

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH FEBRUARY 2015

SPOTLIGHT ON: Call for Volunteers

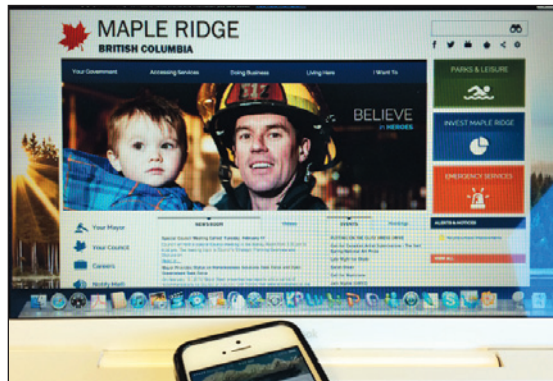
Be Part of the Mayor's Open Government Task Force

On February 10, 2015, Mayor Read provided the first report on the Task Force on Open Government. Council passed recommendations outlining the Terms of Reference for The Mayor's Open Government Task Force.

The Mayor's Open Government Task Force mandate speaks to the goal of increasing citizen access to information, participation, engagement and collaboration in community issues. The mandate also speaks to the importance of transparency and accountability of actions. One of the key parts of this work is to engage the community to assess the openness of the City and provide feedback and suggestions to make Maple Ridge a leader in this field.

The City of Maple Ridge is seeking interested volunteers to participate on the Citizen Representatives Working Group. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with your Mayor and Council to help our community become a leader in citizen engagement and transparency.

For more information please see the Terms of Reference posted on the website at www.mapleridge.ca/953/Mayors-Open-Government-Task-Force or contact Kelly Swift, General Manager: Community Development, Parks & Recreation Services, at 604-467-7337 or email kswift@mapleridge.ca



If you are interested we ask that you submit a letter of interest and resume to Ms. Swift via her email or by mail to the City Hall address at 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9. Council will be reviewing the list of applicants and following up to create the citizen's team that will work with outside experts and staff to examine tools and programs to bring citizens the highest level of engagement with local government.

Be part of the future, check out the information and send in your resume!

INFORMED: Heritage Week is On Now

Celebrating the Rich History of Our Community

The Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission has been working with the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives and the Maple Ridge Historical Society to present a number of events that will allow citizens to immerse themselves in the rich history of Maple Ridge.

On Thursday, February 19, 2015, the Annual Heritage Awards will be held at St. Andrews Heritage Church Hall located at



22279 116 Avenue just a stone's throw from Port Haney. The event starts at 7:00 pm and will feature a drama presentation by the Emerald Pig Theatrical Society. Seating is limited

so please contact Lisa Zosiak at the Maple Ridge Planning Department 604-467-7383 or lzosiak@mapleridge.ca if you

are going to attend.

On Saturday, February 21, 2015, the Maple Ridge Historical Society is running Heritage Walking Tours from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. The one hour tours start at the Memorial Peace Park fountain on 224 Street and are limited to 15 people. Participants will receive a booklet with a map of the tour's highlights. Contact the Maple Ridge Museum for more details and to register. 604-463-5311 or mrmuseum@gmail.com.

The final presentation is called 'Local Voices at the Maple Ridge Library' and runs on Wednesday, February 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. There will be three speakers including Sheila Nickols, Maple Ridge Historical Society mentor and author of new book Looking Back.

As you can see, there are lots of ways that you can connect with the history of our community. We may be BC's newest City, but the reality is that Maple Ridge is BC's sixth-oldest community and there are many amazing stories to be told!

INFORMED: Transit Funding Referendum

TransLink Presentation is Online for Your Viewing

On Monday, February 2, 2015 representatives of TransLink appeared before Council as part of the Workshop agenda. Given the interest in the TransLink Funding Referendum and the associated 10 Year Plan, Council moved the meeting to Council Chambers to allow for more public seating and the capacity to record and livestream the meeting for the public.



Vancouver will determine if the proposed 0.5% sales tax will be used to fund the TransLink plan. This is a great opportunity to view the presentation and question and answer period. Go to mapleridge.ca, click on the 'Your Council' link and then click through to the Council Agendas and Minutes section to view the February

2 Workshop recording. The TransLink presentation is at the beginning of the recording and lasts about 90 minutes. Be informed about this important issue.

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 send an email to enquiries@mapleridge.ca and one of our team members will respond to you.

INFORMED: Feb.-Mar. 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, February 24

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, March 2

10:00 am, Workshop - Moved to Council Chambers

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

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, March 16

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - 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 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 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.



INFORMED: 2015 Business Licence Renewal - Reminder

If you hold a Maple Ridge Business Licence, it's due for renewal!

Just a quick note that reminder notices have been mailed out to all business owners that have yet to renew. We provide the following payment options:

Online: Go to www.mapleridge.ca and click on the Online Services button. Online payments can be made using MasterCard, Visa or certain Debit cards (TD Canada Trust, Bank of Montreal, Scotiabank and RBC Royal Bank).

In Person: At the Finance counter in City Hall or at the Licensing and Bylaws front counter located at 11960 Haney Place (2nd floor) between 8:00 am & 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

By Mail: Send cheques payable to the City of Maple Ridge 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9. We do not accept cash payment by mail.

By Phone: With Visa, MasterCard or American Express by calling the Licensing and Bylaws Department Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 604-467-7305, press 1 for business licences.



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