



# District of Maple Ridge News Release

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## 18 Proposed HAP Strategies – What Do You Think?

**Maple Ridge, BC:** The District of Maple Ridge has completed its Draft Housing Action Plan. A Housing Action Plan provides a roadmap for the District to work with other levels of government, the private sector and non-profit organizations to make sure that community housing needs are met. After extensive community consultation and research, 18 strategies have been proposed.

Sue Wheeler, Director of Community Services with the District commented, “We have been really pleased with the consultation process so far and are looking forward to having the community identify the priority strategies.” By visiting the Housing Action Plan webpage at [www.mapleridge.ca/246/Housing-Action-Plan](http://www.mapleridge.ca/246/Housing-Action-Plan) and filling out the questionnaire, you can help identify community priorities and comment on the plan. Hard copies of the Draft Housing Action Plan and survey are also available upon request.

Darrell Pilgrim, Co-Chair of the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows/Katzie Housing Planning Table agrees that, “Identifying key housing priorities helps plan for the needs of a changing and diverse population. Affordable housing is definitely on the radar for the local Housing Planning Table.” There will be opportunity to identify priorities and provide input by filling out the questionnaire online until July 28, 2014. District staff will also be available at the July 26 Haney Farmers Market in the Memorial Peace Park to provide information and to engage with citizens about what their top housing priorities are.

