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# **Message from Council**

# Maple Ridge is a City on the Move

We're pleased to provide an update on the exciting happenings at City Hall over the last year, and what's ahead.

We've been moving forward with our Strategic Plan that both addresses longterm needs and sets up our fast-growing community for success in the future.

As our population approaches 100,000, we're making much-needed investments in public safety, recreation and civic infrastructure. We're working to create more types of housing, including rentals, and to expand our economy to reduce the tax burden on homeowners.

We're building relationships and engagement both locally and with external partners that will help us achieve our goals.

Our 2024 budget delivers what residents have been asking for and what our community needs to move forward: more police and firefighters to enhance public safety, better transportation for people



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

and goods, growth in local jobs and services, and housing people can afford.

We launched Maple Ridge Moves, a plan that will help get people out of cars and onto transit, including the upcoming Bus Rapid Transit line between Maple Ridge and Langley.

The plan also includes major roadway expansion and a new Silver Valley bridge to improve access and remove bottlenecks for new homes and

industrial lands in the east part of the community. Maple Ridge Moves will help attract businesses that bring good jobs and desired services. Read more at MapleRidge.Ca/Moves.

We have a great year ahead as we gear up to hosting the BC Summer Games July 17 to 21 and honouring the City's 150th anniversary on Katzie and Kwantlen traditional territory since time immemorial. We look forward to seeing you at these events!

### **2024 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

### MapleRidge.Ca/Budget2024

The City's 2024 \$160-million operating budget addresses rising service demands with investments to enhance public safety, create more housing, diversify the local economy, update infrastructure and meet other needs.



**Public Safety** Including 16 firefighters, 12 RCMP officers and increased nighttime security downtown.



Housing Including housing creation and process attract and retain improvements (see MapleRidge.Ca/ Housing for more).



**Local Economy** Including work to businesses, events and investment, and create jobs.



Liveability Including enhancing Including a public engagement in City functions and the 150th celebrations.



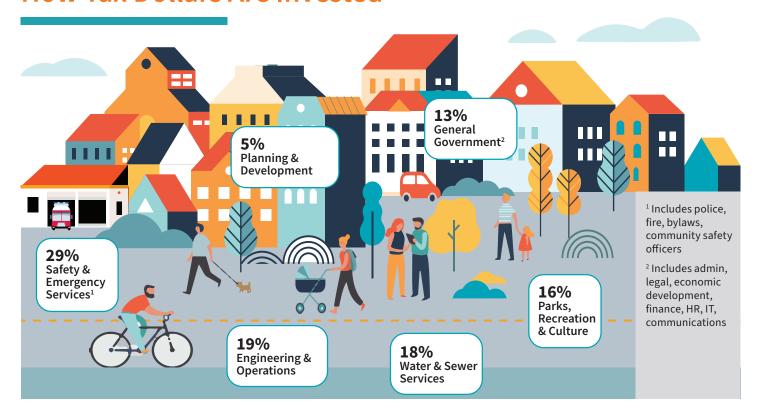
**Climate Change** countertop food waste pilot and assessing/managing natural assets.



City Assets/Services Including enhancing customer service, cybersecurity, and archeological management.

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



## **2024 CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### MapleRidge.Ca/Budget2024

The 2024–2028 capital plan is investing \$112 million in 2024 in buildings, roads, equipment and other assets that are critical to the delivery of services. Projects are funded through development fees, reserve accounts, grants and property taxes.



Recreation Continue to plan and design a much-needed new recreation facility.



**Parks** Work includes upgrades to Port **Haney Waterfront** Park and Maple Ridge Park.



**Transportation** Widen Abernethy Way (224 to 230 St.) and add multi-use paths there and on Thorne Ave.



Road Rehabilitation 240 Street Access Work includes 128 Avenue (232 to 235A St.) and paving 12 kms of two-lane roads.



Plan for 240 Street bridge and a multiuse path to provide a second access to Silver Valley.



**Flood Protection** Increase capacity for the Lower Hammond **Drainage Pump** Station.

### **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.

#### **OTHER GOVERNMENTS & AGENCIES**

Collected for other agencies:

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



# **Recycling Service Change**

Starting Jan. 1, 2025, Recycle BC will provide recycling collection services in Maple Ridge. Learn more at RecycleBC.Ca/MapleRidge.

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING IN JANUARY

Recycle BC, a not-for-profit organization that manages B.C.'s residential packaging and paper recycling, will assume responsibility for curbside and multifamily recycling pickup in January 2025.

This change is supported by the current service provider, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society, which will continue to operate Maple Ridge Recycling Depot.

#### WHAT WILL AND WON'T CHANGE

You will continue to recycle the same items as now and use similar bins and bags. Some materials will need to be sorted differently and some collection days may change.

Full details will be provided this fall.

There will be no changes to garbage, organics or commercial recycling.







# **Doing Your Part**

Help keep Maple Ridge clean and safe.

### Be a Responsible **Dog Owner**

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.

MapleRidge.Ca/Dogs



#### Do Your Part to **Prevent Wildfires**

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

MapleRidge.Ca/FireSmart



#### Help Keep Wildlife Wild

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

MapleRidge.Ca/Wildlife



### **Housing** Legislation **Changes**



Maple Ridge is working to align local housing regulations with new provincial mandates that come into effect July 1.

#### Changes include:

- Up to four units per lot in most single-family and duplex zones.
- Higher density near transit hubs based on provinciallydesignated Transit-Oriented Development Areas.
- · Public hearings are no longer allowed for projects that comply with the Official Community Plan.

MapleRidge.Ca/Housing

## See a Concern - Report it!

**City infrastructure** and services

**Community safety** (non-emergency)

MapleRidge.Ca/Report



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# Help Us Engage with the Community Better

#### **GIVE FEEDBACK ON OUR CITY WEBSITE**

Check out our new website and share your feedback. Launched April 30, the City's updated website features a modern new design, updated content, accessibility features and improved navigation across all devices.



Click the survey link at MapleRidge.Ca and complete the survey by June 30 for a chance to win prizes.

#### **HELP SHAPE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Take the survey by June 30 for a chance to win

How do you like to communicate with the City, and what more could we be doing to increase public engagement?

Maple Ridge is looking for input from residents, businesses,

organizations and other key parties as it prepares a new community engagement framework to guide how the City communicates with the public in the future.

Take the survey until June 30 at Engage. Maple Ridge. Ca for a chance to win prizes.

### Counting down to the **BC Summer Games**

The excitement is building for this year's BC Summer Games July 17 to 21, when Maple Ridge will welcome top young athletes from around the province.

More than 2,500 volunteers are needed to join Team Maple Ridge and help deliver an exceptional experience for the thousands of athletes, officials and spectators taking part.

To learn more, scan the code or visit BCSummerGames.Ca.



JOIN TEAM MAPLE RIDGE!

