



**ENGAGED, HEALTHY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 5, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Blaney Room
City Hall, 11995 Haney Place**

Members Present: D. Bates, Member at Large (virtual)
N. Carl, Member at Large (virtual)
C. Gosling, Member at Large
M. Hansen, Member at Large
M. Murray, School District 42 Board Trustee
R. Orom, Member at Large, Chair
A. Sanchez Bardales, *Ridge Meadows Community Network (virtual)*

Absent: L. Mather, Member at Large
S. Von Sychowski, Member at Large
C. Echeverri, *The Family Education and Support Centre and Local Immigrant Partnership Council*

Council Present: K. Carreras, Councillor
J. Dueck, Councillor

Staff Present: T. Berdej, Recreation Manager, Program and Community Services
C. Cowles, Manager, Community Safety & Wellbeing
A. Lilly, Director of External Affairs, Communications & Public Engagement
C. Neufeld, Manager, Park Planning and Development
P. Purewal, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications (virtual)
E. Davies, Committee Clerk

(D. Bates, A. Sanchez Bardales, and N. Carl attended the meeting virtually)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 p.m.

The meeting was called to order, and the territory acknowledgement was provided.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R/2026-EHCAC-001

It was moved and seconded

That the March 5, 2026, Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2026-EHCAC-002

It was moved and seconded

THAT the following minutes of the Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated

- November 6, 2025
- February 5, 2026

CARRIED

4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Chair/Vice Chair Election

R/2026-EHCAC-003

It was moved and seconded

THAT Randa Orom be appointed as Chair of the Engaged Healthy Community Advisory Committee for 2026

CARRIED

R/2026-EHCAC-004

It was moved and seconded

THAT Carolyn Gosling be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Engaged Healthy Community Advisory Committee for 2026

CARRIED

4.2 Park Naming - Policy Development

The Manager of Parks Planning & Development facilitated 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 and considered a draft policy. Members provided feedback on elements they supported, proposed revisions, and offered direction to staff. Staff advised that a revised draft would be brought back to the Committee for further review prior to referral to Council for endorsement. Members asked questions and participated in discussion.

4.3 Functional Assertive Situation Table (FAST) Report

The Manager, Community Safety & Wellbeing facilitated a discussion on the Function Assertive Situation Table (FAST), providing background information on participating organizations, the risk factors considered, and demographic information related to cases reviewed. Staff also outlined the process for coordinating assistance to individuals and families experiencing Acutely Elevated Risk (AER). Committee members asked questions and participated in discussion.

4.4 Community Survey Results & Budget Engagement

The Director of External Affairs, Communications & Public Engagement provided an overview of the 2025 community survey, which gathered resident feedback to

support strategic planning and inform priorities as part of the City's annual budget process. The Committee reviewed the survey results, including the issues identified as being of greatest concern to Maple Ridge residents.

Staff also provided an update on the budget engagement recently launched on Engage Maple Ridge and encouraged Committee members to participate and share their feedback.

5. STAFF REPORTS

The Recreation Manager, Program and Community Services informed Committee members of activities happening in the city, including a Titans swim meet on March 7, 2026; a racquetball tournament, Racquet in the Ridge; and a Dance Power Competition.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

The Council Liaison provided an update on the exempt staff policy presented to the Committee of the Whole on March 3, 2026, including clarification regarding exempt staff compensation and the administrative process. The update noted that the policy formalizes established practice and is intended to support clear and consistent understanding.

7. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Committee members reported on issues and activities related to arts, culture and recreation, community pride and engagement, and the safety and well-being of residents.

8. ADJOURNMENT - 9:01 p.m.



Randa Orom, Chair

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