



City of Maple Ridge News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 3, 2015 #15-11

For further information, contact:
Mayor Read at 604-463-5221
nread@mapleridge.ca

Mayor's Task Force on Open Government Appoints Citizen Committee Chair

Maple Ridge, BC: “On behalf of my fellow Open Government Task Force members Councillors Bell and Shymkiw, I am very pleased to announce that Katherine Wagner has been appointed as the Chair of the Citizen’s Representatives Working Group of our Task Force,” said Mayor Nicole Read. “The Citizen Representatives Working Group will be an independent body that will gather citizen feedback and prepare recommendations to bring forward to the Mayor’s Open Government Task Force on how the City can increase accountability, transparency and citizen’s understanding of and contribution to decision-making.”

Ms. Wagner has lived in Maple Ridge since 1991. In that time she and her husband raised their two sons and her interest in local issues saw her run successfully as a School Trustee where she sat for three terms from 1996 to 2005. Ms. Wagner has remained very active in the community, writing a column in the Maple Ridge Times from January 2006 to 2011 and has been a key organizer and promoter of the Golden Ears Writers group. In 2013 Ms. Wagner was a founder of the Maple Ridge Council Watch Facebook page and continues to act as one of the content moderators.

"Transparency and accountability is an essential component of an effective, democratic government, and I am thrilled our new Council has chosen to address this important issue early in its mandate," said Katherine Wagner. "I look forward to being part of this project to ensure that Maple Ridge is a leader in community engagement and collaboration."

The Mayors Open Government Task Force Terms of Reference were established earlier in February, and Mayor Read will be presenting an update on the next steps for the Task Force early in March.

The call for community volunteers for the Citizen's Representatives Working Group has been extended to March 20, 2015. If you, or someone you know, are interested in being part of the Citizen's Representatives Working Group please send a resume and letter of interest to Kelly Swift, General Manager: Community Development, Parks & Recreation Services by email to kswift@mapleridge.ca or by mail or in-person to;

City of Maple Ridge
Attention: Citizen's Representatives Working Group
11995 Haney Place
Maple Ridge, BC V2X6A9

For more information on this announcement please contact Mayor Read by email at nread@mapleridge.ca or by telephone at 604-463-5221.