



MAPLE RIDGE COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

Heritage Here — Quarterly Newsletter

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HERITAGE WEEK

“Main Street: At the Heart of the Community”

16-22 February 2015

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In the Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall

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Join the Maple Ridge Historical Society
Saturday February 21 11:00 am or 2:00 pm
Tour heritage in downtown Maple Ridge

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CHC Membership

- Sandra Ayres, Community-at-Large
- Faye Isaac, Maple Ridge Historical Society
- Cyndy Johnson-McCormick, Community-at-Large
- Len Pettit, Community-at-Large
- Eric Phillips, Community-at-Large
- Steve Ranta, Community-at-Large
- Mayor Nicole Read, Alternate Council Liaison
- Brenda L. Smith, Maple Ridge Historical Society
- Councillor Craig Speirs, Council Liaison
- Lisa Zosiak, Staff Liaison
- Sunny Schiller, Committee Clerk

JOIN THE MAPLE RIDGE COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

Become a member:

The Community Heritage Commission is committed to projects aimed at promoting heritage education and public awareness. If you are interested in joining the Community Heritage Commission, please submit a letter of interest to:

Community Heritage Commission
c/o the Maple Ridge Planning Department
11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V3X 6A9
Fax: 604-466-4327
Email: lzosiak@mapleridge.ca

From the Chair



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Winter has done its stormy best to distract us from important happenings. The Community Heritage Commission launched 2015 with plans for Heritage Week and a number of projects that you will learn more about as plans unfold. We have welcomed three new members to the table. You can meet two of them on the next page.

Let's celebrate together! February 16 to 22 is Heritage Week and Maple Ridge has three events planned to help you express your thoughts and appreciation.

Since 1996 Maple Ridge has been celebrating citizens for their heritage efforts. Come out on February 19 to help us honour more heritage achievements.

We have also launched a new Local Voices Series of presentations at Maple Ridge Library. We hope you will join us to share stories with interesting folks who call our community home.

Finally, our Commission meetings are open to the public on the first Tuesday evening of each month from September to June. We hope you will come to tell us about your heritage interests and initiatives.

Yours in telling the Maple Ridge story
Brenda L. Smith, Chair

New Members of the Community Heritage Commission

The Heritage Commission is appointed by City Council. We report twice a year to Council. On heritage matters we provide information and advice to Council, educate and raise awareness of Council and staff, and provide recommendations for consideration of Council and staff.

Welcome to Sandra Ayres and Eric Phillips who joined us as Community-at-Large members in January to take up their share of this service to the community. We will introduce other members in up-coming newsletters.



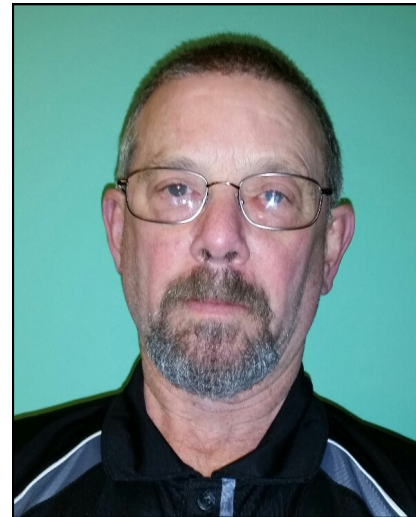
Sandra Ayres

The decision to move to Maple Ridge was an easy one. As newlyweds, Sandra and her husband wanted a location which offered the small town feel in which to raise children as well as a view of mountains. Little did they know that more than 20 years later they would find a historical tie to the area.

Stories have always played a part in Sandra's life. Best memories are of listening to grandparents tell of their growing up or trips with her parents, naming the towns as they passed and recalling the reason the town was significant to the family lore. Even Sandra's formative years in Nelson, British Columbia, a city rich with architecture and history, have led to her love of

exploring the journey of why people and places evolved through the passage of time.

This love of personal histories and a strong volunteer disposition has combined to guide her to the Community Historical Committee where she hopes to promote Maple Ridge's uniqueness for generations to come.



Eric Phillips

Eric Phillips is one of the three new Community-At-Large members recently appointed to the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission. Eric was raised in British Columbia, starting in Vancouver, then Vancouver Island and back to Vancouver and Coquitlam where he served as president of Coquitlam Heritage Society. After moving to Maple Ridge Eric was involved with the Maple Ridge Mountain Festival and Spirit of Wood Festival. For 15 years he was a leader of the Port Hammond Community Association. Previously he has also served on the Community Heritage Commission and the Parks and Leisure Services Commission. The heritage of Maple Ridge is very important to Eric and he is glad to be on board.

Local Voices at Maple Ridge Library

In 2014 Maple Ridge celebrated 140 years as a community and started a new era by achieving official city status. This series celebrates the City of Maple Ridge, past and present, through the voices of our citizens. Presentations will combine talks, readings and performances with community dialogue. Presented by the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission and Historical Society, the Maple Ridge Family History Group, and the Golden Ears Writers.

Programs begin at 7:00 pm. Remaining programs in the series:

February 25	Presenters: Sheila Nickols, Darren Durupt, John Simms
March 25	Presenters: Michael DesMazes, , Fred Braches, Craig Speirs
April 22	Presenters: Elizabeth Hancock, Klaus Von Hardenberg, Candace Gordon

New Format for *Heritage Here*

With the Winter 2015 issue of *Heritage Here* we are test-driving a new format that brings the Community Heritage Commission quarterly newsletter into visual harmony with other City of Maple Ridge publications. Please let us know what you think of the new look and send us your contribution about the history of Maple Ridge.

Heritage Week Events

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WEBINAR: Using Heritage to Build Dynamic Downtowns

Join the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm In the Blaney Room, Maple Ridge City Hall

Urban planner Maria Stanborough presents this one hour webinar exploring best practices in heritage conservation for downtown revitalization. Stay for a moderated discussion. Attendance is free. Seating is limited. Contact 604-467-7383 or email lzosiak@mapleridge.ca to reserve your seat.

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Thursday, February 19, 2015 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall

Presentation of 2014 Heritage Awards

Fanfare by Maple Ridge Concert Band

Re-enactment of Mayors' Speeches by Emerald Pig Theatrical Society

Reception with Refreshments

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 12, 2015 to Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383 or lzosiak@mapleridge.ca

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Join the Maple Ridge Historical Society

Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Erica Williams leads 2 Heritage Tours of downtown Maple Ridge along 224 Street and side streets.

Tours start at the Memorial Peace Park fountain on 224 Street and are limited to 15 people.

Contact Maple Ridge Museum for details and to register. 604-463-5311 or mrmuseum@gmail.com