

**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 Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Craig Speirs	Council Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Councillor Bruce Bell	Council Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Kristina Morrison	Member At Large, Maple Ridge
Kim McLennan	Fraser Health
Brad Dinwoodie	Member at Large, Pitt Meadows
Mike Murray	School District #42 Trustee
Gillian Small	Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living
Maria Kovacs	Member At Large, Maple Ridge
Greg Turnbull	Member At Large, Maple Ridge

STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS

Erica Messam	Engineering Technologist, City of Maple Ridge
Michael Eng	Traffic and Transportation Technologist, City of Maple Ridge

REGRETS/ABSENT

Robert Mallinsonn	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
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1. CALL TO ORDER

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and introductions were made.

Note: Councillor Speirs joined meeting at 4:05 pm

2. 2018 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison opened the floor to nominations for a Chair.

R/2018-001

It was moved and seconded

That Kristina Morrison be elected Chair of the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness for 2018.

CARRIED

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison opened the floor to nominations for a Vice Chair.

R/2018-002

It was moved and seconded

That Gillian Small be elected Vice Chair of the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness for 2018

CARRIED

Note: Maria Kovacs joined meeting at 4:09 pm

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2018-003

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the January 18, 2018 Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness be amended to add the following items:

- **7.3 City of Pitt Meadows Park Accessibility Analysis;**
- **7.4 City of Pitt Meadows Accessible Equipment Purchases;**
- **7.5 City of Pitt Meadows Integrated Daycamps for Summer 2018;**

and that the agenda as amended be approved

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

R/2018-004

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness meeting dated November 16, 2017 be adopted as circulated subject to spell check.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS/CITY PRESENTATIONS

5.1 232 Street upgrade (between 132A Avenue and Silver Valley Road)

- Use of Urban Braille

- Erica Messam, Engineering Technologist, City of Maple Ridge
- Michael Eng, Traffic and Transportation Technologist, City of Maple Ridge

The Engineering Technologist and the Traffic and Transportation Technologist made a presentation on the proposed upgrades to 232 Street between 132A Avenue and Silver Valley Road. Discussion on universal accessibility, the Rick Hansen Foundation, and the location of the crosswalk in approximation to the roundabout. Discussion on brightly coloured tactile directional strips to keep pedestrians on the sidewalk and away from the bike ramp. A review of the design of the angled crosswalk across 232 Street was suggested by the Committee.

6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Snow Angels – Update

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison, provided an update on the Snow Angels program. In conjunction with the Maple Ridge Communications Department, a poster was created and circulated on the City of Maple Ridge social media accounts. The Staff Liaison reported the program was generally well received by the public. The City of Maple Ridge website hosts information on the Snow Angel program and emphasizes neighbours helping each other as a way of creating social interaction and community within the different neighbourhoods. The webpage also contains a link to apply for a grant to host a Snow Angel block party. The Staff Liaison reported on the exploratory idea to extend the Snow Angels program to an 'all seasons' program and will provide an update as the idea progresses.

6.2 Age Friendly Initiative

6.2.1 Council Approved Terms of Reference

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison advised that on December 12, 2017, Maple Ridge Council approved that the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Age Friendly Initiative subcommittee be endorsed as a subcommittee of MACAI based on the draft Terms of Reference attached to the Council report. The Staff Liaison will circulate the Terms of Reference to Committee members via email.

6.2.2 UBCM Funding

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison, advised that a \$15,000 grant was received from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to review and explore an accessible transportation model for seniors. The AFI subcommittee will review the options for a Maple Ridge model and will bring the data and recommendations to MACAI for discussion.

Note: Greg Turnbull joined meeting at 4:32 pm

6.2.3 CMR Funding

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison, advised that the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Seniors Network has received funding through a City of Maple Ridge grant for a project on dementia friendly cities. This will be an educational initiative where a committee from the Seniors Network will explore a program to make the City of Maple Ridge dementia friendly. The program will likely include training initiatives for City Council, City staff and possibly for private business owners.

6.2.4 Strategy Update

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison, reported that the Age Friendly Initiative subcommittee has created a draft Maple Ridge Implementation Strategy. The draft

Implementation Strategy will soon be circulated to the Seniors Network and MACAI for review and ultimately a recommendation to Council for approval.

Note: Councillor Speirs left meeting at 4:46 pm

6.3 MACAI Awards Review

6.3.1 Formation of Subcommittee

As the MACAI mandate has expanded to include financial, LGBTQ2S, seniors, poverty reduction and youth, P. Frederick, Staff Liaison, suggested a review of the nomination categories for the 2018 MACAI Awards. Discussion on forming a subcommittee to review the existing nomination categories and the potential inclusion of additional categories. Discussion on the number of categories MACAI would like to award in 2018 and how to be inclusive in recognizing the people in the community who do great work.

R/2018-005

It was moved and seconded

That a subcommittee be formed consisting of Maria Kovacs, Ryan Slevin and Petra Frederick to review the MACAI Awards and that a special meeting be called in February to discuss the subcommittee review and recommendations.

CARRIED

6.4 MACAI Budget Allocation 2018

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison, advised that Council has approved \$2,000 of Maple Ridge specific funding for MACAI. The Committee discussed the proposed budget outlined by the Staff Liaison and that remaining funds be allocated throughout the year for special events.

R/2018-006

It was moved and seconded

That the following MACAI expenditures for 2018 be approved:

- A maximum of \$750.00 for the 2018 MACAI Awards;
- A maximum of \$250.00 for Member at Large transportation;
- A maximum of \$150.00 for meeting refreshments.

CARRIED

7. STAFF LIAISONS UPDATE

7.1 Leisure Centre Retrofit Update

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison, provided update on the Leisure Centre Retrofit. The bid closes within a few weeks and a report to Council recommending a proponent is expected to proceed at the end of January 2018. The Staff Liaison anticipates that the earliest the Leisure Centre could close is March 2018.

7.2 Accessible Parking

P. Frederick, Staff Liaison, reported on a meeting with the Engineering and Bylaws Departments. Engineering is reviewing the recommendation of strategically placed accessible parking in the downtown. The Bylaws Department would prefer a community forum with service providers, such as care aids and nurses, to discuss the recommendation regarding the potential use and implementation of a three hour SPARK sticker.

7.3 City of Pitt Meadows Park Accessibility Analysis

R. Slevin, Staff Liaison reported on the Park Accessibility analysis conducted in Summer 2017. The analysis identified recommendations and those regarding Harris Road Park, Mitchell Park and the Pitt Meadows Athletic Park are to be incorporated into the Pitt Meadows Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

7.4 City of Pitt Meadows Accessible Equipment Purchases

R. Slevin, Staff Liaison, reported that the Pitt Meadows Fitness Centre has been updated with a SciFit machine that enables wheel chair access.

7.5 City of Pitt Meadows Integrated Daycamps for Summer 2018

R. Slevin, Staff Liaison, advised that in Summer 2017, City staff reached out to community partners and identified several children in Pitt Meadows who could benefit from integrated daycamps. Staff is preparing for 2018 Summer daycamps and advertisements will be going out to increase awareness and participation.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Mike Murray requested that the policies on Municipal participation program and leisure access be included as a future MACAI agenda item.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 2018 MACAI Meeting Schedule

Discussion on the 2018 MACAI meeting schedule.

R/2018-007

It was moved and seconded

That the 2018 Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness meeting schedule, as attached to the January 18, 2018 MACAI agenda, be adopted.

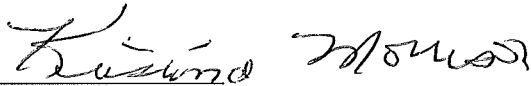
CARRIED

10. ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Murray reported that the School District #42 six year graduation rates for special needs students have increased by six percent in the last year.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:02 pm.

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K. Morrison, Chair

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