



Garibaldi Ridge
Community Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – Nov. 24th, 2022
Location: Zoom Meeting - 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Representatives in attendance:

Coast Mental Health Staff and three Community Members

Chair: Jason

Minutes: Donna

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Follow-up</u>
<p><u>Meeting opened with a land acknowledgement</u> <i>I respectfully acknowledge that my work takes place on the unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish People. As a guest to the land, I honor its first and true stewards, the <u>sq̓ačiyá?ł təməxʷ</u> (Katzie), <u>S’ólh Téméxw</u> (Stó:lō), and <u>Á,LENENEŁ ŁTE</u> (WSÁNEĆ) (Kwantlen) Nations.</i></p>		
<p>Introductions</p>	<p><u>Coast Comment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All in attendance do know one another, can we start with any neighbourhood feedback or questions? 	

Review of neighborhood feedback

CAC Discussions:

Member Comment:

- I've been asked by one or two neighbours about what happened to that investigation? Wasn't there an investigation into deaths?

Coast Comment:

- Yes, in October we had a phone conversation with two investigators who then later spent a day at each on of our Maple Ridge sites. Both were knowledgeable and experienced in this line of work. They met with our site Manager's, Staff and Clients, they also met with other service providers in the community, including City members, as well as the RCMP as an example around how we could better collaborate. We welcomed the opportunity this review presented. And in addition, the investigators also left surveys at each site whereby clients were given the survey and an envelope and could then return a sealed envelope, ensuring their anonymity and confidentiality and we in turn mail those surveys to the investigators. This investigation was initiated by David Eby, who was in transition to becoming Premier. We've been advised that we can anticipate the report no earlier than April of next year.

Member Comment:

- Will the report be made public?

Coast Comment:

- The report is for the public.

Member Comment:

- This investigation has a larger context, it is not only Maple Ridge, but is also happening in the province in multiple communities.

Coast Comment:

- Is there any other neighbourhood feedback?

Member Comments:

- None.

<p>Program Update</p>	<p><u>Coast Comment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation to those of you who were able to attend the GR celebration of Coast’s 50th Anniversary. It was a wonderful event, with singers, drummers & Elders from Katzie First Nation in addition to several community partners in attendance; and, with our air-conditioned site was also a great opportunity to have fed 88 people a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. • We also participated in the Truth & Reconciliation Day Event at Memorial Peace Park on Sept. 30th. And 4 clients came to the event to also show their support. At our Coast table, all our Maple Ridge Managers as well as our Senior Manager were on site throughout the festivities. The attendance by the public was up considerably from the year before and all of us were proud to be a part of this important day. • For National Overdose Awareness Month in October, Coast participated in the Empty Chair Campaign and Community Pancake Breakfast. Our participation was spear-headed by a client at Alouette Heights who came and spoke to clients at our site about participating, how to get involved and staff and clients painted chairs ‘purple’ – an opportunity for all the clients we serve to partake in remembering those they have lost to the opioid crisis. • We continue to be supported by FRIS and have had several workshops on site – Crock-pot cooking skills, and most recently Knowledge & Teaching of Drumming/Drum Circle. We truly value the support provided by FRIS in bringing the expertise of their facilitators to our site and the lasting positive impact this has in increasing the cultural awareness of all our clients and all our staff. • I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in the provision of welcome kits for new clients entering the program. So many of the people we serve enter our program with very few personal belongings – their support has made a great difference in our capacity to truly ‘welcome home’ our new clients. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the programs facilitated by GR Staff, we also provided another free hearing test clinic for our clients with NexGen Hearing, who in addition to providing the hearing tests also assist clients in completing paperwork to fund acquiring hearing aids. They have also returned on site to check in on clients to see how their hearing aids are functioning. • Through our pharmacy, Wilson’s Pharmacy, we had our annual flu shot campaign on site and booster/Covid vaccines were also available for clients and staff. We are hosting an additional vaccine clinic tomorrow, which is being provided by Fraser Health. • In terms of challenges we face, Maple Ridge does not currently have an Emergency Weather shelter in operation and during the recent cold weather this resulted in more individuals trying to access our site. Salvation Army has been hosting a warming centre from 10am-5pm daily to assist those needing to come in from the cold and provide a warm meal. And in addition, the HUB has been temporarily closed. <p><u>Member Comment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I just want to add that you guys are doing great work, well done to you and the team. <p><u>Coast Comment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you very much, on behalf of the entire team, it means a lot to have the recognition. I truly appreciate that and will share it out with the Staff team. 	
<p>Updates & Discussions from Committee Representatives</p>	<p><u>Coast Comment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any further updates from Members? <p><u>Member Comment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, None, nothing further. <p><u>Coast Comment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any other comments or questions? • Hearing none, meeting is adjourned. 	

	<u>Coast Comment:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanks everyone for attending, and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy, safe and festive holiday season.	
Next meeting	Thursday, February 16th, 2023 3:00-4:30pm Via zoom	