

## **Message From Council**

Your tax dollars at work—building a stronger Maple Ridge

As Council we know that every dollar matters—especially when it comes to your property taxes. That's why the 2025 budget focuses on doing more with less: keeping costs down while making key investments to support our fast-growing community.

We've worked hard to deliver a property tax rate for 2025 that is lower than the regional average, without compromising the services you count on every day.

We've heard what matters most to you, and we've taken action:

**Public safety:** We've significantly invested in our fire services staffing levels and added 10 new RCMP officers to protect our community.

**Housing and growth:** With up to \$16.6 million in federal Housing Accelerator funding, we're streamlining and optimizing our development processes to provide more affordable housing. We're also investing in roads, recreation facilities, and fire halls to support new housing.



From left: Councillor Judy Dueck, Councillor Ahmed Yousef, Councillor Jenny Tan, Mayor Dan Ruimy, Councillor Sunny Schiller, Councillor Onyeka Dozie, Councillor Korleen Carreras.

Infrastructure: Our \$67-million Capital Plan includes projects like the Abernethy Way expansion to 232 Street, with support from the Province's Growing Communities Fund, and planning for a future extension to 240 Street.

**Transportation:** Through Maple Ridge Moves, we're advocating for key improvements like the expansion of Golden Ears Way, a new bridge over the Alouette River, the future extension of Abernethy to 256 Street, and four new Bus Rapid Transit stations on Lougheed Hwy.

**Community investment:** We're moving ahead with plans for two new arenas, an aquatics and recreation facility, and upgrades to parks,

trails, and waterfronts. Events like Our Neck of the Woods and campaigns like Choose Maple Ridge and Be Downtown are helping bring people together and support local businesses.

To ensure a sustainable future, we're also working towards unlocking industrial lands along 256 Street to grow our local economy and diversify our tax base—currently 91% of our property assessment base is residential.

These investments are designed to create long-term value—for you, your family, and the entire community.

Together, with smart planning and bold action, we're building a safe, connected, and resilient Maple Ridge—now and for the future.

### **2025 Budget Highlights**

### MapleRidge.ca/Budget2025

The City's 2025 \$188 million approved operating budget focuses on sustaining core municipal services and service enhancements aimed at advancing Council's priorities. Key enhancements include:



## Housing & Transportation

Continue addressing provincial Housing Legislation and Targets, implement Housing Action Plan, Official Community Plan update and planning for four bus rapid transit stations



## Community Safety & Well-Being

Increase support for RCMP de-integration, expand Community Safety Officer hours, launch social wellbeing services, increase fire service training, and establish an internal animal control service.



## Infrastructure & Environment

Enhance Capital Design and Construction team, increase capital program investments, Host Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up Day, enhance urban forestry and tree planting program.



## Recreation & Events

Enhance City-led events and neighbourhood gatherings, support for community-led festivals and new cultural celebrations, expand lifeguard coverage at City pools to improve safety.



### Corporate Governance

Data & Analytics Strategy, Risk Management Program, Corporate Strategic Plan, Intergovernmental Relations Strategy implementation, enhanced City marketing.

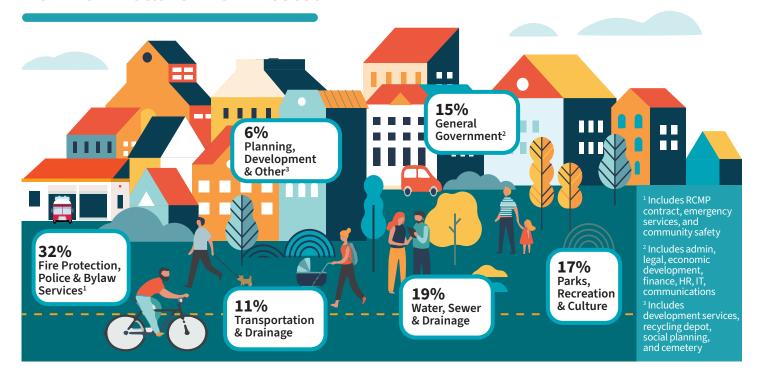


## Economic Development

Increase marketing to attract new businesses for economic growth, attract filming opportunities, strengthen procurement, recruitment, and onboarding services.

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### **How Tax Dollars Are Invested**



### **2025 Capital Highlights**

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The City's \$67 million 2025 Capital Plan, part of the City's \$340 million five-year Capital Program, includes major projects such as:



## **Infrastructure**

**Extend Abernethy Way** (232 to 240 St), plan for a 240 St Bridge, and active transportation upgrades on 232 St and Thorne Ave, replacement of ACT roof, acquire animal control vans.



#### Parks, Recreation & Culture

Continue planning for new aquatic and recreation facility & new ice rinks, and improve Port Haney waterfront, Silver Valley Park, westside Spray Park, Maple Ridge Park, Eric Langton synthetic field, and Merkley Park Baseball



#### Water, Sewer & Drainage

Twin Grant Mountain reservoir, replace the 256 St reservoir, upgrade sewer piping on 126 Ave (216 to Grace St), and replace the 208 St sewage pump station, improvements on Dewdney Trunk Rd. (230 St to 119 Ave) and 228 St (Dewdney Trunk Rd to 123 Ave)

### **Understanding Your Tax Notice**

Your annual property taxes help fund a variety of government agencies and services.

Municipal Taxes: Providing a wide variety of municipal services to the community.

**Utility Levies:** Supporting water and sewer services, with a significant portion for regional utility infrastructure.

#### **Collections For Other Agencies:**

- Provincial School Taxes
- Metro Vancouver Regional District
- TransLink
- BC Assessment Authority
- · Municipal Finance Authority

## **How Do We** Compare?



Maple Ridge's 2025 property tax increase (PTI) compares favourably with other reported 2025 increases.

JURISDICTION	PTI
Coquitlam	6.83%
New Westminster	6.60%
Mission	5.84%
Port Moody	5.71%
MAPLE RIDGE	4.90%
Port Coquitlam	4.30%

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### **Emergency Readiness**

To protect your loved ones and community during an emergency, it is essential to plan ahead. Get informed at **MapleRidge.ca/EmergencyReadiness**.

## **KNOW** The Risks



## **MAKE** A Plan



## **GATHER** Supplies



## **Sign Up for a Free Emergency Readiness Workshop**





### Do Your Part To Keep The City Clean & Safe



### Be a Responsible Dog Owner

#### MapleRidge.ca/Dogs

Being a responsible pet owner includes getting an annual dog licence, picking up after your dog, keeping it leashed except for in off-leash areas and under control at all times.



### Do Your Part to Prevent Wildfires

#### MapleRidge.ca/FireSmart

Being surrounded by nature increases our wildfire risk.
Follow all local fire regulations and check out our FireSmart resources to help protect your home.



## Wildlife Wild

### MapleRidge.ca/Wildlife

**Help Keep** 

Help protect wildlife and your neighbourhood. Remove attractants like food waste and ripe fruit. On collection day, set out waste carts at 5 am and remove by 7 pm.

## Sign Up For Emergency Notifications



Register with Alert Maple Ridge to learn about emergencies like wildfires, floods, storms and other hazards in the community.

VOYENTALERT!





### **metro**vancouver

Stage 1

Water Restrictions
MAY 1 TO OCTOBER 15



LAWN WATERING

Even addresses
Saturday mornings
Sunday mornings



TREES, SHRUBS, AND FLOWERS Hand water any time





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### Join Us for a Summer of Fun

# Explore Maple Ridge's calendar of festivals and events.



Here's some of what's planned!

Drop by **MapleRidge.Ca/Events** for these and other events:

- Rock the Block at a park near you May 10, May 24 and June 7
- Haney Farmers Markets Saturdays 9 am-2 pm
- Country Fest July 26-27
- Tropical Vibes Music Fest August 2 & 3
- Plus Movie Nights, Music on the Wharf, and much more!

### FREE WEEKEND PARKING DOWNTOWN



Enjoy free underground parking downtown From **Apr 1 to Oct 31**. Park for free each weekend at the Maple Ridge Business Centre to enjoy City events and more.

### We Can't Wait to Engage With You



We've launched a new Community Engagement Framework to promote participation and provide transparency in our decision-making.

Drop by **Engage.MapleRidge.ca** to check out our current engagement opportunities, including:

- Lougheed Transit Corridor Area Plan (closes May 7)
- North 256 Street Industrial Lands Area Plan (closes May 14)
- Recreation Facility Feasibility Study (closes May 25)

