



**Community Network Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday February 13, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**  
**Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Anna Loch, Seniors Connect  
Bee Schroeder, Salvation Army  
Brian Patel, City of Maple Ridge  
Candace Gordon, GE Feast  
Carolina Echeven, ISS of BC  
Colene Thompson, CN Chair  
Collette Madsen, Community Services  
Dorata Michalska – Heath Unit FH  
Elaine Yamamoto, CLC, HIVE

Fran McDougall, ACT 2  
Holly Murton, Kiwanis  
Jenny Earley, Family Ed  
Liza Morris, FVRL  
Michelle Trent, RMHS  
Tony Cotroneo, City of Maple Ridge  
Sunny Schiller, CN Coordinator  
Sylvia Russell, SD 42

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**1. WELCOME**

**2. TOONIE TUESDAY COMMUNITY CHEST FUNDRAISER: \$15.00**

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL – February 13, 2018 – *approved***

**4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - January 9, 2018– *adopted***

**5. PRESENTATION**

**Youth Planning Table Formation – Tony Cotroneo**

Tony provided an update on the Youth Strategy implementation project. Maple Ridge Council has endorsed the formation of the Planning Table. Suggested members include the Youth Wellness Centre, members from the Strong Kids team, the Division of Family Practice, youth transitioning from school, parents, care givers, SD 42, provincial government representatives, MLAs, the District PAC, RCMP, Fraser Health. Plans for the Table include developing Terms of Reference and drafting the implementation plan. Priorities identified in the Youth Strategy include mental health, and support for youth transitioning to adulthood. Organizations interested in participating should contact Tony Cotroneo, Manager of Community Services, City of Maple Ridge at [tcotroneo@mapleridge.ca](mailto:tcotroneo@mapleridge.ca).

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 Family Fest Invitation**

It was decided that the Community Network would not participate in the 2018 Family Fest.

## 7. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES AND FACILITATORS REPORTS

### 7.1 Provincial Housing Announcement - Request for Input

MLA Bob D'Eith and Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture Lisa Beare would like feedback on recent BC Housing announcements. Information is available at <https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services/public-engagement/projects/maple-ridge-supportive-housing>. CN members were encouraged to contact their elected officials with questions and input.

### 7.2 CN Working Table Updates

Community Literacy Committee / Hive – Elaine provided an update on programming. The Committee is now holding some classes at the library. Tutor training is available for adults helping adults with literacy. HIVE has a couple of slots available for programming.

GE Feast – Candace shared details of the Food Sense program starting on February 23 which teaches how to cook healthy meals on a budget. Participants prepare and share a meal at each session. The Farmers Market coupon program has confirmed funding for this year. Fundraising efforts continue at the local level to increase the number of recipients.

LAST Committee – the Transition Fair will be held at Thomas Haney Senior Secondary on April 17, 2018. The Fair provides information to students and parents on post-secondary education, employment services and more.

Opioid Overdose Response Task Group – the Group presented updates on the ICM Team and the Photo Voices project at a City of Maple Ridge Social Policy Advisory Committee workshop on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 7.3 CN Coordinators Update

#### Goal: Network Development

- Writing the Community Network column for the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows NEWS. The first article will be an introduction to the Community Network.
- CN Orientation Sessions: a session will be held on April 10 from 11:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Fraser Room at the Library (prior to the April CN Meeting). A second session will be offered in the fall. The Coordinator is also available to provide orientation directly to organizations.
- 2018 Community Network representatives to the City of Maple Ridge Social Policy Advisory Committee will be Jenny Earley and Trish Salisbury.
- Community Superheroes attended Family Literacy Day at the Maple Ridge Library with campaign sponsors Envision.

#### Goal: Network Support

- January 2018 Community Network meeting
- QMUNITY Workshop: a workshop to help participants understand the diversity within the LGBTQI2S community and to support organizations in becoming more inclusive is available free to Community Network members on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Registration through the Family Education and Support Centre.
- MP Dan Ruimy will be the presenter at the March 13 CN meeting

## 8. ROUNDTABLE

Bea, Salvation Army – Coldest Night of the Year fundraising walk is coming up on February 24, 2018.

Collette, Community Services – the organization is now operating as “Community Services”. The new logo was shared. The CS office is preparing to move off site as construction begins on the affordable housing building on the existing site. The new building will provide 96 units of affordable housing on the upper floors, with office space below. CS is seeking a part time Child and Youth Support Worker.

Fran, ACT 2 Services – update on services provided, including counselling. Experiencing a high demand for services.

Michelle, MRHS – seeing an increase in requests for service. Visiting volunteer intake now underway - this program provides visits to those in palliative care and in the community. Fashion Challenge event coming up – register by March 4. Prizes to be won for the most popular outfit. Vista Run coming up.

Holly, Kiwanis – post secondary meal program at PMSS is being filmed. Opportunity available for volunteers to serve meals. Update on Kiwanis Youth Group Key Clubs. Spring Fling fundraiser coming up on March 24 includes dance and cheque awards to local organizations.

Dorata, Health Unit FH – Baby Friendly Initiative is designed to support all babies in the community. The Initiative is a WHO / UNICEF program. Nurses are working to increase awareness of the benefits of breast milk, includes supporting parents and providing information to the business community.

Jenny, Family Ed – Once Upon a Sheep Yarn Shop opening up in the Family Ed space. The Caring Dads program currently underway works to help dads understand the impacts of their behaviour and how behaviour can be changed. The program is going well and future sessions are planned. Roberta O’Brien is currently serving as LIPS Coordinator. The Multicultural Women’s Group is full. The Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC has released a video on Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) that features Jassy from Family Ed and Sarah from FVRL talking about the Maple Ridge group. <http://www.amssa.org/resources/videos/online-videos/cross-sectoral-partnership-support/>

Carolina – ISS / LIPS / Building Interfaith Bridges – Details of interfaith community meetings shared. LIPS Welcome Packages are being printed. ISS has a few spaces still available at their evening English language classes. Free tax clinic workshop coming up on Friday with services in English and Arabic. Ridge Meadows Multicultural Society meet and greet in the library coming up on March 4.

Liza – FVRL – spring brochure available as well as Spring Break events listing. Upcoming “Banning the Books” event will feature speaker Bill Murdoch. “Raising Kids Who Love to Read” parent workshop coming up on February 27. Review of the free tax related services provided via FVRL, ISS and CLC.

Sylvia – SD42 – Details shared re: April 30 / May 1 events with Ivan Coyote, who will share his experiences around LGBT inclusion. Sponsored by the SD and DPAC there is one session geared towards parents and one for youth. The SD42 graduation rate is now up around 89% which is in the top 5 for BC. Aboriginal graduation rates now up to 85%. Graduation rates for students with special needs also up. Kindergarten registration has been very busy this year with over 1,000 students registered this spring. Families moving into the area are growing more diverse which is driving a response in the services provided. Albion school construction set to begin this spring. Feedback from youth session highlights need for support for kids transitioning out of high school.

**NEXT CN MEETING:**

March 13, 2017 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM – Fraser Room – Maple Ridge Library