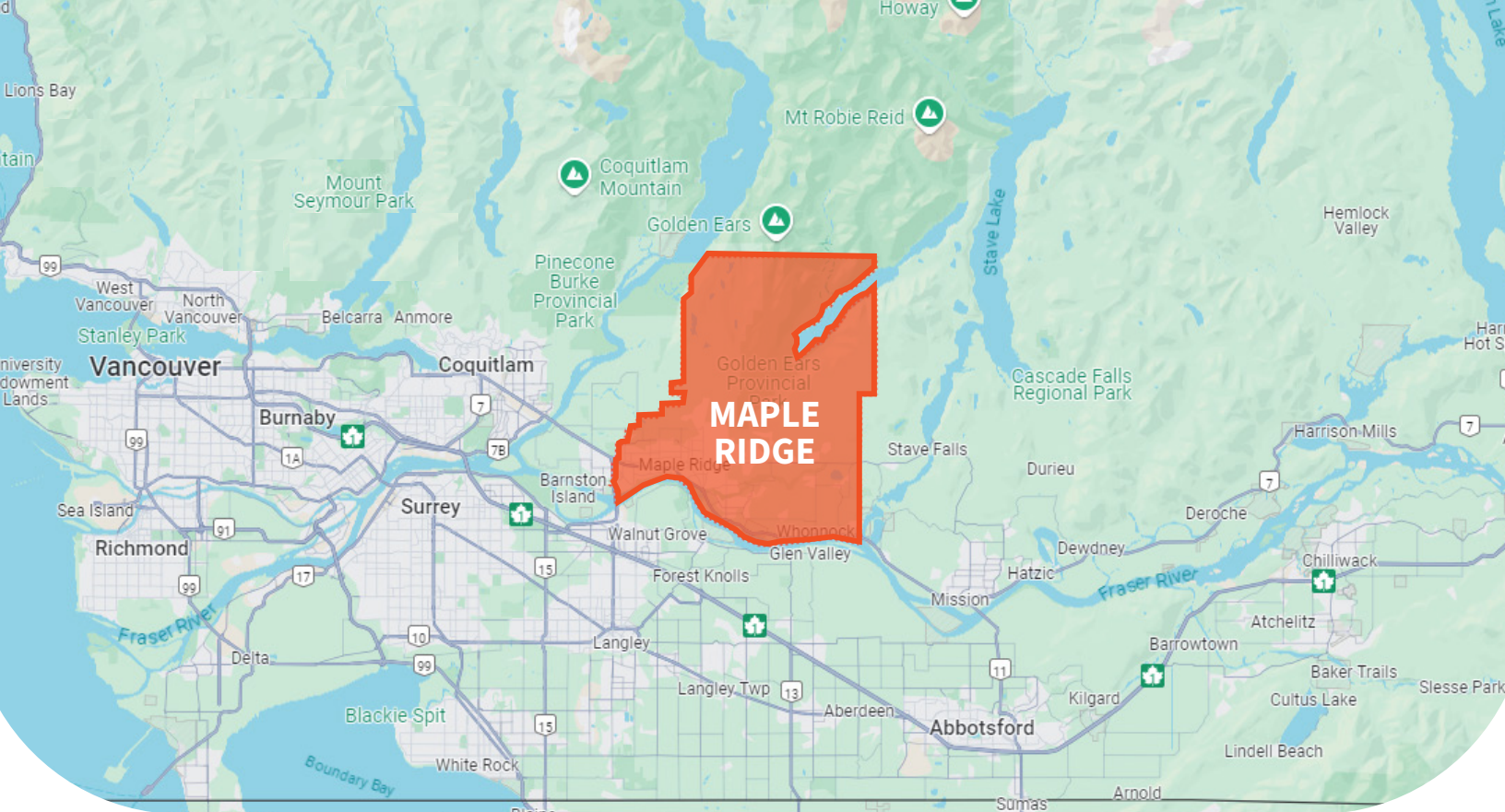




# Maple Ridge

The City of Maple Ridge respectfully acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories of the Katzie (qicəy) and Kwantlen (qʷa:n̓ʔən) First Nations.

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Maple Ridge's population is growing at twice the national average, which is putting pressure on our outdated infrastructure, roads, schools, policing and other essential services. Our quality of life depends on the partnership between municipal and provincial governments to deliver critical infrastructure, and we're not keeping up with growth.

The City of Maple Ridge has stepped up in response to provincial legislative mandates to encourage new housing, but we need provincial government partnership and investment into critical infrastructure to support growth.

## **Our message to the BC Government:**

Maple Ridge is a willing partner for innovation and collaboration on housing, transportation, economic development and climate adaptation. We are taking bold action in response to record population growth, but the livability of our community depends on both of our governments working together to close critical gaps in infrastructure and social services.





**At Maple Ridge city hall, we're making historic investments to be more efficient and better respond to community needs, including:**

- Technology and business process improvements to streamline development approvals;
- Expansion of arterial roads like Abernethy Way to reduce traffic congestion and support goods movement;
- Dedicating resources to support TransLink in planning for Bus Rapid Transit;
- Increased Fire Department resources with 22 new firefighter positions in the past two years, which had been stagnant since 2012;
- 12 new RCMP positions in a single year – compared to only one new officer added between 2018 and 2021.

# Taking Action. Achieving Results

The City of Maple Ridge has already surpassed the 2025 provincial housing target by 23 per cent, with 751 net new homes built over the past year.

With 16,700 residential lots available, the City's streamlined permit portal is a key tool to accelerate approvals and help Maple Ridge meet its 2029 provincial target of 3,954 new homes.

More than 150 rezoning applications and 450 building permit applications are currently underway, supported by strategic initiatives such as the Maple Ridge Moves plan, which guides investments in road, transportation and infrastructure projects.

## **The City has incurred significant costs to respond to the Province's Housing Target Orders, including:**

- Development Services Optimization initiatives – including both technology upgrades and process changes – represent approximately \$1.2 million
- Over 1,500 hours in staff and management time to date, amounting to more than \$80,000

**“We’ve stepped up. Now we need the BC Government to match our efforts with infrastructure investments. Despite the financial pressures facing the Province, now is not the time to reduce support for communities.**

**Mayor Dan Ruimy**





## Bringing New Industrial Lands to Market

The City is advancing the 256 Street Industrial Lands Area Plan, representing one of the largest new blocks of industrial lands in Metro Vancouver.

Given its size and location, this site is strategic for future employment and investment, supporting both our local economy and regional needs. New and planned highway links -- including Abernethy Way, Golden Ears Way and the South Fraser Perimeter Road -- will provide direct access to regional and provincial trade routes, giving the site competitive appeal despite its distance from port terminals.

Development of the 256 Street industrial area will create long-term local employment opportunities and a stronger municipal tax base, providing revenue we can invest in city services and infrastructure.



# Provincially-Owned Assets in Maple Ridge

## Golden Ears Park

- We need the Province to support us on infrastructure projects that impact provincially-owned sites, such as the construction of the 240th Street Bridge to improve access to Golden Ears Provincial Park. This essential project will alleviate congestion in and out of the park and improve emergency response for our growing Silver Valley neighbourhood.

## Alouette Correctional Centre

- With a prison located in our City, we have seen an increase in our unhoused population, as inmates who come from other communities are released into our downtown core with little to no supports. And now with an involuntary care facility located at the prison – operated by Vancouver Coastal Health for patients from outside our region – it will be the City paying for RCMP to respond to calls and in some cases conduct hospital transfers from that facility.





# Making Our Streets Safer

Maple Ridge Council has increased local RCMP resources to 120 funded officers in 2024, adding 12 positions in a single year after only one new officer was added between 2018 and 2021. Even with these investments, population growth and social-service gaps continue to outpace capacity.

Police remain the default first responders for people in crisis, even though they are not the most appropriate lead. Ridge Meadows RCMP strongly believe that mental-health calls should be primarily managed by health services.

Our local RCMP officers have already spent over 1,100 hours in 2025 waiting at Ridge Meadows Hospital under the Mental Health Act -- sometimes more than 10 hours in a single shift - just to secure medical assessments for people in crisis. These escorts divert officers from core policing duties, delay emergency responses across the City, and increase overtime costs.

Despite clear need, Maple Ridge was excluded from the Province's latest Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) funding round, leaving the community without a provincially supported nurse-police car while neighbouring jurisdictions received resources. Visible homelessness in Maple Ridge has increased by 61% since 2014. Gaps in mental-health and addictions services, including limited treatment beds and stabilization facilities, are driving repeat hospital transfers and contribute to public disorder, strain police resources, and delay emergency responses.





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