



# City of Maple Ridge News Release

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## **CP Holiday Train Helps Support Friends In Need Food Bank**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On Monday, December 17 the CP Holiday Train will be stopping at the Port Haney West Coast Express station at 7:30 pm for its annual visit to our community. This year's event will feature a 45-minute show with performances by Sam Roberts Band, Kelly Prescott and Sierra Knoble. Road closures will be in effect along River Road.

"I want to thank CP Rail for once again including a Maple Ridge stop on the Holiday Train's annual journey across Canada. It has become a wonderful family tradition in our community and is the single largest fundraiser for our local food bank. I hope citizens will join us at the Port Haney Station to take in the excellent music, vibrant holiday lights and festive atmosphere," said Mayor Mike Morden.

In advance of the train's arrival, Maple Ridge firefighters and Youth Academy members will be out at local grocery stores on Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations for the Friends In Need Food Bank and Christmas Hamper programs. The results of this early fundraiser will be announced at Monday's CP Holiday Train stop, and donations will continue to be accepted at the event.

The Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association is making it easy to get to the site by inviting the community to park for free on North Road west of 224 Street behind Fuller Watson Furniture. Volunteers will be patrolling the parking area and have set up 'Candy Cane Lane' on 224 Street with Christmas lights and information stops for people to walk down to the train through the pedestrian tunnel underneath the Haney Bypass.

You can follow the CP Holiday Train on Twitter @CPHolidayTrain for updates on its progress across Canada.

The train schedule is available online at [www.cpr.ca/holiday-train/canada](http://www.cpr.ca/holiday-train/canada).