



Maple Ridge Modular

Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes - Thursday, October 22nd, 2020

Location: 22548 Royal Crescent Avenue, Maple Ridge BC - 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting

Representatives in attendance:

Coast Mental Health

CEED Centre

Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation

Fraser Health

Rosewood Cottages

Salvation Army

Community members and neighbours, including building manager and strata council members (4)

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Follow-up</u>
Review of neighborhood feedback	Introductions through Zoom format	
Program Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still focused on COVID-19 precautions, as it has become our new normal. • There have been no confirmed COVID-19 cases at this time, • Have lifted visitor restrictions that were in place at the beginning of the pandemic since last CAC. • 2 unexpected deaths since last CAC. • Have staff from the Coast Alouette Heights Outreach team working from the site, providing supports to tenants, visitors and those in the immediate neighbourhood. Outreach team also has partnered with Bylaws to work in the community. • Ensuring staff have proper full PPE equipment to enter tenant suites and tend to emergencies. • Ensuring harm reduction materials are properly stocked, including Naloxone as we feel the effects of the opioid crisis throughout the greater community. • Support from Coast nurse 5 days a week. One student nurse currently on site once weekly. • Flu shot clinic for tenants and staff was scheduled earlier today: 10 clients and five staff received flu shots. • Have brought in outside cleaners to provide additional sanitation throughout the building seven days a week. • Clean Team: Still focused on the sanitation of the building but also tackling the back fenced areas to the South and West back areas where garbage can accumulate. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional fencing has been approved to better the security of the building and reduce the amount of loitering. • One tenant who has been employed through the Path Finders Youth Society. 	
<p>Review of neighbourhood feedback</p>	<p>Update from Coast Director of Housing Services: Regarding pictures taken of MRM suites and common areas shared on social media. Acknowledged that low barrier housing does not always work for everyone. Recent publicity showed pictures of a suite after it had been vacated and while it was getting ready for someone to move in.</p> <p>CEED Centre: Regarding new park in the neighbourhood in area where tent city used to be. Finding syringes and refuse at the park. Group attending to pick up at the park are “Ridge-illantes”. Discussed having MRM Clean Team or Purpose society tend to the area.</p> <p>Strata member/Neighbour: Recently made aware of issues previously unaware of. Many strata owners reporting as being upset. Serious confrontations, people using substances and vehicle damage reported. Committee member reported 2 people having a fight and knocking plants over the fence. Police were called. People have been accessing the property via a hole in the fence. City was contacted earlier in the week to have stolen construction signs returned. Concerns expressed for the upkeep of property at the back of MRM and to the side of neighbouring building.</p>	<p>Appreciation for any resources available to help address issues (Outreach, Bylaws)</p>

	<p>Ministry: SOS crew back in the office and available to all community partners. Have been busy supporting people needing assistance.</p> <p>Building Manager/Neighbour: Issues noted in the parking lot and grassed areas near the property with people hiding by a large rock (left over from demolition). People are observed and heard under the trees every night. Noise complaints and loud music being reported. Security staff appear to take time to attend to complaints.</p> <p>Salvation Army: Constant patrolling and monitoring in the community. Open communication with community partners Have moved out 14 people. Some to treatment some to Coast. 550 Thanksgiving meals were served from the parking lot across from the SA. 150 meals went to Modular housing. Will be partnering with Christmas Haven to serve meals. Thanks expressed to Coast for valued partnership.</p> <p>Appreciation expressed from Coast for support from SA.</p> <p>Neighbour to the West: Lot of people observed in their parking lot leaving messes and using drugs. MRM tenants observed throwing “stuff” (like clocks, oranges) out their windows sometimes hitting cars. One truck reported as being written off. Cursing/swearing overheard. People overheard calling out to tenants from parking lot to windows. Police were contacted when someone was observed cutting through the fence. There appears to be activity throughout the day and night.</p> <p>Community Member:</p>	
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	<p>Informal park at the end of road in area. Committee member does not feel in danger. Refuse reported in area from ongoing construction. Fewer people observed sleeping in nearby tunnel.</p> <p>Fraser Health: Housing first improving people's health over time and causing a decrease in emergency visits. Mental Health and physical health wraparound services discussed.</p>	
Updates and discussions from committee representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain City clinical counsellor on staff and available to those not already connected to those services in the community 	
Action items and next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coast to contact CEED Ctr. To address sharps removal from park • Alouette Heights Outreach business cards to be delivered to committee member • Coast to set up a meeting with Fraser Health • Neighbour to keep reporting concerns to Coast • Committee agreed to keep meeting every three months 	<p>Coast Mental Health</p> <p>Coast Mental Health</p> <p>Coast Mental Health and Fraser Health</p>
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Thursday of January 2021 proposed 	