	RCMP
Kathy Doull	Fraser Health
Mike Murray	School District #42 Trustee
Roberta O'Brien	Family Education & Support Centre
Candace Gordon	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community Network
Ineke Boekhorst	Downtown BIA / Friends in Need

GUESTS

Forrest Clayton	Youth Table Representative
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk
Shawn Matthewson	Staff Liaison / Director of Recreation
Meghan MacMillan	Youth Programmer

REGRETS/ABSENTS

John Heffernan	Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living
Stephanie Ediger, Vice-Chair	Poverty Alleviation

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

There being a quorum present, the Staff Liaison called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and introductions were made.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

R16-001

It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda be amended to add Item 5.1 Chair and Vice-Chair Elections and be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTE ADOPTION

R16-002

It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of November 4, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2016 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

R16-003

It was moved and seconded

That Vicki Kipps be appointed Social Planning Advisory Committee Chair.

CARRIED

Ineke Boekhorst entered the meeting at 7:09 pm.

R16-004

It was moved and seconded

That Pierre Welbedagt be appointed Social Planning Advisory Committee Vice-Chair.

CARRIED

As 2015 Chair Steven Lamothe was invited to chair the meeting following the election.

**5.2 Delaram Farshad, Community Health Specialist, Fraser Health –
Healthy Communities Grant Application**

Delaram Farshad outlined the Healthy Communities grant opportunity, explaining grant criteria and eligible funds. The deadline to apply is January 22, 2016. Ms. Farshad offered to support the committee members in developing applications. Application ideas were discussed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Committee Bylaw update

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the bylaw changes for SPAC. A February meeting will be held as previously scheduled. Councillor Masse clarified the intent of the bylaw changes.

6.2 Maple Ridge Resilience Initiative (MRRI) Update

The Staff Liaison reported that the Initiative has housed approximately 80 people in the community. BC Housing was thanked for their support. The Rain City shelter will be closing March 31st and staff are currently working with BC Housing and Rain City on an exit strategy. The shelter appreciates the support shown by the community, especially over the holidays.

6.3 Youth Strategy Update

Meghan MacMillan, Youth Programmer and Forrest Clayton, Youth Table Representative provided an update of work done around the youth strategy over the last couple of months. Ms. Clayton shared some of the visions of the strategy and provided examples of youth priorities. Goals of the strategy include creating hands

on tools for the whole community and sharing positive stories and best practices. Up next is hiring a consultant to guide the development of the strategy.

6.4 Social Services Research Project Update

The Staff Liaison updated the Committee on the research project looking at the provision and funding of social services. The Social Services Research Council has been charged with the research, including mapping services and analyzing funding methods. Information has been sought from community service providers. Workshops with stakeholders are planned. The final phase of the project will provide recommendations. Vicki Kipps of the Community Network provided positive feedback on the process so far.

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

7.1 Community Network – Vicki Kipps

Vicki Kipps provided an overview of current Community Network projects including grants for a restorative justice project and a senior's issues assessment. Community Chest (a partnership between Community Network and Community Foundation) will be relaunched soon. Local fundraising for Alicia's Wish has been very successful. Ms. Kipps shared her pleasant surprise to learn recently about a Ministry of Children's and Family program for those over 19 years old. (19 years of age is usually the cut off for services provided).

A Community Superheroes program is planned to recognize community members who make positive contributions.

7.2 Neighbourhood Development

The Staff Liaison reported the neighbourhood champions group will be expanding their initiatives thanks to a Vancouver Foundation grant.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

9. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

10. ROUNDTABLE

Annette Morgan shared the details of a Seniors Pub Night Fundraiser at the Legion on February 12th (\$20 for dinner and a drink). The Age Friendly Communities Initiative report is currently in draft form and will be going to Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge Councils early this year. A donation has been obtained to allow production of an updated edition of the Seniors Resource Guide.

Roberta O'Brien reported Local Immigrant Partnership Strategy (LIPS) has received federal government funding for one year. Ms. O'Brien touched on the refugee situation and reported that ISS is creating a database of resources for refugees. The library is now carrying Arabic language material. Family Literacy Day is coming up on January 23.

Candace Gordon reported that as a result of a generous community donation Golden Ears Feast will be starting a "soup making grannies" collective, which will support and direct groups to make soup together, share meals and provide meals for others in the community. Ms. Gordon reminded the committee of the play SEEDS showing at the ACT Theatre.

Sgt. Gresiuik reported on staffing changes at the Ridge Meadows RCMP. The RCMP is now providing items for the BIA newsletter. The Hope Project (Healing Opportunities through Prevention and Education) is hosting a symposium on mental health and addiction in the Muslim community on March 19, 2016 at SFU Surrey. There will be 4 breakout sessions on family disputes, mental health, community building and Youth issues. For more information visit hope@muslimfoodbank.com

Kathy Doull reported that Dr. Bart Harvey is the new Medical Health Officer for Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge.

Delaram Farshad let the committee know the My Community My Health website has been updated.

Ineke Boekhorst reported the Food Bank received amazing donations over the holiday season. Unfortunately they experienced a number of vandalism incidents. Applications have been received by some recently housed community members. Ms. Boekhorst reported the BIA has partnered with the RCMP and the City to combine security services for the downtown core. This consolidation has improved efficiency and currently provides 18 hours a day of security services.

Pierre Welbedagt reminded the Committee about the SD 42 Speakers Forum planned for March 17th at the ACT Theater. The Forum will provide information on social emotional learning, mental health.

Mike Murray reported on facilities planning. Mr. Murray explained that when a new school is built additional funds are allocated for a community centre. A workshop is tentatively planned for February 10th at Albion Elementary School to gather ideas for a community centre. The goal of this process is to support the application to the provincial government for a new school.

Councillor Masse reported on positive developments coming up for the community in the future. Councillor Masse reported on planned changes to the availability of mental health beds in Metro Vancouver. Councillor Masse reported the municipal environmental advisory committee will be up and running soon and that the tree bylaw has now been passed. In response to a question from Ms. Kipps Councillor Masse explained the public consultation process regarding Parks and Recreation priorities.

Steven Lamothe reported he will be moving into a different role with the Ministry of Social Innovation and Development.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 pm.

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