

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, January 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Annette Morgan | Seniors Network |
| Brenna Ayliffe | Fraser Health |
| Cathy Bennett | Member at Large |
| Councillor Bob Masse | Council Liaison |
| Ineke Boekhorst | Downtown BIA / Friends in Need |
| Laura Butler | Member at Large |
| Mike Murray | School District #42 Trustee (Alternate) |
| Sgt. Brenda Gresiuik | RCMP |
| Tarel Swansky | Member at Large |

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Shawn Matthewson | Staff Liaison / Social Planning Analyst |
| Sunny Schiller | Committee Clerk |

GUESTS

REGRETS/ABSENTS

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| Candace Gordon | Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community Network |
| Dr. Helena Swinkels | Fraser Health |
| Hannah Macdonald | Member at large – Youth Rep |
| Kathy Doull | Fraser Health - Alternate |
| Mikayla Clayton | Youth Rep |
| Susan Carr | School District #42 Trustee |
| Vicki Kipps, Chair | Community Network |

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

There being a quorum present, Councillor Masse called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and introductions were made.

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-001

It was moved and seconded

That the Agenda dated January 4, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

R17-002

It was moved and seconded

That the Minutes dated November 2, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS - Nil

5. ROUNDTABLE

Mike Murray recently attended the opening of the Youth Wellness Centre and is happy to see this resource in the community.

Sgt. Gresiuk reported on the Youth Justice program revitalization currently underway.

Ineke Boekhorst reported that the Downtown Business Improvement Association received 22,000 entries to their Christmas program. Ms. Boekhorst shared that the Clean Team Initiative includes the DMRBIA, Alouette Addictions and Dave Walsh, Safer Downtown Community Liaison and has small groups of people going out in the morning to clean up in front of local businesses. The program will begin in February.

Cathy Bennett described some of the work that she is doing in her practicum for her Master's degree.

Annette Morgan reported the Seniors Network is waiting to hear about funding from BC Gaming. The Seniors Network is now one of three finalists for a Business Excellence award. Ms. Morgan provided information on the rent supplement program. Selena Robinson, provincial Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government and Sports, and Seniors will be attending the next Seniors Network meeting.

Shawn Matthewson reported that planning has begun on the Regional Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness that will be cohosted by Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and Maple Ridge Mayor Nicole Read. Ms. Matthewson provided information on the next homeless count, which will be taking place in March.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Social Policy Workshop Planning

The Staff Liaison explained that four workshops will be held each year to engage with other levels of government and with service providers. Potential workshop topics were discussed. The Staff Liaison will write a report proposing workshop topics for Council endorsement.

6.2 Community Dialogues Update

The Committee discussed the Community Dialogue on Homelessness speaker's series held during October and November 2016.

6.3 Regional Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness

Previously dealt with under Roundtable – Shawn Matthewson.

6.4 Forward 2020

The Staff Liaison provided information on the Forward 2020 communications strategy. Forward 2020 Newsletter subscription is available at:
www.mapleridge.ca/list.aspx

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Youth Strategy Update

The Staff Liaison reported the full youth strategy and youth development wheel is now available online at: www.mapleridge.ca/youthstrategy Implementation of the Youth Strategy will begin soon.

7.2 Update from the Opioid Overdose Working Group

The Staff Liaison provided recent Maple Ridge overdose statistics. The Working Group will be meeting soon to review the action plan. (Working Group updates are included in the Forward 2020 newsletter).

8. COMMITTEE UPDATES

8.1 Community Network

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the Community Network (CN). The CN will be hiring a new Coordinator in early 2017. A survey is underway to inform the CN strategic plan. The Community Resource Fair will not be held this year.

9. CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

10. QUESTION PERIOD

The work of Alouette Home Start Society was discussed by the Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Chair

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