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Film and TV Production Ramps Back Up in Maple Ridge

Maple Ridge, BC: As the film and television industry resumes activity following the COVID-19 shutdown, Maple Ridge continues to be a popular filming location. Inquiries are coming in daily and dozens of productions are slated to shoot across the community in the coming months, according to a new report from the City's Economic Development Department.

"When film and television productions were permitted to restart in July, Maple Ridge was one of the first municipalities to welcome back crews with new safety protocols in place," said Wendy Dupley, Director of Economic Development. "We're proud to have played a part in getting cameras rolling again."

The City welcomed 13 productions in September, up from five last year. In July, eight productions were shooting throughout Maple Ridge with a total of 50 shoot days between all projects, a 72 per cent increase year-over-year.

The film and television industry is an important economic generator for the City. According to the Association of Film Commissioners International, filming in Maple Ridge contributes approximately \$20,000 per shoot day to the City's economy. It also employs more than 1,000 residents, providing over \$55 million in wages in 2019.

With more studio facilities opening locally, the City doesn't anticipate any reduction in activity over the short term.

"We're looking forward to welcoming more productions and continuing to live up to our reputation as a helpful, film-friendly location," said Dupley.