

Maple Ridge THIS WEEK

February 15-29, 2020

Administration

'Reppin' The Ridge' - 2020 BC Winter Games Athlete Sendoff Event

On Tuesday, February 18, Maple Ridge Council hosted an Athlete sendoff event called 'Reppin' the Ridge' at City Hall. Athletes from Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Langley heading to the 2020 BC Winter Games in Fort St. John joined Mayor Bill Dingwall from Pitt Meadows, and representatives of the 2020 BC Summer Games Board of Directors for a reception. Mayor Morden, Mayor Dingwall and Canadian World Junior Hockey Gold Medalist and Maple Ridge Home Town Hero Brett Sonne addressed the athletes and parents to offer encouragement and congratulations on being selected to represent our community in Fort St. John.

Mayor Morden and all of Council would like to congratulate all of the athletes who represented the Fraser Valley Zone and our community and offer congratulations to the Boy and Girls Curling teams for each winning bronze medals in the competition. All of the athletes did an outstanding job as ambassadors for our community and we congratulate the City of Fort St. John on the great work hosting the Winter Games. As part of the closing ceremonies the Games flag was handed to the team organizing the 2020 BC Summer Games here in Maple Ridge. The countdown is on!



Licences and Bylaws



Keep Wildlife Wild & Communities Safe

Help keep wildlife wild and communities safe by not setting your garbage, organics or recycling bins out early. Did you know that in Maple Ridge we have a Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw that states when bins are to be placed out for collection and when they are to be removed?

Maple Ridge Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw No. 7437-2018 states receptacles are to be placed out no earlier than 5:00 am ON COLLECTION DAY and are to be removed no later than 7:00 pm on collection day. Thank You for helping keep our community safe for everyone.

For more information visit www.mapleridge.ca/322



HAPPENING SOON

FEBRUARY 28

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHT
& LANTERN PARADE**

FEBRUARY 29

**CHILDCARE
& EDUCATION
ASSISTANT
CAREER FAIR**

**FASHION "FUR"
FRIENDS OF
AUSTRALIA CLOTHING
SWAP AND SHOP
FUNDRAISER**

MARCH 2-6

**LITTLE SHOP
OF HORRORS -
THE MUSICAL!**

MARCH 7

**12th ANNUAL RIDGE
MEADOWS SOUTH
ASIAN CULTURAL
SOCIETY GALA**

MARCH 14

**WE CAN FIX THAT!
MAPLE RIDGE REPAIR
CAFE #2 FOR 2020**

COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

MARCH 3

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 10

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

Corporate Financial Services



Speculation and Vacancy Tax deadline is March 31st

The Provincial Speculation and Vacancy Tax is part of the BC Government's affordable housing plan. All owners of residential property in Maple Ridge must complete an annual declaration, either by phone or on-line. The information you need will be mailed by mid-February; if you have not received one by late February, please contact Service BC.

For information about the tax and the process, please contact:

Website: www.gov.bc.ca/spectax

Toll Free: 1 (833) 554-2323

(Outside North America) Office: 1 (604) 660-2421

Email: spectaxinfo@gov.bc.ca



Metered Water Notices Have Been Mailed Out

Metered Water Notices have been mailed out, covering October, November and December (2019 Quarter 4). **They are due March 9, 2020**

Council Meetings and Agendas

Council is committed to conducting business in a manner that permits public participation at every opportunity. The public is invited to sit in on any of the following meetings of Council. Dates of meetings for 2020 are listed on the 2020 Meeting Schedule and the 2020 Council Yearly Meeting Calendar.

<http://mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/23814/2020-Council-Meeting-Schedule-List>

Live Coverage

Council meetings are broadcast via live streaming. For new users, we suggest that you go online before the meeting and test out the existing collection of videos here: <http://media.mapleridge.ca/Mediasite/Showcase>

TV Coverage

Council meetings are broadcast on Shaw TV cable 4 at 2:00 pm on the Saturday following the Council meetings and rebroadcast on the following Monday at 7 pm.



Be a Nature Explorer – Check It Out!

Metro Vancouver and the Kanaka Education & Environmental Partnership Society (KEEPS) are offering some wonderful outdoor adventure experiences worth checking out this Spring. Fun, exciting and educational, people of all ages will enjoy these interpretive hikes and interactive nature workshops.

In Maple Ridge, these engagement experiences are taking place at Kanaka Creek Regional Park in partnership with KEEPS, a society that maintains the Kanaka Creek watershed's health through education, community involvement, scientific research, land preservation and partnership based on stewardship principles. As well as offering events like "Good-bye Chums," KEEPS also welcomes the public to visit the Kanaka Creek Watershed Stewardship Centre anytime for a chance to take in their displays and presentations. Visitors are welcome to tour indoor and outdoor spaces including the Bell-Irving Hatchery, the "Roof to Creek" storm water management system and wetlands. While there, enjoy a picnic lunch in a stunningly beautiful setting next to Kanaka Creek and take a hike along well-marked canyon trails that wind past bridges, waterfalls and sandstone cliffs.

Kanaka Creek Regional Park – 11450 256th Street, Maple Ridge

Featured Events

Goodbye Chums!

Release salmon fry into the creek where they will start their journey to the sea. Take part in fun activities and games to find out how to help the salmon. Free, all ages

Sunday, April 26, 11 am – 3 pm

Botanical Watercolors

Discover forest secrets on a guided walk then try your hand at capturing plant details through the art of botanical painting. Age 14+

Sunday, June 14, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Art-Ventures in Nature

Explore the outdoors and practice different art forms such as painting, drawing and journaling. Active Games, dramatic play and nature walks get creative juices flowing for this adventure in art and nature. Ages 6 – 12 years

Monday, March 15 and Friday, March 20, 8:45 am – 4 pm.

For a full program schedule and registration information, including events and programs offered regionally, visit www.metrovancouver.org/checkitout.

Welcome Back to the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre Pool!

On February 3, the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre opened its doors and welcomed residents back to the newly renovated lobby, change area and aquatics facility. Construction started in the Spring of 2018 and many improvements were made including a zero depth beach entry into the hot tub and leisure pool, repair of the waterfall feature, addition of a new lazy river and a leveled pool deck for increased accessibility. One of the most significant changes took place below deck with the expanded mechanical room and brand new chlorination system. The new, modernized systems use a combination of liquid chlorine and Ultraviolet (UV) which greatly improves water quality.

During construction, the City offered a customer accommodation program to support access to neighboring pool facilities for swim clubs, families and residents requiring financial assistance.

Throughout the renovation, the City continued to operate the MRLC's gymnasium, multi-purpose spaces, preschool and fitness centre to minimize impact to residents. While the renovation offered a number of unforeseen challenges, communication was prioritized through our digital first "Pool Talk" strategy which kept the community updated through the website, Facebook, behind the scenes video updates, FAQ's and a commitment to online responses where possible.

On Sunday, February 23 the City celebrated the official Grand Reopening of the pool with music, games, prizes and free access all day.





Spring Guide Now Available

Spring is coming soon and there are many exciting programs, events and more for everyone to enjoy. You can view the Spring Program Guide [online](#) or printed guides which are available at the Leisure Centre or City Hall. You can register online or in-person at the Leisure Centre. If you are looking for Spring Break programs, you can find more information in the [Winter Guide](#).



Sledge Hockey Try-It!

On Monday, February 17, Parks, Recreation & Culture partnered with SportAbility BC to host a Sledge Hockey Try-It Event. Sledge Hockey is a Paralympic sport that was adapted for those living with physical disabilities. 25 participants joined in the para-sport of Sledge Hockey and were led through the basics of skating and puck handling by Sledge Athletes: Matthew Norris, Brandon Twaites, Colin Huppee and Canadian Men's National Team Member and two time Paralympic medalist James Gemmell.



Family Day Fun Had By All!

On February 17, Parks Recreation & Culture and the ACT hosted a variety of fun and free family inspired events for Family Day.

At the Leisure Centre, over 1,000 residents came to enjoy the new pool and other free family day programs including Aquafit, Family Play Gym and Family Zumba. YOGAPL3Y, the world's most positive and playful yoga program for kids, was also offered for the first time as part of the many activities throughout the day.

The Art's Centre welcomed over 500 visitors who enjoyed building barns and chicken coops from recycled materials, building farmyard clay figurines, lantern making crafts or dress up in period costumes. There was also a Chill Zone where families enjoyed reading books or they visited the gallery's current exhibition, [From Barn to Table](#). Families got a stamp for every activity completed and entered their passports for a chance to win great prizes.

Thank you to our community partners and the Province of BC for making Family Day a huge success.



Building barns and chicken coops from recycled material on the ACT's Mainstage



Farmyard Clay Figurines at the ACT's Ceramics Studio

Parks and Facilities



YOGAPL3Y at the Leisure Centre



AquaFit at the Leisure Centre Pool



The Trans Canada Trail is now 'The Great Trail'

The world's longest recreational trail, formerly known as the Trans Canada Trail, has been renamed 'The Great Trail'. The Great Trail spans 13 provinces and territories, supporting a variety of recreational trail experiences in communities along the route. Within Maple Ridge, The Great Trail follows a 23 kilometre route along trails and road shoulders stretching from the dykes in the northwest part of the City to the Albion area in the east.

With the new name comes new signage and \$7,800 in funding provided by the Trans Canada Trail organization for the installation work. Parks staff replaced the former signage with 75 new trail name signs, 75 directional signs and over 100 stickers indicating various wayfinding points along Maple Ridge's portion of the route. For more information on this "great" trail visit www.thegreattrail.ca.

