

Maple Ridge This Month

FEBRUARY 2017

ENGAGED: Let's Talk Dirt

Share Your Thoughts at the Open House

The City of Maple Ridge has recently initiated a review of the Maple Ridge Soil Deposit Regulation Bylaw No. 5763-1999. Public consultation is a pivotal component of this review process. Following a public open house and questionnaire in the Fall of 2016, the City has prepared a new draft Soil Deposit Bylaw. We wish to continue our consultation with citizens, business owners and other stakeholders.

A community Open House is being held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm (drop in anytime) in the Council Chambers foyer.

All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend and learn more about the current bylaw, concerns that have been raised to date



and provide comments on how to improve the Soil Deposit Bylaw. A questionnaire for public feedback will be made available at the Open House and online at mapleridge.ca/152. If you can't make the meeting you can pick up a survey at the Planning department front counter at City Hall. The survey will remain open until the beginning of March. The feedback that is received will assist staff in preparing a final Soil Deposit Bylaw for adoption.

ENGAGED: Let's Talk Employment Lands

Expanding Our Local Economy Takes Land



The City is exploring opportunities to change the land use designation for certain properties in two areas of Maple Ridge as a way to create more local employment opportunities. There is an ad in this edition of The News with the maps of the proposed areas to rezone.

A community Open House is being held on Monday, February 6, 2017 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm (drop in anytime) in the Council Chambers foyer.

Based on our Commercial & Industrial Strategy, the City will need 170-230 acres of additional industrial land by 2040. The City is looking to speak with citizens, business owners and other stakeholders about the proposed changes. The proposed redesignation of the identified properties will guide future development applications and will not change currently permitted uses or zoning.

All citizens are encouraged to attend and learn more about the proposed land use redesignations and to provide their comments. More information and a public feedback questionnaire are available at mapleridge.ca/400 as well as at the Planning department front counter at City Hall

ENGAGED: Community Facilities Conversation

Your Comments and Suggestions Can Help Shape Our Future



In December of 2016 the 'Community Facilities Conversation' kicked off with the development of a series of webpages at mapleridge.ca/1676 that outline eight different proposals for future parks, recreation and cultural facilities that were identified in the Parks Master Plan that was adopted in 2009. There are 'pop up displays' at the south entrance of the Business Tower by Service BC, the Maple Ridge Public Library, the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre and Planet Ice with information boards and survey forms so you can share your views on these proposals. The same survey can be filled out online at surveymonkey.com/r/Facility_Talk_Open_Feedback. We encourage you to take a look at the printable information sheets and videos and get connected with this project.

3000 invitations have been mailed to randomly selected households to participate in a survey that will seek public input and comments of the proposed projects, priorities for the development of parks, recreation and culture facilities and discuss various funding alternatives. If your household receives one of these letters we would like to encourage you to take a few moments from your busy day to share your opinions.

In the upcoming months there will be more pop up displays, face-to-face surveys, online interactions, an open house and community café to share the preliminary information. We hope you will be part of the Community Facilities Conversation and help shape the future of Maple Ridge.

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

INFORMED: February 2017

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 6

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, February 20

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, February 27

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

Tuesday, February 28

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, 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, 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.

INVOLVED: Heritage Week

Celebrate the Rich History of Maple Ridge

Heritage Week 2017 runs from February 11 to 18, 2017 and there are a number of events that are in the works to connect you with the deep history of our community. Here is a snapshot to help you schedule your February outings:



- Downtown Walking Tour: 1:00 pm on February 12 – meet at the fountains located at the west end of Memorial Peace Park
- Cemetery Walking Tour: 1:00 pm on February 13 – meet at the Maple Ridge Cemetery
- History Is...Conversation: 6:00 pm on February 15 – Alouette Room, Maple Ridge Library
- Oral History Workshop: 10:30 am on February 18 – Maple Ridge City Hall

The marquee event of Heritage Week is the annual Heritage Awards that will be handed out on Thursday, February 16 at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall located at 22279 116 Avenue. The event will start at 7:00 pm. Please check the Community Heritage Commission webpage on the City website at mapleridge.ca/240 for updates, including last year's award winners and the evening's program. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend one or more of the above events, please RSVP to Lisa Zosiak by emailing lzosiak@mapleridge.ca or by calling 604-467-7383. You can find a link to the Heritage Week events at mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/12546. Be part of history!



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