

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH JULY 2015

SPOTLIGHT ON: Stage 2 Water Restrictions In Effect

Please Do Your Part To Conserve Water

On the outside of this newspaper there is a wraparound advertisement that talks about the Stage 2 water restrictions that are currently in place in all Metro Vancouver communities. In addition to this advertising, the City has been running posts on Facebook and Twitter and we've posted new information on our City website.

Please take the time to read this information. Effective immediately, City staff working in the field will be dropping off notices when they observe people who are not in compliance with the Stage 2 watering



restrictions. In addition, City staff will also be responding to complaints that are received at our Operations Centre 604-463-9581. The addresses where this information are dropped off are being logged and any further non-compliance will be turned over to Bylaw Services, which may result in fines. At Stage 2 the fine is \$500 for watering your lawn outside the allowable times.

It's going to be a long hot summer, and we need to conserve water as much as possible. Thank you for being part of the solution.

INFORMED: Expanding Our Road Network

Four Lane Widening on 128 Avenue from 210 to 216 Street

In May, 2015 Council awarded the contract to King Hoe Excavating Ltd. to begin construction of the Four Lane expansion of 128 Avenue from 210 to 216 Street. This \$8.2 Million project is the first phase of a project that will see 128 Avenue and Abernethy Way expanded to a four lane configuration with storm water systems, streetlights and intersection turn lanes to allow better north south access from this busy roadway. In addition to the improved road network, this project also includes a separated asphalt multi-use path from 210 to 216 Street to enhance safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists.

In addition to the road widening and the construction of the multi-use path, this section of road will also be a large scale pilot project for new LED streetlight technology. The capital costs are being offset by grants from BC Hydro and the electrical costs of the LED street lighting are less than half that of conventional sodium streetlights. In addition to the LED streetlights, ducting will be laid along the route for future fibre optic cable installation as part of the City's long term strategy.

Phase one is scheduled to be complete in November of 2015 and the work is being staged to minimize disruptions to the people that rely on 128 Avenue for their daily commute. Construction will begin on the south lanes of the roadway with the goal of switching traffic over to those new lanes so the north lanes and multi-use path can be constructed. There will be some delays as the work proceeds, and notices will be posted on the City website and social media pages as the project proceeds.



From Left to right: Frank Quinn, General Manager: Public Works & Development Services, Patrick Kerr, President King Hoe Excavating, Maple Ridge Mayor Nicole Read, Councillor Craig Speirs, Erica Messam, City of Maple Ridge Engineering and King Hoe Excavating Construction Superintendent Bruce Pantel

Here is a link to the project page that contains information that was presented at the Open House meetings that were held earlier this year; www.mapleridge.ca/406/128-Avenue-Road-and-Drainage-Improvement

Thanks for your patience during the construction phase of this project.

INVOLVED: Keeping Trees Healthy

Please Water Young Boulevard Trees During Hot Weather

Is the street tree in front of your house looking stressed? Wilting, browning and thinning foliage are all signs of water stress. We could use your help.

During these stretches of hot weather we are asking for the public's assistance in ensuring the survival of the young street trees in our areas. It is critical that they receive 15 gallons of



water twice a week. We ask for your assistance in watering the trees in the boulevard bordering your home or business. Methods that work quite well:

- Deep root watering attachments available from most nurseries.
- A 5 gallon pail with holes drilled in the bottom set under the tree to water slowly.

- A ring of mulch around the tree to keep the water in.

The City of Maple Ridge gardeners take care of any pruning required so please do not prune these trees or raise the grade on the trunk of the tree. Burying the trunk of the tree or building soil or mulch up on the trunk of the tree will kill the tree.

Parks & Facilities have a limited supply of tree watering bags available for a \$10 refundable deposit to assist with the watering of City and/or resident's trees. Tree bags are available at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre, or Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre with a maximum of two (2) bags per household. Please note that proof of address is required for purchase and issuing refunds.

Please be sure to pass this information on to your family, friends, neighbours and co-workers! Thank you for your support. Together we can keep Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows green!

INFORMED: July 2015

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.

Monday, July 20

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link under Your 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, click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing, Workshop, 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 and click on the video link at the centre of the home page. In addition, Council Meetings, Workshops, and Committee of the Whole are now broadcast on the internet via live streaming using the same technology used for our live budget Q&A sessions. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at mapleridge.ca.

ENGAGED: Summer Festivals

Get Connected with the Community Calendar

The best way to keep up to the busy summer calendar is to go to the Community Calendar at mrmparksandleisure.ca. There's a ton of great activities happening this summer.

How about the free concert series 'Music on the Wharf' hosted by our own Maple Ridge Museum and Archives? There are concerts on July 27 and August 10 and 24. The Maple Ridge Fire Department's Hot Summer Nights are also scheduled throughout the summer in various neighbourhoods. This is a great activity for the kids.



There are a number of great Festivals happening in the next month including the award-winning 'Country Fest' on July 25 and 26 at the Albion Fairgrounds. This is one of BC's biggest and best country fairs with a century of tradition! The Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival runs on August 1 and 2 and this great event has moved down to the Albion Fairgrounds to present an even bigger and better event. This event has a lot of family activities and some great musical acts that you can't miss.

Check out the calendar as there are events at our Public Library, special events in our parks and a ton of wonderful activities and programs in our recreation facilities. Get connected with the Community Calendar!

Contact us at enquiries@mapleridge.ca

If you have a question about any of the content in this ad, or questions about any programs or services offered by the City of Maple Ridge, please email enquiries@mapleridge.ca and one of our team members will respond to you.



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