

Maple Ridge THIS WEEK

March 1-15, 2020



Administration

Council Meetings Paused for Spring Break

Council meetings will not be in session for the week of March 16-20 for spring break and will resume on March 24th.



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Corporate Financial Services

Speculation and Vacancy Tax deadline is March 31st

The Provincial Speculation and Vacancy Tax is part of the BC Government's affordable housing plan. All owners of residential property in Maple Ridge must complete an annual declaration, either by phone or on-line. The information you need was mailed in mid-February; if you did not receive one in late February, please contact Service BC.

For information about the tax and the process, please contact:

Website: www.gov.bc.ca/spectax

Toll Free: 1 (833) 554-2323

(Outside North America) Office: 1 (604) 660-2421

Email: spectaxinfo@gov.bc.ca

Licences and Bylaws



Keep Wildlife Wild & Communities Safe

Help keep wildlife wild and communities safe by not setting your garbage, organics or recycling bins out early. Did you know that in Maple Ridge we have a Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw that states when

bins are to be placed out for collection and when they are to be removed?

Maple Ridge Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw No. 7437-2018 states receptacles are to be placed out no earlier than 5:00 am ON COLLECTION DAY and are to be removed no later than 7:00 pm on collection day. Thank You for helping keep our community safe for everyone.

For more information visit www.mapleridge.ca/322



HAPPENING = MARCH

COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

MARCH 24

- SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
- PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 31

- COUNCIL MEETING WORKSHOP
- COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR

COVID-19: Learn, Act & Help

How you can help protect yourself and the ones close to you.

LEARN



Be aware that not everything you hear or read about COVID-19 is true.



Stay updated and use information from trusted health authorities like BCCDC and Fraser Health.

ACT



Wash your hands often and avoid touching your face.



Avoid handshakes and close contact. Think of new ways to greet people.



Cover your cough and sneezes with your elbow or tissues.



Stay home if you have a fever, cough or are exhibiting other symptoms.

HELP

The health risks are greater for the elderly and they may be worried and unsure of how they may be affected. Take time to talk things through with your older family members, friends and neighbours and ask how you can help.



Check if they need help with day to day tasks like shopping.



Recommend they stay home and away from public places.



Make sure they have a good supply of any regular medication they need.

COPING WITH STRESS

We understand that the outbreak of COVID-19 can be stressful for you and your loved ones. Here are some strategies you can use to help manage your stress.



Talk with people you trust to help work through some of stress.



Be aware that not everything you hear and read is true about COVID-19.



Limit your time online or watching news coverage to help minimize triggering stressors.



Practice skills you have used in the past to help manage stress.



Maintain a healthy lifestyle if you must stay at home for an extended period.



Deal with your emotions in a healthy manner. If you are overwhelmed talk to a health worker or counsellor.

Always make sure your first resource for information regarding COVID-19 is an official health authority. For more information please visit www.bccdc.ca or www.fraserhealth.ca



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.

Community Athlete Recognition Award – Brian Malfesi

The Community Athlete Recognition Awards recognizes athletes and teams in our community that have showcased strong leadership skills, dedication and those that are engaged in the community or have overcome adversity. The Sport Network is excited to have the opportunity to celebrate the great talent we have in our community at the recreational, grassroots and competitive level.

This year, the Sport Network is proud to announce the first recipient of the Community Athlete Recognition Award – Brian Malfesi. Brian is a member of the Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club (RCKC) and has been a sprint kayaker for 16 years. He is currently a member of the Senior Men's National Team and is currently chasing his dream of going to the Olympics! To read more about Brian's story or to nominate an athlete or a team please visit the City's [website](#).



City of Maple Ridge Hosts Canadian Playground Safety Inspectors Course

Close to 40 participants from around the Province came to the Whonnock Lake Centre on March 10-13 to participate in the Canadian Playground Inspector Certification program. This program helps individuals understand the Canadian standards for safety in playspaces and play equipment. It also teaches them how to conduct a hands-on inspection or audit of their playspaces. Park Operations has several team members who hold the certification and regularly inspect our playgrounds and spray parks.



Annual Maintenance of Hammond Stadium

Park Operations crews are working hard to get Hammond Stadium ready for baseball season. They have leveled out any bumps or lips where the infield meets the grass, cut fresh edges along the infield and base paths and added new sand. The refreshed baseball diamond will be ready for regular season play near the end of March.

