



Community Network Monthly Meeting & NETWORKING

Tuesday March 14th, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library

Minutes

Attendees: Kim Abram, Brenna Ayliffe, Bradley Christianson-Barker, Sara Dearman, Gail Finnsen, Candace Gordon, Dennis Hemming, Marielle Hidi, Fran McDougall, Dorota Michalska, Annette Morgan, Holly Murton, Trish Salisbury, Bev Schmahann, Christina Shearme, Kathryn Sim, Colene Thompson, Michelle Trent,

Regrets: Vicki Kipps, Roberta O'Brien

1. Welcome

2. Agenda Approval – March 14th, 2017 – *adopted*

3. Adoption of February 14, 2017 Minutes – *approved with correction on p2, (Parks, Immigration & Culture changed to Parks, Recreation & Culture)*

4. Toonie Tuesday: **Community Chest Week Fundraiser** – \$17.30 collected

5. Presentation: Don Cramb, Senior Recreation Manager, Town Centre Project

- *Online survey is closed but please complete and submit paper survey, as distributed; accepting responses as long as the display is still up in the library lobby; survey drop-box is in library lobby*
- *The facilities being discussed were identified in 2010 but there was no funding attached; we are tasked now with estimating and securing funding*
- *Not all of these facilities will go ahead, all at once, but we are proceeding as if they are until the selection has been narrowed and approved by Council*
- *Feedback has been solicited from diverse community groups and stakeholders; now the opinion of the general public is being sought; open houses are next*
- *Our facilities are operating at capacity right now; we haven't kept up with growth*
 - a. *The population growth in MR is higher than that of Metro Vancouver: 8.2% vs 6.5%*
 - b. *Our median age is 40.2 years*
 - c. *There are approximately 10,000 children and youth registered in sports in Maple Ridge*



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- *OPTIONS:*
 - a. *Multi-use facility to complement the existing Leisure Centre*
 - b. *Sports Fields*
 - i. *Albion Sports Complex (going forward)*
 - ii. *MRSS track upgrade*
 - iii. *5000-seat stadium and sports field*
 - c. *Ice Facilities upgrades & expansion*
 - d. *Neighbourhood Ammenities*
 - i. *Silver Valley*
 - ii. *Hammond*
 - iii. *Whonnock*
 - iv. *Albion*
 - e. *Maple Ridge Civic Centre*
- *Questions/comments for Don*
 - a. *Is there a dollar amount attached to the Silver Valley gathering places?*
 - i. *\$600K - \$1M; \$38.6K operating costs*
 - b. *Has a site been identified for the stadium?*
 - i. *No*
 - ii. *NE end of town is being considered as that is our growth direction; need 20 acres*
 - c. *What about the parking issue in Albion?*
 - i. *The proposal would eliminate half of the existing overflow parking*
 - ii. *They are very aware of the importance of this issue and are looking at/for alternatives/options*
 - d. *Please include office/storage space for the Farmers' Market in the Civic Centre proposal*



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- e. *Will you be making the Whonnock Lake facilities accessible?*
 - i. *A well-made point; we must ensure there is access – dock or beach access*
 - ii. *Of note – the Leisure Centre upgrades include multiple beach entry additions*
- f. *Please include consultation with people with disabilities / people with lived experience, prior to planning, not after the fact. This would eliminate the need to undo parts of the project.*

6. Community Network Updates and Facilitators' Reports

- **Earth Day** is April 22, the theme is Nature
- **CN Annual Survey**
 - *Petra has sent the live link one more time. Please respond by 5pm, Monday, March 20 if you haven't already*
 - *Only 19 responses to date*
- **Community Superhero Sidekick appearances**
 - *Want to borrow the Community Superhero capes and buttons? Call or email Kathryn at 604.818.2591 or info@resourceyourcommunity.com*

7. Roundtable

Sara Dearman, Maple Ridge Public Library

- Spring break activities are underway, lots to do! See flyer in library lobby for details
- Hugh Brewster, acclaimed author for kids and adults, will be at the library April 6 at 10:30am; everyone is encouraged to attend; poster distributed to members (will also be posted on CN Facebook page)

Michelle Trent, Ridge Meadows Hospice

- Increasing their outreach/public education, to help people better understand what the hospice offers
- They provide support to many, including youth and staff
- For those interested in volunteering, there are spaces available in the upcoming training date; check their website for details
- The 20th Annual Vistas Run needs teams – teams can be 3 to 10+ people
- Partnering with the RM Seniors Society to present a fashion show



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Bradley Christianson-Barker, Open Door Church / Building Interfaith Bridges

- Celebrating Nouruz next Wednesday at 6:30pm
- Tickets are still available for Gungar, playing this Sunday at Open Door
- See opendoorfamily.ca for all details

Petra Fredrick, Parks, Recreation and Culture

- no update

Kim Abram, Immigrant Services Society of BC

- Offers settlement and employment services, as well as language training
- Volunteer Connections Program – volunteers are involved in language classes, and tax clinics for low-income newcomers

Annette Morgan, MRPMK Seniors Network

- Very proud that their organization placed in the top 3 in their category at the Chamber of Commerce awards
- “There is a seniors tsunami happening in Maple Ridge right now!”
- New Horizons funding has been secured for another year
- A successful fundraiser was held at the Legion recently, providing Farmers’ Market vouchers for low-income seniors

Trish Salisbury, Child Development Centre

- Partnering with the North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Association to offer “Horse Camp” for pre-K to K kids; includes a mini horse 😊
- Their pub night fundraiser has been booked for June 2
- They are focused on the importance of getting kids outdoors
- Looking for a new location – the current lease is up at the end of November
- Submitted an expression of Interest to the Alouette River campus; not sure what they’ll do there, but they are interested!
- They are undertaking some provincial advocacy, in light of the upcoming election, to illuminate the lack of funding for early intervention services

Fran McDougall, ACT II Child & Family Services

- Offers specialized counselling for children
- Locations in Surrey, tri-cities, Maple Ridge, and Vancouver



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Marielle Hidi, Triangle Resources

- Offers job readiness program for clients with employment barriers
- Intake is open now for April group

Dennis Heminger – Youth Unlimited

- Supporting vulnerable youth in SD42 high schools
- There is no age limit, so they can foster long-term relationships with their youth into young adulthood
- In collaboration with the school district, they are piloting an after-school community café at Garibaldi; once a week from 3:10-ish to 4:30pm; trying to address the needs of students who linger on campus after school hours; coffee and snacks are donated; looking to duplicate this in other schools

Gail Finson, Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living (RMACL)–

- Offers support to folks with developmental disabilities and those with FAS/Autism; of all ages
- May 28th is the RMACL Run - see rmacl.org for details
- April 4th - hosting a transition fair from 7pm-8:30pm, targeting youth with disabilities who are beginning to consider what will happen after high school; 30 tables with diverse information will be on site.

Brenna Ayliffe, Fraser Health

- Involved in community development via healthy living
- Fraser Health announced a stream of community grants; \$20-\$30K available per community; collaboration is key; Petra has forwarded the application all CN members; members to contact Brenna if interested; submission deadline is April 15
- Overdose Response Task Group is kicking off / augmenting a poster campaign about Naloxone; anyone who wants to help drop off posters to local businesses, please join in next Friday from 1-5pm; tentative meeting location Alouette Addictions; please contact Brenna if interested – it would be great to have some CN representation



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Dorota Michalska, Public Health

- Works with families with young children
- Offers Best Beginnings
- Offers nurse-family partnership which includes weekly visits and information sharing
- Have finished immunization of grade 9 students in schools; please call the Health Unit if your child missed theirs.

Bev Schmahmann, Ridge Meadows Seniors Centre

- Offering \$2.25 soup and bun lunch several times weekly in MR and PM, to encourage seniors to come out; especially senior men

Christina Shearme, Family Education & Support

- For any parents scrambling for Spring Break child care – the I Am Awesome daycamp runs from 8am-12pm daily next week; includes emotional literacy work with the campers
- Encouraged member to participate in Project Impact (United Way) if they have the opportunity to; it shifts how we report; premise is storytelling and impact

Holly Murton, Golden Ears Kiwanis Club

- Handed out flyers for the March 25th fundraiser, celebrating Canada's birthday; guests are encouraged to wear period costumes; both our MLAs will be on hand, cheques will be presented; and join the free dance lesson!
- Started a lunch club at Pitt Meadows Secondary; a business has already stepped up and offered to pay for the food
- Shot a 'Get Out and Vote' ad recently with representation from people with disabilities
- Leadership camps are being offered again this year, just outside of Hope, in April
- Inside Ridge (KCCP) – hope to introduce this in one school in Maple Ridge; teams of 6, each person rides for 10 minutes
- Presented five more baby carseats to Ridge Meadows Hospital recently



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Candace Gordon – GE FEAST –

- “Everything from growing to eating is my forte!”
- Gourmet Grannies soup making collective will be at Alouette Heights on March 17; everyone makes, eats and takes some home; Candace drops soup off to anyone she knows of who is sick (please let her know if you’d like her to deliver some to someone); the remainder is left for the residents
- Collaborating with Brenna on a Food Policy this year; wants to see an adopted Food Policy in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows before she retires

Vicki Kipps (read by Kathryn in her absence) – Community Services –

- The Community Chest pilot project 2.0 continues to go well with further commitment and funding from the Maple Ridge Community Foundation – pilot project organizations are encouraged to submit applications.
- The Youth Wellness Centre is expanding to meet the needs of youth with substance use and mental illness - 5 doctors working the Thursday night drop-ins on a rotational basis; have expanded the Centre’s services to include youth counselling, youth support groups, parent peer support groups and parent education.
- “I’m happy to announce that we received our full gaming grant (pewh)”

8. Correspondence – no correspondence

9. Action Items

- a. Kathryn to provide new Community Chest for April meeting
- b. Sara will send Hugh Brewster flyer to Kathryn for posting on the CN Facebook page
- c. Members wanting to reserve the Superhero capes and buttons will email or call Kathryn at info@resourceyourcommunity.com or 604.818.2591 with their event name, date, time and location

10. Next CN Meeting: April 11th @ 1 – 3 PM Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library.
MARK your calendars!