

**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 teleconference on June 18, 2020 at 4:34 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Gwen O'Connell	Council Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Don Mitchell	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Laurie Geschke, Chair	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Mike Murray	School District No. 42 Representative
Michael Biggar	Member at Large, Maple Ridge
Suzanna Kaptur	Fraser Health Representative

STAFF PRESENT

Petra Frederick	Staff Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Jackie Senchyna	Staff Liaison, City of Pitt Meadows
Erin Mark	Committee Clerk

GUESTS

Susan St.Amand	Ridge Meadows Special Olympics
----------------	--------------------------------

ABSENT

Brad Dinwoodie	Member at Large, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Chelsa Meadus	Council Liaison, City of Maple Ridge
Carolina Echeverri, Vice Chair	Family Education and Support Centre Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

R/2020-010

It was moved and seconded

That the June 18, 2020 Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness Agenda be amended to include:

- **Item 5.1 – Revised MACAI Meeting Schedule;**
- **and other items be renumbered as appropriate;**

and be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2020-011

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness dated February 20, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Note: The Committee welcomed new Fraser Health representative Susanna Kaptur and briefly introduced themselves.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. Ridge Meadows Special Olympics / Employment and Volunteer Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

- Susan St.Amand, Volunteer Coordinator, Ridge Meadows Special Olympics

Susan St.Amand gave a presentation on Special Olympics BC and the sport, program and volunteer opportunities available in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows through their organization. Ms. St.Amand outlined some of the athlete benefits and how community inclusiveness is achieved through their programs and then answered questions from the Committee.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Revised MACAI meeting schedule

The Chair proposed tentatively scheduling another MACAI meeting due to the cancellation of the April 2020 meeting.

R/2020-012

It was moved and seconded

That a tentative meeting date of October 8, 2020 at 4:30 pm be added to the MACAI 2020 Meeting Schedule.

CARRIED

5.2. BC Framework for Accessibility Legislation

The Maple Ridge Staff Liaison shared that the Province's Accessibility Legislation has been delayed due to the COVID pandemic and that she will continue to research if there are additional opportunities for community feedback.

5.3. 2nd Event/ Workshop

The Committee discussed topics and platforms for the 2nd event/seminar/workshop that was identified in the 2020 MACAI Business Plan. Due to the current restrictions surrounding group events during the COVID health crisis the Committee discussed facilitating a seminar or workshop online that would be more inclusive. The Maple Ridge Staff Liaison and the Chair will research potential speakers and existing presentations and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

6. LIAISON UPDATES

6.1 City of Pitt Meadows

The Pitt Meadows Staff Liaison provided an update on municipal services during the pandemic and highlighted two City task forces created as a result of COVID – the Economic Resiliency and Community Check-In Task Force.

6.2 City of Maple Ridge

The Maple Ridge Staff Liaison shared an update on municipal services in response to COVID, highlighted their Park Ambassador Program and noted that there will be summer children's programming offered including 1:1 support for children with diversabilities.

The Committee discussed the risk assessments, guidelines and participant waivers required for programs and events.

Note: Councillor O'Connell left the meeting at 5:55 pm.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

7.1. 2020 MACAI Awards

The Maple Ridge Staff Liaison provided an update on the planning for 2020 MACAI Awards and sought input regarding the timelines and format for delivery. The Committee discussed extending the application period and recognizing the winners in mid-October. The Maple Ridge Staff Liaison shared that a SPARC Accessibility Grant (\$500) has been received for the 2020 MACAI Awards.

R/2020-013

It was moved and seconded

That a budget of up to \$1,300, including the \$500 SPARC BC grant, be approved for the 2020 MACAI Awards.

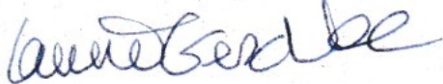
CARRIED

8. ROUNDTABLE

Committee members shared information on relevant events and activities. Don Mitchell provided an update on the Age-Friendly Community Task Force.

9. QUESTION PERIOD – Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT – 6:17pm



Laurie Geschke, Chair

/em