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Maple Ridge Attains Top 25 in Money Sense Magazine's Best Places to Live in Canada Ranking

Maple Ridge, BC: The April 2014 edition of Money Sense has hit the newsstands with their ranking of 'Canada's Best Places to Live.' Maple Ridge was ranked 23rd on the list of 'Small Cities' (population under 100,000) and 47th overall of the 201 Canadian communities on the list.

Maple Ridge was the sixth highest ranking city in BC on the overall ranking, just behind Vancouver and the fourth highest ranked BC city from the 'Small Cities' ranking for communities under 100,000 in population. The overall top ranking was St. Albert, Alberta.

"Last summer I had the opportunity to spend some time in St. Albert visiting my cousin and I was struck by the similarities between our two communities. They have a well-established Farmers Market and they are working hard to ensure they have a vibrant downtown," noted Mayor Ernie Daykin. He continued, "I had a chance to sit down with Mayor Crouse and chat about some of the work they are doing and I was surprised at the consistency of the approaches that are being taken in our two communities. I came away from that discussion with a sense of confidence that we have a strong vision and plan for the future of our community based on the successes that I saw in St. Albert."

The Money Sense ranking assigns values to a number of key indexes with information on housing affordability, employment levels and wealth receiving the highest weighting. The overall article notes that the rankings reflect the best places to live, not visit, and thus such items as recreational amenities were not weighted as high. The ranking summaries and related stories

can be found in Money Sense magazine on newsstands and the complete methodology, full charts and data can be found online at moneysense.ca.

In February of 2014 the Real Estate Investment Network (REIN) recognized Maple Ridge #2 Top Investment Town, a distinction we have earned since 2003. In addition, REIN has named Maple Ridge as '2010 – 2015 # 5 Top Canadian Investment City.

“I can’t remember a time in our community history where we have had this kind of attention. Our citizens should be proud that our community is being recognized nationally as a great place to live and a great place to invest,” said Mayor Daykin. He continued “One of the keys to our future is retail and commercial development that will require multi-million dollar investment from entrepreneurs across our nation and globally. As our community continues to pop up in these lists of great places to live and invest, our marketing of the community for new residential, commercial and industrial investment is significantly enhanced.”

For more information about the Money Sense or REIN ranking please contact Mayor Ernie Daykin at edaykin@mapleridge.ca or by calling 604-463-5221.