

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, March 6, 2013 at 7:08 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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
Sarah Nelson	School Trustee, School District No. 42
Sheila McLaughlin	Community at Large
Rajinder Kalra	Community at Large
Staff Sergeant Major Andrew Martin	Ridge-Meadows RCMP
Steven Lamothe	Community at Large
Ineke Boekhorst	Business Improvement Association

GUESTS

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Shawn Matthewson	Social Planning Coordinator
Sue Wheeler	Director of Community Services
Christina Stewart	Committee Clerk

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Bob Goos	Community at Large
Treena Innes	Community at Large
John Heffernan	Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living
Kathy Marshall (Alternate)	School Trustee, School District No. 42

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Please note Councillor Cheryl Ashlie assumed the role of Chair for this meeting.

Councillor Cheryl Ashlie called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
Introductions of the Committee were made.

2. Agenda Approval

R13-010 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Agenda for March 6, 2013 be adopted with the following amendment s;

- **Add Item 4.1 Maple Ridge Homeless Action Presentation**
- **Defer Item 5.4**
- **Add Item 5.5 Office of the Seniors Advocate Discussion**
- **Add Item 5.6 Substance Misuse Prevention Committee Request**

CARRIED

3. Approval of the February 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes

R13-011 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Delegations & Presentations

4.1 Maple Ridge Homelessness Action Plan Presentation

Shawn Matthewson presented the Maple Ridge Homelessness Action presentation to the Committee highlighting the current resources and programs available in Maple Ridge and the three priorities of the Homelessness Action plan including:

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

5. New Business

5.1 Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Sue Wheeler reviewed the process for electing a Chair and Vice-Chair. Arlana Kuzyk nominated Bob Goos for the role of Chair and Bob Goos volunteered for the position at the February meeting.

Arlana Kuzyk nominated Treena Innes for the role of Vice-Chair and Treena Innes accepted the nomination in an email.

R11-012 Motion was moved and seconded

That Bob Goos be appointed as the Chair and Treena Innes be appointed the Vice-Chair for the 2013 term.

CARRIED

5.2 Community Safety Officer Update- Staff Sergeant Major Andrew Martin

Staff Sergeant Major Andrew Martin informed the Committee that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are currently reviewing the CSO program at a national and local level.

The Committee felt the CSO program was successful and expressed concern about the potential loss of the uniqueness of this service model.

The Committee requested to view the National CSO report as soon as it is available.

5.3 Nurse Practitioner Application for the Frail Elderly

Sue Wheeler advised the Committee that the Nurse Practitioner Application for the Frail Elderly is moving forward. Treena Innes will provide more information at the next meeting.

5.4 Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness Proposed Structure Changes-deferred

5.5 Office of the Seniors Advocate discussion

On behalf of the Senior's Network, Councillor Cheryl Ashlie distributed a letter from the Seniors' Regional Planning Table that explains the need for the Office of the Seniors Advocate to be an independent office rather than under the Ministry of Health.

R11-013 Motion was moved and seconded

That the Committee recommend Mayor and Council and SPAC prepare a joint letter of support for the position expressed by the Seniors' Regional Planning Table.

CARRIED

5.6 Substance Misuse Prevention Committee Request

Shawn Matthewson advised the Committee that there are potential Federal funding cuts for drug prevention and treatment programs. Ms. Matthewson advised that the Substance Misuse Prevention Committee will request a meeting with the local federal Member of Parliament. The Substance Misuse Prevention Committee is requesting that a representative from Fraser Health attend the meeting to provide expertise.

R11-014 Motion was moved and seconded

That the SPAC Committee send a letter to Fraser Health requesting that a representative attend a meeting with Randy Kamp, Member of Parliament to provide expertise on local drug prevention and treatment strategies.

CARRIED

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Ending Homelessness Action Plan Discussion

Sue Wheeler advised the Committee that Council accepted the Ending Homeless Action Plan as information. The Housing Planning Table will compile a comprehensive action plan based on the three key priorities. The Housing Planning Table, a Standing Committee of the Community Network, will continue to work on the priorities over the next five years.

6.2 Downtown Business Engagement Process Update

Shawn Matthewson informed the Committee that the Downtown Business Engagement Task force report went to Council on Monday. The Committees membership has been set and the task force will have its first meeting at the end of March. Some of the priorities include:

- Community Resource Brochure
- Signage Review
- Lighting Review
- Changing the perception of the Downtown

6.3 Approval of 2013 SPAC Budget

Shawn Matthewson distributed and reviewed the proposed 2013 SPAC Budget for the Committee.

R13-015 Motion was moved and seconded

That the proposed 2013 SPAC Budget be adopted.

CARRIED

6.4 Review of Sub-Committee and Membership Update

Shawn Matthewson advised that the Committee will be able to participate in the housing action plan through participation on the Housing Planning Table.

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. They are currently revamping their website, creating a brochure and preparing for their spring workshop. She reported that the Community Network will be supporting the 'Save on Foods' initiative 'Make Hunger Disappear' by displaying shopping carts in every school and local businesses challenging the community to fill them with donations to the food

bank.

7.2 Port Haney Neighborhood Change Initiative Update

Sue Wheeler provided an update on the Port Haney Neighbourhood Change Initiative. They will be continuing to build momentum through activities and the creation of a communication strategy.

8. Roundtable

Arlana Kuzyk handed out and reviewed the Healthy Families BC Flow Chart that explains which Fraser Health department is responsible for different aspects of the Healthy Living Campaign.

Sarah Nelson reported that the School Board has a 6 million dollar budget shortfall this year and School District 42 is asking the community to complete a survey regarding the deficit. To complete the survey go to the website www.sd42.ca

Rajinder Kalra reported that there was an article about some of the research work UBC is doing around bullying. The research is examining the relationship between the loss of spirituality and violence and bullying.

Steven Lamothe reported that the local Ministry of Social Development office would like to develop a concurrent disorder program and he is looking for someone with expertise to work with the office to provide this program.

Shawn Matthewson handed out the 'Developing a Prevention of Alcohol Use Pregnancy Bylaw' brochure. This community initiative has been highlighted in an international conference.

Ineke Boekhorst reported that the Downtown Business Improvement Association has completed the 'Community Resource Directory' which is an initiative of the Business Engagement Process. The Annual General Meeting for the Business Improvement Association is on April 10, 2013. She also reported a social justice class fascinated by the negative articles in the local papers regarding homelessness invited Ineke, Darryl Pilgrim, from the Caring Place, and Michelle Schmidt, formerly with SD 42, to a panel discussion with Mike Murray as moderator. It was a successful discussion.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Dr. Clyde Hertzman's Work Continues. <http://thetyee.ca/News/2013/02/18/Clyde-Hertzman/>
Shawn Matthewson advised the Committee of Dr. Hertzman's passing and invited them to his Celebration of Life.

10. Adjournment - 8:56 p.m.

11. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 3, 2013
Agenda Deadline: Wednesday, March 19, 2013

**Social Planning Advisory Committee
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Location: Blaney Room, Maple Ridge Municipal Hall

Chairperson

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