

# RIDGE BUSINESS BUZZ

## Department of Economic Development

Winter Edition - January

The City of Maple Ridge is a great location to start or grow your business

### GRANT AND SUBSIDY OPPORTUNITIES

#### Grow Your Business On-Line:

Eligible Businesses will receive a micro-grant of up to \$2,400 to help with the costs related to adopting e-commerce supported by a network of e-commerce advisors.

<https://digitalmainstreet.ca/bc-cdap/>

#### Hiring Post-Secondary Students:

Get a wage subsidy of up to \$7,000 per post-secondary student placement offering student learning opportunities including internships, co-op placements, mentorship programs or applied research projects to solve particular problems.

<https://offers.emccanada.org/en-ca/>

#### Programs that address the biggest pain points of BC Business

Innovate BC offers programs to help companies grow, advance, commercialize or hire new employees.

<https://www.innovatebc.ca/programs/>

#### Work BC

Work BC Maple Ridge help people find jobs and to help businesses find employees. They provide many re-sourced related to education, training, self-employment, job openings, resume writing, and much more. Visit their [web site](#) to find out how they can help you.

#### BC Small Business Grants:

The grants currently available include options such as environmental grants, agricultural grants, economic growth grants, technology advance grants, grants for the art industry as well as grants for those who are disabled in business and [women owned business grant options](#).

#### [Small Business Grants](#)

### MEET THESE MAPLE RIDGE COMPANIES



[Vanilla Bean Bake Shop:](#)

#### Vanilla Bean Bake Shop

Taylor is the creative artist and owner of Vanilla Bean Bake Shop newly located in Haney Place Mall. This bakery started out as a home business that expanded quickly and needed a commercial location. Butter cream creatives are the specialty but it doesn't end there. Browse through the web site for on-line orders or bring your mother by for High Tea!



[Big Closet Vintage:](#)

#### Big Closet Vintage

Big Closet Vintage provides a unique shopping experience catering to all demographics in regards to the vintage clothing and apparel industry.



## New Illumination Display Dazzling Maple Ridge

The Rain Enlightens Hummingbird Illumination Display was unveiled in Memorial Peace Park, Maple Ridge, BC, on November 26. Rain Pierre, and members of the Katzie First Nation, officiated the unveiling and the opening was followed by fire dancing and live entertainment. To commemorate the occasion, the City of Maple Ridge, with funding support from the Province of BC, produced a [video](#) to explain the significance of the display to the community. The display, three panels featuring hummingbirds, is currently displayed in the front window of the ACT Arts Centre and Theatre, overlooking Memorial Peace Park.



[Chew on this Tasty Tours](#)



## Chew on this Tasty Tours “Local Gold in Maple Ridge”

This tour leads groups of 2-6 (or more) through an all-inclusive culinary experience to hidden gems that will have you falling in love with Maple Ridge one bite and sip at a time. Your tasting experience moves back and forth between sweet and savoury to fill your belly. Feel like a VIP as you are greeted like family and treated to exclusive tastings and gifts with delicious swag to keep the local tastings going long after the tour is complete.



## Film In Maple Ridge

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Maple Ridge continues to be a desired location for the film industry as a place for day, to multi-day filming. Maple Ridge's diverse landscape of urban hotspots, beautiful parks, business zones, and unique residential neighbourhoods has contributed to the ongoing increase of industry expenditure and economic impact. Notably, Maple Ridge is a renowned destination for Movie-of-the-Weeks (MOW), as many Hallmark shows utilize Maple Ridge as a staple in their ongoing content creation, specifically Christmas in July.

### Some notable productions from 2022 were:

Goosebumps  
Kung Fu

Virgin River  
Family Law

Cruel Summer  
The Power

Hourglass (Godzilla)  
Hallmark

## Chamber Of Commerce

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Have you joined the Chamber of Commerce? There are many benefits to being a member including networking opportunities, advertising, discounts, group savings and so much more! Join now.

### [19th Annual Business Excellence Awards](#)

Saturday, March 25, 2023  
Meadows Gardens Golf Course  
Members and non-members welcome  
Register to discover which businesses have demonstrated Excellence in 2022



Business After Hours Networking – info at: Chamber Events ([ridgemeadowschamber.com](http://ridgemeadowschamber.com))



# Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association



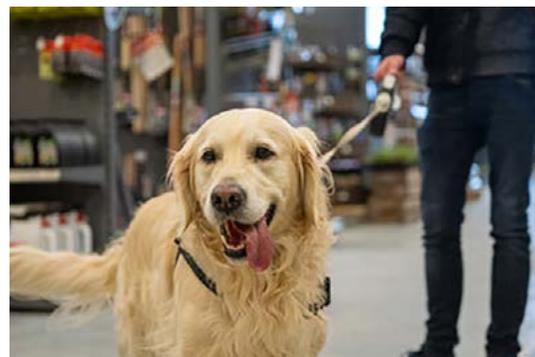
## Coming in February!

For more information on how to participate as a business or where to drop off your ballot, visit <https://www.downtownmapleridge.ca/>

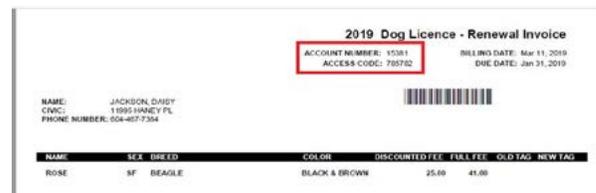


TikTok Tours! Send a 30-45 second video tour of your business and we'll upload it to our Tic Toc account. To participate, please email [membership.events@downtownmapleridge.ca](mailto:membership.events@downtownmapleridge.ca)

## Dog Friendly Maple Ridge



Take all the members of your family out to one (or more) of our [Dog Friendly Businesses](#) in Maple Ridge.



Don't forget that dog licenses [renewals](#) can be done without penalty until January 31!



Voyent Alert! Is a multi-purpose communication service provided by the City of Maple Ridge to keep you informed of critical events like fires or floods as well as day-to-day communications such as road maintenance and closures, water advisories, etc. [Public Safety | Maple Ridge, BC](#)



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