

# City Support Makes For Movie Magic!

FILM POLICY & BYLAW UPDATES HELP CREATE A VIBRANT LOCAL FILM INDUSTRY



Maple Ridge

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## MAPLE RIDGE'S FILMING LANDSCAPE

Through transparent regulation, development, and collaboration with the City, local community, and productions working together as project-based teams to create “movie magic”, Maple Ridge ranks fourth in BC contributing 6.5% to the province's on-location filming activities. The City annually hosts around 110 productions, 300 permits, and 350-400 shooting days, all without a film studio, relying solely on tangible locations.

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FILM  
PERMITS

**~400**  
SHOOTING  
DAYS

**4TH**  
TOP BC FILM  
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FILM ACTIVITY

## FILM POLICY EVOLUTION

Maple Ridge **revised its Film Policy** to support increased film production since 1995. The aim is to modernize film activities while preserving city functionality and citizen access. The industry's growth has tripled local economic impact, creating jobs, revenue & supporting businesses.

## CONSULTATIVE REVISIONS

Extensive consultations with city departments, leadership groups, and film stakeholders have led to a **more robust policy**. The amendments include operational guidelines addressing permit processes, facility usage, and environmental concerns.

## UPDATED FEE STRUCTURE

The Film Bylaw introduces changes to the fee structure. Permit application fee remains at \$250, but **additional charges of \$75** apply for extra locations. Special Effects Permits will also see a \$50 increase per application.

## TIERED RATE SYSTEM

Maple Ridge has implemented a Tiered Park Rate System (TPRS) for park rentals based on production impact. The system **ensures equitable fees**, with lower rates for smaller productions like student and independent films, and higher rates for impactful shows like TV series and feature films.

## COMPETITIVE ALIGNMENT

Changes to the Film Policy align Maple Ridge with contemporary industry standards. The City remains **exceptionally competitive** while ensuring equitable fee structures that consider varying production impacts.

## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Film Policy bylaw changes support Maple Ridge's growth as a film destination through **transparent regulation and compliance**. The goal is for the City, community, and the production to work together as a team to create amazing video content.