

Maple Ridge THIS WEEK

January 15-31, 2020

Administration

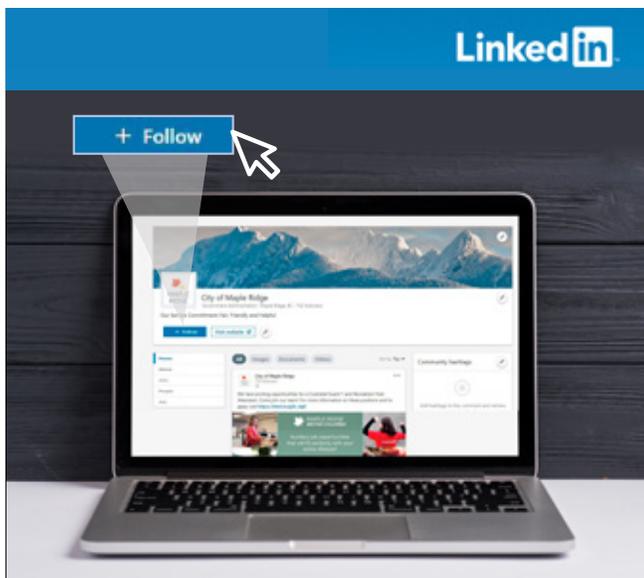
The 2020 Council Meeting Calendar is Now Available



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Public Works & Development Services

Sanitary Sewer Servicing Plan Update for Silver Valley

The City of Maple Ridge has retained engineering consultant Water Street Engineering to develop an updated sanitary sewer servicing plan for the Silver Valley area. The study involves assessing sewage flow rates, modeling the capacity of the sewage collection system and identifying options for upgrades to accommodate growth. Following the study, conceptual plans for infrastructure upgrades will be further developed along with recommendations for updates to the City's Financial Plan.



Licences and Bylaws



DOG LICENCE RENEWAL

This is a friendly reminder that 2020 Dog Licences are due **January 31, 2020**. For your convenience, the Property Tax Payment Counter will remain open on **January 30, 2020** until 8 pm.

WHAT'S COMING UP

JAN 25- FEB 2

LEISURE CENTRE CLOSURE

FEBRUARY 3

LEISURE CENTRE Soft Opening

FEBRUARY 17

WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

FEBRUARY 4

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FEBRUARY 11

- COUNCIL MEETING WORKSHOP
- COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR



2020 Business Licence Renewal

If you hold a Maple Ridge Business Licence, it was due for renewal on or before January 1, 2020. Renewal notices were mailed out to all business owners in December. If you haven't renewed your licence yet, we provide the following payment options:

Online: Go to www.mapleridge.ca and click on the eServices button. Online payments can be made using MasterCard, Visa or certain Debit cards (TD Canada Trust, Bank of Montreal, Scotiabank and RBC Royal Bank). Please note that you will need the licence account number & new licence number from your invoice to pay online.

In Person: At the Finance counter in City Hall or at the Licences & Bylaws front counter located at 11960 Haney Place (1st floor) between 8:00 am & 4:00 pm Monday through Friday (except statutory holidays).

By Mail: Send cheques payable to the City of Maple Ridge 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9. We do not accept cash payment by mail.

By Phone: With Visa, MasterCard or American Express by calling the Licences & Bylaws Department Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (except statutory holidays) at 604-467-7305, press 1 for business licensing.



2020 Property Assessments Have Been Mailed Out

The deadline to appeal 2020 Property Assessments is **January 31, 2020**.

Contact BC Assessment for more information. <https://info.bccassessment.ca/contact-us>

Council Meetings and Agendas

Council is committed to conducting business in a manner that permits public participation at every opportunity. The public is invited to sit in on any of the following meetings of Council. Dates of meetings for 2020 are listed on the 2020 Meeting Schedule and the 2020 Council Yearly Meeting Calendar. <http://mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/23814/2020-Council-Meeting-Schedule-List>

Live Coverage

Council meetings are broadcast via live streaming. For new users, we suggest that you go online before the meeting and test out the existing collection of videos here: <http://media.mapleridge.ca/Mediasite/Showcase>

TV Coverage

Council meetings are broadcast on Shaw TV cable 4 at 2:00 pm on the Saturday following the Council meetings and rebroadcast on the following Monday at 7 pm.



I LOVE MAPLE RIDGE Local Business Promotion

Local businesses are benefiting from tourism and Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement (DMRBIA) initiatives that engage business participation and promote local shopping, dining and recreating. Recently the owner of Silver Valley Brewing told the BIA that the launch of the GLOW Maple Ridge event and the lighting of the community Christmas tree inspired such an increase in customers to his craft brewery that additional staff had to be called in to handle the demand. Taco Fan and other downtown businesses also noted a favourable upsurge in downtown spending and requested more community engagement activities in the downtown, especially during the shoulder season.

The increase in business participation in community initiatives is also evidenced by the percentage increase in involvement in the "I Love Downtown Maple Ridge" Valentine's Day-themed campaign running February 1 to February 14. Customers and clients of downtown shops, restaurants and services can drop their receipts in DMRBIA ballot containers at participating downtown businesses for a chance to win one of four gift baskets (each valued at \$1000).

In 2019, 36 businesses participated in the contest. This year more than 80 businesses have joined in on the promotion, increasing the number of participating businesses by 120%. "We're excited to see more businesses recognizing the value of leveraging off the success of tourism marketing and BIA contests. We are pleased that local businesses are recognizing the fabulous opportunity that arises when thousands of people descend on their doorstep for a parade or park attraction and then extend their stay, exploring what our shops and restaurants have to offer," said Ineke Boekhorst of the DMRBIA.

Winners will be drawn on February 19.

For more details, visit www.downtownmapleridge.ca

Staff Training for Re-Opening of Leisure Centre

On January 25th, 150 front line PRC staff gathered for a day of learning and fun in anticipation of the re-opening of the Leisure Centre. Participants attended sessions, led by PRC staff, on the new amenities & features of the facility, safety, inclusion and customer excellence. The day provided opportunity to welcome back existing staff and introduce new employees to the organization.



South West Haney Park – Concept Plan Update

The concept plan for the future neighbourhood park at St. Anne Avenue and 223 Street has been updated based on the neighbourhood feedback from the open house in November as well as the comments received through the online survey. Some changes include the addition of a paved pathway around the park that features a delineated inner scooter track, an expanded dog off leash area and a boulder play feature in the playground. Park construction is anticipated to be complete this spring.



Parks, Recreation and Culture

Maple Ridge Library Re-Carpeted

In early January, installation of new carpet in the second floor of the Library was completed. This was part of the City's lifecycle program, with the initial phase of carpet installation completed in late 2019.

BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER



Free Wireless Network Enhancement in the Town Centre

The final steps to install fiber optic cabling are underway in Memorial Peace Park and 224 Street. Concrete bases are being poured this week and new communications cabinets will be installed to house fiber optic and audio equipment. This project will enhance the City's free wireless network as well as provide audio capabilities to augment the many festivals and events held in the Town Centre area. Completion of this project is anticipated in late February.

