

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, February 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Goos, Vice-Chair	Community at Large
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	
Dave Walsh	Officer in Charge, Ridge Meadows RCMP
Detachment	
John Heffernan	Ridge Meadows Association for Community
Living	
Sarah Nelson	School Trustee, School District No. 42
Sheila McLaughlin	Community at Large
Ineke Boekhorst	Business Improvement Association

GUESTS

Michelle Ninow	Housing Planning Table
Darrell Pilgrim	Housing Planning Table & Director of The Caring
Place	

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Shawn Matthewson	Social Planning Coordinator
Sue Wheeler	Director of Community Services
Kelly Swift	GM: Community Development, Parks & Recreation
Tracy Camire	Committee Clerk
Christina Stewart	Committee Clerk

REGRETS/ABSENT S

Rajinder Kalra	Community at Large
Treena Innes	Community at Large
Kathy Marshall	School Trustee, School District No. 42
(Alternate)	
Inspector Dave Fleugel	Ridge-Meadows RCMP
S/Sgt. Andrew Martin	Ridge-Meadows RCMP
Steven Lamothe	Community at Large

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Bob Goos called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Agenda Approval

R13-004 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Agenda for February 6, 2013 be adopted with the following amendments;

- **Add Item 5.2 Community Network - Funding Request**
- **Add Item 5.3 Ending Homelessness in Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows**
- **Add Item 9.3 Fraser Health News Release**
- **Item 5.3 was dealt with prior to Items 5.1 and 5.2**

CARRIED

3. Minutes of January 16, 2013 Meeting

R13-005 Motion was moved and seconded

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

CARRIED

4. Delegations & Presentations

4.1 Ending Homelessness Action Plan - Michelle Ninow & Darrell Pilgrim

The plan is an action plan of the Housing Planning Table, a standing committee of the MRPMK Community Network. Through a number of community processes, the Housing Planning Table is updating the 2003 Plan with the current 2013 Ending Homelessness Action Plan.

Please note that Ineke Boekhorst joined the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Michelle Ninow reviewed the 5 Year Homeless Action Plan which included;

- Improving Housing Supply & Quality
- Developing Housing & Supports for Special Populations
- Communication & Education

Please note that Item 5.3 was dealt with prior to Items 5.1 and 5.2

5. New Business

5.1 Neighborhood Champions Report

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Shawn Matthewson reviewed the Neighborhood Champions Report with the Committee and noted that this group held a very successful event to share best practices. Ms. Matthewson noted that this group is working to finalize the matching grant criteria for 2013.

Sue Wheeler advised that Pitt Meadows is doing similar work.

5.2 Community Network - Funding Request

Sue Wheeler reviewed the Community Network's request for funding (from gaming revenue to support the Part Time Coordinator. Sue Wheeler confirmed gaming revenue is allotted on an annual basis.

Shawn Matthewson advised the Committee that the funding request is for \$25,000 from gaming revenue and reviewed the Co-Ordinator's budget and objectives with the Committee.

Candace Gordon advised that a lot of the success of the Community Network is due to the support from the District of Maple Ridge.

Please note that Candace Gordon left the room at 8:21 p.m.

R13-007 Motion was moved and seconded

That the funding request from the Community Network for \$25,000 (from the Gaming Revenue) be supported

CARRIED

Please note that Candace Gordon rejoined the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Please note that Item 5.3 was dealt with prior to Items 5.1 and 5.2

5.3 Ending Homelessness in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows

Sue Wheeler reviewed the proposed motion with the Committee noting that the due to a number of unforeseen circumstances there was inadequate time to review the plan.

R13-006 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Ending Homelessness Action Plan be received and forwarded to Council as information;

And that the Ending Homelessness Action Plan be included as background information in the development of the Housing Action Plan.

CARRIED

Please note that Darrell Pilgrim, Michelle Ninow and Dave Walsh left the meeting at 8:05pm

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Downtown Business Engagement Process

Kelly Swift provided an update on the Downtown Business Engagement Process. Ms. Swift provided some background information on how the Downtown Business Engagement Process started along with the next steps of the process. Ms. Swift reviewed the top priorities from the focus group which included;

- Provide more information to business operators and owners
- Continue to encourage positive activities in the downtown
- Increase citizens perception of living in the downtown
- Review placement of service agencies in the downtown
- Review and implement physical improvements in the downtown

Kelly Swift advised the Committee that the overarching theme of the Engagement Process was that in order to achieve a vibrant downtown all service sectors need to be engaged. Kelly Swift advised that Maple Ridge Council endorsed the report that included these recommendations.

Ms. Swift is seeking participation on the Vibrant Downtown Task Group and thanked the Business Improvement Association and Bob Goos for their participation to date.

Kelly Swift noted that if anyone is interested in participating in the Vibrant Downtown Task Group to contact her for more information.

6.2 Review of Review of Chair and Co-Chair Committee Role

Shawn Matthewson reviewed the roles of the Chair and Co-Chair positions and noted that if anyone is interested in the Chair or Co-Chair role please contact her directly.

Ms. Matthewson reviewed the time commitments for the Chair role and noted that Bob Goos has agreed to stay on as the role of Co-Chair

6.3 Review of Sub-Committee and Membership

Shawn Matthewson reviewed the work of each Sub-Committee (Vibrant Downtown Task Group, Spirited Communities, Committee Membership, and Compassionate Cities) along with the membership of each with the Committee.

Sue Wheeler advised that any changes to the Committee membership would require a bylaw change and Council would have to approve these changes.

Bob Goos expressed an interest in the Chair role of the Committee.

R13-008

Motion was moved and seconded

That the following members be appointed to the following sub-committees which will be supported by Staff ;

- **Spirit of Community Awards - Ineke Boekhorst, Treena Innes and S/Sgt. Andrew Martin**
- **Membership Review - Arlana Kuzyk, and Councillor Ashlie**
- **Compassionate Cities -Candace Gordon, John Heffernan, and Ineke Boekhorst**
- **Vibrant Downtown Task Group - Sheila McLaughlin , and Arlana Kuzyk**

CARRIED

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 Update and noted that they are currently working on an information rack card. Ms. Gordon also reported on the Community Network website, Resource Fair and Spring Workshop. Ms. Matthewson advised that Chuck Keeling from the Great Canadian Casino Corporation will be presenting at an upcoming next Community Network meeting.

7.2 Port Haney Neighbourhood Change Initiative Update

Shawn Matthewson provided an update on the Port Haney Neighbourhood Change Initiative and noted that they are still waiting to find out if they were successful in their grant application to improve community safety.

8. Roundtable

Arlana Kuzyk reported on the Fraser Health Trade Show and the Baby Friendly Initiative.

Candace Gordon reported on the Strategic Plan for Golden Ears Feast.

Ineke Boekhorst reported on the Turn Down the Heat Campaign and the Resource Directory. Ms. Boekhorst provided an update on the Light Audit.

John Heffernan reported on the RMACL Spring Break Camps and Youth Camps.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Kindness Counts Prompting Prosocial Behavior in Preadolescents
<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0051380>

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- 9.2 Nurse Practitioners Fraser Health Authority First Intake
- 9.3 Fraser Health News Release

R13-009 It was moved and seconded

That the above items be received.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment - 9:08 p.m.

- 11. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, **March 6, 2013**
Agenda Deadline: Wednesday, February 18, 2013
Location: Blaney Room, Maple Ridge Municipal Hall

Chairperson

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