

**MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVENESS
AGENDA**

**March 21, 2019, 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – September 20, 2018
4. **DELEGATIONS**
5. **QUESTION PERIOD**
6. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 6.1. 2019 Chair and Vice Chair Elections
 - 6.2. 2019 meeting schedule
 - 6.3. MACAI representation on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee
7. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**
 - 7.1. MACAI Awards
 - 7.2. Age Friendly Initiative – Review of the Implementation Strategy
 - 7.3. UBCM ‘Accessible Senior Transportation’
8. **STAFF LIAISON UPDATES**
 - 8.1. City of Pitt Meadows
 - 8.2. City of Maple Ridge
 - 8.2.1. Plan H Funding – Facility Auditing
 - 8.2.2. UBCM Funding – Wayfinding
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**
10. **ROUNDTABLE**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments on subjects that are of concern to them. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak. Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.

**MAPLE RIDGE/PITT MEADOWS
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVENESS**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee
on Accessibility and Inclusiveness, held in the Blaney Room at the Maple Ridge City Hall on
September 20, 2018 at 4:04 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Craig Speirs	Council Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Councillor Bruce Bell	Council Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Gillian Small, Vice Chair	Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living
Brad Dinwoodie	Member at Large, Pitt Meadows
Kim McLennan	Fraser Health
Maria Kovacs	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Mike Murray	School Trustee, School District No. 42
Roberta O'Brien	Local Immigration Partnership, Family Education and Support Centre
Rysa Kronebusch	Member at Large, Maple Ridge

STAFF PRESENT

Petra Frederick	Recreation Coordinator
Jackie Senchyna	Staff Liaison, City of Maple Ridge Recreation Program Services Coordinator
Ryan Slevin	Staff Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows Business Operations Coordinator
Amanda Allen	Staff Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows Committee Clerk

ABSENT

Kristina Morrison, Chair	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Greg Turnbull	Member at Large, Maple Ridge

Note: Kristina Morrison was not in attendance. Councillor Speirs chaired the meeting as Acting Chair.

Note: Maria Kovacs participated via GoToMeeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2018-012

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the September 20, 2018 Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness be amended by combining the delegation presentations, and that the agenda as amended be approved.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2018-013

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness dated March 15, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

Note: Gillian Small joined the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Note: Ryan Slevin joined the meeting at 4:09 pm.

4. DELEGATION

4.1. Dementia Friendly Communities and Age Friendly Initiative Subcommittee

- Heather Treleaven, Coordinator, Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows and Katzie Senior Network
- Myrna Norman, Seniors Network Member

Ms. Treleaven gave a presentation on the designation of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows as age friendly communities. Myrna Norman shared her experiences and spoke to the focus and mission of the Alzheimer's Society. Ms. Treleaven reviewed the methods to build and become a dementia-friendly community and highlighted upcoming projects. Kim McLennan, Ms. Norman and Ms. Treleaven answered questions from the Committee around dementia programs and wayfinding in the community.

Note: Roberta O'Brien joined the meeting at 4:15 pm.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. 2019 Access Awareness Week – Planning for the event and Awards evening

P. Frederick, Staff liaison led a review of the venue and guest speaker of the 2018 Access Awareness Week. Discussion on the 2019 Access Awareness Week included increasing promotion on social media and on engaging a videographer to gather local experiences and stories to share and inspire the community on what is possible. It was suggested that the video be introduced at the 2019 Awards and then shared and promoted online through the websites of each City.

5.2. Business Planning 2019

P. Frederick, Staff liaison, outlined the work plan for the Committee and noted that 2018 objective of redesigning the annual MACAI Awards has been met and that work continues on strategies from the Age-Friendly Implementation Plan. There was discussion on completion of the promotional piece in the 2018 Business Plan and the Staff liaison will invite the City of Maple Ridge Communication Department to discuss how they can assist the committee in raising MACAI's profile in the community. There was discussion on MACAI attending more

community events, working with the Parks Recreation and Culture Department to review financial accessibility policies and to raise the level of the 2019 MACAI Awards.

R/2018-014

It was moved and seconded

That the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness

- 1. continue with the annual MACAI awards with an increased presence with one or two more events during the Access Awareness Week;**
- 2. continue with the implementation of two or three Age-Friendly Initiatives;**
- 3. create promotional materials in concert with Communication Departments in both cities;**
- 4. Maple Ridge specific: complete the audit of public parks and facilities of the downtown core;**
- 5. review of financial accessibility policies in both communities;**

and approve the work Plan 2019-2023 as amended.

CARRIED

5.3. Accessible Parking in Downtown Core

P. Frederick, Staff liaison, spoke to the work conducted and presented by Patrick Hughes and the subsequent MACAI resolution for staff to investigate possible solutions to the identified parking issues in the community. The Staff liaison reported on concerns identified by Engineering and Bylaws with extending the one hour parking and enquired if there is still interest in pursuing the matter. Rysa Kronebusch volunteered to work with the Staff liaison on the matter.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

6.1. MACAI Awards – Review of the 2018 Awards evening - Nil

6.2. Age Friendly Initiative – Review of the Implementation Strategy - Nil

6.3. UBCM ‘Accessible Senior Transportation’

P. Frederick, Staff liaison, provided an updated on the Langley Co-op and advised that the subcommittee continues to explore a Maple Ridge model and will be looking at the insurance piece of senior’s transportation.

7. STAFF LIAISON UPDATES

7.1. City of Pitt Meadows Staff Liaison Transition

Ryan Slevin advised that it will be his last meeting and thanked members. Mr. Slevin introduced Jackie Senchyna who will be taking on the role as Staff liaison for the City of Pitt Meadows.

8. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

10. **ROUNDTABLE**

Councillor Speirs advised of flooding at the Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre. The Centre is able to continue providing services and programs as they have found other temporary locations within the community to operate from. Councillor Speirs spoke to the flooding at Anita's Place and the quick response by staff.

Councillor Bell shared his enjoyment working with MACAI and thanked members for their dedication.

Roberta O'Brien advised that Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Local Immigration Partnership is hosting a training event for traditional and non-traditional stakeholders at the Maple Ridge Public Library on October 3, 2018 at 10:00 am and invited members to register and attend.

Jackie Senchyna reported on the increase in special needs supported care and that the City of Pitt Meadows has partnered with Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living to support children through the summer and school year. The two SciFit machines at the Pitt Meadows Fitness Centre have been well received. Ms. Senchyna advised that a review of the Recreation Master Plan is scheduled for 2019.

Ryan Slevin reported that the spray park was renovated over the summer to improve accessibility and that the Pitt Meadows Arena is working on installing a second ramp to view the playing area. Mr. Slevin thanked Councillor Bell for the decade he has dedicated to championing accessibility.

Gillian Small reported on the decrease of referrals and resources for teenagers graduating and transitioning into post-secondary life.

Maria Kovacs reported on an article regarding a Pitt Meadows bus stop on Lougheed Highway.

Petra Frederick advised of the Community Living BBQ hosted at the Greg Moore Youth Centre on October 3, 2018 to celebrate individuals with disabilities in the community. Ms. Frederick thanked members for their volunteer work in the community and around the MACAI table.

Brad Dinwoodie advised he is running for Council in Pitt Meadows.

Kim McLennan shared updates from the Age Friendly Initiative subcommittee and the walkability study conducted in the downtown core.

Mike Murray reported on the increased graduation rates for special education students and Indigenous students. Mr. Murray spoke to creating schools that are inviting, caring and safe for all students.

Rysa Kronebusch shared reasons for joining the committee and advised she is running for Council in Maple Ridge.

11. **ADJOURNMENT – 5:36 pm.**

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVENESS

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE – draft

May 16, 2019

September 19, 2019

November 21, 2019

Notes:

- The Committee meets bi-monthly; additional meetings called at the discretion of the Chair.
- MACAI meets the third Thursday of the specified month.
- The Committee does not meet in July or August.
- Subcommittee meetings can be held between regular Committee meetings.
- Requests for agenda items are due two weeks prior to meeting date.
- Agendas will be published one week prior to meeting date.