



# City of Maple Ridge News Release

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## **New Community Festival Grants Awarded By Council**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** Through the festival grant program, the City of Maple Ridge provides resources and funds to support new and recurring festivals and special events that take place on an annual basis in our community. Council has provided a total of \$90,763 for 2018 towards festivals and special events. In the second intake of festival grant funding, the following three organizations received support: Maple Ridge Christmas Festival Society, Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Recycling Society (Earth Day) and the Christmas Haven group.

There is a small reserve to support new and grassroots events that may emerge later in the year. If you have an idea, we want to hear from you! Connect with Parks, Recreation & Culture staff by email at [festivals@mapleridge.ca](mailto:festivals@mapleridge.ca) or call (604) 467-2544 extension 2. The deadline for the next application intake will be November 30 for events that will take place from May 1 through to October 31, 2019.

“Maple Ridge has such an incredible diversity of events that promote a sense of place, belonging, inclusion and pride. From Earth Day in May through to the Christmas Haven on December 24, there is always something going on in our community and we are grateful for the dedicated volunteers who invest their time, expertise and passion to make a healthy, safe and vibrant community,” notes Yvonne Chui, Recreation Manager Arts & Community Connections. “Residents who wish to volunteer their time are encouraged to contact us. Maple Ridge’s festivals and events are richer for the passion, skills and hours our volunteers invest in the community.”

For more information on the Festivals Grant program please contact Yvonne Chui, Recreation Manager Arts & Community Connections for the City of Maple Ridge by email at [yvonne.chui@mapleridge.ca](mailto:yvonne.chui@mapleridge.ca) or by phone at 604-467-7415.