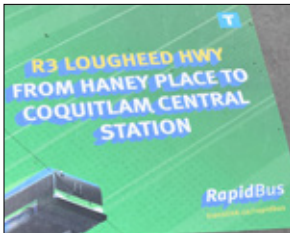


Maple Ridge THIS WEEK 2020

Administration

TransLink B-Line Launch



On Monday, January 6, Mayor Morden and Maple Ridge CAO Al Horsman boarded the new R3 Rapid Bus line at the Haney Place Bus Loop to attend the official launch ceremony for the new RapidBus service at the Coquitlam Central

SkyTrain station. Pitt meadows mayor Bill Dingwall and Port Coquitlam Mayor Brad West also boarded the bus at the Harris Road stop. The three Mayors arrived at the Coquitlam Central station and connected with elected colleagues from the North Fraser communities before the official ceremony.

There was a greeting from Shirley Rivers from the Squamish First Nation followed by presentations from Mayor Dingwall, Ron McKinnon, Member of Parliament Coquitlam – Port Coquitlam, Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kevin Desmond, CEO, TransLink and Michael Hind, CEO of Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce.

After the official presentation the regional Mayors, Council members and dignitaries boarded a RapidBus for a brief tour to review the amenities of the new articulated buses. The ceremony ended with Mayor Morden and Dingwall boarding the R# back to Maple Ridge and we're happy to report that the trip times were right around 30 minutes, a significant time savings for area commuters.



Public Works & Development Services

Town Core Development Update



Phase 1 of the ERA development has started with the demolition of the buildings along Dewdney Trunk Road from Plaza Street to 223 Street. This development is a multi-phase project that will span 8-10 years and will transform the town core.

HAPPENING IN JANUARY

JANUARY 23

OPEN HOUSE

117 Avenue and
Laity Street Corridor
Improvements

COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

JANUARY 21

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
- PUBLIC HEARING

JANUARY 28

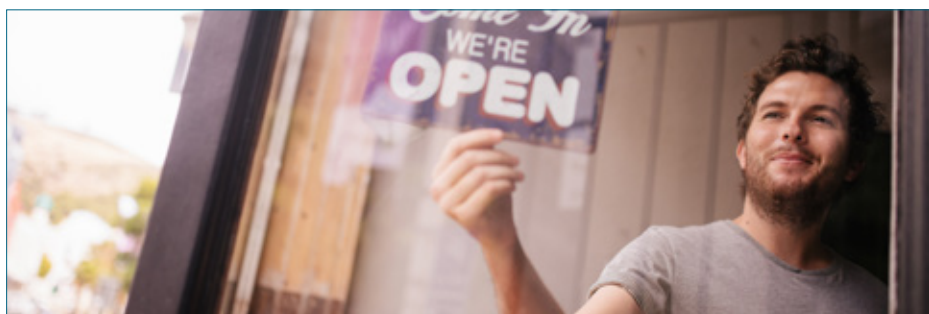
- COUNCIL MEETING WORKSHOP
- COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR

2020 Property Assessments Have Been Mailed Out

The deadline to appeal 2020 Property Assessments is **January 31, 2020**.

Contact BC Assessment for more information.
<https://info.bcassessment.ca/contact-us>

Licences and Bylaws



2020 Business Licence Renewal

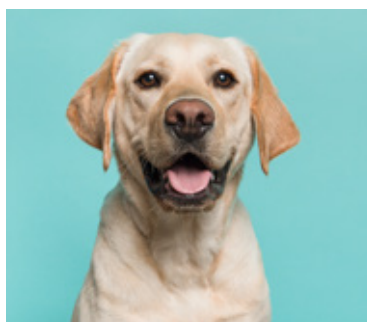
If you hold a Maple Ridge Business Licence, it was due for renewal on or before January 1, 2020. Renewal notices were mailed out to all business owners in December. If you haven't renewed your licence yet, we provide the following payment options:

Online: Go to www.mapleridge.ca and click on the eServices button. Online payments can be made using MasterCard, Visa or certain Debit cards (TD Canada Trust, Bank of Montreal, Scotiabank and RBC Royal Bank). Please note that you will need the licence account number & new licence number from your invoice to pay online.

In Person: At the Finance counter in City Hall or at the Licences & Bylaws front counter located at 11960 Haney Place (1st floor) between 8:00 am & 4:00 pm Monday through Friday (except statutory holidays).

By Mail: Send cheques payable to the City of Maple Ridge 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9. We do not accept cash payment by mail.

By Phone: With Visa, MasterCard or American Express by calling the Licences & Bylaws Department Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (except statutory holidays) at 604-467-7305, press 1 for business licensing.



Dog Licence Renewal

This is a friendly reminder that 2020 Dog Licences are due **January 31, 2020**. For your convenience, the Property Tax Payment Counter will remain open on **January 30, 2020** until 8 pm.

Council Meetings and Agendas

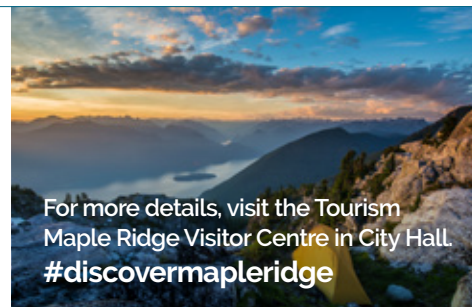
Council is committed to conducting business in a manner that permits public participation at every opportunity. The public is invited to sit in on any of the following meetings of Council. Dates of meetings for 2020 are listed on the 2020 Meeting Schedule and the 2020 Council Yearly Meeting Calendar.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



For more details, visit the Tourism
Maple Ridge Visitor Centre in City Hall.
#discovermapleridge

Knowing Where Your Food Comes From Discover Maple Ridge Farm-To-Table Experiences

For those seeking farm-to-table experiences, family outings, country-themed weddings, and food and drink tasting opportunities, Maple Ridge has a growing number of farms along the Golden Ears Bridge off-ramp's picturesque Golden Ears Way that have opened their doors to the community. Farms such as Golden Ears Cheesecrafters, Laity Farm Pumpkin Patch and seasonal farm stands offer agri-tourism experiences that include long table dinners, afternoon teas on the farm, beer fests and food and drink tasting events. These activities, produced by farm operators, have become popular regional draws for citizens and visitors.

Local eateries and tap houses are also meeting the growing demand for local food and are offering freshly grown and produced food and beverages acquired directly from the producer (which might be a winery, brewery, ranch, fishery or other type of food producer).

For a taste of Maple Ridge, the following is a sample of agri-tourism destinations offering locally-grown food and drink experiences:

Big Feast Bistro

Local ingredients served in a small town bistro with a trendy urban vibe. big-feast.ca

Bruce's Country Market

Fresh salmon, organic produce, freshly baked bread and an amazing deli. bruces.ca

Golden Ears Cheesecrafters

Artisan cheeses, fresh milk & butter. Daily lunch & breakfast served until 3 pm. cheesecrafters.ca

Haney Farmers Market

A lively Saturday market, May to November.
haneyfarmersmarket.org

Humble Roots Café and Deli

Menu items sourced locally for high-quality farm-to-fork foods.
humbleroots.ca

Kingfishers Waterfront Bar & Grill

A waterfront view for enjoying BC wine, craft beer & handcrafted food. kingfisherspub.com

Maple Ridge Ale Trail

A self-guided tour of local craft breweries & tap houses.
[aletrailmapleridge](https://www.mapleridge.ca/aletrail)



Annual Squash Tournament in Maple Ridge

On Saturday, January 4, the Maple Ridge Squash group hosted their annual squash tournament at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre. The squash tournament saw 15 players from across the lower mainland compete at the MRLC. Thank you to the squash volunteers for organizing the regional event.



Shred Share Stoked

The 11th annual Shred, Share, Stoked skate comp was held on December 15. 35 youth participants took part in the event which was sponsored by Supra Distribution, Newline Skate Parks, Coastal Riders, Volcom and Domino's Pizza. All monies raised were donated to the Friends in Need Food Bank.

Annual Loon Lake Leadership Retreat

On December 6-8, 17 youth, supported by PRC Youth staff, participated in an "unplugged" leadership retreat at Loon Lake. This low-cost annual event provides youth with an opportunity to experience personal growth, gain leadership development skills and participate in outdoor adventures.



Holiday Cheer Community Dinner

In partnership with the Pacific Legal Education Association (PLEA) and the Maple Ridge Youth Council, PRC Youth hosted a free intergenerational community holiday dinner. This event allowed youth to gain valuable life skills in regards to planning, budgeting and food preparation. Youth also collected donations and created gift packages for families to take home.



1st Annual Jingle Bells Pickleball Tournament a Success

On Saturday, December 21, the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre hosted the 1st Annual Jingle Bells Pickleball Tournament. The day was filled with competitive games, festive cheer and fun! A special thanks to event organizers – Tournament Coordinator/PRC Sport Volunteer Adele, Pickleball BC and our outstanding group of Pickleball volunteers. The Jingle Bells Tournament catered to both introductory and advanced players totaling 48 participants.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
THE 1ST ANNUAL JINGLE BELLS
PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
PARTICIPANTS!**

AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS.



Parks, Recreation and Culture

Choose to Move

Are you 65 and older and looking for motivation to become physically active? Join the Choose to Move Information Session happening at Maple Ridge Library in the Alouette Room on January 27 at 2:45PM. The Choose to Move program is free, flexible and can help you integrate activity into your daily routine. It is a great way to meet new friends and make a positive change. For more information contact Petra Frederick at (604) 467-7355.

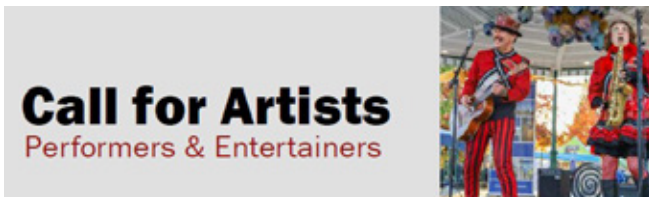


Call to Artists – Performers, Storytellers and Animateurs for Vibrant Downtown Programs and BC Summer Games

Performing artists from various disciplines are invited to apply to participate at outdoor events and activations in 2020. Events may include a concert series in Memorial Peace Park, signature events such as Canada Day and Celebrate the Night or the BC Summer Games in July. A variety of genres and styles to engage our diverse audience, including street performers, storytellers, actors and entertainers are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: February 16 | 5:00 pm

Online application form: mapleridge.ca/2374



Hometown Heroes Honours 2019 Recipient, Monika Eggens

Monika Eggens is the 2019 Hometown Hero, becoming the 44th inductee, joining others such as Larry Walker Jr., Cam Neely, Greg Moore, Karina Leblanc and Tyler O'Neil. Monika has many notable achievements in Water Polo, starting with the time she spent on her club teams, then at the University of Hawaii, and finally playing professionally in Italy and Greece. She has also been a member of the Canadian National Women's Water Polo Team since 2009, and will be representing Canada in the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

Join the Meadowridge Sports Heroes Society to congratulate Monika at the annual Hometown Heroes Night. The event will be held at the Pitt Meadows Secondary School on February 11. Tickets can be purchased at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre.

FEB 11
PITT MEADOWS
SECONDARY SCHOOL

MEADOWRIDGE SPORTS
HEROES SOCIETY
COME JOIN US FOR

HOMETOWN HEROES

A FUN Night Out

FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Support your local Hometown Heroes Program and Honour our 2019 recipient Monika Eggens

- Doors open at 5 pm
- Dinner at 6 pm
- Silent Auction
- Special Guest Speaker: Alison Noble, CEO of the BC Games Society

Our 2019 Hero

TICKETS Adults \$50 | Students \$25

Available at the Leisure Centre 2nd floor reception
Contact: jacquiemont@shaw.ca | 604.329.2682

Telosky Fieldhouse Construction

Construction of the fieldhouse has progressed throughout November and December. The electrical, mechanical, structural and plumbing work has been roughed-in and inspected. The finishing work is now underway, including installation of the electrical and plumbing fixtures, painting the interior of the building and cladding the exterior. Painting the exterior of the building, as well as laying asphalt and landscaping are all weather dependent activities and will take place in early spring during warmer temperatures.



Parks, Recreation and Culture

MRSS and Merkley Park Upgrades

Last week, the City's contractor started construction to upgrade the track facilities at Maple Ridge Secondary School and Merkley Park. These upgrades include enhanced spectator seating, three accessible washroom/change rooms, concrete pads for portable bleachers, new running track lighting and a competition level hammer and discus throw facility. The upgrades will provide an enhanced facility for park patrons as well as community athletic groups and better support local and regional competitions such as Provincials and the BC Summer Games that will be hosted in the community this summer.



Snow, Snow, Snow...

Park Operations has been busy this week clearing snow and ice from sidewalks, parking lots and pedestrian access ways to Fire Halls, the RCMP building, City Hall, the Leisure Centre, Community Centres and other municipally owned buildings as top priority. After these priority sites have been cleared, crews will move on to sidewalks fronting parks and paved pathways within parks. Enjoy the winter wonderland and stay safe!



YEAR IN REVIEW PHOTOS



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