

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH SEPTEMBER 2016

### INFORMED: Let's Talk Soil

#### Open House and Online Survey on Soil

The City of Maple Ridge has recently initiated a review of the Maple Ridge Soil Deposit Regulation Bylaw No. 5763-1999. Public consultation is a pivotal component of this review process and the City is looking to speak with citizens, business owners and other stakeholders on the current bylaw.

A public open house will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 4:30 – 8:30 pm (drop in anytime) in the Council Chambers foyer. You can access the open house through the doorway facing east towards the RCMP Headquarters. All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend and learn more about the current bylaw, address concerns that have been raised to date and provide comments on how to improve the bylaw.

In addition to the open house, a questionnaire for public feedback will be made available on the Maple Ridge website [www.mapleridge.ca/152](http://www.mapleridge.ca/152) and a paper copy is available at the



Planning Department front counter at City Hall. The feedback that is received will assist staff in preparing a draft bylaw for Council's consideration.

The draft bylaw will be presented in early 2017 to the community for further discussion and recommendations as a continuation of the City's public consultation process.

### ENGAGED: #MRHeritage Inventory Project

#### Help Update the Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge

In 1998 Maple Ridge completed the first Heritage Inventory project which culminated in a list of 100 sites which have been researched, photographed and described as special historic places within the community.



The Community Heritage Commission (CHC) would like input from the community on what sites to include based on their cultural, social, scientific and spiritual heritage. Some examples are buildings, landscapes, vistas, monuments, artifacts, gathering spaces, etc.

On Monday, October 3, 2016 from 4:30 to 8:30 pm the CHC will be hosting an open house at the Ridge Meadows Seniors Activity Centre. This will be your opportunity to meet the team working on updating the Heritage Inventory, share your ideas for sites you would like to nominate and ask any questions regarding the Heritage Inventory project. You are encouraged to bring your old photos, newspaper clippings and any other general information on sites you feel have heritage value.

You can also make an online nomination following the 'Hot Topics' link on the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca). For more information on the #MRHeritage Inventory Project please contact Lisa Zosiak, Planner at 604-467-7383 or via email at [lzosiak@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lzosiak@mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED: International Conference Visits Maple Ridge

#### Albion Fairgrounds Hosts DEMO International Conference



From September 22 to 24 Maple Ridge will be the nexus for the 2016 DEMO International Forestry conference. The Albion Fairgrounds and UBC Research Forest will be hosting conference delegates and international media members from around the world including the United States, South America and Europe.

This prestigious conference returns to the west coast for the first time in 16 years. Maple Ridge's Economic Development team have been working closely with the hosts, the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia, to ensure delegates enjoy their time in our community.

The City has partnered with Tim Hortons to welcome approx. 80,000 visitors with complimentary coffee in Tim Hortons corporate van/truck. The City has also partnered with Haney Builders' Supplies to promote tourism in our City and be the official 'go-to' hardware and lumber supplier for Demo International exhibitors.

For more information about this conference please contact Lino Siracusa, Manager of Economic Development for the City of Maple Ridge at [lsiracusa@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lsiracusa@mapleridge.ca) or by calling 604-467-7320. Welcome the delegates to Canada and beautiful Maple Ridge, BC!

### INFORMED: September 2016

#### Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor and Council encourage everyone to attend these important public meetings. It's your chance to see how public policy is debated and enacted.

##### Monday, September 19

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

##### Tuesday, September 20

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link under Your Council on the home page.

##### Workshop at a Glance

Subscribe to the 'Workshop at a Glance' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

##### Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole meeting you can now watch these meetings on your computer 24/7. The entire unedited meetings are posted two to three days after the meeting. The video is indexed to the agenda package so that you can watch them in their entirety or click through by agenda item. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the centre of the home page. In addition, Council meetings broadcast on the internet via live streaming. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page or connect via the Videos link right beside the 'newsroom' icon on the home page at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

### ENGAGED: Hot Topics Link

#### One Click Connects You with Important Information



In March of 2016 we launched our 'Hot Topics' link off the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca). When you click on the flaming photo you are taken to an ever-changing menu of items that will allow you to find important information that is before Council, public engagement work that's underway and topics that are trending on the community radar. It's that simple. Take a look and let us know what you think by email at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca).

#### Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

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