



# Maple Ridge This Month

## DECEMBER 2015

### ENGAGED: 2016-2020 Financial Plan

#### Department Presentations and Live Q&A

Maple Ridge Council will review the City of Maple Ridge 2016-2020 Business & Financial Plans at a series of meetings scheduled on:

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**  
from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015**  
from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Thursday, December 3, 2015**  
from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

These meetings will be held in Council Chambers and are open to the public. The meetings will also be live-streamed on the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca). Each day Council will hear departmental presentations and provide feedback to City staff. At the end of each day there is a Public Question and Answer period where citizens can pose questions to Council and staff.

#### Live Budget Q&A

Do you have questions about the City's Five Year Financial Plan? What are the items that drive costs for local government? What is the City doing to control costs across all departments?

This is your time to go online, get on the phone or head down to Council Chambers and have your questions answered by City staff.

On Thursday, December 3, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm the Financial Officer will present an overview of the 2016-2020 Financial Plan starting at 6:00 pm sharp. Citizens are invited and encouraged to attend in person in Council Chambers and, to ensure that all citizens can participate, the session will also be live-streamed. At any time during the two-hour session you can ask a question via email, Facebook, Twitter, by phone or

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### City of Maple Ridge 2016-2020 Business Plan Presentations

in person. For people using social media channels, use the hashtag **#BudgetMR** so that our staff can direct your question to the floor after the opening presentation. Next Thursday evening go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the 'Live Stream' link on the video section of the home page for the video feed. All questions that are asked during the live-stream event will be answered and posted by Tuesday morning, December 8, 2015. You can send a question at any time to [budget@mapleridge.ca](mailto:budget@mapleridge.ca) or leave a message on the budget hotline at 604-467-7484.

#### Background Information

If you'd like to do some advance reading of the Corporate Business Plan (including the financial plans) you can access the same information that Council has on the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) using the button on the home page. We look forward to answering your questions. Remember, you can provide input and ask questions year-round using [budget@mapleridge.ca](mailto:budget@mapleridge.ca) or by leaving a message on the budget hotline at 604-467-7484.

### INFORMED: December 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.

##### Tuesday, December 1

10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Business Planning - Council Chambers

##### Wednesday, December 2

10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Business Planning - Council Chambers

##### Thursday, December 3

10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Business Planning - Council Chambers  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Live Q&A - Council Chambers

##### Monday, December 7

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room  
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, December 8

6:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers  
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 Your Council on the home page.

#### Workshop at a Glance

Subscribe to the 'Workshop at a Glance' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://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](http://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](http://mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED: Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

#### Saturday, December 5 Maple Ridge Celebrates Christmas in the Park

Mark your calendars, because Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 5 and he's doing it in style. The festival runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm with the parade starting at 6:00 pm sharp.

The Peace Tree at the corner of 224 Street and Haney Place becomes the largest Christmas tree in the Fraser Valley and marks the start of the parade.

There's so much to do – Memorial Peace Park, in fact all of downtown Maple Ridge is decorated with thousands of lights

and the traditional red bells that signal the holidays are upon us. There will be music at the bandstand, cookies, popcorn and hot chocolate, a chance to visit with Santa and drop off your Christmas wish list in his special mailbox.

This annual festival is a delight for kids of all ages and it is made possible by an army of volunteers. If you'd like to be one of 'Santa's Elves' and lend your help, or if you'd like more information about the Festival and parade go online to [www.mapleridgechristmasfestival.com](http://www.mapleridgechristmasfestival.com).



#### Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

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### ENGAGED: CP Holiday Train

#### Jim Cuddy is Back for the 2015 Visit to Maple Ridge

On Friday, December 18 at 7:00 pm the CP Holiday Train will make its way into the Port Haney West Coast Express station for the annual visit. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Friends In Need Food Bank, so we wanted to get the word out as soon as possible.

Maple Ridge Firefighters will be out in the community the week before the visit collecting donations for the event. As well, the Friends In Need Food Bank volunteers will be on hand collecting cash and non-perishable food item donations that evening.

The train will pull into the station with the stage portion coming to rest just outside the historic Billy Miner Pub and restaurant.

That's the place you will be able to see Jim Cuddy and a group of great musicians perform. You can take the kids for a walk further west to see the train engine up close at the West Coast Express station.

It's a magical evening that runs for about one-hour. The best way to get there is to park downtown and walk down 224 Street, through the tunnel right out to the Port Haney Wharf area. There will be volunteer Firefighters and Fire Youth Academy members helping out the Friends In Need Food Bank volunteers. The train and Jim Cuddy's performance will make this a 'must see' event. Hot chocolate is available by donation. Please make sure you bring a donation for the Food Bank.



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