

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, March 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Annette Morgan	Seniors Network
Brenna Ayliffe	Fraser Health
Cathy Bennett	Member at Large
Candace Gordon	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows-Katzie Community Network
Councillor Craig Speirs	Council Liaison - Alternate
Dr. Helena Swinkels	Fraser Health
Ineke Boekhorst	Downtown BIA / Friends in Need
Kathy Doull	Fraser Health – Alternate
Laura Butler	Member at Large
Mikayla Clayton	Youth Rep
Mike Murray	School District #42 - Alternate
Sgt. Brenda Gresiuik	RCMP
Susan Carr	School District 42
Tarel Swansky	Member at Large
Vicki Kipps, Chair	Community Network

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS

REGRETS/ABSENTS

Hannah Macdonald	Member at large – Youth Rep
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. 2017 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS

R17-003

It was moved and seconded

That Vicki Kipps be elected Social Policy Advisory Chair for 2017.

CARRIED

R17-004

It was moved and seconded

That Susan Carr be elected Social Policy Advisory Committee Vice-Chair for 2017.

CARRIED

3. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-005

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda dated March 1, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

R17-006

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes dated January 4, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS - Nil

6. ROUNDTABLE

Annette Morgan reported the Seniors Network has obtained funding to keep operating for another year. The Seniors Guide for Disaster Preparedness is nearing completion. Seniors Network meetings are open to the public. Mayor Read will be making a presentation at the next meeting coming up on March 30th.

Brenna Ayliffe shared information on Fraser Health physical activity grants of approximately \$25,000 available to local municipalities to increase physical activity levels, with a focus on seniors, youth and those not typically able to access physical activities. Information will be distributed to the Committee.

Cathy Bennett will be participating in the upcoming Homeless Count.

Mikayla Clayton let members know that a youth focused homeless count is scheduled.

Mike Murray suggested the Committee reach out to Student Voice groups in secondary schools to get input from students on their priorities. Mr. Murray would like to see increased communication from students to the community. Mr. Murray let the Committee know the recently announced Albion School is scheduled to open September 2019.

Sgt. Brenda Gresiuk reported that Superintendent Fleugel is retiring. Sgt. Gresiuk shared information on newly formed Uniformed Community Response Units.

Ineke Boekhorst reported the BIA is very happy with the newly formed RCMP Uniformed Community Response Units. Ms. Boekhorst provided a status report on the Clean Team project.

Dr. Helena Swinkels provided further details on the physical activity grants, which encourage partnerships. Dr. Swinkels provided an Opioid Overdose Response Task Group update. Dr. Swinkels looks forward to an ongoing discussion around youth engagement.

Candace Gordon reported on a recent presentation made to the Community Network on LGBTQ issues by a group called Qmunity. The Community Network recently awarded Community Superhero awards to Alouette Homestart Society members. Ms. Gordon provided information on Alouette Heights Transitional Housing. As the coordinator for Golden Ears Feast Ms. Gordon reported the Seniors Network recently held a successful fundraiser to allow more seniors to access the food coupon program. Ms. Gordon provided printed copies of a list of food of agricultural programs in Maple Ridge for review.

Shawn Matthewson reported that a new Coordinator has been hired for the Community Network.

Kathy Doull reported the Ridge Meadows Hospital is excited to receive an MRI. Ms. Doull reported on the Integrated Case Management Team recently announced for Maple Ridge.

In response to a question raised Kathy Doull and Vicki Kipps provided information on funding for the Youth Wellness Centre.

R17-007

It was moved and seconded

That the Social Policy Advisory Committee recommend that the City of Maple Ridge advocate for core government funding for the Youth Wellness Centre.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Provincial Announcement on Housing and Homelessness

The Staff Liaison reported on funding for initiatives related to homelessness, including increased rent supplements, an Integrated Case Management team, and an increased number of beds at the Salvation Army. The Chair reported that Community Services has received an 11 million dollar grant to build affordable housing units. The Staff Liaison reported on transition plans for the closure of the temporary shelter on May 31, 2017.

It was suggested that local service providers (Coast Mental Health, the Salvation Army, RainCity) be invited to make presentations at future SPAC meetings.

R17-008

It was moved and seconded

That the Staff Liaison work with the provincial government to determine the purpose and structure of the community committee and the process for consultation, with the goal of identifying if there is a role for SPAC to support the work.

CARRIED

7.2 Social Planning Workshop Discussion

The Staff and Council Liaison reported on a Social Planning department presentation recently made to Council.

7.3 Advisory Committee Training and Networking Opportunities

The Committee Clerk provided information on upcoming events for advisory committee members.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Youth Strategy Update

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the implementation of the Youth Strategy. Presentations will be made to local schools. The Development Wheel has been very popular.

8.2 Update from the Opioid Overdose Working Group

Previously dealt with under Roundtable – Dr. Swinkels.

8.3 Social Policy Workshop Planning

The Staff Liaison provided details on social policy engagement workshops. Two workshops will be held annually with provincial ministries and two workshops will be held annually with Community Network partners. A subcommittee will be struck to plan the workshops. Potential topics were identified (child and youth mental health / youth substance use and abuse, public transportation and related impacts on social issues). Subcommittee membership was discussed. Mikayla Clayton and Fraser Health volunteered to work on the subcommittee.

8.4 Regional Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness

The Staff Liaison reported on the work of the Task Force work over the last few months. The report of the Task Force is available at: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/homelessness> Information on the homeless count was provided.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

9.1 Community Network

Previously dealt with under Roundtable.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. QUESTION PERIOD

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Chair

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