

# Maple Ridge This Month

## FEBRUARY 2016

### INFORMED: Heritage Week February 15 – 21, 2016

#### “Distinctive Destinations: Experience Historic Places”

The Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission and the Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives have been very busy organizing a number of events for the upcoming Heritage Week in Maple Ridge. The very first event starts on Saturday, February 13.

#### Downtown Maple Ridge Heritage Walking Tour

Saturday, February 13 at 11:00 am. Meet by the fountains at the entrance to Memorial Peace Park.

Hosted by Maple Ridge Historical Society President Erica Williams who will lead a tour around the central core sections of Dewdney Trunk Road, 224 Street and Lougheed Highway. For information contact the Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives 604-463-5311 or [mrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mrmuseum@gmail.com).

#### History Is: Choosing Criteria to Determine Heritage Merit

Wednesday, February 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall.

This free event is hosted by the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission. Let's consider what makes history in our community. Join the Commission for a discussion evening with Maurice



Guibord. Maurice has a background in translation and archaeology and has been responsible for museum collections, exhibitions and programs in Calgary, Vancouver and Burnaby. He is a founding councillor of Heritage Vancouver and the BC Historical Federation Second Vice President and Conference Chair. To register contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383 or via [lzosiak@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lzosiak@mapleridge.ca).

#### 2016 Maple Ridge Heritage Awards

Thursday, February 18 from 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall, 22279 - 116 Avenue, Maple Ridge (West side of the Haney Bypass).

You are invited to join your host, the Community Heritage Commission in celebrating the contributions of citizens to the telling of the Maple Ridge story. To RSVP contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383 or via [lzosiak@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lzosiak@mapleridge.ca)

#### Maple Ridge Cemetery Walking Tour

Sunday, February 21 at 11:00 am or 2:00 pm. Your host Maple Ridge Historical Society President Erica Williams will meet with participants at the entrance to the cemetery and will introduce you to the early families of Maple Ridge as well as the burial and marker practices of the years represented. For information contact the Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives 604-463-5311 or [mrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mrmuseum@gmail.com)

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with our City's history and to meet a group of dedicated volunteers and advocates who have been working to preserve the memories and assets of our community for future generations. Be part of history and sign up for these great events.



### ENGAGED: Strong Kids Team Launches Youth Survey

On Monday, February 2, 2016 Phase Two of the Strong Kids Team work began with the launch of an online survey geared towards youth and young adults in our community. The online survey is available at [fluidsurveys.com/s/mapleridgeyouth/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/mapleridgeyouth/) and is available in hard copy at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre and the Greg Moore Youth Centre.

“The information for these surveys is guiding our work on Phase Three of the Strong Kids Team Community Forum, to be held on Monday, March 7, 2016, at The ACT Arts Centre on the Mainstage,” said Susan Carr, School Board Trustee and co-chair of the Strong Kids Team. “The first survey allowed us to see the most pressing issues for the people in the community who are entrusted with guiding our youth to adulthood. This second survey will allow us to determine if there's alignment of the issues that are priorities for youth and their caregivers.”

The top three issues identified in the 'Parent, Teacher & Leader' survey were;

1. **Mental Health** (*anxiety, depression & stress*)
2. **Nicotine, Alcohol and other Drugs**
3. **Effects of Social Media and Screen Time**

The upcoming Community Forum will present speakers and information to initiate a robust conversation around the most up-to-date research and approaches to dealing with the issues



“This is an investment in the future,” said Mayor Nicole Read. “As we deal with the issues around us in the community today we need to invest time and resources to break the cycle that leads to homelessness. As a parent I'm looking forward to the upcoming Community Forum and engaging the community in this important issue.”

The Youth Survey will be available until Saturday, February 27, 2016. For more information about the Youth Survey or the overall work of the Strong Kids Team please contact Susan Carr at [Susan\\_Carr@sd42.ca](mailto:Susan_Carr@sd42.ca) or Tony Cotroneo at [tcotroneo@mapleridge.ca](mailto:tcotroneo@mapleridge.ca) or by calling 604-467-7392.

that have been identified as most pressing. Details of the Community Forum speakers and format will be announced in shortly.

The Strong Kids Team is part of the broader Maple Ridge Resilience Initiative. The goal of this team is to ensure that children and youth in our community have the best environment to grow up and thrive in.

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

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### INFORMED: February 2016

#### 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, February 15

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room  
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, February 16

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

#### Monday, February 22

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

#### Tuesday, February 23

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 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 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).

### ENGAGED: Water Shortage Response Plan

#### We'd Like Your Input

Last year the region experienced a summer dry spell that saw us move to stage three water restrictions. Is this the new 'normal?' Maple Ridge is part of the Metro Vancouver water system. The reality is that we all waste a lot of water every day, and while the rain is falling people don't really feel a need to save water. It's when the rain stops that people start to pay attention.

Over the next year and a half, Metro Vancouver is reviewing and updating the Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP) to clarify and potentially adjust plan objectives, the restrictions, and the rationale for moving from one stage to another. As part of Metro Vancouver's mandate to manage drinking water responsibly, the WSRP is one component among a complement of water management plans that ensure the provision of clean, safe drinking water and the conservation of this valuable resource.

#### Consultation process

Metro Vancouver and member municipalities received a lot of early feedback from the public and businesses during the summer of 2015 regarding the elevated restrictions. They are now seeking additional feedback to inform decision making on the WSRP review and update. Here's a link to the consultation page that has links to background information and a place for you to share your feedback on the situation. The deadline for input is February 15, 2016 so please take the time to visit the link and share your opinions [www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/consultation/WSRP-review/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/consultation/WSRP-review/Pages/default.aspx).



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