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Whether you are a business person looking for unique investment opportunities; an outdoor enthusiast who appreciates having the great outdoors right at your doorstep; or a growing family that values the rich amenities we have to offer, we invite you to consider making Maple Ridge *your* home.

For more on the opportunities awaiting you in Maple Ridge visit us today:
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Welcome to a world of opportunity in Maple Ridge



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Unparalleled quality lifestyle.

A highly educated workforce and access to excellent post secondary education.

Availability of affordable office, industrial and residential space.

Geographic proximity to Vancouver and export markets of Asia and the United States.

Excellent transportation infrastructure – 25 minutes to Abbotsford International Airport YXX and 30 minutes to the US border; 45 minutes to Vancouver International Airport YVR.



Covering 260 square kilometres on the north shore of the Fraser River, the District of Maple Ridge is poised for unprecedented commercial and residential growth.

With the completion of two major bridge projects in 2009 we expect to see an additional 400 businesses locate in Maple Ridge. The Golden Ears Bridge will provide improved southbound access to trucking routes, the Trans Canada Highway, Abbotsford International Airport and the US border; and the Pitt River Bridge will improve access westbound to the Port of Vancouver and Vancouver International Airport.

Maple Ridge is a vibrant community in the Metro Vancouver region with a unique heritage and natural beauty, located in the hub of one of the fastest growing regions in all of Canada. With some of the most spectacular river and mountain views anywhere and over 800 kilometres of walking, biking and riding trails there is something here for everyone. In our downtown area one can enjoy free wireless internet; countless festivals and activities in Spirit Square; and on Saturdays May through October 'shop local' at the Farmer's Market.

We are working hard to be among the most sustainable communities in the world through our focus on economic, social and environmental sustainability. Our sustainability motto 'Plan for Tomorrow. Live for Today.' helps remind us all that while we are enjoying the best that today has to offer, we are also building for generations to come.

Infrastructure

Maple Ridge will capitalize on over \$1 Billion in transportation investment over the next few years. This will make it easier to move products to market, and attract investment that can benefit from competitively priced real estate.

Health Care

Fraser Health provides a full range of services to residents of Maple Ridge including:

Ridge Meadows Hospital and Health Care Centre – located in the heart of Maple Ridge, this 104 bed hospital provides 24 / 7 emergency services; as well as ambulatory / surgical day care, cardiology and chemotherapy.

Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre – located less than half an hour away, this 300 bed acute care hospital opened its doors in August 2008 with services that include renal, cardiac care; NICU, nuclear medicine, and adolescent mental health treatment.
www.fraserhealth.ca

Education

Maple Ridge has a solid track record of leadership and innovation in education:

Serving the communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, School District No. 42 meets the educational needs of approximately 15,000 students from kindergarten to grade 12, as well as providing a wide range of educational services for adult learners.

School District 42 – offers Kindergarten to Grade 12 as well as Ridge Meadows College. Through innovative partnerships they offer a range of post secondary / vocational programming. www.sd42.ca

Maintenance and Transportation Training Centre (MTTC) is a joint initiative between Coast Mountain Bus Company, Translink, BCIT and the Canadian Autoworkers. This project will result in a maintenance and training facility providing educational, employment and economic benefits to communities around the province.
www.translink.bc.ca/Plans/Public_Consultation/MaintTrans_TrainingCtr.asp

Nearby Colleges and Universities

Douglas College	www.douglas.bc.ca
British Columbia Institute of Technology	www.bcit.ca
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	www.kwantlen.bc.ca
Langara College	www.langara.bc.ca
Ridge Meadows College	info.sd42.ca/WebsiteRMC/index.html
Simon Fraser University	www.sfu.ca
Trinity Western University	www.twu.ca
University of British Columbia	www.ubc.ca
University of the Fraser Valley	www.ufv.ca

Justice Institute of BC – The Fire & Safety Division (FSD) of the Justice Institute of BC (JIBC) was established in 1978. Its original mandate was to establish training programs for the volunteer fire departments in the province. Accredited by both the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (ProBoard). www.jibc.ca

UBC Malcolm Knapp Research Forest / Loon Lake Research and Education Centre. www.loonlake.ubc.ca

Investment Opportunities

"Age-Friendly Housing": BC's population is aging, and the Provincial and local governments have recognized the importance of having facilities and programs to serve this growing sector of the population. Maple Ridge already has a number of facilities within easy walking distance of downtown for our seniors, but we need more. There is an opportunity to create a world-class assisted living / "aging in place" facility right here in Maple Ridge. Caring for our aging population in this way offers peace of mind for families and quality of life for seniors.

Tourism – Tourism is big business in BC. With some of the most outstanding natural features anywhere, Maple Ridge is ideal for Sport and Eco-tourism. Our Sport Tourism strategy is designed to capitalize on our unique outdoor assets and market them to the world. As we are currently underserved by hotel or other tourist accommodation there is an opportunity to design and build accommodation that caters to the outdoor enthusiast or to otherwise create

tourism-related businesses such as year round destination attractions.

Cultural – BC has a long, rich history of cultural and economic ties with countries around world. Here in Maple Ridge we are fortunate to have a wide range of cultural associations and festivals that celebrate the diversity of our region.

Mixed-use Development – Our Town Centre concept plan calls for increased high-density residential developments with mixed-use commercial and retail. In addition to serving tourists and individuals traveling on business, there is an opportunity to invest in world-class "Smart Growth" developments that will further increase the vitality and liveability of Maple Ridge.

Travel Accomodation - There is a growing demand for long term stay (1 week - 3 month average stay) hotel-type accommodation with suitable amenities in our downtown core. Local organizations and companies would also welcome conference, banquet, meeting and other amenity space.

High Tech – Maple Ridge is a community that embraces technology and enables growth through investment in technology infrastructure. Attracting high tech / advanced manufacturing / bio-med and research firms is a priority.

The Film industry is thriving here, due in large part to our Film Liaison service that provides production companies a "one stop shop" for all their location scouting, permits and licences. And with the generous incentives offered by the Provincial Government there's even more reason to film here!

Access to cable and high speed internet providers; and a municipal commitment to continue to add to the high speed fibre currently available in the downtown area.

Outstanding natural amenities make Maple Ridge an ideal place for outdoor activities.

Leading Economic Sectors: High Tech, Advanced Manufacturing, Agriculture, Tourism, Health Care, Retail and Education.

Agriculture Maple Ridge has strong historical ties to agriculture, and the sector retains a visible presence in the community. The District supports a variety of production including livestock, tree fruits, berries, vegetables, grapes, greenhouse products, nursery products and Christmas trees, mainly on small farms. Opportunities for future growth including vineyards, value added food processing and specialty food products exist primarily due to an abundance of land and support for agriculture in the community.

Land

Maple Ridge is characterized by affordability and by the availability of residential, commercial and industrial land. Over 75% of Maple Ridge residents own their own home. Recent growth in the residential housing sector is a result of the coming transportation improvements. The supply of designated commercial lands is over 200 hectares. Another 57 hectares is underutilized or vacant. There are five active business park sites, with 280 hectares in industrial reserve.

