



# LIVEABLE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**February 26, 2026, 7:00 p.m.  
Blaney Room  
City Hall, 11995 Haney Place**

- Members Present: T. Coft, Member at Large, Vice Chair  
C. Bennett, Member at Large  
H. Mehrotara, Member at Large (virtual)  
A. Mulamootil, Member at Large (virtual)  
A. Rosencrans, Member at Large  
M. Rossi, Member at Large  
P. Shaw, *School District 42 Board Trustee*  
T. Stevenson, Member at Large  
A. Tejani, BC Housing (virtual)
- Absent: R. Dunning, *Maple Ridge Historical Society, Chair*  
S. Maleknia, Member at Large
- Council Present: O. Dozie, Councillor  
J. Tan, Councillor
- Staff Present: M. Halpin, Manager of Transportation  
C. Neufeld, Manager of Parks Planning & Development  
L. Khoo, Planner 3  
A. Hodgson, Planning Technician  
E. Davies, Committee Clerk

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*(H. Mehrotara, A. Mulamootil, and A. Tejani attended the meeting virtually)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 p.m.**

T. Coft, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and provided the territory acknowledgement.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**R/2026-LCAC-006**

**It was moved and seconded**

THAT the February 26, 2026, Liveable Community Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R/2026-LCAC-007**

**It was moved and seconded**

THAT the minutes of the January 22, 2026, Liveable Community Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**4.1 Park Naming - Policy Development**

The Manager of Parks Planning & Development led a discussion on the development of a Park Naming Policy to guide naming practices for future City parks. The committee reviewed a policy developed in 2013 by the Parks and Leisure Services Commission, considered park naming policies from other local municipalities, and reviewed a draft policy. Committee members provided feedback on the elements they supported, suggested changes, and provided feedback to staff to encourage community input. Staff advised that a revised draft will return to the Committee for further review prior to being forwarded to Council for endorsement. Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion.

**4.2 Child Care - A Community Practice**

L. Khoo, Planner 3, and A. Hodgson, Planning Technician, led a discussion on childcare in the City. Staff reviewed how the housing landscape has changed as a result of recent provincial housing legislation, provided an overview of the existing childcare landscape in the City, and outlined how the City is planning for childcare demand and supply. Staff also explained the distinctions between family, neighbourhood, and group childcare. Committee members were invited to discuss which neighbourhoods should be prioritized and whether limits should be considered for home-based childcare. The Committee asked questions and engaged in discussion.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

The Manager of Transportation informed Committee members on the widening of Golden Ears Way, provided updates on the BRT, and transportation initiatives around the city including pavement markings at 10 schools, more crosswalk improvements, and work beginning on a multi-use path from Thomas Haney Secondary School towards downtown.

The Manager of Parks, Planning and Development gave an update on Volker Park, which is seeing major improvements that should be ready by Summer 2026, as well as the

updates to the washroom, picnic shelter, and overflow parking lot at Maple Ridge Park. Committee members were further informed about the progress being made on the Japanese Garden Project at Jim Hadgkiss Park as well as the future work at Eric Langdon school on a synthetic turf field.

**6. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

The Council Liaison informed the Committee about the upcoming budget engagement, which is available for feedback on the Engage Maple Ridge webpage. Further, the arts programs from the ACT are available, with lots of exciting arts classes for all ages. The Council Liaisons also informed members about the street banner design, which will be calling artists to design a new image for street banners around the city. Council further mentioned the ongoing 1000 trees project, which is starting to wrap up, and touted the importance of trees not just for the aesthetic of the city, but the long term investment in peoples health and the climate impact. Finally, members were informed about the AfroGala which will be taking place on February 28, 2026, at Thomas Haney School.

**7. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE**

Committee members asked questions and provided feedback and reports on issues and activities related to housing, transportation, and heritage in the community.

**8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:55 p.m.**



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Trish Coft, Vice Chair

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