

Maple Ridge This Month

FEBRUARY 2014

SPOTLIGHT ON: Maple Ridge's Housing Action Plan

Housing Action Plan Online Questionnaire Launched

In 2011, the District of Maple Ridge adopted the Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) along with other communities in Metro Vancouver. The RGS identifies the importance and need for affordable housing with a range of options, as being an important part of a complete community. The amended Regional Context Statement (RCS) in the Official Community Plan (OCP) identifies the District's commitment to completing a Housing Action Plan (HAP) to address policies for complete communities in the RGS.

One of the key milestones of this work is to reach out to the community to get our citizens ideas, comments and suggestions. On Monday, January 27, 2014 an online questionnaire was launched that can be reached by going to the HAP home page on the District website at www.mapleridge.ca/246/Housing-Action-Plan. The questionnaire takes less than five minutes to complete, and when combined with the other outreach programs that are underway, will help create recommendations that will come back before Council later in the year.

In addition to the online questionnaire there are two other outreach programs. You will find interactive posters located in



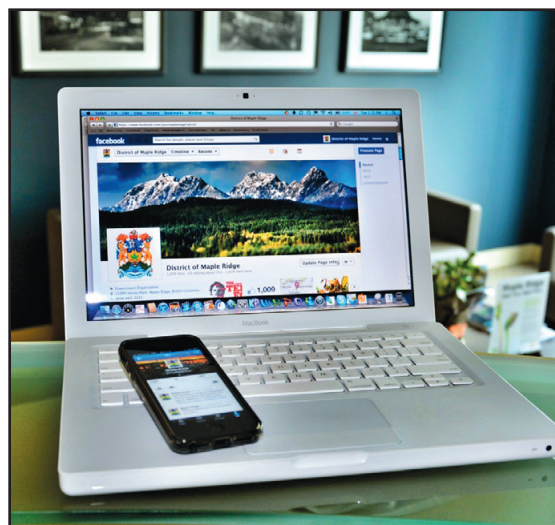
the lobbies of the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre, Ridge Meadows Seniors Centre and Municipal Hall. The colourful posters allow you to make comments and share your views on this important work. The third program is a tool called 'coMap' that allows you to share your ideas about housing types and tenure for specific locations in the community. This tool can be reached on the Housing Action Plan homepage at mapleridge.ca.

ENGAGED: My Health. My Community Survey

Your Participation Can Help Shape Future Program Delivery!

Fraser Health, Vancouver Coastal Health and UBC are currently conducting a study titled 'My Health My Community' that will help them to learn how our lifestyles, our neighbourhoods and our environment all come together to affect overall health and well-being. They'll study the results, and be able to improve future programs and services so that they are more relevant to your health and wellness needs. They'll also be able to share the most up-to-date health and lifestyle information with the District and community stakeholders and help them shape policies, programs and community services that lead to better health.

You can find the survey online at www.myhealthmycommunity.org. The site will explain who is eligible to fill out the survey, some background information on the program and details on how you can enter a draw for a number of prizes including a draw for an iPad! Your opinion counts! Take a few minutes and participate in this important survey.



INVOLVED: Are You Able To Help?

Maple Ridge Canada Day Planning Committee is Looking for Volunteers

It's that time of year! If you are interested in being part of the 2014 Maple Ridge Canada Day Planning Committee, please contact Dave Speers, Neighbourhood Development Coordinator with Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services, Tel: 604-467-7433 Extension 1.

It's a great way to meet new friends and to help make Maple Ridge a special place to live.



FEEDBACK

Contact us at enquiries@mapleridge.ca

If you have a question about any of the content in this ad, or questions about any programs or services offered by the District of Maple Ridge, please send an email to enquiries@mapleridge.ca and one of our team members will respond to you.

INFORMED

February 2014

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.

Tuesday, February 11

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, February 17

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 25

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, 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, 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 and click on the video link at the centre of the home page.

INFORMED: BC Family Day



How Will You Spend Your Second BC Family Day Holiday?

Monday, February 10 is Family Day in BC and if you're trying to think of a fun activity for the whole family, we invite you to pop down to the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre for a day full of fun and fitness. The Leisure Centre will be open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and our recreation team will be working hard to make your second Family Day special. Look for posters featuring the many activities on this new holiday.

Here's a list of the operating hours for all of our facilities for Monday, February 10:

Municipal Hall: Closed

Maple Ridge Leisure Centre: Open 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Greg Moore Youth Centre: Open 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Fire Hall #1 Administrative offices: Closed

Ridge Meadows RCMP Administrative offices:
Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm



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