



**Temporary Modular Housing
Community Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2018
Maple Ridge Public Library, Alouette Room
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Representatives in attendance:

BC Housing
Coast Mental Health
Maple Ridge RCMP
Maple Ridge Fire Department
Concerned Citizens of Maple Ridge
Open Door Church
CEED Centre Society
City of Maple Ridge
Rosewood Cottages

Minutes from the November 19, 2018 meeting were reviewed by the Cttee. and approved by Cst. Turner and Donna McKenna.

The Terms of Reference was also circulated again during the meeting before being approved by Linda King and Christian Cowley.

A representative from the Katzie First Nation was unable to attend due to a prior commitment, so the Cttee. has decided to table the discussion on naming the building and interior wall designs for the next meeting in January 2019.

The Cttee. was asked if they had any observations, concerns and feedback to share about the temporary modular housing located at Royal Crescent:

- A representative of CEED Society expressed that the housing available at Royal Crescent has made a significant difference at Anita Place tent encampment. For some, coming inside has changed their life circumstances.
- The City of Maple Ridge responded to a complaint about loitering occurring around the modular housing. A member of Coast has reached out to understand the concerns of this neighbour, but they have not responded yet.
- A representative from Rosewood Cottages has received complaints from their tenants (seniors) if they're interested in purchasing marihuana. These tenants have been asked to contact Coast directly, but Coast hasn't received a direct complaint from these tenants. The representative at Rosewood Cottage would like to work with Coast to organize a meeting between the tenants at the modular housing and Rosewood Cottage.
- The RCMP also commented that there have been no issues identified at the temporary modular housing at Royal Crescent.
- A representative of CEED suggested a block party or celebration with community groups. The City of Maple Ridge suggested looking at specific grants available through the City of Maple Ridge, such as the Legacy Program. There is also a new block of condominiums under construction. These will be other members of the community to include in future events.
- The Program Manager at Royal Crescent shared that monthly room inspection are now occurring to ensure the safety of tenants and staff. The staff have also been involved in a number of community programs for tenants, such as donations received from the local food bank, CEED Society and used clothing drives.

- A representative from CEED mentioned that they would be interested in working with Coast to identify a suitable workshop for their tenants.
- Coast was asked a question about their policies on overnight guests at Royal Crescent. The Program Manager responded by explaining that each tenant is allowed to have guests overnight 14 days of the year. However, it has been difficult to monitor because tenants try to sneak people into the building, especially in winter conditions. People under the age of 18 are not allowed at Royal Crescent, and they will be reported to authorities if identified.
- A representative from the City of Maple Ridge asks how the Cttee. can support tenant access to recreational facilities. Coast will work with City to understand what types of services are available.
- A representative from Concerned Citizens of Maple Ridge shared a complaint that drugs were being smoked in tenant room and the smell was a safety concern for other tenants. A representative from Coast is aware of the situation and the tenant involved with the complaint. Coast is also addressing this issue during their on-site tenant meetings. It was also noted by the Program Manager that the fire alarms are very sensitive. Tenants that do smoke in their rooms, usually open the window to avoid setting off the alarm, which removes any smoke from the tenant's room and the building. There is also an area outside designated for smoking for tenants.
- The Committee would like to use Doodle polls again to confirm the date of the next meeting. Mondays at 3 p.m. were considered a good day/time for a meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled in January. However, the Doodle poll should be sent out early December with the last meeting minutes for review.

Action items:

- Review opportunities to name building and incorporate interior designs
- Coast to organize a meeting/introductions with residents of Rosewood Cottage
- CEED Society to connect with Coast on workshop opportunities for tenants at Royal Crescent

- City of Maple Ridge to identify recreational opportunities for tenants at Royal Crescent.
- The next CAC meeting will be determined by the CAC member availability using a Doodle Poll. Potential meeting dates: January 14, 21, 28 starting at 3 p.m. Location still to be determined.