

**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, September 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk
Petra Frederick	Staff Liaison
Micheal Eng	Traffic & Transportation Technologist

GUESTS

Patrick Hughes	Presenter – Parking Initiatives
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REGRETS/ABSENT

Greg Turnbull	Member At Large, Maple Ridge
Paul Oliner	Member at Large, Maple Ridge

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Staff Liaison called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

3. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-009

It was moved and seconded

That agenda be amended to defer Item 2 Chair and Vice-Chair Election to the January meeting and to add Item 6.7 Age Friendly Initiative Update and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. MINUTE APPROVAL

R17-010

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes dated June 15, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Patrick Hughes – Parking Initiatives

The Staff Liaison introduced Patrick Hughes, a member of the public who is actively involved in the community and volunteers with Red Cross . Mr. Hughes reached out to the municipality to share his concerns about parking accessibility. Mr. Hughes shared research he has done on parking in Maple Ridge. Specific locations where accessibility is limited were discussed. Mr. Hughes provided ideas on increasing accessibility to parking, especially for service providers such as home care nurses or meals on wheels drivers.

Note: Councillor Speirs entered at 4:21 pm.

The Committee discussed with Staff the process for getting changes made to parking regulations.

R17-011

It was moved and seconded

That MACAI recommend to the City that handicapped parking stalls be made available to meals on wheels and health service providers to facilitate enhanced services to seniors and those with accessibility issues.

DEFEATED

R17-012

It was moved and seconded

That MACAI direct Staff to further investigate possible solutions to the parking issues raised during the presentation on parking at the September MACAI meeting; and that Staff work with the relevant City departments to bring a resolution on this topic back to MACAI for review.

CARRIED

Staff will investigate two issues: providing increased time for handicapped parking spots and exemptions for health care workers.

6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Leisure Centre Retrofit Update

The Staff Liaison provided an update on improvements planned as part of the Leisure Centre retrofit. Suggestions for improved accessibility are welcomed. Information and the opportunity to give feedback is available online. Alternative options for aquatic programs during the renovations were discussed.

6.2 Bylaw Introduction

The Staff Liaison provided an overview of the new Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows bylaws adopted earlier this summer. MACAI is now known as the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusivity.

6.7 Age Friendly Initiative

The Staff Liaison provided information on the "Age Friendly" initiative. Both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows have obtained the "Age Friendly Community" designation from the provincial government and action plans have been developed for both communities.

R17-013

It was moved and seconded

That MACAI form an Age Friendly Subcommittee to support the implementation of the items identified in the Age Friendly Community Action Plans.

CARRIED

R17-014

It was moved and seconded

That Staff establish Terms of Reference for the Age Friendly Subcommittee.

CARRIED

Kristi Morrison volunteered to serve as Age Friendly Subcommittee Liaison to the Seniors Network. Potential members for the subcommittee were suggested. Councillor Speirs volunteered to participate.

6.5 Accessibility Survey – Review and Implementation

The Committee discussed the Accessibility Survey conducted in 2016.

6.3 Business Planning

It was agreed the 2018 MACAI Business Plan will focus on parking issues, age friendly initiatives and MACAI promotion. Additional priorities coming out as a result of the recently expanded mandate were raised. The draft plan will be circulated to the Committee for review.

6.4 Accessibility Awards 2017 Review

Previously dealt with under Item 6.3.

6.6 Advisory Committee Update

Deferred.

7. QUESTION PERIOD – Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

9. ROUNDTABLE

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:05 pm.



Chair

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