

City of Maple Ridge

**SOCIAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Social Policy Advisory Committee, held in the Blaney Room, at Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Delaram Farshad	Fraser Health
Annette Morgan	Seniors Network
Vicki Kipps, Chair	Community Network
Councillor Bob Masse	Council Liaison
Const. Brenda Gresiu	RCMP
Dr. Helena Swinkels	Fraser Health
Mike Murray	School District #42 Trustee
Ineke Boekhorst	Downtown BIA / Friends in Need
Candace Gordon	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community Network

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk
Shawn Matthewson	Staff Liaison / Social Planning Analyst
Meghan MacMillan	Youth Programmer
Tony Cotroneo	Recreation Manager

**REGRETS/ABSENTS**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. New Fraser Health Medical Health Officer Dr. Helena Swinkels was introduced.

*Mike Murray entered at 7:03 pm*

**2. AGENDA ADOPTION**

R/2016-011

It was moved and seconded

**That the Agenda dated May 4, 2016 be adopted.**

CARRIED

*Ineke Boekhorst entered at 7:06 pm*

**3. MINUTE APPROVAL**

R/2016-012

It was moved and seconded

**That the Minutes dated April 6, 2016 be approved.**

CARRIED

**4. 2016 VICE-CHAIR ELECTION**

R/2016-013

It was moved and seconded

**That the 2016 Vice-Chair Election be deferred until the 2016/17 members at large are confirmed.**

CARRIED

*Candace Gordon entered at 7:14 pm.*

**5. DELEGATIONS**

**5.1 Amanda Murphy, RCMP Victims Services – Police Based Victim Services**

Ms. Murphy made a presentation on the RCMP Victim Services program in Ridge Meadows. The program has increased the number of volunteers and the number of victims assisted over the last few years.

**5.2 Meghan MacMillan/Tony Cotroneo - Results of the Youth Survey**

Ms. MacMillan and Mr. Cotroneo presented the results of the recent youth survey.

It was suggested that Fraser Health be invited to present their Health Atlas data to a future Council meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Fraser Health 2016 Healthy Communities Funding**

Delaram Farshad announced funding available from Fraser Health for initiatives that support healthy communities. The deadline to apply is May 27<sup>th</sup>.

R/2016-014

It was moved and seconded

**That SPAC endorse the Child Youth Wellness Centre and Active Kids Hour program for the 2016 Healthy Communities funding grants.**

CARRIED

**6.2 Service Canada's Homelessness Partner Strategy (HPS) Call for Funding**

The Staff Liaison provided an update on current federal funding to end homelessness across Canada and actions being taken in Maple Ridge to evaluate service provider readiness to apply for funding.

**6.3 BC Housing Expression of Interest (EOI) under the Provincial Investment in Affordable Housing (PIAH) program**

The Staff Liaison provided information on the recently announced investment by the provincial government to support Affordable Housing. Applications from local non-profits are expected.

**6.4 Information on the Child Youth Mental Health Centre**

The Child Youth Wellness Centre has achieved partial funding for its first phase of development. Staff are going forward with a report to Council about the Wellness Centre. The Child Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Collaborative (CYMHSU) continue to work diligently to achieve the formation of a Wellness Centre.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7.1 Community Meal Provision and Update on Changes to SA program**

The Staff Liaison reported the Salvation Army is looking at shifting some of their programming.

**7.2 Update on the Closure of the Interim Shelter**

The interim shelter will close June 30<sup>th</sup>. An exit strategy is being developed.

**8. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**8.1 Community Network**

Vicki Kipps reported the recent volunteer appreciation week event was very successful. The Community Superheros program has been launched. Ms. Kipps reported the loss of United Way funding is a serious concern for the Community Network at this time.

**8.2 Neighbourhood Development**

The Staff Liaison provided an update on neighbourhood development.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

**11. ROUNDTABLE**

Annette Morgan – reported the Age-friendly initiative has been approved by both Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge Councils. An updated Seniors Resource guide is now available. Ms. Morgan reported the Intergenerational Garden recently received a grant that will allow the development of an accessible garden area.

Ineke Boekhorst – recently attended the Business Improvement Association BC Conference where the Maple Ridge Downtown Business Improvement Association received two awards.

Mike Murray – reported the School District is currently developing their budget.

Delaram Farshad – reported the Family Education Local Immigration Partnership has recently created an interactive online map for newcomers - [www.ridgemeadowsnewcomers.com](http://www.ridgemeadowsnewcomers.com)

Candace Gordon - reported on the food asset mapping project.

Councillor Masse – shared that a development application has been received that would provide approximately 290 rental units. Councillor Masse recently attended the Home Show and the RCMP Awards and both were very successful events.

The Staff Liaison reported that Sgt. Casey Baker received the Officer of the Year award at the RCMP Awards.

Tony Cotreono – reported on an active aging initiative that supports seniors in remaining active.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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Chair

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