



# City of Maple Ridge News Release

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## **City of Maple Ridge Launches Community Facilities Conversation**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On November 25, 2016 the following letter from Maple Ridge Mayor Nicole Read, on behalf of Council, was published in the Maple Ridge News. This marks the official launch of the Community Facility Conversation. Here is the text of that ad:

*On November 1, 2016 the City of Maple Ridge launched our newly formed 'Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture' Department! The new name reflects our abundant natural spaces, the many opportunities for active and social engagement and how all of these amenities make Maple Ridge a vibrant and healthy community.*

*Our community is growing and the census data coming out in the spring will show that Maple Ridge is 83,000 strong and growing. We know that this growth will continue well into the future.*

*This is a very exciting time. The City of Maple Ridge has begun the process of looking at concepts for facilities to meet the needs of our growing community. The City of Maple Ridge 2010 Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan defined the important role of indoor facilities and outdoor venues in fostering healthy and active individuals of all ages and abilities, creating opportunities for families to come together, and strengthening social connections in our community.*

*To move the plan forward and achieve the vision for a high quality of life in Maple Ridge, City Council is reviewing five (5) new Parks, Recreation & Culture infrastructure projects to be located at various sites throughout the city. Some of the proposed projects represent long-term planning and, if approved, some would require years to implement. Some are smaller in scale and could be accomplished relatively quickly.*

*The proposed projects are:*

1. *Multi-use Wellness Facility with an Aquatic Centre and Curling Facility;*
2. *Synthetic Sport Field and Covered Stadium*
  - a) *Albion Sport Field Conversion*
  - b) *Maple Ridge Secondary Track Facility Upgrade*
  - c) *5,000 Capacity Stadium*
3. *Ice Facilities Expansion*
4. *Neighbourhood Amenities:*
  - a) *Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places*
  - b) *Hammond Community Centre Improvements*
  - c) *Ridge Canoe and Kayak Improvements*
  - d) *Albion Neighbourhood Learning and Community Centre*
5. *Civic and Cultural Facility including a museum, archives and post-secondary education space*

*Your advice matters! You are shaping the future of your community.*

*The City has retained the firm, Jennifer Wilson Consultants Ltd., to provide a range of opportunities for you to provide feedback. Over the next three or four months you will see;*

1. *Roving displays at locations around the community.*
2. *Concepts plans and short YouTube videos on the City's webpage.*
3. *Regular updates in the City's Maple Ridge This Month newspaper ads.*
4. *Statistically valid survey: if you are randomly selected, we hope you will take the time to participate.*
5. *Open online Feedback survey: this survey will be posted on the City's website and is open to everyone.*
6. *In-person intercept surveys: the consultants will pop up at several popular community locations to hear your opinions.*

*To launch the community conversation the City has established a landing page called ['Community Facilities Conversation'](#) which is found under the 'Hot Topics' link on the City website. In addition, the City's social media channels will be used throughout the consultation to direct you to activities where you can provide input. You can get updates sent directly to your email or mobile device by signing up using the ['Notify Me'](#) function on the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).*

*This is an important step in developing a long term plan to address the recreational needs of our citizens. This is a large list of projects and some of them may not be built for many years but it is important that we establish a list of priorities to identify financial partnerships, look for grants from senior government and create a solid and sustainable financial plan to ensure we can meet the needs of our growing community.*

*All of us on Council thank you in advance for being part of this discussion. We look forward to hearing your comments, priorities and vision for our community.*

*Mayor Nicole Read  
City of Maple Ridge*

For more information on this ad or the Community Facilities Conversation, please contact Don Cramb, Senior Recreation Manager at 604-467-7466 or via email at [facilitytalk@mapleridge.ca](mailto:facilitytalk@mapleridge.ca).