



## ENGAGED, HEALTHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
Blaney Room  
City Hall, 11995 Haney Place

Members Present: S. Hall, Member at Large  
D. Bates, Member at Large  
N. Carl, Member at Large (Virtual)  
J. Earley, *Ridge Meadows Community Network*  
C. Gosling, Member at Large  
M. Hansen, Member at Large  
L. Mather, Member at Large  
M. Murray, School District No. 42 Board Trustee  
R. Orom, Member at Large  
S. Von Sychowski, Member at Large (Virtual)

Absent C. Echeverri, *The Family Education and Support Centre and Local Immigrant Partnership Council*, Vice Chair

Council Present: J. Dueck, Councillor (Virtual)

Staff Present: C. Martin, Director of Recreation Services  
A. Lilly, Director of External Affairs (Virtual)  
T. Berdej, Recreation Manager, Program and Community Services  
R. Brummer, Manager of Arts, Culture and Events (Virtual)  
C. Cowles, Manager of Bylaw & Community Safety  
P. Frederick, Coordinator, Social Wellbeing  
E. Davies, Committee Clerk  
O. Ifekwem, Committee Clerk

*(Councillor J. Dueck, A. Lilly, R. Brummer, N. Carl, S. Von Sychowski attended the meeting virtually)*

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

S. Hall called the meeting to order and provided the territory acknowledgement.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**R/2025-EHCAC-010**

**it was moved and seconded**

That the November 6, 2025, Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R/2025-EHCAC-011**

**it was moved and seconded**

THAT the minutes of the October 2, 2025, Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**4.1 Committee Housekeeping**

Staff reviewed the Committee staff liaison structure for the Advisory Committees. Following the Committee restructuring in 2024, the Engaged Healthy Community Advisory Committee now has multiple staff liaisons to support the broad mandate for the Committee.

**4.2 Financial Access Policy**

The Coordinator, Social Wellbeing, provided an update on the Financial Access Policy, which was introduced to members at the October 2025 meeting. Committee members reviewed and discussed prior feedback, including a recommendation to increase the Low Income Cut Off (LICO) threshold to align with that of a city with a population of 500,000 or more. Staff further outlined updates to the policy, including expanded eligibility for temporary foreign workers and people on work visas. Committee members asked questions, provided further feedback, and engaged in discussion.

**R/2025-EHCAC-012**

**it was moved and seconded**

That the Engaged Healthy Community Advisory Committee recommends to the City of Maple Ridge Council the adjustment of Financial Access Low-Income Cut-Offs, aligning with Statistics Canada guidelines, to reflect a community size of over 500,000.

**CARRIED**

**R/2025-EHCAC-013**

**it was moved and seconded**

That the Engaged Healthy Community Advisory Committee recommends forwarding the Financial Access and Financial Support for Recreation Policy (Draft) to the City of Maple Ridge Council for consideration, noting that Persons with Disability will be given further consideration within a tiered subsidy matrix.

**CARRIED**

*(P. Frederick left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.)*

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

The Recreation Manager, Program and Community Services provided information about PLAYFest, taking place on November 21 and 22 at the Albion Community Centre, celebrating National Child's Day. The family-friendly event will feature an interactive science experience from Science World, and a ventriloquist show.

*(R. Brummer left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.)*

The Manager of Bylaw & Community Safety provided an update on the collaborative work being done with Public Health to create baby-friendly spaces in the community. Committee members were informed of the baby feeding station located in the library, which includes comfortable seating and toys for older siblings. Staff also shared information about the City's ongoing advocacy work related to local and regional shelter capacity. Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion.

**6. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

Councillor J. Dueck provided members with an update on the Citizen Survey, which is open until November 24, 2025, for Maple Ridge residents 18 years and older to provide feedback on City services, quality of life, and community priorities. The Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion.

**7. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE**

*(N. Carl joined the meeting at 7:59 p.m.)*

Committee members asked questions and provided feedback and reports on issues and activities related to arts, culture and recreation, community pride and engagement, and the safety and well-being of residents.

**8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:11 p.m.**



S. Hall, Chair



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