

**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, February 21, 2013 at 5:29 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Priebe, Chair	Community At Large, Maple Ridge
Councillor Bruce Bell	Council Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Joylene MacBurnie, Vice-Chair	Community at Large, Maple Ridge
Kathy Marshall	School Board Trustee, School District No. 42
Thelma Boudreau	Community at Large, Pitt Meadows
Gillian Small	Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living
Julie Lewis	Fraser Health Authority

GUESTS

STAFF PRESENT

Petra Frederick	Recreation Coordinator
Christina Stewart	Committee Clerk
Michael Eng	Traffic and Transportation Technologist

REGRETS/ABSENT

Theresa Whyte	Community at Large, Maple Ridge
Susa van der Heever	Community at Large, Maple Ridge
Councillor Al Hogarth	Council Liaison, District of Maple Ridge
Randy Wagner	Community at Large, Maple Ridge
Brenda Brown	Community Living BC
Mike Murray	School Board Chair, School District No. 42

1. Call to Order and Introductions

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

R13-006 It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda dated February 21, 2013 be adopted with the following additions:

- 4.1 Engineering presentation on upcoming 2013 projects
- 5.4 Request for Time Limits on accessible parking stalls
- 5.5 Request for audible signal on 224th and 121st Ave

CARRIED

**3. Minutes of the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Committee on Accessibility Issues
Regular Meeting**

R13-007 It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of the January 17, 2013 Regular Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Delegations and Presentations

Note: Item 4.1 was dealt with before the meeting was called to order due to lack of quorum.

4.1 Engineering presentation on upcoming 2013 projects

Michael Eng, Traffic and Transportation Technologist for the District of Maple Ridge gave an update on upcoming engineering projects in 2013 related to accessibility.

Mr. Eng would also like the committee to recommend locations for the following:

- Accessibility bus stops
- Tactical panel locations
- Curb cut locations (a 2014 list)

Mr. Eng invited the committee to the open house on February 21, 2013 which is revealing the plans for a multi-use pathway along Lougheed Highway.

5. Unfinished & New Business

5.1 Amending the MACAI Bylaw

Petra Fredrick, Recreation Coordinator for the District of Maple Ridge lead discussion on whether a youth be represented on the MACAI Committee. Ms. Fredrick advised the Committee that the committee bylaw would have to be amended in order to enable this to be a voting position. The following considerations were discussed in regards to a youth position:

- The recruiting process will include approaching school career councillors, youth councils, the youth centre, and the Association for Community Living.
- Preference should be given to individuals with varying abilities.
- A pilot position
- The term should be from September to June
- Two student positions, one from Pitt Meadows and one from Maple Ridge.
- A mentor for the position

Action Item: Petra Fredrick to draft a letter to the career councillors in the six high schools

Please Note: This motion will have to be forwarded to Council for approval

R13-008 It was moved and seconded

That the Committee supports a pilot 'Student at Large' position on the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues for 4 months.

Carried

5.2 Kanaka Creek Watershed Stewardship Centre Update

Petra Fredrick was able to post the contest information on the District Facebook page and will post it on the Intranet. The contest closes at the end of April. Kathy Marshall also announced it at the School Board meeting.

5.3 10th Annual Accessibility Awards (event discussions)

Petra Frederick provided an update on the 10th Annual Accessibility Awards. Ms. Fredrick will confirm the date and place for the Committee of Thursday June 6th 2013 6:30 pm to 7:30pm at the Council Chambers. The Committee suggested this year to invite local sport committees, athletes, clubs and active community groups to submit displays for the outside hallway.

The Committee is exploring the creation of a specialty award, 'Greg Turnbull' award to be presented to a community member that goes above and beyond to enhance services for persons with disabilities.

A Sub Committee will explore the feasibility of additional awards for financial contributors, who assist persons with disabilities in accessing positive recreation and community supports.

Any changes to awards will have to be submitted to Council for approval.

Action item: Petra Fredrick to confirm the date, location and time of the 10th Annual Accessibility Awards.

5.4 Request for Time Limits on Accessible Parking Stalls

Petra Fredrick informed the Committee of a request for time limits to be placed on accessible parking stalls in the downtown area. The Bylaw department has

noticed accessible parking stalls are being used for extensive periods of time which inhibits others from being able to park there.

R13-009 It was moved and seconded

That the committee recommends all accessible parking stalls within the downtown core have a two hour parking limit .

Carried

5.5 Request for an Audible Signal on 224th Street and 121st Avenue

Petra Fredrick informed the Committee of a request for an audible signal on 224th and 121st Avenue.

R13-010 It was moved and seconded

That the Committee supports the purchase and installation of a self activated audible signal at the corners of 224th Street and 121st Avenue with volume controls similar to the Rosewood and Dewdney Trunk Road location.

Carried

6. Committee Reports - deferred

7. Roundtable

Kevin Priebe - He will be competing at the end of March in cross country skiing and then training at a kayak training camp in Florida.

Thelma Boudreau - The seniors centre is open and served tea on Valentines Day.

Petra Frederick - In the Jan 30th issue of 'The News' paper, Kevin Priebe was featured and he referenced the MACAI Committee in the article.

Tracy Camire, Committee Clerk for the District of Maple Ridge sent out an email from the Community Heritage Committee asking the SPAC Committee to fill out a survey.

Action item: The Committee Clerk will send out the internet link of the Community Heritage Committee questionnaire to the Committee.

Pitt Meadows Family Recreation centre would like the Committee to comment on the renovation designs of their facility.

Action item: Committee to inspect the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre and view the plans for upcoming changes before the next MACAI meeting.

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Joylene MacBurnie - Summer Black created a website to eliminate the use of the “r word”. People can sign up on the website and pledge to not use this word. She suggested that Summer Black be considered for an accessibility award.

8. Correspondence - Nil

9. Next Meeting - Thursday, March, 21 2013

Agenda Deadline: Wednesday, March 6, 2013

10. Adjournment - 6:28 p.m.

Chairperson

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