



# MAPLE RIDGE THIS MONTH

October 29, 2020

## City Hall is Open for Front Counter Service



City of Maple Ridge has reopened City Hall for walk-in front counter service at the Finance and consolidated Building/Planning/Engineering counters. We have been conducting business through in-person meetings by appointment for many months, and reopening the front counters is in place to accommodate walk-in customers for important transactions.

Our offices are open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm daily with special protocols in place including health screening, limiting the number of people in the public spaces as well as providing hand sanitizer and non-medical masks for those who do not already have one when they arrive at City Hall.

As part of the safety protocols, access to City Hall is now through the east entrance closest to the RCMP headquarters and customers will exit on the east side of the building towards the Business Tower and Library RCMP headquarters. Plexiglass barriers have been installed at the customer service counters to protect our customers and staff. If you need to meet with a specific staff member, you are asked to phone in advance to make an appointment. The walk-in service is for simple financial and permit transactions. It's been great to see our customers again and thank you in advance for following all the new health protocols as part of your visit.

## Fall Brush Chipping Underway



The fall Brush Chipping Program is underway. The purpose of the program is to provide an alternative to burning yard waste.

**The setout date for east Maple Ridge (east of 224 Street) was October 26** and crews continue working in the community to chip the materials that are set out by our citizens.

The program includes pick up and disposal of tree and shrub branches up to a total volume of 3 cubic meters (1 meter x 1 meter x 3 meters, roughly 3 feet x 3 feet x 9 feet). Chippers are instructed to spend no more than 20 minutes at each household. Branches may be up to 6 inches in diameter. No construction waste, building materials, stumps, leaves, branches with thorns (e.g.,

rose bushes, blackberries), vines (including willow branches), bamboo, root balls, or household waste will be collected or disposed of by the Brush Chipping program. No pre-booking is necessary and there will be no specific day or time for pickup. Place branches at the roadside adjacent to your property by the set-out deadline for your area. Chipping for east Maple Ridge may take up to two weeks to complete. The number of days depends on the amount of brush set out and the number of residents using the program.

In an effort to stay on schedule and in fairness to the majority of participants, no late set-outs or over-sized piles will be accepted. The Ridge Meadows Recycling Society administers the City's Brush Chipping Program. You can find more information online at [mapleridge.ca/357](http://mapleridge.ca/357) or contact Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545.

## Housing Needs Survey Underway



The City of Maple Ridge is working with an independent contractor, City Spaces, to do a 'Housing Needs Report' for our City. As part of the development of that report, we are asking citizens to participate in a survey to help us understand your experiences with housing in Maple Ridge.

The report is being developed in accordance with provincial legislation and will be used as a foundation for planning and decision making for the next five years. All responses are kept confidential and the data is reported in a way that does not reveal any personal information from respondents.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted some resident's housing situation and livelihoods. The questions are intended to understand the housing situation before the COVID-19 pandemic took place (pre-March 2020). A question has been added to the survey to understand if or how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted your housing needs. At the end of the survey you will have the opportunity to leave your contact information to win a prize.

The survey closes on Friday, November 6, 2020. For any questions related to the housing initiatives, please

contact us by email at [housing@mapleridge.ca](mailto:housing@mapleridge.ca). If you need help with the survey please contact Kevin Green at [kgreen@cityspaces.ca](mailto:kgreen@cityspaces.ca). Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.

## HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

### COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

The City of Maple Ridge has adapted our business operations to the COVID-19 health emergency. We are maintaining the normal Council Meeting Schedule using digital tools to enable our Mayor, Council members and staff to follow Dr. Henry's health recommendations to keep the spread of COVID-19 low. All meetings are livestreamed and participation by the public is now available through virtual tools and in person participation following special health protocols. Look for the details on how you can participate online at [mapleridge.ca/640](http://mapleridge.ca/640).

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1:30 PM

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 11:00 AM

#### COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:00 PM

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1:30 PM

#### PUBLIC HEARING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:00 PM

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:00 PM

Look for other community events and meetings on the community calendar on the City's home page at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).