



LIVEABLE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Blaney Room
City Hall, 11995 Haney Place

Members Present: R. Dunning, Maple Ridge Historical Society, Chair
T. Coft, Member at Large, Vice Chair
S. Maleknia, Member at Large
E. Yamamoto, School District No.42 Board Trustee
M. Rossi, Member at Large
C. Bennett, Member at Large (*Virtual*)
A. Rosencrans, Member at Large

Absent: A. Tejani, BC Housing
A. Mulamootil, Member at Large
H. Mehrotara, Member at Large

Council Present: J. Tan, Councillor
O. Dozie, Councillor

Staff Present: A. Grochowich, Manager of Community Planning
M. Halpin, Manager of Transportation
C. Neufeld, Manager of Parks Planning & Development
J. White, Planner 2
A. Slater-Kinghorn, Planner 1
E. Davies, Committee Clerk

(C. Bennett attended the meeting virtually)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 p.m.

R. Dunning, Chair, called the meeting to order and provided the territory acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R/2025-LCAC-008

It was moved and seconded

THAT the September 11, 2025, Liveable Community Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R/2025-LCAC-009

It was moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the July 24, 2025, Liveable Community Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw Review

The Planner 2 presented an overview of the existing Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw, noting that a comprehensive review is underway. The presentation focused on how the Bylaw can better support the needs of the community in Maple Ridge. Key points included background, why the bylaw matters to the economy, findings from a recent Metro Vancouver regional parking study, current challenges in Maple Ridge with the existing bylaw, and key opportunities. Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion.

4.2 Heritage Awards

The Manager of Community Planning provided background on the Heritage Awards, which recognizes heritage conservation initiatives in the City. The City of Maple Ridge has hosted the awards since the 1990's and was previously overseen by the Community Heritage Commission. For the 2026 awards the City has partnered with the Maple Ridge Museum. The Manager of Community Planning outlined the awards timeline and informed members that the ceremony will be held during Heritage Week in February 2026. Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion.

4.3 240 Street Bikeway Improvements

The Manager of Transportation provided an overview of the Bikeway Improvements projects on 240 Street, highlighting the scope of the work and the anticipated impact, including improved All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling connections and a minor reduction in parking availability. Design maps were displayed to further illustrate the proposed changes. Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion.

5. STAFF REPORTS

The Manager of Parks Planning & Development thanked members for their participation in the Japanese Garden engagement session and for providing input on the proposed updates to the Tree Bylaw. Members were updated on Phase 3 improvements to Maple Ridge Park, including upgrades to parking areas and picnic shelters. Members were also informed of the upcoming National Tree Day event on September 24, 2025, at Alouette Park, which will feature tree education, birdhouse building, crafts, and free tree sapling giveaways. Alouette Elementary students will assist with tree planning as part of the kickoff for the City's '1000 trees' initiative.

The Manager of Community Planning informed members about the number of community area plans expected to be in front of Council at the upcoming Council Meeting on September 16, 2025. Staff further brought attention to the Seniors Housing project which will be in front of Council for final reading, which would bring 90 senior housing units to the community.

The Manager of Transportation updated members on several transportation projects in the City, including the installation of speed humps and other traffic calming methods across the city, the creation of a cycling pathway on 216 Street to connect to Lougheed Highway. Staff also highlighted the collaboration with the School District to implement 11 school zone road decal locations to encourage reduced vehicle speeds near schools. Proposed traffic improvements near Hammond Elementary in the Maple Crescent area were noted, with information about an upcoming open house for public feedback to be posted on Engaged Maple Ridge, including the date and additional details.

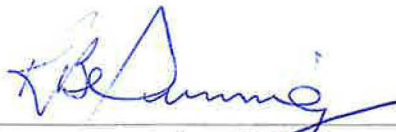
6. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councillor O. Dozie and Councillor J. Tan discussed a series of updates to the community, including the update to the road crossing honouring veterans located near the Royal Canadian Legion on 224th Street, and provided an update on the Our Neck of the Woods event on September 6, 2025. Preliminary numbers are showing that the event drew a bigger crowd than in 2024, and Council has been receiving enthusiastic feedback about the event.

7. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Committee members asked questions and provided feedback and reports on issues and activities related to housing, transportation, and heritage in the community.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:48 p.m.



Ross Dunning, Chair

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