

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 April 4, 2018 at 7:01 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Masse	Council Liaison
Susan Carr, Chair	School District No. 42
Tarel Swansky, Vice Chair	Member at Large
Annette Morgan	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Seniors Network
Brenna Ayliffe	Fraser Health - Alternate
Cathy Bennett	Member at Large
Hailey Robinsmith	Member at Large – Youth Rep
Dr. Ingrid Tyler	Fraser Health
Jenny Earley	Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network
Mike Murray	School District No. 42 – Alternate
Trish Salisbury	Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Shawn Matthewson	Staff Liaison / Social Planning Analyst
Amanda Allen	Committee Clerk

GUESTS

Petra Frederick	Recreation Coordinator – Community Services, City of Maple Ridge
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ABSENT

Cpl. Amanda Harnett	Ridge Meadows RCMP
Ineke Boekhorst	Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association
Laura Butler	Member at Large

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2018-006

It was moved and seconded

That the April 4, 2018 Social Policy Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

R/2018-007

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Social Policy Advisory Committee meeting dated February 7, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

Note: Cathy Bennett joined the meeting at 7:08 pm.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1. **Age-friendly Implementation Strategy**

- Petra Frederick, Recreation Coordinator – Community Services, City of Maple Ridge

The Recreation Coordinator gave a presentation on the Age-friendly Implementation Strategy and the nine key features of an age friendly community. The Recreation Coordinator provided an overview of the implementation plan timeframe and reviewed the strategies where SPAC has been identified as a key partner: Transportation, Housing, Civic Participation and Employment, and Community Support and Health Services.

5. **ROUNDTABLE**

Hailey Robinsmith reported that the Cyber Security Town Hall hosted by MP Ruimy and the Constituency Youth Council was well attended and resulted in robust dialogue amongst the attendees. The Constituency Youth Council is considering hosting another Town Hall at the Pitt Meadows Seniors Centre within the next few months.

Tarel Swansky shared that she has opened a new family law practice in Maple Ridge.

Mike Murray reported that the Province of BC is conducting a funding formula review for education funding. One aspect of the funding under review is the \$63 million Community Link and Vulnerable student funding which is distributed among all 60 school districts. Mr. Murray indicated that some districts currently receive twice the funding of others on what appears to be historical funding and provided the example that School District No. 42 receives half of what allotted to the New Westminster School District. Mr. Murray reported that the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Board of Education is recommending the formula be based on a combination of the EDI, MDI and SSI rather than historic data in the hope of receiving more funding. Mr. Murray also shared news that School District No. 42 has received a grant to locate eight additional modular units for daycare on school grounds.

Trish Salisbury provided an update on the new Katzie Early Years Centre and reported that the Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre has seen an increase in First Nations children referred for services.

6. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1. **Work Plan discussion**

The Staff liaison advised that given the number of meetings remaining in 2018, SPAC work plan development will move forward in the new year with the priorities of the next elected Council.

6.2. **Subcommittee for planning second workshop – EDI/MDI Information**

In discussion with the Chair and Council liaison, the Staff liaison proposed the Early Development Instrument (EDI) and the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) as the topic for the next social policy engagement workshop. The Staff liaison suggested the workshop provide more details around the subsets of the Instruments, such as how kids are

feeling when entering Kindergarten and the vulnerability of kids around nutrition and sleep. There was discussion on the EDI/MDI as the next topic for the engagement workshop and agreement that the workshop would be a good opportunity to explore the level of vulnerability in the Community.

R/2018-008

It was moved and seconded

That a subcommittee be formed consisting of Jenny Earley, Trish Salisbury, Susan Carr, and Councillor Masse to plan a Social Policy Engagement Workshop on the Early Development Instrument and the Middle Years Development Instrument.

CARRIED

6.3. Resolutions to UBCM regarding the attraction of family physicians to the community

The Council liaison reviewed two of the resolutions approved by Council on March 27, 2018 for submission to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) Conference. The Council Liaison reported on the numerous and complex reasons why growing numbers of residents do not have a family doctor.

The resolution titled "Increasing the Number of Family Practitioners in BC" urges the Province of BC to work with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC to expedite the licensing process for qualified International Medical Graduate physicians and to create more residency opportunities for medical school graduates. The resolution titled "Review of BC's Fee for Service Model" urges the Province of BC to undertake a review of the Fee for Service model with a view to make family physician compensation in BC more attractive to both encourage physicians to choose family practice and to retain the physicians to practice in BC.

The Staff liaison advised that endorsed resolutions from LMLGA are forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for consideration.

6.4. Update on the Poverty Reduction Strategy

The Staff liaison reported on the March 26, 2018 Poverty Reduction Strategy community meeting. The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction have completed 25 of 28 community consultations in order to gather themes to provide the framework for the strategy. It is the plan of the Ministry to have a document reflective of the data generated by June 2018 with the Strategy legislated in the fall. The Poverty Reduction Strategy will require numerous ministries to work together with a focus on affordability, opportunity and respect for six identified cohorts ranging from seniors to lone parents.

6.5. Metro Vancouver Youth Homeless Count April 4-12

The Staff liaison reported on the first ever homeless count for Youth in Metro Vancouver. On April 5, 2018, a magnet event is being hosted at the Greg Moore Youth Centre from 6:30 - 9:30 pm to draw Youth to the count. The methodology has the count running an entire week and will offer two ways to input data, one from service delivery providers and the other from a self-reported survey. There was discussion on the definition of homeless and youth and the Staff liaison advised that the count is for Youth aged 13-24 and homeless is defined as 30 days or more without a place to live. A full report is tentatively scheduled for release in the fall.

7. **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

7.1. **Community Network**

Jenny Earley provided a copy of the Community Network Coordinator's Annual Report 2017 which outlined the activities and outcomes achieved in 2017. Ms. Earley reported that MP Ruimy attended the last CN meeting and that a monthly column in the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows News will be published with the intention to strengthen CN communication out to community. A CN orientation will be held April 10, 2018 from 11:45am- 12:45pm and members were invited to attend.

7.2. **Youth Strategy**

The Staff liaison reported that a draft Terms of Reference with proposed membership is under development and will be forthcoming for Council consideration.

7.3. **Opioid Overdose Working Group**

Dr. Tyler reported that Kat Wahama has been recruited as Community Co-Chair for the Community Action team. The Humans of Maple Ridge: A Celebration and Photo-Exhibit will be on display at the ACT on April 9, 2018 from 12:00-7:00pm, and members were encouraged to attend the free event. The Opioid Overdose Working Group has identified several projects on which to proceed once access to the provincial funding for Community Action Teams has been determined.

7.4. **Youth Wellness Centre**

The Staff liaison advised that a report was presented at the March 27, 2018 Council meeting which outlined funding options for construction of Youth Wellness Centre for Council consideration. The Council liaison reported that Council resolved to donate land adjacent to the Greg Moore Youth Centre and \$500,000 towards the capital costs of building a Youth Wellness Centre, contingent on the balance of funding being secured.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Nil

9. **QUESTION PERIOD** - Nil

10. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:54 pm.

for 
S. Cart, Chair

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