

2018 Awards

Maple Ridge is the Recipient of Many Awards for Innovation and Excellence



Maple Ridge received our 21st consecutive '**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting**'. In order to receive this award, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

Maple Ridge received our 28th consecutive '**Canadian Award for Financial Reporting**.' In order to receive this award, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual financial report, whose contents conform to program standards. Such reports should go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles and demonstrate an effort to clearly communicate the municipal government's financial picture, enhance an understanding of financial reporting by municipal governments and address user needs.

Maple Ridge received our 15th '**Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**.' In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan and as a communications device.



Maple Ridge received the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators '**Willis Award for Innovation**' demonstrated for our Open Government Portal. "The true innovation of the platform lives in the values on which it was built: increasing community engagement, promoting transparency, and gaining business value from data," said the panel of judges.



Esri Canada presented the City of Maple Ridge with an Award of Excellence on November 8, 2018 for improving community engagement and collaboration using geographic information system (GIS) technology. Delivering on its commitment to Open Government, the City facilitates information-sharing and collaboration among staff, businesses, residents and the public at large on key municipal initiatives through its **Open Government Portal (OGP)**, built on Esri's **ArcGIS Hub** solution.

Unlike other open data portals that only deliver datasets, the OGP provides access to various datasets as well as mapping and analytical tools and more than a dozen apps that make municipal information easy to understand and use. For example, the City's **Property Tax Estimator** helps residents estimate and understand property tax increases. This app saved the City approximately 40 hours of staff time during its first tax season. The **What's Happening Around Me (WHAM)** app helps residents and visitors find information about their local area (e.g. community events, recreational facilities, festivals, road closures, crime reports, land development, businesses and service requests).



Maple Ridge received a '**Gold Award**' for the 2017 Citizens Report. Hermes Creative Awards is an international competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing and design of traditional and emerging media that recognizes outstanding work in the industry. Judges are industry professionals who look for companies and individuals whose talent exceeds a high standard of excellence and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry.



Maple Ridge received the MarCom '**Gold Award**' for the 2017 Citizens Report in the Publications/ Annual Report/ Government category.

MarCom Awards is an international competition for marketing and communication professionals involved in the concept, writing and design of marketing and communication programs and print, visual and audio materials. The competition has grown to perhaps the largest of its kind in the world.

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