

MAPLE RIDGE COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION UPDATE TO COUNCIL

08 May 2018



HERITAGE COMMISSION

Commissioners:

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Amanda Allen, Committee Clerk



VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT HERITAGE

“a core value in Canadian society”

... Volunteer Canada

Accountability:

**Tracking volunteer contributions
valued average @ \$24/hr**

www.independentsector.org



Functions Performed/Degree of Service:

ACTIVITY	2017		2018		
	\$	Vol Hrs	\$	Vol Hrs	
Heritage Week:					
Heritage Awards	2,000	60	4000	60	
Heritage Conversation	500	15	500	15	
Partnered Event	200	15	200	15	
Plaque Program	200	5	400	5	
Information Panels and Signage	200	10	10 000	40	
Heritage Marker Replacement	600	20	400	10	
Canada 150	2500	30			
BC 160			2500	30	
Maple Ridge 5 yrs a city					

CHC Volunteer hours donated in 2017

**Approximately
3000 hours**

CHC PRIORITIES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Heritage Communication Strategy							
Heritage Inventory Update							
Heritage Incentives Review							
Education & Awareness Initiatives							
Digitization Initiatives							
Community Partnerships							
Heritage Plan Update							



Celebrate Canada 150

THE CITY'S HERITAGE GOALS

The Goals and their accompanying Actions form the Implementation Plan:

- ***Aligning*** the vision and work-plan of the Community Heritage Commission with the heritage policies in the Maple Ridge Official Community Plan;
- ***Defining*** a clear pathway for the Community Heritage Commission to achieve a heritage vision;
- ***Inspiring*** community engagement in local heritage conservation;
- ***Increasing*** public awareness of the community benefits of heritage conservation and infrastructure;
- ***Promoting*** the development of heritage infrastructure; and
- ***Identifying*** the gaps in the existing heritage management program and using this to inform the CHC work-plan.

ACTIONS

- 1. Heritage Recognition**
- 2. Heritage Management**
- 3. Heritage Education**
- 4. Historic Communities**

CHC BUSINESS PLAN 2018



Complete or sustain existing programs and projects.



Update the Heritage Register to reflect the status of current sites and add new sites to the register.



Review Heritage Incentives



Develop a Heritage Conservation Master Plan



Confirm that the CHC is implementing the Heritage Plan as mandated by Council.



Forecast the Commission's work for the next five years.

CHC Communications Strategy...

**Goals: recognizing, educating, managing,
community building**

The following resolution was unanimously passed at the April 4, 2017 meeting of the Community Heritage Commission:

R17-015

It was moved and seconded

That the CHC requests that Council review and consider providing additional communications support for advisory committees and community events.

In 2017 Council endorsed Parliamentary Bill C-323 to provide tax credits for the cost of renovation of registered heritage properties.

The bill was referred to the House Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainability where the bill was denied third reading in favour of a comprehensive review of heritage incentives.

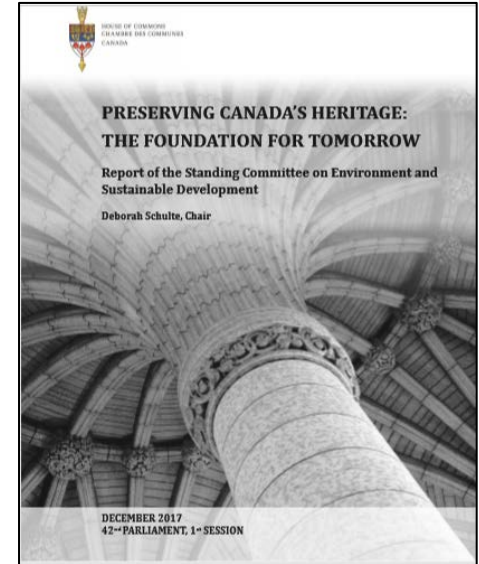
The standing committee delivered its report to Parliament including recommending improved funding for Parks Canada and indigenous heritage.

For all the recommendations see:

Preserving Canada's Heritage: The Foundation for Tomorrow

www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/ENV/Reports/RP9295003/en/virp10/envirp10-e.pdf

Heritage Incentives



CHC Heritage Plan 2013-2020

Heritage Week February

- MRHS Walking Tours
- Heritage Conversation Evening
- Heritage Awards Celebration
- Story of Banned Books

Heritage Inventory

Heritage Register

Heritage Marker Inventory

Heritage Incentives Review

Partnerships:

- Maple Ridge Historical Society
- Maple Ridge Library
- Maple Ridge Family History Group

Education Program:

- Local Voices
- Reminisce Kits
- BC Heritage Fairs

CHC PROGRAMS



CHC PROJECTS

Heritage Inventory Update Project
Open Access Digitization of Maple Ridge
City Archives

Cultural Plan Action Plan Table
Robertson Family Cemetery Designation
Geocaching Re-Launch
Local Voices at Maple Ridge Library
Conferences:

- British Columbia Historical Federation
- British Columbia Museums Association
- Heritage BC



INTERSECTIONS NETWORKING EVENT

Goals: educating and community building

We thank Council for sponsoring this event to bring Committees of Council and their community partners together to share their accomplishments and connect in new ways to stimulate even more partnerships for a healthy community.



Photos Erica Williams



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Goals: educating and community building

PARTNERS:

- Maple Ridge Public Library
- Maple Ridge Family History Group
- Maple Ridge Historical Society

PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:

- Heritage Week—The Story of Banned Books
- Local Voices
- Library Reminisce Kits
- Family Literacy Day



Photos Darren Durupt

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Goals: educating and community building

The CHC commitment to this project is 3 years, with maintenance and relaunch this spring and in 2019

Geocaching Project Feedback:

“...Well it sure was an adventure. This was done at the end of the day after walking to all the others in the heat of a summer day. Last of the Canada 150 put out in Maple ridge.

Thanks for making the series and showing me new areas of the city. Loved it. TFTC”



HERITAGE WEEK February 19-25, 2018

Goals: recognizing, educating, community building

2018 Theme: “Heritage Stands the Test of Time”



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Maple Ridge Museum and Community Archives collection:

Object collection:

**15,000 individual items – around 400 too big for boxes with
150 very large/heavy items**

Archival collection:

13,700 indexed and scanned photographs

and at least 250,000 negatives with no scans or prints.

200 document collections [archives fonds] with 3,500 folders.

140 large folders of oversized plans and maps

95 very large maps rolled and stored

Gazette newspapers – 1923 to 1980

***Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Times* – film-based images 1985 to roughly 2002.**



Maple Ridge City Archives collection:

The collection consists of materials dating back to the 1874 incorporation of the District of Maple Ridge. The current inventory project is nearly complete.

CITY INITIATIVE

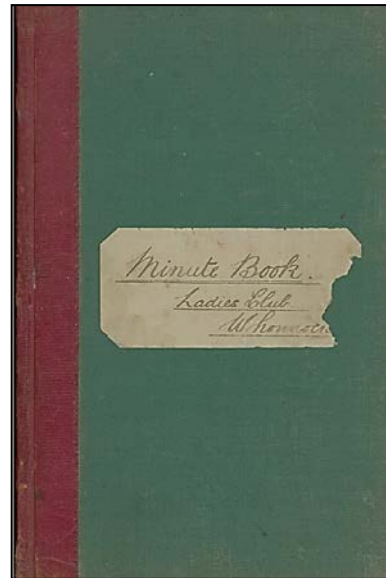
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Storage Space
Urgently needed!

The conservation and security of our historical artifacts and archival materials needs to be funded and constructed.



Images: MRMCA



Maple Ridge Museum and Community Archives work continues ...



The Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Times

– film-based images 1985 to roughly 2002

The Maple Ridge Historical Society received a Library and Archives Canada grant of \$14,773 from the Documentary Heritage Communities Program to digitize the collection.

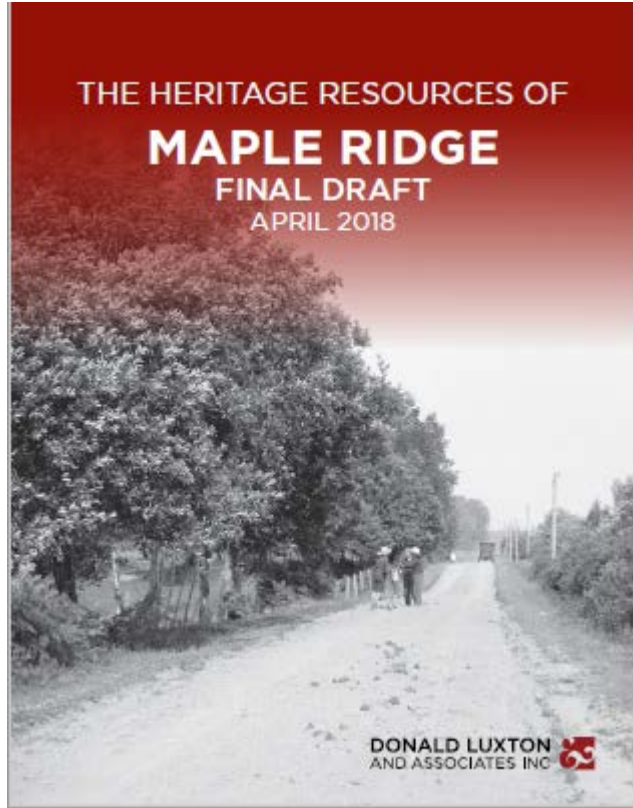
Haney House gets new windows and doors...

Implementing the Haney House Conservation Plan.



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Heritage Inventory Update Project Complete!



Endorsed by Council 17 April 2018

Step One leads to:

- **revision of the Heritage Register**
- **review of Heritage Incentives**
- **scheduled updating of these essential planning tools**

Maple Ridge heritage documents to view:



Heritage Register

www.mapleridge.ca/817/Heritage-Register



Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge 2018

www.mapleridge.ca/241/Heritage-Inventory-Resources



Heritage Week & Awards

www.mapleridge.ca/240/Heritage-Week-Awards

You are invited to:



Attend CHC regular meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.



Present your heritage interests, concerns and achievements as part of our agenda.



Contribute to *Heritage Here* newsletter.

Contact Staff Liaison Amelia Bowden
604-467-7383
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You are invited to:



Participate in the Heritage Register Update Program TBA



Nominate your favourite examples of cultural achievement for a Maple Ridge Heritage Award



Join the Community Heritage Commission

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