



Community Network Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 12, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library

ATTENDEES:

Annika Polegato – Alouette Addictions
Bee Schroeder – Salvation Army
Bob D’Eith – MLA – Maple Ridge Mission
Colene Thompson – Chair, Community Network
Curtis Pendleton – ACT Arts Centre
Fran McDougall – Act 2 Child and Family Services
Jamie Robinson – Ridge Meadows Recycling
Jenny Earley – Family Education and Support
Leilani Jordan – Fraser Health

Lisa Beare – MLA – Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows
Liza Morris – Maple Ridge Library
Michelle Trent – Ridge Meadows Hospice
Sophia – MLA Bob D’Eith’s Office
Sunny Schiller – Coordinator, CN
Taylor Robinson – Ridge Meadows Recycling
Thyra Gillese – MLA Lisa Beare’s Office

1. WELCOME

Chair Colene Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. TOONIE TUESDAY COMMUNITY CHEST FUNDRAISER: \$21.05

3. AGENDA APPROVAL – June 12, 2018 – The agenda was approved.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - May 10, 2018 – The minutes were adopted.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

6. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES

6.1 CN Working Table and Affiliate Group Updates

Ridge Meadows Community Children’s Table

Jenny provided an update on the RMCCT.

Opioid Overdose Response Task Group

Annika provided information on the work of the OORTG. Flyers with overdose information were provided to all SD 42 students graduating this year. The Humans of Maple Ridge art exhibit has visited many of the high schools and has been very well received. The group has applied for CAT funding. The District PAC and Alouette Addictions are hosting a drug forum next week to provide information to parents.

6.2 CN Coordinators Update

Goal: Network Development

- Met with two web site designers to discuss redesign of the Community Network website.
- Outline created for fall planning and reporting sessions and the annual survey.

Goal: Network Structure Support

- Monthly CN NEWS article on Youth Week and youth related services.
- Weekly newsletter messages and Facebook posts.

- CN database maintenance and work on setting up MailChimp to support move to new format for weekly messages.

Goal: Network Project Support

- Attended the Opioid Overdose Response Task Group Working Group meeting to review CAT project proposals – 11-MAY
- Attended the Ridge Meadows Community Children’s Table meeting – 16-MAY
- Created record to schedule and track CN Coordinator attendance at Working Committee meetings > goal is to attend one meeting per group per quarter.

7. ***** NETWORKING BREAK *****

8. **PRESENTATION: MLA Bob D’Eith (Maple Ridge Mission) and MLA Lisa Beare (Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows)**

Local MLAs Bob D’Eith and Lisa Beare shared high lights of the work done by the provincial NDP government during the last session, including the discontinuation of MSP premiums and bridge tolls, and freezing ferry fares on major routes. MLA D’Eith gave an overview of the thirty point plan to address the lack of affordable housing. Investments are being made in the education system, with new schools being built and tuition fees waived for individuals who have aged out of the foster care system. The Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction was created to address urgent issues in our community and reduce stigma around mental health issues.

There will be an opportunity for organizations to present locally to the Finance Department in the fall. Details will be shared closer to the date. A referendum about the voting system is coming up in the fall. The Attorney General’s report “How We Vote” provides more information. Town halls will be held over the next few months and questions can also be directed to MLA Bob D’Eith.

Local developments include an increase in the amount of nutritional coupons provided through the Haney Farmers Market and restoration work done on the Ruskin Dam. MLA Beare thanked Community Network members for their work in the community and acknowledged the positive and unique role the CN plays. MLAs Beare and D’Eith took questions from the audience about the upcoming referendum on the voting system, the nutritional coupon program, and green energy.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.