



MAPLE RIDGE THIS MONTH

November 15, 2019



Getting Ready For the Holidays

The work is beginning to transform the downtown into a winter wonderland with the installation of the iconic Maple Ridge Red Bells and lights in the street trees. There's a deadline, because we will begin a busy December of events with the annual Winter Fest where we come together for the Annual Christmas in the Park & Santa Claus Parade. The event starts at 4:00 pm with music, decorations, crafts and yummy foods including the popular hot chocolate (bring your mug). Santa's letterbox opens for kids to share their Christmas wish list. At 6:00 pm sharp the Santa Claus parade begins and it will travel through the downtown and around Memorial Peace Park for all to see. For more information go to mapleridgechristmasfestival.com/parade.html and look for information in the local newspaper and at the City website. We hope to see you downtown with the family as we light up our City as we have for over 50 years!

Take a deep dive into the City's Business Plan

The City of Maple Ridge will be presenting the draft 2020- 2024 Business Plan to Council on **Monday, November 18** from 1:00 to 6:00 pm, **Tuesday November 19** from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and **Wednesday, November 20** from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The presentations will be taking place in Council Chambers at City Hall (11995 Haney Place) and citizens are invited to sit in on the presentations in person. The presentations will be live-streamed on the City website at mapleridge.ca/640 and be available for review for citizens who are unable to watch them live in the video archives. For more information on the schedule for the presentations and to take a look at the Financial Plan reports that Council will be reviewing go to mapleridge.ca and click on the Spotlight link on the home page.



Sign Bylaw Update

Our Sign Bylaw helps guide how we want to identify our business and how this integrates with development in the City of Maple Ridge. We are currently updating our existing Sign Bylaw to better meet the needs of our community. The new bylaw will:

- Better align with current policies and the City's strategic plan
- Comply with regulations around traffic safety
- Have a more coordinate vision of how signage is defined within the city
- Address current and emerging technologies

Join us at an Open House on **Tuesday, November 26** from 5:50 to 8:30 pm at City Hall's west entrance (11995 Haney Place) to learn more about the proposed changes and how the updated Zoning Bylaw will guide future development in our community.

Look for more information on the City website at mapleridge.ca/2351. If you have any questions about the proposed update please contact us by email at buildingenquiries@mapleridge.ca.

Council Q4 Update

At the end of the Tuesday, November 12, Council meeting Mayor Morden did an update on the progress Council's work over the first 12 months of their mandate. The update focuses on work that's been done to address their five Strategic Priority Areas and vision for our growing community. You can watch that update by going to the City's website and video archives at mapleridge.ca/942. Bookmark this link to stay informed of meetings and future updates.

