



ENGAGED, HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Blaney Room
City Hall, 11995 Haney Place

Members Present: C. Echeverri, *The Family Education and Support Centre and Local Immigrant Partnership Council*, Vice Chair
D. Bates, Member at Large
N. Carl, Member at Large (virtual)
J. Earley, *Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Katzie Community Network*
C. Gosling, Member at Large
M. Hansen, Member at Large
L. Mather, Member at Large
M. Murray, School District 42 Board Trustee
S. Von Sychowski, Member at Large (virtual)

Council Present: J. Dueck, Councillor

Absent S. Hall, Member at Large, Chair
R. Orom, Member at Large

Staff Present: C. Martin, Director of Recreation Services
A. Lilly, Director, Communications, External Engagement and Public Affairs
T. Berdej, Recreation Manager, Programs & Community Services
P. Purewal, Senior Manager, Corporate Communications (virtual)
C. Cowles, Manager of Bylaw & Community Safety
P. Frederick, Coordinator, Recreation Services
E. Davies, Committee Clerk

(P. Purewal, N. Carl and S. Von Sychowski attended the meeting virtually)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

C. Echeverri, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and provided the territory acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R/2025-EHCAC-008

It was moved and seconded

THAT the October 2, 2025, Engaged Healthy Community Advisory Committee agenda be approved as amended to remove item 4.1, Arts, Culture, Events & Heritage Service Review Update.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2025-EHCAC-009

It was moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the September 4, 2025, Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.2 Financial Access Policy

The Coordinator, Recreation Access led a discussion about the draft Financial Access and Support for Recreation Policy. Staff highlighted a desire to pursue the adoption of a low-income cut-off (LICO) scale for a population of 500,000, which would broaden the eligibility for low-income residents to access discounted services. Committee members were presented with the components of the Financial Access and Support for Recreation Policy, including assistance for low-income residents, assistance for people with disabilities, and assistance for Children or Youth in care. Committee members engaged in discussion and provided feedback.

5. STAFF REPORTS

The Director, Communications, External Engagement and Public Affairs outlined plans to present a public engagement activities overview at a future meeting.

The Manager of Bylaw & Community Safety updated the Committee on the BeDowntown initiative, a collaborative effort with representatives from the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association, RCMP, Fire Department, Bylaw, and Economic Development. A total of 588 people engaged over 9 activations across the downtown core, including pop-up events in Memorial Peace Park, Haney Place Mall, Valley Fair Mall, and Maple Ridge Square. Staff collected feedback from residents regarding a variety of issues, including community safety, homelessness, parking issues, and pedestrian traffic safety.

The Recreation Manager, Programs & Community Services, introduced the role to the Committee, and expressed excitement in expanding recreation and conservation programming.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councillor J. Dueck provided an update on the Our Neck of the Woods event on September 6, 2025, noting that approximately 20,000 people attended throughout the day. The Downtown Business Improvement Association is assessing the impact on local businesses, but early feedback is positive. Council also praised City staff for their hard work organizing the event. Further, Council addressed Committee members questions on including reports with the agenda.

7. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

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 – 8:51 p.m.



Randa Orom

 C. Echeverri, Vice Chair

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