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## MAPLE RIDGE HOSTS CHC NETWORKING CONFERENCE

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*Mayor Ernie Daykin addressing CHC Networking Conference on 28 November 2009.*



*Sarrah Hossack and Lynne Probyn taking registrations. Nicole Read joins them for a laugh. More pictures inside.*



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## CHC NETWORKING CONFERENCE BECOMES ANNUAL EVENT

On November 28, 2009, the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission hosted the second networking conference, following last year's immensely successful conference in Mission. Close to fifty participants, including delegates from as far away as Tahsis, filled the Maple Ridge District Council Chambers, where the sessions were held. Mayor Ernie Dakin was on hand to welcome the conference goers.

Acknowledging the difficult economic times faced by heritage organizations everywhere, the theme of the conference was "Challenges facing CHCs and Opportunities for Success." This topic was the focus of the panel discussion, moderated by **Pamela Copley**, Regional Heritage Planner at the BC Heritage Branch, but it was also addressed by **Diane Switzer**, Executive Director of the Vancouver Heritage Foundation, in her presentation "New Economic Times: Alternative Sources of Funding." Other presentations included an overview of heritage conversation in BC by **Rick Goodacre**, Executive Director of Heritage BC, and "Heritage Research for CHC members," delivered in two parts by Mission Archivist **Val Billesberger** and Maple Ridge CHC member **Nicole Read**. **Sheila Nickols** presented a report on the work of the Maple Ridge CHC.

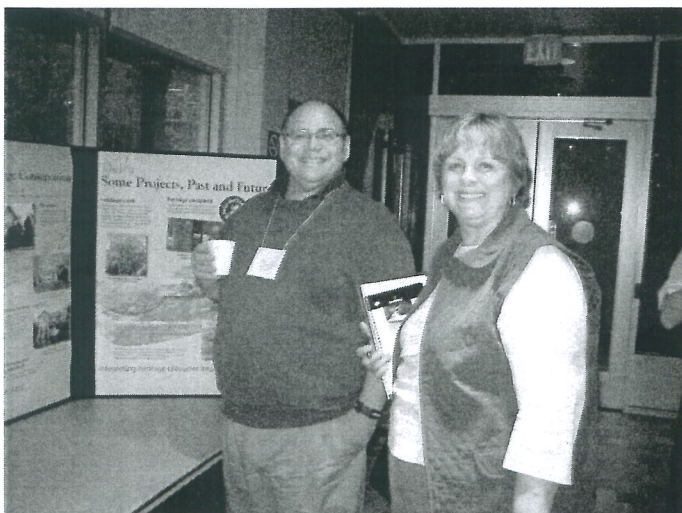
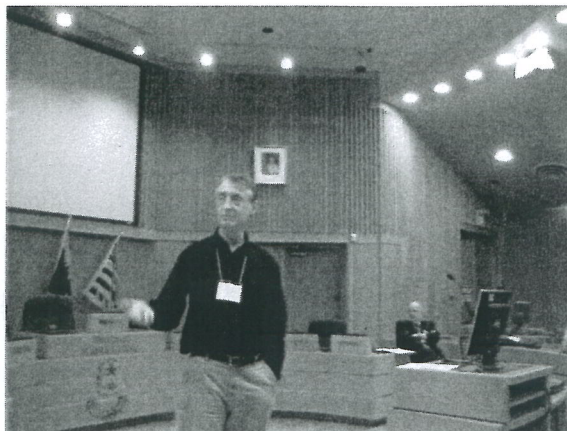
Coffee breaks and the lunch hour served for conference participants to mingle and exchange thoughts. The general feeling was that it was well worth it coming together to discuss common issues, and delegates from two groups have already expressed an interest in hosting next year's Conference. So it looks as if the CHC Networking Conference is poised to become an annual event.

—Helmi Braches



Lisa Zosiak Staff Liaison, Planning Department, at the display of the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission.





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## SHEILA NICKOLS

On 31 December Sheila Nickols will retire from the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission. The Commission, formed in 2000, was preceded by the Heritage Advisory Committee, of which Sheila was a founding member. If we add her many years on HAC, it makes her the longest-serving member on this heritage body.

The time, dedication and commitment Sheila has given and continues to give to the preservation of Maple Ridge's history and heritage is second to none. Not only does she work to preserve both, she is committed to developing in all those who live in this community an awareness of and pride in our heritage in all its many forms.

Sheila is not only an extremely competent and hard-working member of the Commission, she is also a founding member of the Maple Ridge Historical Society and played a leading role in obtaining the present Museum building. Over the years she has served the Historical Society as president, program chair, goodwill ambassador and continues as a member of the Board of Directors. Under her leadership such programs as Music on the Warf and the annual Heritage Tea have delighted hundreds of our citizens.

One would be very remiss to not mention Sheila's widely read column "Looking Back," which appears in *The News* on a regular basis. Her other major contribution to our written history was her work as the lead writer and editor of the book *Maple Ridge: A History of Settlement*, published in 1972. This important little book has found a place in the libraries of many Maple Ridge homes.

In 1996, Sheila was named Citizen of the Year by the Maple Ridge Community Foundation, and in 2003 she received a major award from the BC Heritage Branch for her outstanding contributions to the public's understanding of heritage.

We at the Community Heritage Commission are sorry to see Sheila leave our ranks, but we know we will not lose touch with her. We all are fortunate to have her as a citizen of Maple Ridge.

—Jim Connor

JIM CONNOR will retire from the CHC on 31 December as well. He served as a representative from the Maple Ridge Historical Society for four years, three of those as Chair of the Commission. His thorough, constructive input as well as his inspired presiding at events will be missed.



## Events + Projects

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 2010 Maple Ridge Heritage Awards will be presented  
on Thursday, 18 February 2010, at 7:30 p.m.  
at the St. Andrew's Heritage Hall, 22279 - 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Awards presentation — Entertainment — Raffle  
Come and join us!

**Correction:** Contrary to what was stated in our Summer 2009 issue, worship in Whonnock United Church, which is up for sale, has in fact not been suspended and continues to this day. We apologize for any inconvenience this misinformation may have caused.