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Tweetable Sidewalk Poetry – Vote for Top Two by October 10, 2014

Maple Ridge, BC: For Maple Ridge's 140th Anniversary celebration, the City through the Public Art Steering Committee, Holy Wow Poets and Golden Ears Writers developed a call for current and past residents of Maple Ridge to submit short, original "tweetable" poems and selected 10 entries from the 60 that were submitted. The theme: "What Makes this City Special to you?" Each poem was required to be 140 characters or less, including spaces, the maximum length in a tweet. The winners were announced on September 13 and those attending read their poems. These 10 poems will be displayed temporarily in public spaces around the Town Centre as sidewalk poetry from September through December 2014 and on the website at mrpmparksandleisure.ca/377/Sidewalk-Poetry. The second stage of this project is to invite citizens to vote for their top two choices by clicking "like" on the City's Facebook page. The winners will be reserved for permanent installation in the future. You can only vote once for your choice of two out of the 10 poems. Voting closes on October 10, 2014.

The committee and selection panel wishes to thank everyone who made a submission as the number submitted in such a short timeframe indicate that "There's a poet in every one of us." The winning poems were submitted by the following: Beckett Evans, Marlowe Evans and Emily Tsui (Kids and Youth categories); Kieron Donovan, Shelley Evans, Michael Hanlon, Leanne Koehn, Sheila Nickols and Jaimen Shires (Adult category).

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