

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, at Maple Ridge Municipal Hall on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Bob Goos, Chair | Community at Large |
| Councillor Bob Masse | Council Liaison |
| Councillor Cheryl Ashlie | Council Liaison |
| Candace Gordon | Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community |
| Network | |
| Ineke Boekhorst | Business Improvement Association |
| Kathy Marshall | School Trustee, School District No. 42 |
| Sgt. Rob Wheeler | Ridge-Meadows RCMP |
| Sheila McLaughlin | Community at Large |
| Steven Lamothe | Community at Large |
| Treena Innes, Vice-Chair | Community at Large |

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Shawn Matthewson | Social Planning Coordinator |
| Joanne Georgelin | Committee Clerk |
| Siobhan Murphy | Planning Technician |

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| Arlana Kuzyk | Community Health Specialist, Fraser Health |
| Authority | |
| John Heffernan | Ridge Meadows Association for Community |
| Living | |
| Rajinder Kalra | Community at Large |
| Sarah Nelson | School Trustee, School District No. 42 |

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Bob Goos called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
There being no quorum, the Committee moved to Item 4 first.

2. Approval of the December 4 , 2013 Agenda

R13-032 It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. **Approval of the October 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

R13-033 It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2013 be adopted .

CARRIED

4. **Christmas Cheer - The Season of Compassion**

Shawn Matthewson shared a video with Committee members.

Please note: Candace Gordon entered the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Please note: Ineke Boekhorst entered the meeting at 7:15 pm.

There now being quorum, items 2 and 3 were dealt with at this time before resuming with item 5.

5. **New Business**

5.1 **Housing Action Plan Update - Staff Report**

Siobhan Murphy gave an update to the Committee members of the Housing Action Plan including where they have participated at various open houses and the education happening around the Housing Action Plan.

R13-034 It was moved and seconded

That the Housing Action Plan be received by SPAC and that SPAC forward the Housing Action Plan on to council.

CARRIED

5.2 **Process for requests to agencies**

Shawn Matthewson reviewed with the Committee, the new positions for the Social Planning Advisory Committee and the letters which will be directed to community organizations as per the recommendation.

R13-035 It was moved and seconded

That staff be directed to send a letter for expressions of interest to apply for membership to the Social Planning Advisory Committee to organizations that provides services for poverty alleviation, multi-cultural and aboriginal services.

CARRIED

5.3 **SPAC vacancies**

Shawn Matthewson reviewed the SPAC vacancies with Committee members and the process of interviews and orientations.

5.4 **2014 Schedule meeting - January 8, 2014**

Shawn Matthewson reviewed with the Committee the draft 2014 SPAC meeting schedule and it was agreed upon by members that since January 1st being the 1st Wednesday of the month, the meeting instead be moved to January 8th. In addition, the September 3rd meeting shall be moved to September 10th.

- 5.5 Presentation list for 2014
Shawn Matthewson asked Committee members for their ideas on presenters they would like lined up for 2014 and to respond back to her through email. Topic suggestions included; \$10 a day child care, post-secondary education in our community, the new Fraser Health housing position, and senior's network update.

- 5.6 Request for funding Community Network Coordinator

The Committee received the request for funding the Community Network Coordinator. An increase from \$25000 to \$30,000 was requested. Staff suggested that we look at the SPAC budget. Councillor Ashlie suggested that we ask for an increase from the gaming funding.

- 5.7 BC Non-Profit Housing Conference
Siobhan Murphy reported to Committee members on the recent Non-profit Housing Conference.

- 5.8 Cities Fit for Children Conference
Shawn Matthewson reported on the Cities Fit for Children Conference she recently attended in Surrey. Councillor Bob Masse brought to the Committees attention to a new report out called the "Human Capital Report" by the world economic council.

- 5.9 Housing Planning Table Request - Motion to Council
Siobhan Murphy reported on the Regional Transit Working Group which has been working with local Housing Planning Tables to address a number of issues facing people who are homeless or living in poverty. Their work has been forwarded to the Housing Planning Table and was requested that the Social Planning Advisory Committee forward the following motion to Mayor and Council to endorse:

Original motion: "Call on TransLink to establish a task force with representation of provincial ministries responsible for public transit, health and housing, and the Regional Transit Working Group, with the purpose of developing a Regional Homeless Transit Plan that will make the system accessible to homeless people while minimizing costs to TransLink, and;

Request that TransLink includes a reduced fare option for individuals on income assistance along the lines of those now in place for persons with disabilities and low income seniors."

It was reported that Community Network is bringing Translink in as a delegation in March, so a report will be brought back to SPAC at that time.

- R13-036 It was moved and seconded
That SPAC forward the above Translink motion to Maple Ridge council for endorsement . .

DEFERRED

- 5.10 Motion from Council dated November 12, 2013
Shawn Matthewson reported on a recent motion from Council that stated “That the issue of enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Act to enforce the Motor Vehicle Act as it pertains to the safe operation, wearing of helmets and proper illumination of bicycles or other motorized vehicles be referred to the Maple Ridge Social Planning Advisory Committee and the RCMP for input by the first quarter in 2014”.

Ms. Matthewson stated that SPAC and RCMP have been included in this conversation to determine which groups of individuals in the downtown core fit this profile as stated in the recommendation. Sgt. Rob Wheeler stated that Inspector Flugel is asking officers to interview individuals fitting certain descriptions to find out what activities they are participating in the downtown core.

Bob Goos stated the emphasis of this is a criminal activity investigation and a safety issue to see where bikes are being ridden and how.
A report will be coming back to SPAC at the January meeting.

5 Unfinished Business

- 6.1 Canadian Rental Housing Charter Update
Shawn Matthewson reported that the Canadian Rental Housing Charter is something which many municipalities have signed on to, and further suggested recommendation be sent to Maple Ridge Council to have our community sign on to this charter. This item was tabled until the January meeting.
- 6.2 Compassionate Cities Update
Shawn Matthewson reported that an update on the Compassionate Cities went to Maple Ridge Council recently, and that the project report will come to SPAC in March before going back to Council later in March.
- 6.3 Homelessness Action Week Update
Shawn Matthewson reported that the Homelessness Action Week event at the ACT was very successful with the health services portion of the event being very well attended.

Candace Gordon further reported that the global food buffet was very well received.

6 Roundtable

Cheryl Ashlie reminded Committee members to completed the Fraser Health’s “myhealth my community” survey, as our community is in competition with other communities for prizes. This survey is open until March.

Ineke Boekhorst gave Committee members calendars from the BIA and stated that Paul Gordon, the compassion cities representative is doing a great job

8. Correspondence - Nil

- 8.1 Child Poverty Report Card

http://worstincanada.org/wpcontent/uploads/2013/11/First_Call_Report_Card_2013_web_FINAL.pdf

9. **Adjournment :** **9:00 PM**
10. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 8, 2013
 Agenda Deadline: Monday, December 30, 2013
- Location:** Blaney Room, Maple Ridge Municipal Hall

Chairperson

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