

Edith Elliott (left) and Dave Rickards, a Parkinson Society BC board member, posed for pictures during a previous Parkinson SuperWalk in Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows. (Special to The News)

New organizer needed for local Parkinson SuperWalk

Edith Elliott stepping down after 15 years at the helm

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After more than 15 years, the main organizer of the Parkinson's SuperWalk for Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows is stepping down and the search is on for somebody else to take over.

Edith Elliott has been organizing the event for so long, that local businesses see her coming and are ready with donations for the annual event, the main fundraiser for the Parkinson's Society of BC.

She is going to be very missed, said friend and fellow member of the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Parkinson's Support Group, Diane Daignault. Daignault was diagnosed with the disease in 2012 and joined the support group, where she met Elliott, a week after her diagnosis.

The Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Parkinson's Support Group is looking for a new organizer for their signature event.

"She does a wonderful, very thorough job, and is very well organized," Daignault said, commending the amount of work Elliott even puts into getting door prizes for the event.

"She's a wonderful friend. She's done a lot for the Parkinson's society," added Daignault.

Elliott noted she will remain as facilitator of the local Parkinson's support group, but notified the group she would be stepping down as lead organizer of the walk at the beginning of the year.

It's a lot of work, as Elliott starts the process in March.

The 78-year-old explained she has asked for help in the past, but, even with good intentions, people who answer the call become way too busy with other things in their lives.

"I do it all myself, other than the day of. That's when I pull in all my volunteers for registration and other jobs that need to be done on that particular day," said Elliott.

If anyone wants to take on the walk, Elliott said she is more than willing to help them learn the ropes.

Last year more than 150 people took part in the walk, various seniors support groups had tables set up, and there were dozens of door prizes to be had.

This year a mini-walk is being held instead – a walk without the vendor tables, door prizes, or on-site registration. The event will be taking place on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Hammond Community Centre, 20601 Westfield Ave., in Maple Ridge.

The 2024 Parkinson Canada SuperWalk will take place on Sept. 7 or 8 in 30 locations across Canada. There will also be a virtual option for those who would like to participate at home.

Since 1990, walkers across the country have raised $44 million for research, support tools, and advocacy for people living with Parkinson's.

The SuperWalk is Canada's largest fundraising event for the Parkinson Society of British Columbia and all the money stays in the province, added Elliott.

Elliott will still be helping out at the mini-walk, although she does not have all the details yet about what the walk will entail.

"I am going to miss it. It's really been part of my life and my schedule for the past 15 years," she said.

The Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Parkinson's Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month from September until June, taking a break in July and August, at the Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre, 12150 224 St., in Maple Ridge.

Currently, there are about 60 members of the group, and about 20 to 30 of those members attend the meetings.

For more information about the Parkinson's SuperWalk or about the support group call 604-463-6018 or email: elliotte12@telus.net.

To register for the upcoming walk people can go to: https://www.parkinson.bc.ca/superwalk/ – a new website will be launched in June 2024.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW 2991, 2024

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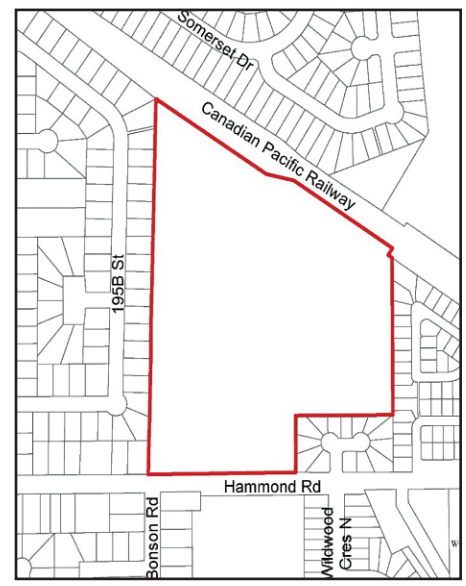
The City of Pitt Meadows hereby gives notice that an amendment to Zoning Bylaw 2505, 2011 will be considered for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings by Council as part of its Council meeting on **Tuesday June 4, 2024**, starting at 7:00 p.m.

What is the Intent of the Bylaw?

Land use regulations for Meadow Highlands Co-operative (Hammond Road mobile home park) are currently governed by a "land use contract." Land use contracts were allowed in BC between 1971 and 1978 as a form of site specific, contractual arrangement between local governments and landowners. The land use contract that has governed land use, density, and the placement of buildings and structures for the Meadows Highlands Cooperative since its initial development will be expiring on June 30, 2024, as mandated by the Province of BC. Upon the expiration of the land use contract on June 30, 2024, land use, density, and the placement of building and structures for Meadow Highlands Cooperative will be regulated by the City's Zoning Bylaw.

The current zoning for Meadow Highlands Co-operative is Multi-Family Residential (RM-1), which does not permit manufactured homes. Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2991, 2024 proposes to rezone the property to a new Residential Mobile Home (RMH) zone to match the existing use.

The property affected is shown boldly outlined in red on the map to the right



How Do I Get More Information?

From May 23 to June 4, 2024, copies of the respective bylaws, supporting staff reports, and other relevant information can be found by visiting City Hall or online at pittmeadows.ca/zoningandlanduseconsiderations.

If you require further information after reviewing the above online materials, please contact:

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How do I Watch the Meeting?

You can attend the meeting in person or view the livestream at pittmeadows.ca/councilmeetings

How do I Make Comment?

Written submissions can be emailed to clerks@pittmeadows.ca. Physical letters can be sent to: Legislative Services, City of Pitt Meadows, 12007 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2B5.

Written submissions received BEFORE 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting will be included in the meeting agenda package for Council's consideration. Submissions received AFTER this deadline, up until the start of the meeting, will be provided to Council on table.

As a public hearing is prohibited on this matter under section 464 of the *Local Government Act*, verbal comments or delegations on this matter by members of the public will not be allowed during the meeting.

All written submissions, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact:
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