

**City of Maple Ridge & City of Pitt Meadows
Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Inclusiveness (MACAI)**

AGENDA

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4:30 pm
Held via Zoom Teleconference

Meeting Access Information

To practice social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic we will be holding the MACAI meeting via Zoom teleconference. All participants including members of MACAI and the public are asked to join the meeting from home using the access information provided below.

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Dial: 1-778-907-2071 Meeting ID: **927 5410 7950** Passcode: **153215**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – November 19, 2020
4. **DELEGATIONS**
5. **QUESTION PERIOD**
6. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 6.1. Advisory Committee Overview
 - 6.2. Housing Needs Report
 - 6.3. Educational Community Campaign
 - 6.4. 2021 MACAI Awards
 - 6.5. Chair and Vice Chair Selection
7. **LIAISON UPDATES**
 - 7.1. City of Pitt Meadows
 - 7.2. City of Maple Ridge
8. **SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE UPDATES**
 - 8.1. Age-Friendly Subcommittee
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: April 15, 2021

Agenda Items Submission Deadline: March 29, 2021

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 via Zoom teleconference on November 19, 2020 at 4:31 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Chelsa Meadus	Council Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Councillor Gwen O'Connell	Council Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Laurie Geschke, Chair	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Carolina Echeverri, Vice Chair	Family Education and Support Centre Representative
Mike Murray	School District No. 42 Representative
Suzanna Kaptur	Fraser Health
Michael Biggar	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Don Mitchell	Member at Large, Maple Ridge

STAFF PRESENT

Petra Frederick	Staff Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Jackie Senchyna	Staff Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Amanda Grochowich	Planner, Community Planning
Sabina Chand	Committee Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services

GUESTS

Julia Bahen	CitySpaces Consulting Ltd.
Jada Basi	CitySpaces Consulting Ltd.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2020-019

It was moved and seconded

That the November 19, 2020 Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2020-020

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness dated September 17, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. CMR Housing Needs Assessment, Julia Bahen, City Spaces Consulting and Amanda Grochowich, Community Planning, City of Maple Ridge

The Chair provided a warm welcome to the presenters and noted that the presentation was circulated to the Committee via email prior to the meeting.

Amanda Grochowich introduced Julia Bahen, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd, and provided a brief summary on the draft Housing Needs report. Ms. Bahen presented a PowerPoint to the Committee which highlighted the process overview and next steps of the housing needs assessments. It was noted that the final draft will be circulated to the Committee in the New Year.

Ms. Grochowich invited the Committee to participate at the Housing Needs Virtual Open House on November 26, 2020 via Zoom and will send a follow up email for registration.

Note: Julia Bahen and Jada Basi left at 4:59 pm

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. COVID-19 Update

It was noted that Committees of Council will continue with virtual meetings until further notice.

5.2. 2021 Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed the proposed meeting schedule as circulated.

R/2020-21

It was moved and seconded

That the Maple Ridge/ Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness 2021 Meeting Schedule be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5.3. 2nd Event/Workshop

The Maple Ridge Staff Liaison provided a verbal update on two successful community based workshops that were hosted in partnership with MACAI:

Uber Connect - a telephone-based exchange that allows seniors to connect with other from the comfort of their own homes. Maple Ridge launched the same software to provide help and support to those with dementia.

YWCA Techlink Support Program – a phone in help line offered in multiple languages that provides professional technological support for new comers, seniors, and individuals with divers-abilities.

The SPARC Parking Presentation and Seniors Mapping Application link was shared with the Committee via email after the meeting.

6. LIAISON UPDATES

6.1 City of Pitt Meadows

The Pitt Meadows Staff Liaison provided an update on upcoming holiday events.

6.2 City of Maple Ridge

Councillor Meadus advised that Council is preparing for business planning on November 24 and 25, 2020 and provided a brief update on the approval of the amendments to the Supportive Recovery Housing Bylaw.

The Maple Ridge Staff Liaison provided information on new initiatives for Glow Maple Ridge 2020 – Home for the Holidays.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

7.1. 2021 Work Plan

Maple Ridge Staff Liaison advised that the Task Force met on September 22, 2020 to discuss and provide input on the 2021 Business Plan. An email was circulated to the Committee to gather their feedback on the following Work Plan deliverables:

1. Host two community workshops on a variety of related topics
2. Continue with the annual MACAI awards with an increased presence with one or two more events during the Access Awareness Week
3. Continue with the implementation of two or three Age-Friendly Initiatives
4. Develop a community educational serious promoting accessibility and inclusiveness
5. Create a presentation for other committees of council to fulfill needs of the community

R/2020-22

It was moved and seconded

That the Maple Ridge/ Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness 2021 Work Plan be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

7.2. 2020 MACAI Awards

Maple Ridge Staff Liaison advised that nominations for 2020 have closed and winners will be announced shortly at a future Council meeting.

7.3 Age-Friendly Subcommittee

Don Mitchell provided an update on current initiatives to support and educate senior residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Note: Carolina Echeverri left at 5:34 pm

8. ROUNDTABLE

Committee members shared information on relevant events and activities.

9. QUESTION PERIOD – Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Laurie Geschke, Chair

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