



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

MINUTES

Attendees:

Alicia Erenci – Youth Wellness Centre / CS
Christine MacIntosh – FRANAS
Dorata Michalska – Heath Unit FH
Elaine Yamamoto, CLC / HIVE
Heather Walker – CS
Holly Murton, Kiwanis
Jenny Earley, Family Ed, Chair
Judy Kharma-Morale – ISS of BC
Kay Grieve – Community Member
Leanne Koehn – Ridge Meadows Recycling
Lindsay Zylstra – Maple Ridge Seniors Village
Liza Morris, FVRL

Meghan MacMillan - CMR
Renee Spakowsky - RMSS
Rev. Roland Ziprick – St. Paul's Lutheran
Roberta O'Brien – RMCCT & LIPS
Roger Elem – Child / Youth MH
Sarah Jost – FVRL
Shawn Matthewson – CMR
Shelley Grogan – MRPMCS
Sunny Schiller, CN Coordinator
Tony Cotroneo, City of Maple Ridge
Trish Salisbury – RMCDC
William Waterhouse – FRANAS

1. WELCOME

Chair Jenny Earley called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. TOONIE TUESDAY COMMUNITY CHEST FUNDRAISER: \$73.30

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

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - February 13, 2018– *adopted*

5. PRESENTATIONS

Dan Ruimy – Member of Parliament for Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge

MP Dan Ruimy made a presentation on his recent work in the community and in Ottawa. Highlights include securing funding for the Pitt Polder Pump Station Replacement and the Maple Ridge Pathfinder Youth Centre Society. MP Ruimy explained his participation on the Pacific Caucus, the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology, and the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities. MP Ruimy discussed the National Housing Strategy and shared innovative ideas being considered to increase the supply of affordable housing. MP Ruimy answered questions on topics such as seniors housing, pipeline and the export of resources.

Leanne Koehn – Repair Café Update

Leanne Koehn with the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society shared an update on the Maple Ridge Repair Café initiative which has been made possible by a New Horizons for Seniors grant provided by the federal government. The first Café is happening Saturday, March 24, 2018. Those interested in volunteering or donating tools can contact mrrepaircafe@gmail.com

Dominic Flanagan – BC Housing

Dominic Flanagan gave an overview of recent housing announcements for the community. The provincial government is committed to releasing a Homeless Action Plan by the fall. Mr. Flanagan answered questions from the attendees. A Housing First Innovation Lab is coming up April 4.

6. * NETWORKING BREAK *****

7. CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

8. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES

8.1 Review of the Role of CN Facilitators

Chair Jenny Earley reviewed the role the Facilitators group plays in the Community Network. The primary purpose of the Facilitators group is to facilitate and ensure the Network's goals are being met, including supporting the community of collaboration created by the CN, supporting the CNs structures and projects, leading an annual business plan process and identifying partnership opportunities and best practices. All CN members are welcome to attend Facilitators meetings.

8.2 CN Working Table Updates

Ridge Meadows Community Children's Table – Roberta O'Brien shared her experience at a recent conference of ECD co-ordinators and provided an update on funding and child care subsidies. Roberta is also currently serving as LIPS Coordinator and shared some printed resources including a New Comers Guide.

Community Literacy Committee – Elaine Yamamoto shared details of a Family Food on a Budget program beginning April 10. Freecycle is happening April 15 this year. The Community Literacy Committee and the Maple Ridge Library are both hosting tax workshops this spring.

Life After School Transition Committee – Leanne Koehn reported the Transition Fair is coming up on April 17.

Teen Resource Network – Meghan MacMillan reported the next TRN meeting is coming up on May 1st. Those interested in attending should email Meghan directly – mmacmillan@mapleridge.ca

8.3 CN Coordinators Update

- CN Orientation scheduled for April 10, 2018 @ 11:45 a.m. in the Fraser Room (just prior to the April CN meeting)
- First Community Network article published in the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows NEWS
- CN and Family Education Centre hosted the QMUNITY Workshop on Feb 26
- Facilitators review of communications procedures – considering moving to weekly newsletter format, website updates
- Working with Family Education Centre on the Annual CN Coordinator Report for the City of Maple Ridge

NEXT CN MEETING: April 10, 2018 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM – Fraser Room – Maple Ridge Library