



City of Maple Ridge  
**SOCIAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING**  
Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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**Meeting Access Information**

*Social Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) meetings are held in a hybrid format. Members of the SPAC and the public are asked to join the meeting in-person in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall or remotely using the following access information:*

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone

<https://mapleridge-ca.zoom.us/j/86149375276>

Or join the meeting using your phone

Dial: 1-778-907-2071 Meeting ID: **861 4937 5276**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
  - 3.1. February 7, 2024
  - 3.2. March 13, 2024 – *Special Meeting*
4. **DELEGATIONS**
  - 4.1. Dr. Cheryl Young MHO, Fraser Health
    - 4.1.1 Healthy Community Partnerships
    - 4.1.2 Mental Health
5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 5.1. 2024 Work Plan
    - 5.1.1. Best Practice Research Taskforce Formation – *Motion*
    - 5.1.2. SPAC Historical Practices Taskforce Formation - *Motion*
6. **LIAISON UPDATES**
  - 6.1. Staff Liaison
  - 6.2. Council Liaison
7. **TASK FORCE UPDATES**
8. **QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC**
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regular Meeting: June 5, 2024**

**Agenda Items Submission Deadline: May 22, 2024**

**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.

**Social Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

February 7, 2024

The Minutes of the Regular Social Policy Advisory Committee Meeting held via Zoom teleconference and hosted in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall on February 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ana Sanchez	Fraser Health Representative
Ashley Isaac	Member at Large
Annette Morgan	Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Seniors Network
Jenny Earley (Virtual)	Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network
Gabriel Liosis	School District No.42 Trustee
Zachary Romeo	Member at Large
Rupali Mehta	Member at Large
Kim Dumore	School District No.42 Trustee ( <i>Alternate - Non-Voting</i> )

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tony Cotroneo	Staff Liaison; Recreation Manager, Community Engagement
Emily Davies	Committee Clerk

**DELEGATIONS PRESENT**

Amanda Grochowich	Manager of Community Planning
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**ABSENT**

Councillor Onyeka Dozie	Council Liaison
Bodil Geyer	Member at Large

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 pm****2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**R/2024-SPAC-001

It was moved and seconded

**That the February 7, 2024, Social Policy Advisory Committee agenda be adopted as amended to include item 4.1, Housing Needs Report Delegation.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**R/2024-SPAC-002

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Social Policy Advisory Committee meeting dated April 5, 2023, be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R/2024-SPAC-003

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Social Policy Advisory Committee meeting dated December 11, 2023, be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4. DELEGATIONS**

##### 4.1. Housing Needs Report – Planning Dept.

A. Grochowich provided an update of the City's Housing Needs Report. Topics included updates to the BC housing legislation, key housing indicators including population data, the makeup of households in the city, rental vacancy data, housing stock & core housing needs, as well as homelessness and additional areas of need. Committee members engaged in discussion and asked questions.

#### **5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### 5.1. Welcome/Member Introductions

New and returning members introduced themselves to the group.

##### 5.2. Advisory Committee Overview

E. Davies provided members with an overview of Committee proceedings and functions.

##### 5.3. Chair and Vice Chair Selection

Committee members discussed and voted on the chair and vice chair of the Social Policy Advisory Committee.

R/2024-SPAC-004

It was moved and seconded

**That Gabriel Liosis be appointed as Chair of the Social Policy Advisory Committee for 2024.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R/2024-SPAC-005

It was moved and seconded

**That Ana Sanchez be appointed as Vice Chair of the Social Policy Advisory Committee for 2024**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### 5.4. 2024 Meeting Schedule

Social Policy Advisory Committee members discussed the 2024 meeting schedule. SPAC members further proposed to meet every month, with taskforce meetings occurring every other month. Committee members expressed a unanimous consensus about adopting more frequent meetings, noting that since so many meetings were missed in 2023 that they would appreciate the continuity of more meetings to accomplish more of the committee's goals.

R/2024-SPAC-006

It was moved and seconded

**That the Social Policy Advisory Committee meeting schedule be adopted as follows:**

**Wednesday February 7, 2024, at 6pm**

**Wednesday April 3, 2024, at 6pm**

**Wednesday June 5, 2024, at 6pm**

**Wednesday September 4, 2024, at 6pm**

**Wednesday November 6, 2024, at 6pm**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 5.5. Prepare for 2024 Work Plan

T. Cotroneo led discussions of the 2024 work plan. Members discussed the SOAR analysis they produced in 2023 and which items members believed were still relevant to the committee. SPAC members agreed to hold a special meeting in March to outline their 2024 Work Plan goals. Committee members engaged in discussion and asked questions of staff.

### 6. **LIAISON UPDATES**

#### 6.1. Staff Liaison

T. Cotroneo gave a brief update on feasibility study on the proposed Hammond centre as well as the rebuild of Ridge Meadows Seniors Activity Center following a flood in January 2024.

#### 6.2. Council Liaison - NIL

### 7. **TASK FORCE UPDATE**

#### 7.1. Community Action Team

A. Isaac provided an update of the Speaking Through the ST.O.R.M event featuring Guy Felicella that took place in December at the ACT Arts Centre. The Community Action Team have a meeting on February 9, 2024, where they will discuss the toxic drug crisis. Members engaged in discussion.

## 7.2. uPlan

K. Dumore gave an update on the projects of the uPlan team, including updates to the LGBTQ2+ progressive rainbow sidewalk on 224<sup>th</sup>, the upcoming YOLO (Youth Offering Listening Opportunities) project, an upcoming youth project where uPlan members will offer help to local businesses to get them on YELP and other social media platforms, as well as an event on August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre.

## 7.3. Community Network

A. Sanchez provided an update of the Ridge Meadows Community Network. Items included an overview of the work accomplished in 2023, including a Katzie event, a Truth and Reconciliation circle, support of various working tables (including the Childrens Table, uPlan, and food security), and Dancing in the Ridge. She highlighted the Community Networks weekly newsletter, which shares events going on in the community.

## **8. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC – NIL**

## **9. ROUNDTABLE - NIL**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:09 pm**

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Gabriel Liosis, Chair

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City of Maple Ridge  
**Social Policy Advisory Committee**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**

March 13, 2024

The Minutes of the Social Policy Advisory Committee Special Meeting held via Zoom teleconference and hosted in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall on March 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Onyeka Dozie	Council Liaison
Ana Sanchez	Vice Chair, Fraser Health Representative
Annette Morgan	Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Seniors Network
Gabriel Liosis	Chair, School District No.42 Trustee
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Jenny Earley	Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network
Ashley Isaac	Member at Large

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 pm**

G. Liosis called the meeting to order and provided the land acknowledgement.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA****3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES - NIL****4. DELEGATIONS - NIL****5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS****5.1. 2024 Work Plan Discussion**

T. Cotroneo provided members with an overview of the Work Plan items that the Social Policy Advisory Committee committed to in 2023, including a SPAC awareness campaign, best practice research to see what other social policy groups are doing around the province, and supporting the Community Network in the delivery of a mental health awareness program. Committee members discussed the work plan items and agreed these should be carried into 2024.

Committee members discussed the delegation of work for the proposed work plan items including the formation of a taskforce responsible for compiling a history of actions taken by previous Social Policy Advisory Committees at the City of Maple Ridge. Members also discussed the formation of a best practices taskforce, that would be responsible for conducting research on the work done by Social Policy Advisory Committees in other communities in Metro Vancouver and around the province.

A. Sanchez inquired about the Mental Health Awareness Program component of the 2023 workplan being brought into 2024. At the February 7, 2024, SPAC meeting, committee members conveyed interest in a Medical Health Officer to come as a delegation to speak to the committee about mental health. Since the topic is very broad, an MHO will be invited to the next SPAC meeting so committee members can provide more information about what they would like the MHO to discuss at a future meeting.

- 6. LIAISON UPDATES - NIL**
- 7. TASK FORCE UPDATE - NIL**
- 8. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC – NIL**
- 9. ROUNDTABLE - NIL**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT – 6:49 pm**

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Gabriel Liosis, Chair

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