

# Maple Ridge This Month

SEPTEMBER 2013: MID-MONTH UPDATE

## SPOTLIGHT ON: Bridges, Roads and Sidewalks

### Keep in Touch with Important Projects in the Community



As you drive through the community you will see that there are some high profile projects underway in the community. Here are some brief updates on their progress.

**232 Street Bridge Over the North Alouette River:** The 70 year old wooden bridge has been removed, as you can see from the top photo of this month's update. The north pier for the new span is almost complete and the work is moving briskly on the south pier. Photo updates have been posted weekly on the District Facebook page so you can see the progress of the project and some details of the work. The project is scheduled to be completed in January 2014.

**Multi-Use Bike Lane Lougheed Highway:** The north sidewalk between 216 and Laity Streets has been removed and widened to accommodate a new Multi-Use Bike Lane that will create better connections for the District cycling network and provide enhanced safety for pedestrians. Installation of storm sewers is nearing completion and the path has been widened



significantly. The project is scheduled to be completed in October of 2013.

**Lougheed Highway Enhancements 226 to 228 Street:** Work on the sidewalks and landscaping along this section of Lougheed Highway is progressing at a brisk pace. In recent days the concrete sidewalks have been poured along the north and south section of Lougheed Highway between 226 and 227 Streets. Work will intensify on the area between 227 and 228 in the coming weeks. Regular updates are being posted on the District Facebook page for this project as well. The project is scheduled to be completed in October 2013.

For more information on all of these projects and others around the community please go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) for a link to the District Facebook page and for project descriptions at the 'neighbourhood improvement' page on our site. Thank you for your patience as we complete these important projects in our community.

## INFORMED

September 2013

### Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor and Council encourage everyone to attend these important public meetings. It's your chance to see how public policy is debated and enacted.

#### Tuesday, September 17

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

#### Monday, September 23

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, September 24

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

### Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link under Mayor & Council on the home page.

### Council This Week

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link to 'Council This Week' and sign up today.

### Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole meeting you can now watch these meetings on your computer 24/7. The entire unedited meetings are posted two to three days after the meeting. The video is indexed to the agenda package so that you can watch them in their entirety or click through by agenda item. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the bottom left of the home page.

## ENGAGED: Thank You to the RCMP Musical Ride

### The Weather Cleared and the Show went on



On Thursday, September 5 the RCMP Musical Ride appeared at the Albion Fairgrounds for an incredible performance. Earlier that afternoon thunder storms rolled through and all the riders, organizers and ticket holders were looking up to the skies and wondering if the event would go ahead.

Nature cooperated and the skies cleared and over 1500 folks of all ages experienced an incredible show. We'd like to acknowledge the amazing volunteers that put this event together. All proceeds from this event went to the North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Association. The show started with a wonderful Metis Dance demonstration followed by a short program featuring the RCMP Dog Squad. Then at 7:00 pm the men and women of the RCMP Musical Ride entered and proceeded to wow the crowd with their precision riding.

If you'd like to see some photos of the event please go to the District facebook page at [www.facebook.com/yourmapleridge](http://www.facebook.com/yourmapleridge). Thanks to the men and women of the RCMP Musical Ride for allowing us 'backstage access' to photograph them while they prepared for the show.

## INFORMED: Slow Down Folks

### Pay Attention to the Speed Limits and the Road

The Ridge Meadows RCMP has asked us to remind you to slow down and pay attention to the road. The kids are back to school and the busy post summer schedule has more folks on the streets. There is an active enforcement program in School zones and for distracted drivers who are texting or talking on cellular



phones rather than paying attention to the roads.

Ironically, it's often the parents driving to schools to drop their kids off that are speeding and distracted. Please remember that it's better to be a bit late than be in an accident. Spread the word.

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## INFORMED: Leisure Centre Pool Re-Opening

### Annual Maintenance Shutdown Ends Monday



On Monday, September 16 the pool at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre will reopen after the annual maintenance shutdown. As we noted a few weeks ago, this year much of the work focused on the infrastructure of the building that is unseen by our customers.

It's great to have the pools all cleaned and refilled and it's back to business on Monday morning. On Monday, September 9 our users of the fitness areas got to see the equipment replacements that are part of the regular maintenance program. We've been getting great feedback so far.

We thank all of our customers for their patience as we do this important work to keep our facility up to date for all users. We look forward to seeing everyone back at the pool and starting our fall lessons and swim programs. We are very proud to help you achieve your fitness goals.



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