

**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 City Hall on  
Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Craig Speirs	Council Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Maria Kovacs	Community At Large, Maple Ridge
Gillian Small	RMACL
Councillor Bruce Bell	Council Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Cydney Peacock, Vice-Chair	Community at Large, Maple Ridge
Mike Murray	School District #42 Trustee

**STAFF PRESENT**

Petra Frederick	Staff Liaison / Recreation Coordinator
Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk

**REGRETS/ABSENT**

Kevin Priebe, Chair	Community At Large, Maple Ridge
Greg Turnbull	Community At Large, Maple Ridge

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Staff Liaison called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. It was decided to defer the elections until the next meeting.

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

R16-001 It was moved and seconded  
**That the agenda be amended to remove Item 2 2016 Chair and Vice-Chair Elections, to add two items under Correspondence (Barrier Free Initiative and BC Emergency Program Review) and Item 8.3 Accessibility Awards and be adopted as amended.**  
CARRIED

**3. MINUTES APPROVAL**

R16-002 It was moved and seconded  
**That the minutes of the October 15, 2015 minutes be adopted.**  
CARRIED

**4. DELEGATIONS – Nil**

**5. QUESTION PERIOD – Nil**

Councillor Bell entered the meeting at 5:13 pm.

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 6.1 Accessibility Survey Roll Out

The Staff Liaison reported on the communication plan for the accessibility survey. Online version is currently available at <http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/dmr/accessibility-survey/>. The best format for a printable copy was discussed (14 point form chosen).

### 6.2 2015 Committee Review Update

Councillor Speirs provided an update on the task force recommendations. Changes to MACAI will come into effect in 2017. The Staff Liaison reported that Council would like to see a transportation plan for committee members developed as part of the committee budget. The frequency of meetings was discussed. The budget process was clarified by Councillor Speirs. The Staff Liaison will draft a transportation plan for committee review.

R16-003 It was moved and seconded

**That a plan to reimburse MACAI members up to \$500 annually in transportation costs be drafted by the Staff Liaison.**

CARRIED

It was decided to maintain the existing meeting schedule for 2016, with the Chair having the ability to cancel meetings as needed.

R16-004 It was moved and seconded

**That the committee meet monthly unless otherwise notified.**

CARRIED

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 MACAI Membership Update

Membership was reviewed by the Staff Liaison. A report to Council recommending returning members will be written soon.

### 7.2 2016 Business Plan and Work Plan

The Staff Liaison reviewed the work plan. During the current year the formation of the following sub-committees is planned: Accessibility Awards, Accessibility Survey, Asset Mapping Opportunities Review, Life After School Transitions. The Staff Liaison will contact organizations in the community to setup meetings with MACAI to explore opportunities to work together.

Mike Murray entered the meeting at 5:53 pm.

### 7.3 Accessibility Awards

The Staff Liaison provided background on the history of the MACAI Accessibility Awards. After discussion it was decided to maintain the existing format for the awards in early June. Maria Kovacs volunteered to serve on the Accessibility

Awards subcommittee. The plan is to hold a subcommittee meeting prior to the next MACAI meeting.

Mike Murray let members know about an upcoming SD 42 capital planning workshop in early February. A request was made to add “identify and attend community engagement opportunities during 2016” to the work plan.

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Emergency Program Act review – Maria Kovacs shared an email from the provincial government which provides opportunity for input. More information is available at <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/emergencyprogramact/>

BC Barrier Free initiative – Maria Kovacs shared an email outlining the Barrier Free initiative. <http://www.barrierfreebc.org/>

The Committee Clerk forwarded the emails to committee members.

#### 9. ROUNDTABLE

Cydney Peacock updated the committee that herself, Kevin Priebe and the Staff Liaison have submitted a report requesting an accessible bus stop in the Thorn Hill area to the Maple Ridge Engineering Department. Ms. Peacock has seen Translink staff working in the area and it appears the transition is underway. A question was raised regarding whether the bus stop will be wheel chair accessible or universally accessible. The Staff Liaison will follow up with Engineering to obtain further information on the standard used by the City of Maple Ridge for bus stops.

Councillor Speirs outlined planned projects for 2016.

Councillor Bell spoke to the dissolution of the joint recreation services agreement between Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge. Other Pitt Meadows topics of interest include the proposed Sheridan Hill quarry and a proposed development in Bonson, and the governance of the Pitt Meadows Airport.

Mr. Murray expressed his hope that groups such as MACAI can remain joint projects of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Mr. Murray raised the issue of mental health issues in the community and suggested inviting a speaker to a future MACAI meeting to talk about accessibility and mental health.

The Staff Liaison reported the Age Friendly Initiative report has been finalized and action plans for Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows are now being developed. The goal is to finalize the action plans by March 31, 2016. The report will be posted to the MACAI webpage soon.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

**That the meeting be adjourned at 6:46 pm.**

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