City of Maple Ridge
News Release

Esri Canada Award of Excellence presented to Maple Ridge Council

Maple Ridge, BC: On December 11, 2018, Maple Ridge Council was presented with an Award of Excellence from Esri, a global leader in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies. Considered among a wide range of candidates in the private, public and non-profit sectors across Canada, the City was chosen to receive the award in recognition of its outstanding use of GIS technology to improve community engagement through the City's Open Government Portal (OGP).

"The OGP allows citizens to explore current and historical data about our City using mapping and analytical tools right at their fingertips," said Mayor Morden. "This award reflects the high level of transparency and community engagement we have achieved through the launch of the OGP, and we look forward to expanding the Portal with additional data and applications to further facilitate information-sharing and collaboration among citizens, businesses and City Hall."

"The Land Development Viewer (LDV) application on the OGP is one of the greatest examples of how we have approached this work," said Maple Ridge Chief Information Officer Christina Crabtree. "The LDV allows a citizen walking in their neighbourhood to point their smartphone at a Development Application sign and understand what's being proposed for the site, see and hear the Council conversations, and read the reports associated with that application. This is the power of this technology."

Citizens are encouraged to access the OGP on their smartphones and tablets using the 'Your Maple Ridge' app available through the Apple and Google Play Stores or online at opengov.mapleridge.ca.

The Esri Award media release can be found at https://esri.ca/en/company/news/news-releases/city-of-maple-ridge-recognized-for-improving-community-engagement-with-gis.

For more information, check out the Open Government Story Map and explore applications at https://esrica-marketing.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=ec86a763b2a14c09be6fc002c5f63df0&folderid=ffca106f34284f579dc0a53e5295c554.