



# MAPLE RIDGE THIS MONTH

July 02, 2021

## Let's Talk Community Safety



The City of Maple Ridge is in the process of developing a Community Social Safety Strategy and we want to hear from you! Community Safety is one of the pillars of Council's Strategic Plan, and community engagement is an important part of the evolution of how this work will be delivered in the coming months and years.

We are building an understanding of what a safe City looks like and want to hear your thoughts on current community safety issues and concerns: What's working? What needs improvement? Your background, family circumstances and where you live are just some of the ways your perspectives on 'safety' are shaped. That's why we are using a number of ways to reach out to citizens including surveys and neighbourhood engagement sessions.

Please visit our website at [mapleridge.ca/2370](http://mapleridge.ca/2370) for the latest information on upcoming engagement opportunities to share your thoughts through our survey, and to register for upcoming neighbourhood focused events. If you have any questions please email us at [leadtogether@mapleridge.ca](mailto:leadtogether@mapleridge.ca). Thanks for being part of the discussion.

## Have Your Say. Economic Development Strategy Development



What if we could achieve the exceptional as a community? What kind of community do we want to leave behind for our children and grandchildren? How do we create the transformation in our plans that help get us to our aspirational horizon?

The City of Maple Ridge is creating an Economic Development Strategy that aims to answer these questions – and we need your input and ideas! There are three surveys open to residents of Maple Ridge so we can capture the unique perspectives of our business community, youth and residents. The surveys are open until July 5, 2021 on a special website [makethefuture.mapleridge.ca](http://makethefuture.mapleridge.ca).

Maple Ridge was once internationally renowned for forestry using rail technology to move logs from the cut site to the mills. That was followed

by an era when the community was known for growing, canning and exporting some of the finest fruit in the world. Each evolution was powered by the ingenuity and drive of local entrepreneurs. Change has been a constant.

This is your chance to help shape the future of our community with a strong vision. As the slogan for this engagement project says - Share your voice and help shape our bold future!

## Celebrating Summer

As BC moves to the next steps in the BC Restart Plan, the City of Maple Ridge is continually adjusting our programs and community events to align with public health orders. The 2021 PRC Summer Guide is out and is a great source of activities as we start to enjoy the great weather and 'bigger spaces' that we are blessed with.



As you plan your summer adventures, we encourage you to go to [mapleridge.ca/1925](http://mapleridge.ca/1925) to explore all of the facilities in our community. From park sites to spray pools, you can plan activities close to home that might include a picnic and unstructured play.

As things ramp up, there will be updated announcements on Festivals and Events around town. The best place to get the latest information is at [mapleridge.ca/1463](http://mapleridge.ca/1463) on the City website. Remember there will continue to be some public health impacts until we are all vaccinated and the pandemic is behind us.

One of the activities that has restarted is the Haney Farmers Market which is back on Saturday's at Memorial Peace Park. The Market runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and features an incredible selection of local fruits, vegetables and meats as well as prepared foods to make your meals special. Artisans have also returned and are at the Market with their wares. It's a great way to kickstart your weekend.

Finally, we encourage you to keep connected with the City through our social media channels. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter [@yourmapleridge](https://www.instagram.com/yourmapleridge). As the activities gradually return to normal, we will share further information on community events. Stay safe everyone



## HAPPENING JULY COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

The City of Maple Ridge has adapted our business operations to the COVID-19 health emergency. We are maintaining the normal Council Meeting Schedule using digital tools so that our Mayor, Council members and staff are able to follow Dr. Henry's health recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19. All meetings are livestreamed on the City website and participation by the public is facilitated through virtual tools. Look for the details on how you can participate online at [mapleridge.ca/640](http://mapleridge.ca/640).

### TUESDAY, JULY 6

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
1:30 PM

### TUESDAY, JULY 13

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
11:00 AM
- COUNCIL MEETING  
7:00 PM

### TUESDAY, JULY 20

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
1:30 PM
- PUBLIC HEARING  
7:00 PM

### TUESDAY, JULY 27

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
11:00 AM
- COUNCIL MEETING  
7:00 PM

The 2021 Council Calendar is posted at [mapleridge.ca/2318](http://mapleridge.ca/2318) for your convenience.

