

# Maple Ridge THIS WEEK

October 15-31, 2019

## Administration

### Watch Council Meetings Live From the Comfort of Your Home



This month marks the one year anniversary of the election of our Mayor & Council and they've been busy bringing action around their Strategic Vision for the community. We recognize that you're leading busy lives, but it's important to stay

connected with the work of your Council. Did you know that you can watch all of Council's meetings from the comfort of your home on your computer, tablet or smartphone.

The City of Maple Ridge live streams all of the Council meetings and maintains a video library of all past meetings. If you can't make it to City Hall in person this is a great option to stay informed on the important work of your local government. Just go to the City website at [www.mapleridge.ca](http://www.mapleridge.ca) and click on the Council icon on the home page and you are taken to the menu that connects you with the agendas, reports and video streaming assets. Stay connected with your community

## Licenses and Bylaws

### Halloween and Fireworks

In order to ensure a safe and pleasant Halloween for all, the City of Maple Ridge Bylaw Department wishes to remind residents that the sale, purchase or possession of fireworks in Maple Ridge is prohibited by Bylaw. It is possible to obtain a permit for neighbourhood displays of fireworks from the Fire Department.

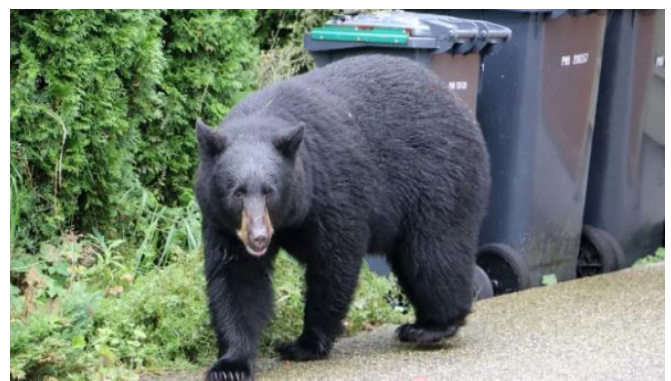
We also want to caution dog and cat owners to ensure they keep their animals inside their homes on Halloween evening to prevent any negative impact on their pets. The noise from errant fireworks/firecrackers can be very disturbing and frightening to some pets and in past years a number of animals have been impounded when they became disoriented and lost when off their property. If you have any questions regarding Fireworks permits please call the Fire Department at 604-463-5880. For all other inquiries please contact the Bylaw Department at 604-467-7305.



### Keeping Wildlife Wild & Our 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. Fines of up to \$200 may be issued for each offense. Thank You for helping keep our community safe for everyone. For more information visit [www.mapleridge.ca/322](http://www.mapleridge.ca/322)





## Valve Decommissioning

Metro Vancouver supplies drinking water to the City of Maple Ridge at a pressure higher than desired for most neighbourhoods west of 240 Street. The City uses pressure reducing valves to achieve desired water pressures within the City's water distribution network. However, several of the City's valves are aging and in need of replacement or rehabilitation at significant expense. To minimize the number of aging valves that must be upgraded, the City initiated a study to determine which valves could be decommissioned without negatively affecting system operation. The study, completed in October 2019 by engineering consultant GeoAdvice, confirmed that the City may decommission four aging pressure reducing valves located along Dewdney Trunk Road while meeting existing and future system demands and also maintaining a level of system redundancy.

Decommissioning the aging valves will mitigate risk of future valve failure and unplanned traffic disruptions on Dewdney Trunk Road. Moreover, optimizing the number of valves in the City's system will reduce infrastructure lifecycle costs. The City will coordinate valve decommissioning with Metro Vancouver.



## Timberline Country Christmas

### Come out to the Country



If you and your family are looking for a relaxing, old-fashioned and fun Christmas experience that avoids crowded malls and long Santa line-ups, discover a 73 acre horse ranch in Maple Ridge that has been transformed into a Christmas wonderland. Be enchanted

by glorious lights, beautiful tree, interactive scenes, lovely music and delightful activities that remind us of times when Christmas was a lot simpler and less commercial.

Timberline Ranch is at 22351 144 Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC. Discover our local agri-tourism experiences that have become well-attended regional draws. For more information go to:

[www.timberlinechristmas.ca](http://www.timberlinechristmas.ca)  
#discovermapleridge



## 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 2019 are listed on the 2019 Meeting Schedule and the 2019 Council Yearly Meeting Calendar.

<http://www.mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/21114/2019-Council-Yearly-Calendar>

## Upcoming Meetings & Agendas

November 5, 2019 - Committee of the Whole Meeting  
November 5, 2019 - Council Workshop  
November 12, 2019 - Council Workshop  
November 12, 2019 - Council Meeting

## 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/Catalog/Full/5edbe1869ec44ad9ab81cdcfe0767b6321>

## 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 7:00 pm.



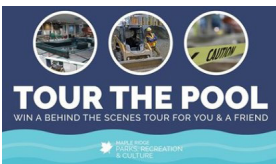
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### Maple Ridge's Culture Plan & Implementation Framework Wins National Award of Excellence for Cultural Planning

The Creative City Network of Canada, a national non-profit organization working to support cultural development in communities across the country, has selected Maple Ridge's new Cultural Plan (Walking Together – Growing Connections Through Culture) for the annual Award of Excellence in Cultural Planning. The award recognizes one Canadian municipality that has developed, revitalized, adopted, and implemented an excellent Culture Plan with a process that demonstrates outstanding visionary leadership and best practices in cultural planning within the past three years. The award was **announced** on October 1 and was presented to the City and its representative at the Creative City Summit in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on Oct. 1-3 and was subsequently presented to Council and Task Group members on Oct. 15. We greatly thank Task Group members, Kwantlen First Nations, Katzie First Nations, City of Maple Ridge Council and staff, and Patricia Blakey Huntsman! More information on the Culture Plan is available on the City's [website](#).

### Win a Behind the Scenes Tour of the Leisure Centre Pool for You and a Friend



Curious to see what's going on behind the scenes of the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre renovation? Enter the Tour the Pool contest to win a tour of the construction site by our Facilities Operations

Manager for you and a friend! To enter the draw, email us at [pooltalk@mapleridge.ca](mailto:pooltalk@mapleridge.ca) or comment on the City's [Facebook page](#) with your answer to the following question: What are you most looking forward to about the newly renovated pool? Whether it's the improved accessibility, new lazy river or the rebuilt waterfall feature, we'd love to know! Enter by November 3 at 12:00 AM for your chance to see the construction up close and personal. Please note that the tour will take place the week of November 12-18. The date and time of the tour will be announced once available.

To learn more about the renovations and for full contest details, visit our Pool Talk [website](#).

### Celebrate the Night Huge Success and Record Attendance

Thank you to residents and visitors alike for coming out to help Celebrate the Night Maple Ridge style! It was a spectacular night with record attendance numbers and a big help from Mother Nature. People enjoyed the costume parade, new light projections and labyrinth, LED blow up jaxs, Blackberry Wood performance and children's games and roving entertainers. A shout out to Envision Financial for being our Main Stage sponsor and all our other community partners and volunteers.

Please take the [survey](#) to tell us about your experience and how we can improve for next year.



### Free Annual Allco Fish Hatchery Tour

November 3rd, 2019 from 11 am to 1 pm



#### 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Introduction to the Alouette River Management Society

#### 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

- Guided tour of Allco Fish Hatchery, see salmon up close!
- Learn about food chains, ecosystems and habitats
- Understand the impacts of the Alouette Dam
- Learn about the fish fence and trap operations

#### 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Questions? Chat with ARMS staff about the Alouette River Watershed.

Where: 24953 Alouette Road, Maple Ridge, through Allco Park  
RSVP to [sophie@alouetteriver.org](mailto:sophie@alouetteriver.org) or 604.467.6401.  
Limited availability, register today!



## Parks, Recreation and Culture

### Physical Literacy 101

#### Canada's Physical Literacy Consensus Statement

A number of key staff from PRC, Fraser Health, SD42, and several members of the Maple Ridge Sport Network attended a

workshop facilitated by Tom Jones from Sport for Life. The workshop provided the [definition and theory of Physical Literacy](#) that developed Canada's Physical Literacy Consensus Statement. The aim is to assist professionals who work directly with children, families and adults become motivated, have greater understanding of and engage in physical activities for life.

### Join the City of Maple Ridge Aquatics Team in 2020

Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture is currently hiring Lifeguards/Instructors and Slide Attendants! With the re-opening of the newly renovated aquatics facility in the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre upcoming in early 2020, The City is looking to expand with individuals who are ready to take on a community-focused opportunity.

Joining the Aquatics team means you will be joining a tight-knit group of aquatic professionals who care deeply about their fellow coworkers as well as the work they do. Between competitive pay, flexible schedules and satisfying work, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

[Apply to join our team today!](#)



### Pauline Clarke Trail Repair Work Party

Once again, Parks staff teamed up with the Haney Horseman Group for a volunteer trail work party, this time at the Pauline Clarke trail near 256th Street and 104th Avenue at the Thornhill trail system. Both of the bridge approach areas have experienced significant sluffing of trail surface material, which created a reduction in the area of level tread when approaching the decking. The work party endeavored in installing proper curbing on three corners, while reinforcing the other corner and replacing, leveling and tamping lost material at both ends to create a more permanent fix.



### Telosky Stadium – Synthetic Fields Open



The two synthetic fields at Telosky Stadium opened to the public last week, in time for the Maple Ridge Minor Lacrosse Association to host their annual Turkey Shoot Lacrosse Tournament. The two new synthetic fields are the third and fourth new synthetic fields in

our community in the last two years. These fields feature the same odorless engineered infill as the Golden Ears field.

The contractors will continue to work on the fieldhouse and diamond three until they are completed later this year. Stay tuned to our social media channels for an invite to the grand opening to celebrate these new infrastructure improvements for our community.



### Larry Walker Baseball Diamond Reno

Parks staff started renovations to the infield of the Larry Walker baseball diamond in preparation for the BC Summer Games. The infield grass area has been filled and re-sodded to provide a level playing surface. New sand will be installed early in the new-year before the baseball season begins.

The level of baseball played at the BC Summer Games is 15U (Bantam) with a base path of 80 feet. The base path width has been increased to accommodate both the 80' and the existing 90' base paths. Two sets of sleeves are used to keep the bases and home plate at the correct distance from the pitching mound. A similar setup is used next door at Hammond Stadium. This will give Ridge Meadows Minor Baseball Association more options when hosting tournaments and Provincials.

