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Cultural Grants Workshop and Civic Facility Dialogue on January 25 at 6:30 pm

Maple Ridge, BC: Learn more about the City of Maple Ridge's cultural grants programs and the proposed new cultural facility and other civic facilities. Join us on January 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the McKenney Room, Maple Ridge Business Centre (22470 Dewdney Trunk Road). The Cultural Grants Workshop and Civic Facility Dialogue is open to individuals and groups interested in finding funding and in-kind resources available through Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture to support festivals, neighbourhoods and performing theatre groups through the Festivals Grant Program, Neighbourhood Block Party & Neighbourhood Matching Grant Program and Cultural Facilities Rental Grant Program. The application processes will be outlined with guidelines and tips for effectively applying for funding.

To help build a strong community, Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) provides annual grants to non-profit, community-based organizations. Grant funding is intended to build community spirit, foster economic benefits, develop artistic excellence and promote community involvement through support to community festivals, neighbourhood block parties & projects, and arts & cultural activities. Staff will be available to provide resources and review proposals and draft applications.

In addition, a civic facilities dialogue will be included as a portion of the workshop to share information about the proposed civic cultural complex along with other facilities. Community input is an important aspect of this project and people who live, work and play in the City are encouraged to be a part of the conversation. For more details and a link to the facilities survey, visit mapleridge.ca/1676.

Please RSVP for this free workshop. Email: festival@mapleridge.ca or call the Festival & Volunteer Office 604-467-7325. Drop-ins welcomed.

The Festival/Special Event and Volunteer section of Parks, Recreation & Culture supports the full range of special events and community building initiatives using an asset-based community development approach. The section also plans and hosts various educational workshops and provides many resources in event planning and volunteer management. Additional information is available at mapleridge.ca/parksandrec. For further questions, please contact Kathryn Baird at 604-467-7459 or kbaird@mapleridge.ca.

Photos are available upon request.