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Memorial Peace Park Electrical Upgrades Support Improved Access for Festivals & Events and Programs

Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, February 13, Maple Ridge Council approved upgrades to the electrical and lighting systems in Memorial Peace Park to provide festival organizers with expanded capacity for their event planning and delivery. These upgrades will support civic events, festivals and recreation programming opportunities in the heart of the downtown.

“Last year 200,000 residents and visitors came to Maple Ridge to attend a community festival or special event. That’s up from 150,000 visits in 2016 and reflects the growth across all of our community festivals. One of the most popular event sites is Memorial Peace Park in the town centre,” said Yvonne Chui, Recreation Manager Arts & Community Connections. “This investment in the parks electrical system improves site safety and increases the options for our event organizers and programmers. We will now have the capacity for better lighting, sound systems and easier hook-ups for food trucks and equipment for our growing events.”

The upgrades will see new electrical panels, electrical kiosks and lighting east of the bandstand. The cost of the upgrades is estimated at \$70,000 and will be completed by May of 2018 for the busiest portion of the 2018 festival season.

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