



ANNUAL REPORT 2021



**MAPLE RIDGE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Cover Photo: Detail from the Sampo Hall mural

Photo Above: Erica Williams giving a tour of the Maple Ridge Cemetery in November 2021

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Music on the Wharf

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looking back at last year's report one had no idea at the time that Covid would change through different variants and would still be around today. "Music on the Wharf" became "Music on the Bandstand", and we regularly had our limit of a hundred people within the prescribed boundaries and spacing, with others often just outside the roped off area. As more people were vaccinated, we were able to show a Film about Billy Miner and the Whonnock the train robbery in the Fall. The presentation was created as a series of short films enabling us to keep the viewers in small groups. The event started off in the Caboose. The next stop was through the basement door of the museum enabling a second group to then go into the Caboose. The groups then travelled upstairs and through different rooms on the main floor to experience the consecutive parts of the story. We ran the film during three successive weekends and for many of the visitors it was their first visit to the museum.

By the Fall I felt comfortable restarting the tours of the old part of the Cemetery as spacing is much easier to create. I carried out three events during October into early November, being very lucky with the weather. Because spacing is more difficult on the downtown walk that went another year without any. The Historical Society had a display of 1920's clothing in the Art Gallery at the ACT for two months. This again was a way of creating new opportunities for people to experience the Museum.

During the last part of the year, work such as replacing water heating, that had been put off, was completed in both the Museum and the Office. Staff spent further time cleaning out the buildup of "stuff" in the Office and taking out the old carpet. When I first went into the building after the renovations I was blown away at the extent and variety of brickwork that was now exposed. It is absolutely beautiful and would have been an important part of the advertising during the brickmaking operation. The renovated office has new facilities such as a large scale scanner and computer station that will enable visitors to do their own community research by appointment.

As we move further into 2022 Covid is still going to be around indifferent variants. As more people get vaccinated and tested, we will be able to expand our exposure even to the point of being able to have Music on the Wharf again back down by the river in Port Haney.

If you are not a member of the Society, please consider joining and helping to build our community history in one of the oldest registered communities in the Province.

Erica Williams
President

MINUTES 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28 March, 2021 4:00pm Zoom Meeting

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Appointment of Meeting Chair & Secretary

Appointment of meeting chair, Jordana Feist, and secretary, Melissa Rollit, for the purposes of this meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda | Moved by Erica Williams, seconded by Dick Sutcliffe.

3. Minutes of 2019 AGM and motion to accept | Moved by Mike Davies, seconded by Erica Williams.

4. Reports

- a. **Presidents Report – Erica Williams:** Erica began by acknowledging that despite the difficulties of this year, the society has adapted to this year's challenges, and thanks the members, volunteers and staff for their work over the year. She drew attention to page 4 of the annual report where she touches on many of the major events of the year including the removal of the Wharfinger's Office, Val Patenaude's retirement and the passing of Sheila Nickols.
- b. **Operations Committee Report – Mike Davies:** Mike drew attention to his report on page 15 where he discusses the society's rental properties. He noted that there were not many major maintenances this year, but that the computer upgrade of last year has served us well this year with everything moving to virtual spaces. He closed by thanking Tom Little for his work maintaining and managing the society's heritage buildings.
- c. **Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House Museum Reports – Shea Henry:** Shea drew attention to pages 7-11 of the annual report, noting that Haney House continues to be closed due to the ongoing pandemic. Her report highlights while attendance numbers were down due to the pandemic, online engagement has significantly increased due to new online programming which she goes over in the Program Committee Report.
- d. **Membership Report – Shea Henry:** Shea reported that membership continues to decrease as has been the trend for the past few years. She outlines that social media and younger audiences are the key to re-growing our numbers. The membership report can be found on page 16 of the annual report.
- e. **Program Committee Report – Shea Henry:** Shea drew attention to pages 12-14 of the annual report, highlighting the ways in which the museum has adapted programs and events to meet the challenges of this year. Some of these highlights included online education packages up on the museum's website, a self-directed scavenger hunt for

Culture Days, a creepy doll contest on social media as a substitute for our many cancelled Halloween events, and light-hearted History Experiment videos posted on social media.

- f. **Family History Committee Report – Andrea Lister & Brenda Smith:** In light of the pandemic, monthly family history meetings moved online. Brenda Smith added a ‘While We Are Apart’ section in the newsletter so that members could stay connected. Despite the unusual year, the Family History Group has had a busy year with work commencing on their fifth community project and reconnecting with the staff at the Maple Ridge Library to name a few of the happenings. The Family History report can be found on pages 17-20 of the annual report.
- g. **Treasurer’s Report and Annual Financial Statements – Mike Davies:** The annual financial statements and treasurer’s report can be found on pages 21-29 of the annual report. Mike drew attention to our three primary sources of income; The Maple Ridge Historical Society earned funds, the operating grant with the City of Maple Ridge, and outside independent grants. He drew attention to page 23 where he noted the decrease in rental and event revenue due to the pandemic, and an increase under the Maple Ridge Museum/ Haney House revenue due to wage subsidies.

Accept all reports: Moved by Mike Davies and seconded by Dick Sutcliffe – All in favour; carried.

5. Election of Board Members

Jordana Feist presented the current list of MRHS board that will be standing for re-election; Dick Sutcliffe, Julie Koehn, Mike Davies, Ross Dunning, Erica Williams, and Jordana Feist. There were no nominations from the floor.

Moved by Andrea Lister that the slate be re-elected, seconded by Gina Vancek – carried.

6. Adjournment of Formal Meeting | Moved by Mike Davies, seconded by Gina Vancek.

MUSEUM OPERATION

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House

We entered into 2021 strengthened by the adaptations we learned in 2020. We had spent the year before learning how to adapt our programs, exhibits, and educational material to a virtual setting and we used that as a starting point for the New Year. While 2020 was spent almost entirely virtual, 2021 was spent in a hybrid form, continuing many of our virtual programs and exhibits while bringing back our annual in person events in a safe way.

We began the year with doing virtual presentations to school groups, retirement communities, and local community groups both here in Maple Ridge and throughout the lower mainland. These virtual presentations continued throughout the year even as in person events came back. Our first event of the year was a virtual trivia night which was well attended with everyone present having a fun time. Local trivia questions were asked, answered and prizes given out.

In February of 2021 we added to our team Shannon Macelli to the position of Community Engagement Coordinator. Shannon brought many years of museum education and theatre arts experience with her. She hit the ground running, beginning an adapted plan for our summer events so that they could be in person and as back to normal as we could get them.

By the late spring and summer, we were up and running full steam ahead! After being canceled the year before, our annual in person events, Headstone Preservation Project at the Maple Ridge Cemetery and Whonnock Cemetery, Music on the Wharf, and our participation in Canada Day were back on. With limited numbers, the Headstone Preservation Project ran at both cemeteries with eager and excited volunteers happy to be back outside and volunteering with us.

Music on the Wharf was adapted to “Music on the Bandstand” at Memorial Peace Park in downtown Maple Ridge. The City of Maple Ridge generously provided this space for the society to use for Music on the Wharf, it is a large space with the city cordoning off areas to allow for a clear and easy social distancing among groups. At the park we were able to seat many more people safely than we would have been able to at the wharf given the public health orders at the time. We successfully gave four fantastic concerts as we have for years previous.

We also piloted a new program during the summer entitled “Museum in the Park” which is a precursor to our upcoming “Museum on the Move.” Our dedicated group of summer students put together a series of educational exhibits to display and present to passersby and visitors outside the museum in Jim Hadgkiss park. This allowed for social distancing and safely interacting with museum goers outside. This was a successful program reaching dozens of patrons over four weekends of running.

We further ramped up our programs and community outreach with two new programs. At the ACT Arts Centre in Maple Ridge we presented an exhibit “The Bees Knees: 1920’s Fashion in Maple Ridge” in their beautiful gallery space. Partnering with the ACT for the use of their gallery space allowed us to present a museum exhibit in a proper museum gallery space unlike anything we have available to us at the museum. As a 100 year anniversary of the 1920’s we presented the best in Maple Ridge fashion. The exhibit was viewed by hundreds of people, giving us a wider audience of downtown

patrons that we do not normally get at the museum. Our curator, Melissa Rollit, who put the exhibit together also gave a series of talks at the ACT including a curator's talk about the exhibit. We hope to keep this collaboration with the ACT going in the future.



The Bee's Knees: 1920's Fashion in Maple Ridge, on display at the ACT gallery.

Also in the fall we presented a brand new event at the museum, "Hands Up" an interactive Billy Miner robbery experience at the museum site. Partnering with Sea to Sky immersive, the museum was outfit with lighting and projectors to give visitors to the experience an immersive 1904 train robbery experience. The program was a huge hit with visitors and was completely sold out from start to finish. We hope to bring more of these unique museum experiences to the community in the future.

We ended the year strong in the fall with a series of events both new and returning in October. Our annual Paranormal Night at Haney House returned this year and turned into a set of events over two weekends. Cornerstone Supernatural generously donates their time and expertise for this event which is well attended, is always sold out, and acts as a fundraiser for the museum. We also continued with the Halloween spirit at the Museum with a family friendly drop in event including crafts and pumpkin carving, pumpkins donated by Haunted History. Excitingly, in October our usual walking tours of downtown and the cemetery began again with Erica Williams providing the informative tours.

Collections Processing

Storage space for new items in the museum remains scarce, so that remains to be a limiting factor in what items we can accept. However, this year we had 23 lots of collection accessions, a sizeable increase from last year's eleven. The lots were mainly small, with one or two items per accession.

There were many interesting and unique additions to the collections this year, one being the mural from Sampo Hall. Although a much larger artifact than we would normally accept, we are glad to have this invaluable part of our history in our collections to preserve the memory of the now demolished community hall.

Another highlight from this year's accessions came all the way from Revelstoke in the form of a beautiful linen dress. The original owner of the dress was Jeanne Wiert who brought it with her from France around 1910. She and her husband Eugene settled in Haney where they opened Wiert's Garage at 224th and 119th street. Other accessions of note contributed to the museum's growing collection on the Mussallem family, the Sheila Nickols collection, and of our Reta Hadgkiss watercolour paintings.



Conservation being done on the newly acquired Sampo Hall mural at St. Andrews church, July 2021.

Archives Processing

The archives accessioned 10 lots in 2021. These included a memorial collection of notes and archives belonging to Sheila Nickols and Mussallem Family photos and archival records.

We were also very excited to welcome on board Gordana Dimovska a MA Archives and Library Students student at UBC as a museum assistant. She is working with us to update and grow our archives collections into a world class archives. This will be done through working on digitizing our collections and making digitized records available on our website.

The archives space in the Brickyard Office is also getting a makeover. The building is being converted into the first community accessible archives space where the community will be able to come visit and interact with the archives. This archives spaces is expected to open February 2022.

Annual Statistics and Community Engagement 2021

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House Engagement Statistics

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House	2019	2020	2021
Admissions and Attendance			
Adult Admissions	1,551	265	460
Child Admissions	647	109	114
Off-site Events Attendance	18,208	4,040	17,691
Volunteer Hours	876	575	1,547
Online/Social Media Engagement			
Website Users	16,077	18,406	22,723
Website Sessions*	20,740	22,758	28,405
Facebook Followers	1,766	2,240	2,682
Facebook Reach**	96,658	129,919	175,612
Instagram Followers	867	1,150	1,290
Instagram Reach**	2,213	3,028	3,948
Twitter Followers	591	686	722
Twitter Reach**	79,509	87,675	58,364

*A Session is a period of time in which a user is actively engaged with website content.

**Reach is the number of unique accounts who have seen content from our pages.

Top 5 Most Visited Webpages

Page	Page Views
Hands Up!	1,673
Maple Ridge Cemetery	1,503
Family History Group – About Us	1,126
Maple Ridge Museum Exhibitions	1,045
The Museums – About Us	981

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House Outreach Statistics

Outreach Event	Description	Date(s)	Location	Total Attendance
Virtual Presentations	Zoom presentations on Maple Ridge History	Feb –Dec	Online	275
Museum Group Tours	Museum and Haney House	Aug 4	MRM	23
Special Offsite Programs	Custom tours HH & DT	June – Oct	MPP, HH	25
Virtual Trivia Night	MR history trivia night	Feb 17	Online	12
Spring Break	Earth Day community hunt	Mar 12-28	Online	212
Earth Day	RM Recycling online game	Mar-May	Online	5855
Canada Day	Albion Fairgrounds drive through	Jul 1	Albion	2000
Music on the Wharf	Adapted for downtown	Jul-Aug	MPP	514
Headstone Preservation Project	Volunteer clean up at Whonnock & MR Cemeteries	July 15, 17, 24	Cemeteries	43
Museum in the Park	Pilot for Museum on the Move	Jul-Aug	MRM	68
Hands Up	Interactive visual event at Museum – Billy Miner train robbery experience.	Sept 11-26	MRM	340
Culture Days	Take & make bags for kids	Sept-Oct	ACT MRM	89
ACT Gallery Opening	Opening, Curator talk and display	Sept-Nov	ACT	950
Cemetery Walking Tours	Led by Erica Williams	Oct-Nov	MR cemetery	53
Creepy Doll Contest	2 nd annual social media contest	Oct-Nov	Online	500
Paranormal Nights	Cornerstone Supernatural fundraiser at HH	Oct-Nov	HH	130
Night at the Macabre	Emerald Pig collaboration	Oct 30	MRM, HH St Andrews	12
Halloween Family Fun	Museum drop in crafts	Oct 30 & 31	MRM	71

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Programs were characterized by a returning of programs in a modified way. We were able to return to our annual programming our usual events including Music on the Wharf, Headstone Preservation Project, Cemetery Walking Tours, and the Paranormal Night at Haney House. All of these annual events returned in a modified Covid-19 safe way. We also were able to create new events and programs like Hands Up, a Billy Miner train robbery experience and Halloween Family Fun at the Museum.

Music on the Wharf:

This year Music on the Wharf returned but to make it a Covid-19 safe event we modified the event to be presented at Memorial Peace Park. The City of Maple Ridge offered us the space to use as it had already set up safety procedures and spaces. We were able to have our usual four concerts there on Mondays in the summer to a very excited and grateful crowd. Many in the crowd have been attending Music on the Wharf for decades now and were happy to see it return. We were able to raise \$798.25 in donations at the four concerts and reached over 500 guests.

Music on the Wharf

Returned for its 24th season with some adaptations in 2021

Memorial Peace Park - downtown Maple Ridge
July 12 & 26, Aug. 9 & 23

Over 500 patrons attended these free community concerts, \$800 was received in donations for the Maple Ridge Historical Society, and 4 different local musical groups were hired to perform.



L:
The Cat
Murphy Band
(July 12th)



R:
Happy Hour
(Aug. 23)



L:
Linda Szentes
& Jazzlinks
(July 26th)



R:
Norine Braun
(Aug. 9th)



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Hands Up:

HANDS UP! The Billy Miner Experience was created by Sea to Sky Immersive, in partnership with the Maple Ridge Museum (under the Maple Ridge Historical Society). Including a verbal introduction and orientation, the entire experience lasted 40 to 45 minutes (depending on the level of preshow conversation and questions regarding the topic presented). It was primarily set inside the Maple Ridge Museum, moving from room to room using lights, sound, video, and motion sensors to tell a story to the patrons. Guests were checked in and greeted outdoors, guided on to the museum's 1940s CP Rail caboose for the first station, then into the museum for the rest of the journey. The adventure began on the train in 1906, Miner's 2nd Canadian robbery at Kamloops, BC. Through the ensuing four stations, the story of the pursuit, capture, and trial of the "Gentleman Bandit" was told. We had 340 patrons, 300 of whom had never been to the museum, come through the experience. While all proceeds of the ticket sales went to Sea to Sky Immersive to cover their costs of creating the program, the museum received an unprecedented amount of new exposure to local and lower mainland residents.



Hands Up volunteer, and Billy Miner Train conductor, Ross Dunning giving the opening remarks to patrons of the event.

Museum in the Park:

On weekends during the summer, our team of summer students set up a tent and a rotating educational display in the park outside of the museum. This was run as a pilot program for the upcoming Museum on the Move. Excited students were able to interact with patrons of the museum in a safe socially distanced way outside of the small spaces of the museum. Through this and other programs we were also able to recruit a set of dedicated event volunteers to assist with our future programs and events.



Summer students and volunteers at the Museum in the Park tent

In our increased outreach we also created partnerships with other local organizations like the Recycling Society, Maple Ridge Library, ACT Theatre and Emerald Pig Theatrical Company. We worked with Emerald Pig to put on the “Night at the Macabre” a series of vignettes on the porches of our heritage buildings Haney House, the Maple Ridge Museum and St. Andrews Church. We are excited for a new year and new possibilities with our ever increasing community outreach and programming.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2020

The Operations Committee is responsible for overseeing, on behalf of the Society, the execution of the Maple Ridge Historical Society Operating Agreement with the City of Maple Ridge and the upkeep, maintenance and operation of St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall and the Old Post office.

St Andrew's Heritage Church Hall is available for rent and is regularly used as a meeting place by a number of community groups while the Old Post Office has a single renter and is in full-time use as a pre-school. A full rate schedule for St Andrew's Heritage Church Hall is available from the Maple Ridge Museum or online at <http://mapleridgemuseum.org/about-us/rentals/>.

In addition to the ongoing basic maintenance of both the Museum and the Brickyard Office, this year included the replacement of the Museum and Brickyard Office furnaces by the City of Maple Ridge. The operations committee also undertook and completed an inspection and building maintenance plan of both museum site buildings which was submitted to the City of Maple Ridge in June 2021.

Buildings Manager, Tom Little, continued to look after the day to day maintenance at the Post Office and St Andrews Heritage Church.

The Historical Society works closely with the City of Maple Ridge to assist in maintaining the buildings we occupy and operate to provide the citizens of Maple Ridge with an understanding and a connection to their community's history.

I would like to thank the Operations Committee members, Executive Director Shea Henry, our Buildings Manager, Tom Little, museum staff, and the City of Maple Ridge staff for their hard work and support through 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Davies
Chair 2021

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the end of 2021, the society had a membership of:

- 37 Individual Members
- 10 Family Memberships (eligible for up to two votes)
- 7 Life members, most of whom make a donation each year

This total is equivalent to 65 individual members, which represents an increase in our membership from last year. This is the first increase in membership we have had for some years. In past decreases we have found that our membership is aging and questions on how to reach out to a new demographic were raised. In 2021 we found that we grew our membership slightly by reaching new members through outreach, including new events and programs. We also gained a few new members through our social media presence. New members are excited about our increased presence in the community and wish to support us through membership. We strive to continue this trend towards reaching a new demographic through further increased outreach.

In addition to membership fees, members donated a total of \$1846. We issue tax receipts for donations over \$20.

Shea Henry
Executive Director

FAMILY HISTORY REPORT

The Family History Group

The Family History Group is a standing committee of the Maple Ridge Historical Society and by extension of the British Columbia Historical Federation, an umbrella organization for provincial historical societies. This allows for participation at various levels in that organization.

The Maple Ridge Family History Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month with an average attendance at meetings of between 12 and 15 members. While we are missing some of our regular members, meeting virtually has allowed other interested persons from around the province to easily participate.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact the way in which our Maple Ridge Family History Group conducted meetings. We have been fortunate to be able to use the Zoom platform for our monthly meetings since April 2020. As a standing committee of the Maple Ridge Historical Society we have been able to use the Historical Society Zoom account. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Society.

Meetings are informal and include presentations and discussions about upcoming virtual programs of interest, updates on individual research, research brainstorming, and celebrating research successes.

The Short Program continues to be an anticipated part of the monthly meetings, and we greatly appreciate the creativity of Alberta McNamara, the program coordinator, in setting us challenges which encourage us to look more deeply into our own research. The Summer 2021 Mini Challenge was *What's In a Name?* The objective was to review our research to determine the strangest/most unusual name in our family history and determine why our ancestor was given such a name. As well, guests and members make presentations on a variety of topics including family heirlooms, organizing your research, women's history, military ancestors, and packing your family history as a Christmas gift. In 2021 we saw the introduction of the "series" concept. These are subjects which cover a broader aspect of a particular topic than can be addressed in a stand-alone presentation and allow for topics to be spread over several meetings. Topics include cemeteries, and representatives of various groups/organizations we interact with describing their organization.

We benefited from the technological expertise of Darren Durupt who not only made a presentation on technology safety, but writes technology tips articles for the newsletter on items such as safe storage and backing up of files, password security, folder structure, etc.

A newsletter is produced bi-monthly and is accessed online through the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives website. Members and guest contributors write feature articles on genealogical topics. The newsletter also contains notice of upcoming programs, conferences and webinars, and draws attention to research sources. The newsletter is shared on a reciprocal arrangement with several genealogical societies within the province. In July 2021 the newsletter obtained an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) from Library and Archives Canada.

A highlight of 2021 was the revamping of the MRFHG pages on the Maple Ridge Museum and Community Archives website. In addition to access to our newsletters, the pages now offer portals to the community history projects completed by the group, awards, family history activities for children, teens and adults, and the Local Voices Program (although that program has been suspended due to current provincial health restrictions). Three *YouTube* videos have been added to the website. One introduces the group and some of our activities, another is the 2020 CHC Heritage Award Winners and, the third is a promotional video for the *On the River: The Fishing Industry in Maple Ridge* project.

Library card holders were able to access ProQuest Ancestry Library Edition through their home computers until the end of December 2021. The Maple Ridge Family History Group gratefully acknowledges Fraser Valley Regional Library and Shawna Kristen, Manager of the Maple Ridge Library, for enabling remote access for approximately 18 months.

2021 saw completion of the fifth community history project, which had begun in 2020. While the previous projects focused on early settlers to Maple Ridge and their contributions to the foundations of the community, the latest project looked at occupational diversity in the early years of settlement. Presentation of the material also took a new approach with the launch of both print and online formats.

On the River: The Fishing Industry in Maple Ridge tells the compelling story of the families involved and the importance of fish to the local economy and the community of Maple Ridge from its colonization and settlement in the 1890s, technological change, increase in government oversight, the First World War, the rise of unions, and to the brink of the Great Depression in 1929. <http://mapleridgemuseum.org/about-us/family-history/>



"On The River" display at the Maple Ridge Library

A team of eleven researchers contributed over 500 volunteer hours to researching vital records, directories, newspapers, government reports, maps, statistics, academic works, and images. The project grew to include six families, the larger fishing industry, and the story of the Fraser River. Pandemic restrictions necessitated that most of the research be conducted online, as were team meetings.

The exhibit will be on display for the month of February at the Maple Ridge branch of the Fraser Valley Library in a display case at the front of the library and in the family history cabinets under the stairs on the first floor. View the website portion at: <http://mapleridgemuseum.org/on-the-river-the-fishing-industry-in-maple-ridge/>

Check out our promo video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Fwv-8OxqGgA>

In-person family history conferences were again not held this year. However, online workshops and conferences enabled several of our members to appear as guest presenters.

The Maple Ridge Library's Family Literacy Day in January featured 500 Take and Make bags aimed for children. The MRFHG created and supplied family history related activity sheets directed to children while encouraging adult assistance.

The Family History team has logged 54 hours of time for communications, website updates, and program coordination.



Maple Ridge Family History Group at the Port Haney Wharf receiving their Maple Ridge Community Heritage Award

Two Maple Ridge Community Heritage Awards were presented. Andrea Lister received the 2022 Sheila Nickols Award in recognition of her redesign of the Maple Ridge Family History Group webpage and her contributions to the group's newsletter. She brings her considerable skills to showcasing the work of the Family History Group and to making family and community history more accessible to the public.

The MRFHG received a History Hero Award for outstanding contribution to the recognition of Maple Ridge in its historical context. In addition to helping people explore and document their own family history, the group has been telling the stories of early Maple Ridge families through research and various publication forms. In previous years four projects were undertaken that describe the family ties that brought four individual families together in our region to build the foundations of this community. The fifth project is *On the River: The Fishing Industry in Maple Ridge*.

The Family History Group

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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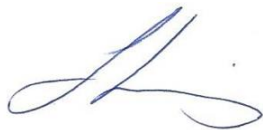
To the Board of Directors, Maple Ridge Historical Society

I have prepared the balance sheet and statement of income and expense for the Maple Ridge Historical Society for the year ended December 31, 2021.

These statements were compiled from the data supplied by the Maple Ridge Historical Society according to generally accepted accounting principles.

These statements have not been subject to review or audit, however, I have attempted to maintain accuracy and completeness in the preparation of these statements.

Yours truly,



Luba King

Treasurers Report

The funding required for the operation of the Society comes from three sources: the Maple Ridge Historical Society earned funds, the Maple Ridge Historical Society Operating Agreement with the City of Maple Ridge and from successful grant applications.

Grants continued to provide the Society with funds to extend its activities through the Community Gaming Grant of \$24,928 and the summer student funding from the Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs programs of \$18,962. In addition, this year we received several external grants for extended programs and operations including a \$5,000 grant from Metro Vancouver for our Museum on the Move program.

In 2021, the Society continued to engage the citizens of Maple Ridge through the internet along with a number of small in person events including Hands Up, our annual Paranormal Night, and Music in the Park. Online learning activities for home and virtual classroom learning were continued on the website which include a 14 day live like a pioneer challenge, and local history learning activities for elementary and high school students alike.

Based on a carefully prepared budget, all financial matters are reconciled monthly and reported to the Board through quarterly reports which allow the board members to review the status of each budget category. The preparation of these reports is carried out by our Executive Director, Shea Henry who also monitors the work of our accounting service provider, Luba King.

During the year, the financial committee work was carried out by the Board of Directors at their monthly meetings.

As a Registered Society with a Charitable Tax endorsement, we are subject to an audit by the governing authorities at any time. The financial management system, along with the support of Luba King and the excellent work of our Executive Director, Shea Henry, allows us to stay "Audit Ready".

The Society continues to develop the infrastructure program. The balance remaining from funds budgeted but not spent will be added to those restricted funds to provide for future projects.

Thanks to the members of the Board, Shea Henry and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Davies". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mike Davies
Treasurer 2021

Financial Report 2021

Summary 2021 over 2020

	2021	2020	Change	%
REVENUES				
Maple Ridge Historical Society	20,018	11,390	8,628	75.8%
St. Andrews Heritage Church	4,655	12,270	-7,615	-62.1%
Maple Ridge Museum / Haney House	273,045	345,642	-72,597	-21.0%
 TOTAL REVENUE	 297,718	 369,302		
 EXPENSES				
Maple Ridge Historical Society	27,597	23,088	4,509	19.5%
St. Andrews Heritage Church	4,029	6,134	-2,105	-34.3%
Maple Ridge Museum / Haney House	265,827	257,120	8,707	3.4%
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 297,452	 286,342		
CONTINGENCY FUNDS	266	82,960		

CURRENT ASSETS	2021	2020	2019	Note
FUNDS ON DEPOSIT				
Maple Ridge Historical Society	161,956	146,052	85,781	
Maple Ridge Museum	44,747	44,996	42,632	
Direct Access Gaming	20,831	14,558	9,670	
TOTAL FUNDS ON DEPOSIT	227,534	205,607	138,084	
RECEIVABLE				
Deposit with ECRA	50	50	50	
Accounts Receivable	1,308	3,885		
Petty Cash Accounts	156	156	156	
TOTAL RECEIVABLE	1,514	4,091	206	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	229,048	209,698	138,290	
FIXED ASSETS				
MRHS equipment	3,396	3,396	3,396	
MR Museum equipment	2,424	2,424	2,424	
MR Museum computers	5,483	5,483	5,483	
Haney House equipment	1,616	1,616	1,616	
St. Andrew's equipment	2,731	2,731	2,731	
Costume Collection	1,019	1,019	1,019	
Old Post Office building	65,000	65,000	65,000	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	81,670	81,669	81,670	
TOTAL ASSETS	310,718	291,367	219,959	

LIABILITIES	2021	2020	2019	Note
Direct Access Gaming funds	20,831	14,558	9,670	
Arts Council Grant	500			
Memorial funds	810	810	810	
Accounts Payable	3390.45	-12479.94	3,976	
St Andrews damage deposits	1,055	1,055	1,055	
Receiver General payable				
WCB payable	1,674	841	825	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	28,261	4,785	16,337	
EQUITY				
Retained Earnings	143,237	143,629	139,369	
Restricted Funds	138,953	59,993	59,993	
Current earnings	266	82,961	4,260	
TOTAL EQUITY	282,456	286,583	203,622	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	310,717	291,367	219,959	

REVENUE	2021	2020	2019	Note
MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
Memberships	1,200	715	710	
Donations	2,446	1,475	1,465	1
Rentals	13,355	20,970	29,010	2
Events	1,783	500	2,623	
Project Income	1,500			
Restricted Funds	4,000		5,985	3
Interest Income	390			
TOTAL MRHS REVENUE	24,674	23,660	39,794	
MAPLE RIDGE MUSEUM/HANEY HOUSE				
City Operating Grant	207,589	203,519	199,766	
Direct Access Gaming grant	24,928	19,611	28,788	
Canada Summer Jobs/YCW/	18,962	14,375	13,087	
MRHS funds	10,640	10,640	10,640	
Donations	620	147	710	
Admissions/Sales/Research Services	606	442	1,356	4
Events/Programs	3,485	275	1,177	5
DARS rent	1,020	1,020	1,020	
Project Income	5,000			6
Interest Income	195			
10% Temporary Wage Subsidy		6,196		
Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy		89,416		
TOTAL MUSEUM REVENUE	273,045	345,641	256,543	
TOTAL REVENUE	297,718	369,301	296,337	

EXPENSES	2021	2020	2019	Note
MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
Promotion & Branding	315		112	
Buildings Expenses	4,367	9,902	7,755	
Buildings Utilities	1,774	1,477	1,632	
Events	1,642		1,597	
Membership Activities/Conferences			21	
Memberships	916	756	573	
Administration/postage	9,352	8,509	8,456	
Contributions to museum operations	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Restricted Funds Expenditure			5,985	
Insurance	3,876	3,680	3,806	
Honoraria & Gifts		56		
Project & FHG Expenses	3,730			7
Workman's Comp	1,653	841	825	8
TOTAL MRHS EXPENSES	31,625	29,222	34,762	
MAPLE RIDGE MUSEUM & HANEY HOUSE				
Wages & Benefits	206,869	208,324	199,209	
Office Expense	2,886	4,710	4,220	
Programs/Projects/Events	1,433	321	2,169	
Advertising	439	447	493	
Equipment rental	2,589	2,720	3,041	
Display	1,032	346	644	
Storage	13,853	5,447	8,190	
Conservation supplies	433	398	180	
Utilities	8,790	10,054	9,197	
Building Expenses - Brickyard Site	1,318	756	1,702	
Professional Development/Library	183	215	86	
Memberships			72	
TOTAL MRM/HH EXPENSES	239,826	233,737	229,203	
Gaming Grant Disbursements:				
Wages	24,610	23,250	26,713	
Bank Charges	391	133	335	
Program/Event costs	1,000		1,064	
TOTAL GAMING EXPENSES	26,001	23,383	28,112	
TOTAL MUSEUM EXPENSES	265,827	257,119	257,315	
TOTAL REVENUE	297,718	369,301	296,337	

TOTAL EXPENSES	297,452	286,341	292,077
CONTINGENCY	266	82,960	4,260

Breakdown of Restricted Funds

RESTRICTED FUNDS	Purpose	Purpose	Amount
Infrastructure	Repair/upkeep of buildings		15,642
Museum Expansion	New building expenses		36,905
UWC Publication Fund	For History of Settlement		7,446
COVID 19 Recovery Fund	For wages and industry recovery		78,960
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TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS			138,953

Notes on Financial Statements:

1. Donations were significantly up due to an increase in programs, events, and several new sustaining memberships.
2. Rental of the Old Post Office continued as usual throughout the year but St. Andrews Church only re-opened to renters, per public health orders, in November 2021, resulting in very little revenue from the church rentals.
3. Restricted funds from the COVID-19 recovery fund were approved for transfer to the budget at the November 24th, 2021 board meeting. This came after a budget forecast predicted a roughly \$4000 shortfall due to the loss of rental income as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.
4. Admission and sales continued to be low as traffic into the museum was limited.
5. This increase is reflective mostly of the \$2,850 brought in from two Paranormal Night fundraisers put on at Haney House by Cornerstone Supernatural.
6. This is a \$5000 grant from Metro Vancouver Arts and Culture for Museum on the Move.
7. Project expense of \$3000 for strategic planning session in the spring. Partially funded by a City of Maple Ridge Grant.
8. This increase is reflective in an new accounting procedure rather than an increase to the annual payment to WCB.
9. The remaining contingency money from 2020 was added to this, approved by the board on April 22, 2021. This amount reflects the \$4000 transferred for the 2021 shortfall from rentals, transfer approved by the Board on November 24, 2021.