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Businesses Sought for Temporary Job Fair for Film Workers

Maple Ridge, B.C. – The City of Maple Ridge has partnered with WorkBC Centre Maple Ridge, film industry groups, and unions to host a Temporary Job Fair on Tuesday, August 22 at the Maple Ridge Public Library (22470 Dewdney Trunk Road) to connect business owners with short-term employees, be it for contractual roles, temporary assignments, or project-based tasks.

“Currently there are talented professionals who normally work in the film industry sidelined by the ongoing SAG and WGA strikes. They have an incredible skill set, from electricians, accountants, carpenters, landscaping, general labour, security, Class 1 driving and other skills that could help kickstart projects for local businesses,” said Tyler Westover, Director of Economic Development.

He continued, “Maple Ridge continues to be a popular destination for film and TV projects, and I’ve seen firsthand how the talented industry workers work wonders on their film sets every day. Many of these workers live in our community, and this is our way of supporting them, and our local businesses, by connecting workers and employers for temporary employment as the film industry strike impacts the BC film industry.”

Over 200 film professionals have signed up for the sessions that will run in one-hour increments from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 22, and business owners who are looking for temporary workers for special projects or term workers are invited to contact the organizers and recruit at this unique ‘Temporary Job Fair’ event.

“The event is open to employers from here in Maple Ridge, the Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver who are looking for talented workers on a temporary basis. The participation is free for employers, but prior registration through the Eventbrite is mandatory to ensure enough space for all attendees,” said Tyler.

Businesses can register using the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/temporary-employment-job-fair-tickets-698439390017?aff=oddtcreator>

If your business has a role to fill, there will be someone at this fair that can fill it on a temporary basis. The term 'temporary' ranges from a couple of days to a couple of months. The highly mobile nature of the film industry allows for a quick onboarding process and a flexible employment relationship.

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