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## **Voter Information Card Mailed to All Maple Ridge Homes and Businesses**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** Canada Post is delivering a Voter Information Card to all residential and business addresses in Maple Ridge this week in anticipation of Advance Voting beginning on Saturday, October 6. Maple Ridge citizens will be able to cast a vote for Mayor, up to six Councillors and up to five School Trustees. Voters will also receive a second ballot for a non-binding plebiscite on garbage and green waste curbside pickup.

“This is the first time we’ve done a city-wide mailer for our local election,” said Laura Benson, Chief Election Officer for the City of Maple Ridge. “The mailer informs citizens about when and where they can vote, what ID to bring, and about non-resident property electors and mail ballots. Our goal is to make voting as convenient as possible for all eligible voters aged 18 and up.”

“Citizens are reminded that they can vote at any polling location. Voting locations are open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm for all Advance Voting opportunities and on General Election Day on October 20. “The first Advance Voting opportunity is this Saturday, October 6 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Maple Ridge City Hall (11995 Haney Place). There will be bright signs around the location to direct citizens to the east entrance of City Hall,” said Ms. Benson. “Typically, Advance Voting dates have smaller turnouts. They are a great opportunity to avoid line-ups that sometimes happen on General Election Day. Our goal is to provide citizens with more options to cast their ballot.”

The Voter Information Card and more, including candidate profiles, can be found online at [mapleridge.ca/306](http://mapleridge.ca/306). In addition, citizens can use the ‘What’s Happening Around Me?’ (WHAM) tool to find the closest voting location at [opengov.mapleridge.ca](http://opengov.mapleridge.ca). Mobile users can download the ‘Your Maple Ridge’ app at Apple and Google Play stores to access WHAM and other City tools and resources on their phone.