

## 2026 Operating Budget One-Time Decision Packages

(funded from accumulated surplus, no impact on property tax increase)

**One- Time Decision Package Total**

**\$1,526,000**

**One-time Decision Packages Requests**

**14**

Row	Title	Brief Summary	Total in 2026
1	Canada Day Extension	Extending Canada Day celebrations will enhance the impact and inclusivity of Canada Day. It would extend the event hours from a daytime event to 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This extension will allow for the addition of evening programming, including top-tier local music throughout the evening and a fireworks display at the end of the event.	70,000
2	Rock the Block Enhancement	These neighborhood-based celebrations have consistently drawn increasing attendance and positive feedback, demonstrating their value in fostering local engagement. This funding allows for four events in 2026 including an event at Albion Community Centre.	20,000
3	Our Neck of the Woods 2026	Our Neck of the Woods has proven to be a transformative event for Maple Ridge, fostering community pride, economic growth, and cultural celebration. The festival's success, both in attendance and impact, supports its continuation and potential expansion.	350,000
4	FIFA Outdoor Family Viewing	There is a unique opportunity for Maple Ridge to create inclusive, family-friendly outdoor viewing experiences that foster community pride and engagement. It would involve public screenings for all Vancouver-hosted matches, the two semi-final games, and the final, totaling up to eight events. Capitalizing on this one-time event will foster community engagement and civic pride.	96,000
5	Enhanced Traffic Control for Events	Safety of the public at community events is of paramount concern. To date event budgets had limited funds for traffic control and other safety measures. In future these will be built into the operating budgets for events, this one time adjustment allows for 2026 events to expand safety controls in the interim to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for residents and manage traffic disruption.	60,000

6	Volunteer Recognition Event (Pilot)	Recognizing and celebrating the invaluable contributions of over 400 City of Maple Ridge volunteers and their families, will be achieved through a new dedicated Volunteer Appreciation Event to be piloted in 2026.	50,000
7	Mobile Stage Operations	The mobile stage is used for all major City events. Funds for ongoing operation of the stage were not included when the capital asset was purchased. It will be moved forward as an ongoing request for 2027. This short-term ask will ensure that the City can host the best events to foster community pride in 2026.	220,000
8	Deliver Community Evacuation Plans	This one-time request supports neighbourhoods at heightened risk from floods and wildfires - (Hammond, Albion, Silver Valley, Alouette Flood Plain & Whonnock) to improve emergency preparedness. Specific evacuation plans will potentially save lives and reduce injury and property damage.	150,000
9	Natural Asset Inventory & Valuation	Providing a valuation and inventory of the City's natural assets will inform the upcoming comprehensive Official Community Plan and fulfill a key element of the climate action plan bold moves. The valuation will offer insights into the economic benefits of nature, attracting investments in conservation and ecotourism. The project fosters community engagement and education, promoting a sense of stewardship.	200,000
10	Planning Studies	This funding is used to support specific initiatives for planning and policy development and funds peer reviews, geotechnical assessments and other environmental assessments. This ensures that planning decisions continue to be informed by the best available data (e.g., Thornhill expansion area planning).	100,000
11	Refresh Agriculture Plan	It is timely to revisit the Agricultural Plan to ensure the necessary policies, programs and services are in place to support the community's existing agricultural services as well as to identify possible areas for enhancement - particularly in the areas of agri-tourism and generating employment from agriculture.	60,000
12	Major Projects Public Engagement	A one-time increase to the communications and public engagement department will support increased public engagement in 2026, particularly around priority infrastructure projects such as the Abernethy Way extension, LTCAP, 256 Street Industrial Lands, TransLink's Bus Rapid Transit planning, and other initiatives.	50,000

13	Strategic Data Acquisition	High-quality, evidence-based decision making is a strategic priority for the city and this funding will strengthen core functions such as tourism development, business retention and expansion, cultural planning, recreation service delivery, investment attraction, and more. Access to reliable data is essential for informing decisions related to new services, infrastructure needs, and strategic investments. Beyond strategic decision making, accessing external data will give the City's investment attraction function the reliable data needed to strengthen value propositions and make the city more competitive when engaging investors. It will enable the City to build stronger, data-driven pitches that position the City clearly against other communities and support faster, higher-quality investment decisions.	75,000
14	Downtown Maple Ridge BIA Façade Improvement Program	The Façade Improvement Program (FIP), a collaboration between the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association (DMRBIA) and the City of Maple Ridge. The program supports businesses to revitalize the downtown area making it a more inviting and interesting place to shop, dine, and explore to support more economic activity.	25,000
<b>Subtotal - One time Decision Packages</b>			<b>1,526,000</b>