

# Maple Ridge This Month

## FEBRUARY 2015

### SPOTLIGHT ON: Heritage Week, February 16 to 22

#### Celebrating the Rich History of Our Community

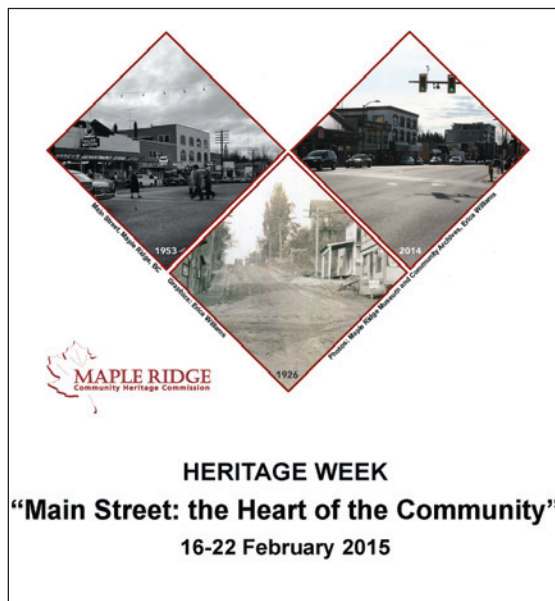
The Community Heritage Commission has been working with the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives and the Maple Ridge Historical Society to present a number of events that will allow citizens to immerse themselves in the rich history of Maple Ridge.

Events include a webinar titled 'Using Heritage to Build Dynamic Downtowns' that will be held on Wednesday, February 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Blaney Room at City Hall. Attendance is free, however seating is limited. Please contact Sunny Schiller at 604-463-5221 or email [sschiller@mapleridge.ca](mailto:sschiller@mapleridge.ca) to reserve your seat.

The next evening, on Thursday, February 19, is the Annual Heritage Awards evening at St. Andrews Heritage Church Hall located at 22279 116 Avenue just a stone's throw from Port Haney. The event starts at 7:00 pm and will feature a drama presentation by the Emerald Pig Theatrical Society. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 12 to Lisa Zosiak at the Maple Ridge Planning Department 604-467-7383 or [lzosiak@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lzosiak@mapleridge.ca) if you are going to attend.

On Saturday, February 21 the Maple Ridge Historical Society is running Heritage Walking Tours from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. The one hour tours start at the Memorial Peace Park fountain on 224 Street and are limited to 15 people. Participants will receive a booklet with a map of the tour's highlights. Contact the Maple Ridge Museum for more details and to register. 604-463-5311 or [mrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mrmuseum@gmail.com).

The final presentation is called 'Local Voices at Maple Ridge Library' and runs on Wednesday, February 25 from 7:00 to



8:30 pm. There will be three speakers including Sheila Nickols, Maple Ridge Historical Society mentor and author of new book 'Looking Back'.

As you can see, there are lots of ways you can connect with the history of our community. We may be BC's newest City, but the reality is that Maple Ridge is BC's sixth oldest community and there are many amazing stories to be told!

### INFORMED: January 2015

#### Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor and Council encourage everyone to attend these important public meetings. It's your chance to see how public policy is debated and enacted.

##### Monday, February 2

10:00 am, Workshop - Moved to Council Chambers

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, February 10

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, February 16

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, February 17

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, February 24

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link under Your Council on the home page.

#### Council This Week

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

#### Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole meeting you can now watch these meetings on your computer 24/7. The entire unedited meetings are posted two to three days after the meeting. The video is indexed to the agenda package so that you can watch them in their entirety or click through by agenda item. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the centre of the home page. In addition, Council meetings are now broadcast on the internet via live streaming using the same technology used for our live budget Q&A sessions. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED: Transit Funding Referendum

#### TransLink Presentation in MR on Monday, February 2

On Monday, February 2, representatives of TransLink will be appearing before Council as part of the Workshop agenda. Given the interest in the TransLink Funding Referendum and the associated 10 Year Plan, Council has moved the meeting to Council Chambers to allow for more public seating and the capacity to live stream the meeting for the public.

The referendum will be conducted using mail ballots that will be sent out in March of 2015 and citizens across Metro Vancouver will determine if the proposed 0.5% sales tax will be used to fund the TransLink plan. This is a great opportunity to get educated on this important issue live or via the live stream.



#### Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

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### INVOLVED: Family Day in BC

#### There's a Long Weekend Coming: Let's Get Active!

It used to be that you had to wait until March or April to get a long weekend but in BC Family Day breaks up that long stretch with a wonderful opportunity to spend some quality time with the whole family. Regionally there are a number of great programs to encourage you to get out and explore numerous activities with your family and right here in Maple Ridge the team at Parks & Leisure Services have some great ideas to make Monday, February 9 the best 'Family Day' ever.

Activities include FREE swimming activities, a special LOONIE skate time, a family yoga session for a dollar and a lantern making class at the ACT. This year you can get the family off the couch and away from the 'screens' with any one of these great programs.

For more information go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the green Parks and Leisure button on the right hand corner of the page. It's your portal to great activities every day!

### ENGAGED:

#### Introducing 'Your Mayor'

#### Mayor Read Launches Monthly Blog

On Wednesday, February 4, a new link will go live on the home page of [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) titled 'Your Mayor' which will take you to a landing page that allows you to connect with Mayor Read in a number of different ways. You can follow her on social media feeds like Facebook and Twitter or check out her monthly blog and 'Quick Thoughts' to keep up with the work your newly elected Council is working on.



The monthly updates were a commitment that Mayor Read made as part of her Inaugural Address in early December. The blog will be one of the ways to report back to citizens on initiatives that are underway and report progress on important issues facing the community. Mayor Read will be asking members of the community, fellow Council members or people with specific expertise to 'guest blog' from time-to-time so that we can create a strong dialogue and establish the openness and transparency that all of Council aspires to.

The 'Your Mayor' link will appear right underneath the 'Your Council' link on the left hand side of the home page. Take a look and get engaged in your City Hall!



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