

**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 via Zoom teleconference on February 18, 2021 at 4:34 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Chelsa Meadus	Council Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Councillor Gwen O'Connell	Council Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Michael Biggar	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Laurie Geschke	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Suzanna Kaptur	Fraser Health
Don Mitchell	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Pascale Shaw	School District 42 Board Trustee
Mike Murray	School District 42 Board Trustee Alternate

STAFF PRESENT

Petra Frederick, Acting-Chair	Staff Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Jackie Senchyna	Staff Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Sabina Chand	Committee Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services

ABSENT

Carolina Echeverri	Family Education and Support Centre Representative
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The Maple Ridge Staff Liaison, Petra Frederick chaired the inaugural meeting of MACAI.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2021-001

It was moved and seconded

That the February 18, 2021 Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness agenda be amended to add Item 4.1 "Mobility and Participation Project" and that be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2021-002

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness dated November 19, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Mobility and Participation Project – Alfiya Battalova, UBC

Laurie Geschke introduced Alfiya Battalova and provided some background information on the project. A. Battalova shared research project details and key outcomes:

- Create a partnership for improving Mobility, Access and Participation (MAP) among people with disabilities;
- Project focuses on navigation, transportation and social accessibility;
- Research involves universities, governmental partners, community/business partners, health authorities and information will be collected across municipalities;
- The goal of this seven-year social sciences and humanities research funded partnership is to support community organizations and municipalities to develop, evaluate, and implement evidence-based interventions to contribute to the development of barrier-free communities;

R/2021-003

It was moved and seconded

That the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness supports the research study program and will further participate in the Mobility and Participation Project as it progresses.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION PERIOD - NIL

6. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. Advisory Committee Overview

P. Frederick presented the annual orientation on MACAI that included highlights on legislative procedures, role and function of advisory committees, City meeting guidelines and 2021 work plan deliverables.

6.2. Housing Needs Report

P. Frederick provided an update on the final Housing Needs Report that was presented to Council on February 9, 2021 which can be viewed at the following link: [City of Maple Ridge - All Presentations](#)

6.3. Educational Community Campaign

The Committee discussed creative ways to utilize the City's webpage to help publicize tools and resources available for the community on accessibility programs and services.

6.4. 2021 MACAI Awards

The Committee viewed the 2020 MACAI Award's video that recognized local businesses and individuals who made an outstanding effort to support individuals with disabilities. The Committee provided outstanding feedback on the video and discussed plans for future MACAI Award events. The Committee agreed that the video was the best way to present the awards safely due to COVID-19 and would like to post the winners on social media for continued recognition.

6.5. Chair and Vice Chair Selection

P. Frederick opened up the floor to nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness.

R/2021-004

It was moved and seconded

That Laurie Geschke be elected as Chair of the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness for 2021.

CARRIED

R/2021-005

It was moved and seconded

That Michael Biggar be elected as Vice Chair of the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness for 2021.

CARRIED

Note: The newly elected Chair and will preside at the next meeting for a seamless transition and therefore P. Frederick continued to chair the rest of the meeting.

7. LIAISON UPDATES

7.1 City of Pitt Meadows

The Pitt Meadows Staff Liaison provided a brief update on current projects underway and information on the current status of recreation facilities and programs.

7.2 City of Maple Ridge

Councillor Meadus provided an update on current Council initiatives and spoke about the new three-month pilot project launched by the Ridge Meadows RCMP to enhance visibility, facilitate outreach and support services in downtown Maple Ridge.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

8.1 Age-Friendly Subcommittee

Don Mitchell provided an update on current initiatives to support and educate senior residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. ROUNDTABLE

Committee members shared information on relevant events and activities.

10. ADJOURNMENT - 5:57 p.m.



Petra Frederick, Staff Liaison – Acting Chair