



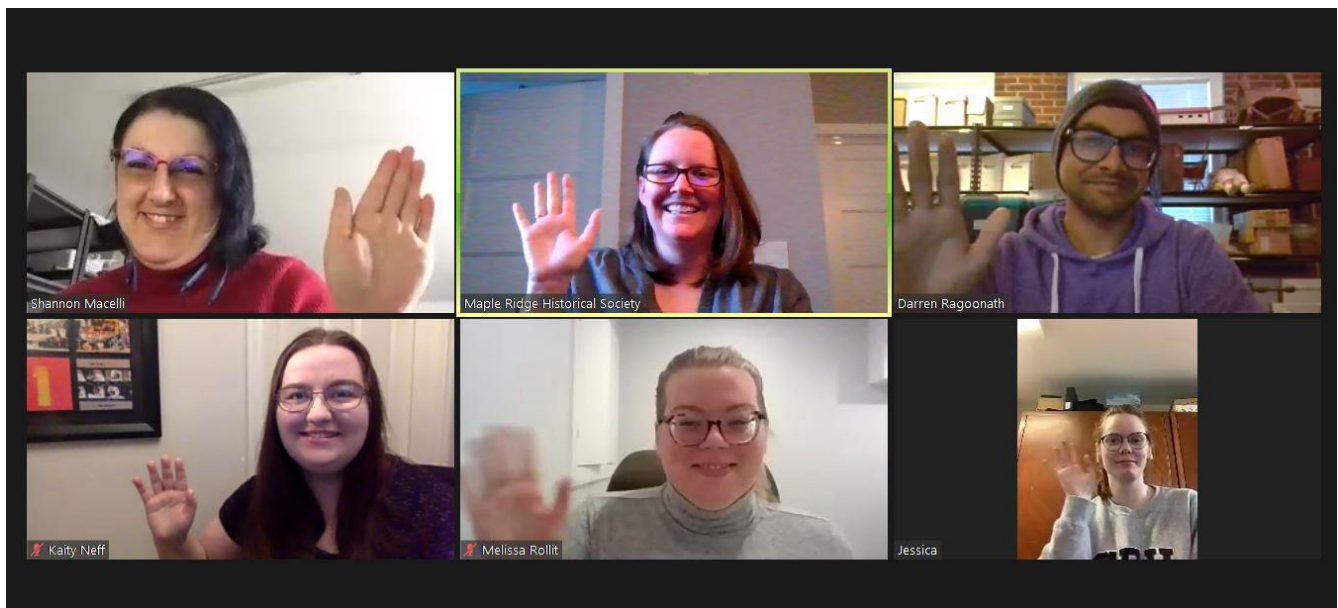
ANNUAL REPORT 2020



**MAPLE RIDGE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Cover Photo: Autoclave for
sterilizing equipment at the
Maple Ridge Hospital, 1973

Photo Above: Staff members
met over zoom for the majority
of 2020.

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Operations
Family History
Programs

Museum Staff

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Curator	Shea Henry/Melissa Rollit
Community Engagement Coordinator	Melissa Rollit
Building Manager	Tom Little
Accountant	Luba King
Curatorial Archival Assistants	Kaity Neff Jessica Hyde Darren Ragoonath
Summer Students	Jessica Hyde Darren Ragoonath Madelyn Huston

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This time last year when I was writing the annual MRHS President's Report I had no idea how quickly the world would change to a form that I had never experienced in my life. With the onset and rapid spread of the Covid pandemic all the community engagement events at which the Historical Society would be involved with suddenly shut down. There were no Music on the Wharf evenings, no Downtown Heritage walking Tours, no Old cemetery Tours, the spring and fall ACT lectures stopped. The Community stalls at the Farmer's Market, Mystery events at Haney House disappeared for example as well as the regular tours of the Museum and Haney House. Our staff quickly rose to the challenges of the occasion and began the process of significantly increasing our digital presence and on behalf of the Board I wish to acknowledge and thank them for the work they did. Events at St. Andrews Church came to a halt, reducing our normal rental income but we have been able to cope with that. The pre-school that operates out of the old Post Office near Haney House has been able to keep on operating.

Over the last five years, the small Wharfinger's Office down on the Port Haney Wharf had been subjected to a significant amount of vandalism and graffiti damage that was becoming more and more expensive to repair. Also, the walls were starting to rot away at the base and the decision was made to take it down. However as this was taking place 3D scans were taken and are in our collection.

As Covid contagions and deaths start slowing down and vaccines become available we look forward to the days when we can physically engage again. Hopefully that will start slowly happening over the next few months.

At the end of October our Executive Director, Val Patenaude, who had been in the role for 27 years took a much deserved retirement. We wish her a happy retirement. Her role was taken over by Shea Henry the curator at the time.

Late in the year Sheila Nichols, one of the pioneering members of the Historical Society and its push for permanent Museum facilities, passed away. On behalf of the Board, I want to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work she did to get the Museum to come alive.

In closing I wish to thank the MRHS Board members, our staff and Historical Society members who have worked hard to support the Society and to keep up the good work.

Erica Williams
President

MINUTES 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28 June, 2020 2:00pm Zoom Meeting

1. Adoption of agenda | Moved by Mike Davies, seconded by Erica Williams.
2. Minutes of 2019 AGM & motion to accept | Moved by Erica Williams, seconded by Dick Sutcliffe.
3. Reports
 - a. **President's report – Erica Williams:** Erica began by thanking the volunteers, Community Heritage Commission representatives and museum staff for all of their hard work over the previous year. She drew attention to her report on page 6 of the annual report where she reviews the activities and outreach done by the heritage society to engage with this great community of Maple Ridge.
 - b. **Operations Committee Report – Mike Davies:** Mike drew attention to his report on pages 14 and 15. He discussed the decision of the committee to suggest to the board the removal of the Wharfinger Office building. The operations committee continues to work with the City of Maple Ridge to maintain historic buildings in the city. He closed by thanking the operations committee and the city and staff for their support in the committee's important work.
 - c. **Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House reports – Shea Henry:** Shea drew attention to the museum's report on pages 9-13. The museum attendance and an overview of museum operations over the 2019 year are highlighted in the report. Overall, attendance was up from last year and in particular child attendance was up with an increase in school tours. There were a number of new events and programs that spiked attendance which Shea will discuss in her Programs committee report.
 - d. **Membership report – Val Patenaude:** Val reports that memberships are up six from the previous year. A few members passed over the year but as a result of more outreach and community engagement through events and programs we have gained memberships. We reach several thousand people via our social media on a daily basis and while this does not necessarily translate to paid memberships, the time for that may be passed and we could consider other ways of counting membership. The membership report can be found on page 15 of the annual report.
 - e. **Program Committee – Shea Henry** – Shea drew attention to pages 16-18 on the annual report, outlining just a few of the programs continued or begun in 2019. Shea reported that the society continued with another successful Music on the Wharf program concert series and Speaking of Art and History speakers series. Along with these were a series of new programs including Murder Mystery Night at Haney House which was a great success and is now an ongoing bookable program. We are continuing to expand our programs

and events to further engage with the community in activities that will entertain and educate.

- f. **Family History Committee report - Erica Williams** – Erica reported that 2019 marked the 20th anniversary of the committee and they have come a long way in that time. In their informal monthly meetings at the library, they gather community members who are interested in family history research to share in successes, frustrations, and questions. Members produce a bi-monthly newsletter and attend family history conferences throughout the region. The family history committee report can be found on pages 19-22.
- g. **Treasurer's Report and Annual Financial Statements – Mike Davies** – The annual financial statements and treasurer's report can be found as an addendum in the back 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. Mike pointed out that in 2019 there was a \$4260.00 contingency that has been added to future contingency funds. The board takes responsibility for the finances, Val compiles and manages the finances and it is then checked by Luba King, an outside accountant. The budget is balanced and we are in good financial standing.

Accept all reports: Moved by Ross Dunning and seconded by Erica Williams – All in favour; carried.

4. 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. Previous board member Shelia Nickols will not be standing again.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Moved by Mike Davies that the slate be re-elected, seconded by Ross Dunning – carried.

5. Adjournment of formal meeting | Moved by Dick Sutcliffe, seconded by Erica Williams.

MUSEUM OPERATION

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House

We started 2020 off strong, with Winter Fun Day at the library and Family Day at the ACT, both outreach events where we reached hundreds of community members. At the Family Day ACT event, the staff set up a photo booth where community members could dress up in our historic clothing collection and take photos, it was a huge hit and loved by kids, and those who are kids at heart. We also had a murder mystery night on February 1st with more being booked throughout the spring.

In March, in anticipation of Maple Ridge hosting the 2020 B.C. Summer Games, our curator (at the time) Shea Henry installed a temporary exhibit about the sports history of the community. This exhibit was in the style of a sports hall of fame and highlighted some of the amazing athletes from Maple Ridge. Sadly, the B.C. Summer Games were cancelled this year, but the community still had a chance to check out this great part of our history.

With a year starting off stronger than ever, with booked programs, tours, events and more events than ever planned for the year, we were of course stopped in our tracks by the pandemic. On March 16th we announced that the Museum and Haney House Museum would be closed for the foreseeable future.

The staff of the Maple Ridge Historical Society, finding themselves working from home, immediately shifted gears and began putting brand new programs and educational content online. Thinking of the community members and parents finding themselves teaching their children from home, staff put together a new set of home learner activities that line up with the B.C. Curriculum. These activities cover topics from local history ranging from map reading and plant identification for K-6 students and reading primary documents for the gr. 7-12 students.

To keep people engaged in the museum and to not lose the momentum we had been building in our programming and events, staff went to work engaging people via social media. A new activity for bored people stuck in lockdown at home was social media trivia, run by then curator Shea Henry. She posted a photo and/or posed a trivia question to our social media followers and the first to answer got a social media shout out. It was very popular with some posts getting dozens of answers and thousands of views. Trivia would last through the spring and summer and was a welcome distraction for our social media followers.

Social media followers were also engaged through our series of History Experiments videos, shot by, and starring, museum staff trying various historical activities, recipes, books, etc. These history experiments were meant to be a light-hearted addition to social media in a time that was stressful and uncertain. The videos often involved staff members failing to produce expected results and even challenging each other to historic recipe challenges. They served to bring attention to the museum, keep things light, and be fun to produce for staff members.

In 2019 the decision was made to dismantle the Wharfinger office, which had become a financial and physical burden on the society. It was located in an unprotected location on the Port Haney Wharf and could no longer be cared after properly. After much preparation, the tiny building was

demolished, but not before we were able to capture 3D scans of the building and keep them in our collection.

As summer approached, we were lucky to be able to keep our temporary staff members on full time throughout the summer with grants from Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs. We were very happy to be able to offer these positions in an uncertain time. The summer also brought us our only in person event for the remainder of the year, the annual cemetery clean-up. This event was able to continue as it is outdoors, distanced, and we keep the number to 10 people maximum. At the end of July, the Museum was able to reopen following strict guidelines set by the province of B.C. and WorkSafeBC. Haney House museum remained closed for the rest of the year since it is a small space and there is only one directional flow through the space. Unfortunately, Haney House Museum remained closed through the rest of the year. With a smaller space and no possibility of a single flow traffic, it remained closed under public health orders.

Despite being reopen to the public, museum staff continued to create online content for the rest of the year to reach those who are still more comfortable working and learning from home. Throughout the summer, summer and seasonal staff Darren Ragoonath created an online virtual tour of the museum for guests to get the at home museum experience.

Sadly, our annual events like Music on the Wharf, Culture Days at Haney House, Paranormal Night, Halloween Eat, Drink and Be Scary, and the Open House for the CPR Christmas Train were all canceled this year. The Culture Days event was adapted and then Community Event Coordinator Melissa Rollit created an engaging interactive scavenger hunt of historic spots across Maple Ridge for the month of October. Participants were entered to win prizes from local businesses, supporting the buy local campaign by the B.I.A. Winners received a gift pack from participating small local businesses. This was a popular activity at a time when people wanted to take advantage of being outside while the weather was still nice.

The Maple Ridge Museum finished the year strong by continuing to produce content for our website for virtual learners and we have remained open to the public through new public health orders.

On October 31, Val Patenaude our stalwart leader of 27 years took a much deserved retirement. At that time Shea Henry took on the role of Executive Director, and Melissa Rollit moved into the Curator position. The staff at the Maple Ridge Museum rose to the challenges of this year with amazing strength and perseverance, producing wonderful and educational content for our community that will carry us through the pandemic and beyond.

Collections Processing

Despite the pandemic, we had 11 lots of collection accessions in 2020, up six from the previous year. All lots that came in were small, usually consisting of one or two items each. With storage at a premium in the museum and at our off-site storage units we are very selective on what comes in and what size it is.

Despite this we were able to take some larger items this year that contribute significantly to the collection and story of Maple Ridge. Some of these items include a local ARP medical stretcher from WW2, and a wonderful Finnish dress and spinning wheel both from Websters Corners. We also added significantly to our collection of Reta Hadgkiss paintings.

Archives Processing

We had only 6 lots of accessions into the archives for 2020, with fewer people coming down to the museum and donating. Despite the small number of lots, we have a significant volume of archival photos added to the collection via a donation from the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows News. In a deal made with The News, the museum will receive the photos from the paper on a rolling basis updating our collection with theirs every few years. We had donated prints, negatives, and digital images from the past 25 years of news print until 2015. This is a very large collection and updates our collection with local newspapers even further.

This collection presents a new and interesting question to our (and other) archives about how to deal with archival collections that do not have a physical form or print, collections that were “born digital.” Born digital collections are those that have no physical form and must be archived entirely digitally. Archival studies is an ever evolving discipline and we will strive for the most up to day methods of caring for these digital resources. For now the entire News collection has been accessioned and we are working on cataloging and labeling the photos to make them searchable and accessible.



Museum Assistant Jessica Hyde at the annual Cemetery Cleanup at the Maple Ridge Cemetery



1950's Baseball uniform on exhibit in the Sport History exhibit at the museum March 2020

Annual Statistics and Community Engagement 2020

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House Engagement Statistics

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House	2018	2019	2020
Admissions and Attendance			
Adult Admissions	1479	1551	265
Child Admissions	407	647	109
Off-site Events Attendance	2800	18208	4040
Volunteer Hour	1415	876	575
Online/Social Media Engagement			
Website Users	15,208	16,077	18,406
Website Sessions*	19,719	20,740	22,758
Facebook followers	1310	1766	2240
Facebook Reach**	78,292	96,658	129,919
Instagram Followers	742	867	1150
Instagram Reach**	1507	2213	3028
Twitter Followers	509	591	686
Twitter Reach**	78,102	79,509	87,675

*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
Family History Group	1396
Music On the Wharf Submissions	853
Larry Walker Family and Baseball	653
About Us – The Museums	643
Exhibitions	618

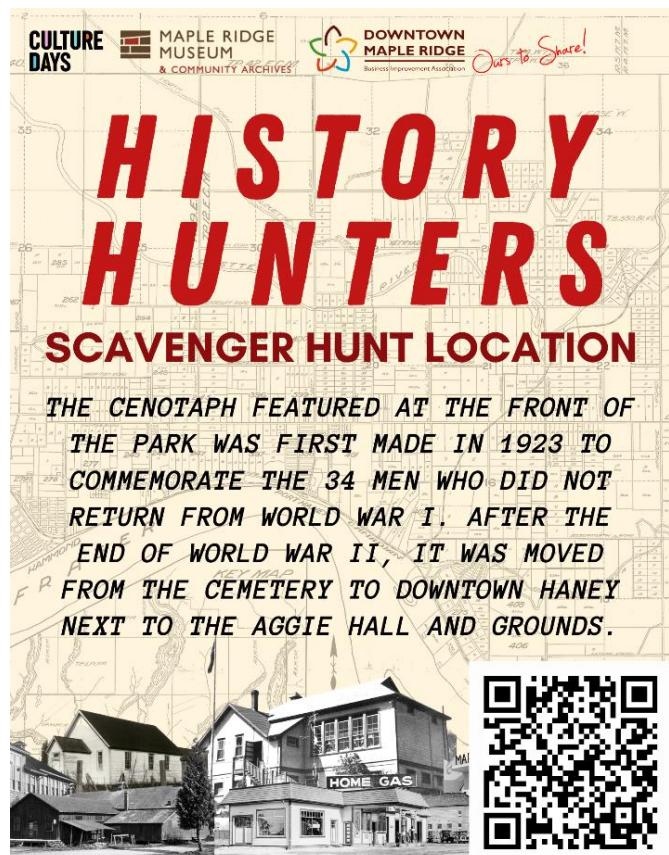
Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House Outreach Statistics

Month	Outreach	Tours	Presentations	Displays	Programs /Events	Online Program
January	Tour (Albion gr 2/3, gr 3), Presentation (Langley Heritage Society, St. George), Family Literacy Week	2	2	1	1	
February	Murder Mystery Night, Tours (Keen-agers, Seniors), Heritage Week Behind the Scenes museum tours, Family Day Event, Library Display	6		1	2	
March	Sports Treasures exhibit, <i>Museum closes to the public</i> , Live like a Pioneer Challenge, Social Media Trivia, Online Workbook (Crossword)			1	1	3
April	Time Travel Photo Challenge, Online Workbook (Billy Buckaroo, Crossword, Settler Memoirs, Wildlife, Pioneer Crafts), Videos (History Experiments)				1	10
May	Online Workbook (Card game), Videos (History Experiments, Fireside Reads)					5
June	Quaren-ales, Online Workbook (Plants)					2
July	Canada Day Photo Challenge, Canada Day Quiz, <i>Museum Re-opened</i> , Cemetery Clean Up, Online Workbook (Etymology), Video (History Experiment)				2	4
August	Tour (private)	1				
September	Culture Day Scavenger Hunt			10		
October	Culture Day Scavenger Hunt, Creepy Doll Competition			10	2	1
November	Online Virtual Tour, Online Workbook (Primary Sources)	1				2
December	Video (History Experiment), Online workbook (LGBTQ+)					2
Total		10	2	23	9	29

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Culture Days: History Hunters Scavenger Hunt

This year for Culture Days, the museum put on a city-wide scavenger hunt where participants used a 1930s map to discover locations connected to Maple Ridge history. Once found, archival images of each location could be accessed via a QR code to show how much or how little Maple Ridge has changed. Working with many local businesses, the DMRBIA, and the Parks and Rec department, the self-guided event had at least 100 people out and about exploring our history and supporting local businesses. We also received 23 submissions for our raffle draw, with prizes generously donated by Maple Ridge Florist Ltd., Once Upon a T Leaf, and the DMRBIA, which three lucky participants got to bring home with them.



Bone-Chilling Doll Competition

In lieu of our annual Halloween events, this year dolls took over the museum's social media accounts for a "Most Bone Chilling Doll Competition". For this lighthearted virtual event, we pulled nine dolls from our collection and gave them profiles and a signature video and asked our followers to comment on our posts to vote for their favourites. It was a close call, but Contestant #4 was voted the winner of the inaugural pageant. Three of our voters also won a spooky prize pack in a giveaway made possible by Haunted History BC. The competition greatly increased our engagement on social media, particularly on Instagram and Twitter. Across all social platforms, we gained 250 new followers over the duration of the pageant.



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, the Old Post office, and the Wharfinger's 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/>.

The work completed this year included the replacement of the front railing of the museum building, new patio boards in the front of Haney House, as well as basic maintenance on the exterior of both buildings. In the summer, the Wharfinger's office was demolished in fulfillment of an Operations Committee and MRHS board decision in 2019. The computer upgrade complete in 2019 is now serving us well in 2020 by allowing staff the ability to work from home.

Buildings Manager, Tom Little, looks after the renting and day to day maintenance of the facilities. The majority of the year's work related to the ongoing maintenance for the buildings with Tom Little completing the work along with City of Maple Ridge staff and contractors.

The Historical Society works closely with the City of Maple Ridge to assist in maintaining the buildings we occupy and operate. In 2019, the Maple Ridge Historical Society signed a new 3 year Operating Agreement with the City of Maple Ridge. The Society, through this agreement will continue to help in providing the historical component for the City of Maple Ridge and its citizens.

There have been some staff changes in 2020. After 27 years of working for the MRHS, Val Patenadue retired effective October 31, 2020. Shea Henry, previously the museum curator has taken up the role of Executive Director, and former Community Engagement Coordinator Melissa Rollit has become the new curator.

I would like to thank the Operations Committee members, Val Patenaude, our Buildings Manager, Tom Little, museum staff, and the City of Maple Ridge staff for their hard work and support through 2019.

Mike Davies
Chair 2020

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the end of 2020, the society had a membership of:

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

This total is equivalent to 61 individual members, which represents another drop in our membership. This pattern has persisted through the last several years. The solution to these continuously falling numbers is to reach younger audiences. In years past with our decreasing membership numbers we have looked at social media and ready access to information free online as being a barrier to gaining new memberships. There is little incentive that a small society and museum such as us can offer potential members beyond offering a connection to the heritage of the community. With the world going virtual in 2020, this barrier was only made higher.

In addition to membership fees, members donated a total of \$1,400. We issued tax receipts for any donation over \$20 for monetary donations to the society. We also received a number of donations in the name of Sheila Nichols after her passing in October.

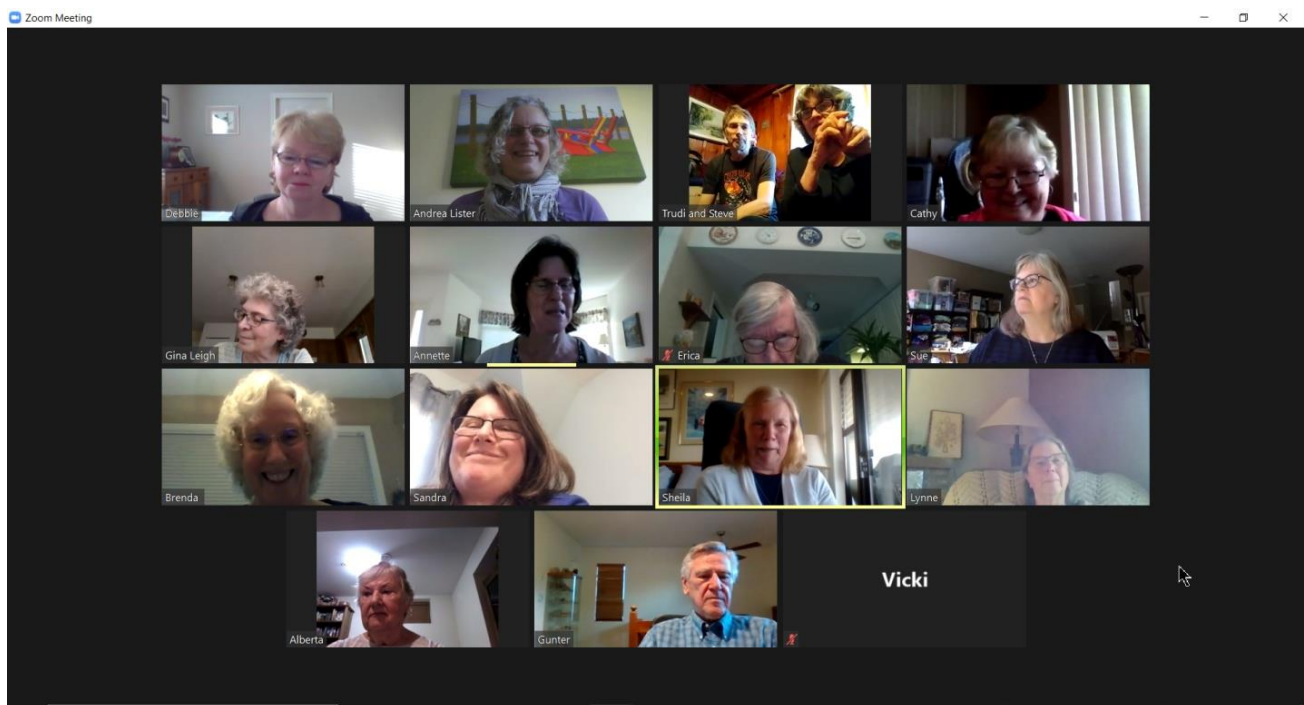
While our membership is slowly decreasing, the members we retain are more interested than ever in the museum. Our reach to the community also increases daily, with the virtual focus of 2020 we vastly increased our social media followings. With this increased attention we will be able to reach a wider and more diverse audience when we reach out to the community for memberships in the future. While younger generations are the key to gaining a larger membership, they also need a connection to the society and our local heritage that they are gaining through our strong social media presence.

Shea Henry
Executive Director

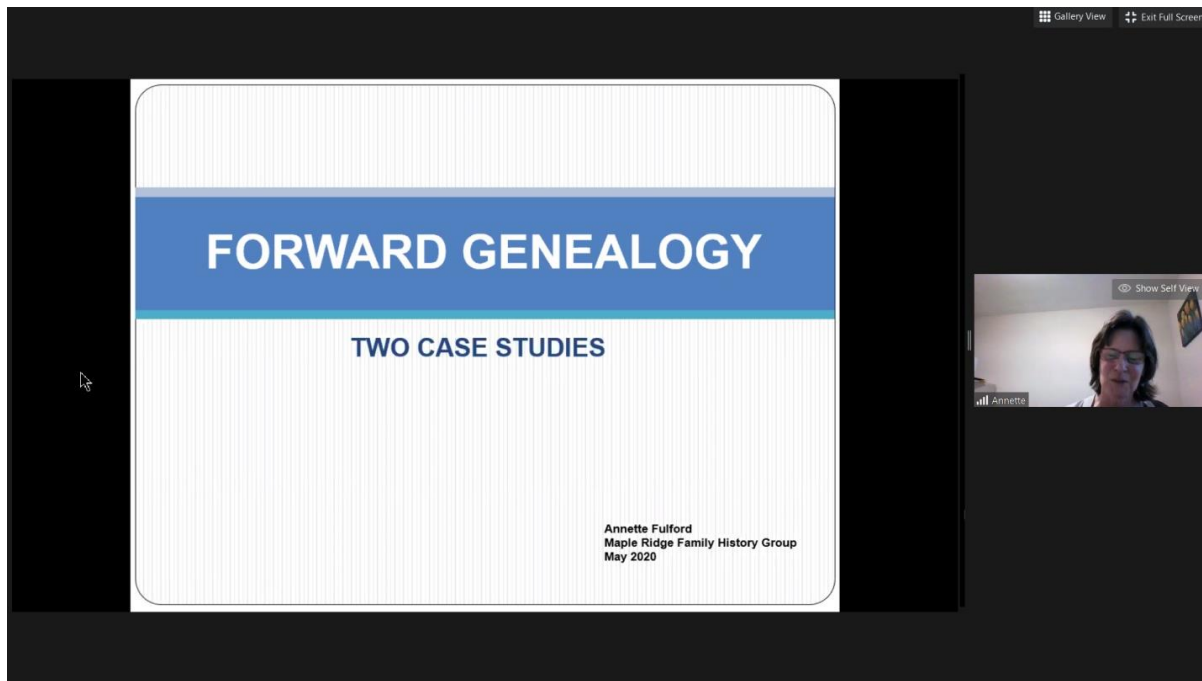
FAMILY HISTORY REPORT

The COVID-19 pandemic brought challenges to the way in which our Maple Ridge Family History Group conducted our meetings. Through our affiliation with the British Columbia Historical Federation we were initially able to use their Zoom account to hold our monthly meetings. As the Maple Ridge Family History Group is a standing committee of the Maple Ridge Historical Society we were eventually able to transition to the Historical Society account for our meetings. We gratefully acknowledge the support of both organizations.

As mentioned, 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.



Zooming—Screenshots courtesy of Andrea Lister



Annette Fulford giving a PowerPoint presentation via Zoom
Screenshot courtesy of Andrea Lister

The Maple Ridge Family History Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month. We normally meet at the Maple Ridge Library, but have been meeting by Zoom since April 2020. The Group has 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.

Meetings are informal and include: upcoming virtual programs of interest, updates on individual research, discussions about breaking down brick walls, and research brainstorming, as well as celebrating research successes.

The Short Program is an anticipated part of the monthly meetings. The program includes member and guest speakers, presentations on topics of interest to members, and research challenges which encourage members to look at their family histories in new ways and to explore unfamiliar research areas. A few of the topics covered in 2020 were: working forward in genealogical research versus looking back, the history of a family home, memories of growing up in Ruskin, researching apprenticeship records, and using *Points to the Past*, a free access history database available to all British Columbians.

A newsletter is produced bi-monthly and is accessed online through the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives website. Members contribute articles they have written. The newsletter which normally also contains notice of upcoming programs and conferences, focuses attention on research sources, webinars, and many online resources. The newsletter is shared on a reciprocal arrangement with several genealogical societies within the province. This year the newsletter was recognized by genealogical blogger Gail Dever for its "clean, professional-looking layout, making it...informative and

easy-to-read” adding that “genealogical societies may be inspired by what the family history group has done.”¹

Several requests were received for research assistance through the link on the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives page, examples include: a person in Ontario researching Maple Ridge resident John (Jack) Morley Conlin Wade, who had served as a pilot on Halifax bombers with 429 Squadron during 1944 and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. We know the late Jack Wade as the founder of Wade & Associates a decades old surveying company in Maple Ridge. Another person was trying to discover his mother’s Second World War contribution with the Air Raid Precautions program in Ontario.

The Maple Ridge Family History Group would like to gratefully acknowledge Fraser Valley Regional Library and Shawna Kristen, Manager of the Maple Ridge Library, for enabling access through ProQuest to Ancestry Library Edition. Library card holders have been able to access Ancestry through their home computers since the late spring. Our partnership with Maple Ridge Library included presentations to their February staff meetings. We introduced our twenty-year-old program and accomplishments, especially to newer staff, with a promotional PowerPoint. Additionally, we brought to staff attention the many features of *Points to the Past*. *Points to the Past* is another online database available only to residents of British Columbia through the library. This is a searchable gateway to historical records including subjects as diverse as newspapers, literature, colonialization and British studies, science, history, law and government.

Member Chris Hay was the recipient of a 2019 Certificate of Recognition from The British Columbia Historical Federation, presented virtually at the Federation’s annual general meeting in June 2020. Chris was recognized for “his invaluable efforts to have the Stanley Park Rock Garden recognized as a historic site in Vancouver, British Columbia, and nationally.” Chris is the great grandson of master gardener John Montgomery who laid out the garden in 1911 and spent the next 9 years creating it. Chris discovered the existence of the Rock Garden while researching his family and spent many years lobbying various levels of government to have it recognized. The Rock Garden has been recognized as one of Vancouver “Places that Matter,” added to the Vancouver City Heritage Register, and listed on the Canadian Register of Historic Places.

In 2020 the group began working on their fifth community history project. The previous four projects focused on early settlers to Maple Ridge and their contributions to the community. This year the group researched occupational diversity in the early years of settlement, looking at the fishing industry and families representative of fishers in the Albion and Whonnock area in the late 1800s. The focus families were those of Johan Christian Nelson from Norway, the Baker/Boulangier family, the Owen family, Robert Robertson, Gustuv Smith, and brothers Daniel, Joseph and Thomas Chier/Cheer whose father was from what were know then as the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii).

¹ Gail Dever, “Savoir faire — Take inspiration from this family history newsletter,” *Genealogy à la carte*, January 8, 2020, <https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=30541>



Chris Hay with his Certificate of Recognition from the British Columbia Historical Federation
Photo courtesy of Chris Hay

Due to the pandemic, family history conferences were not held this year. However, before shutdown the group participated in the Maple Ridge Library's Family Literacy Day in January and provided consultations to those both new to family history research and those looking for help with a roadblock. Members of the Family History Group continued to offer instruction and classes virtually through a diverse group of organizations.

The Maple Ridge Family History Group is a partner in the Local Voices program held at the Maple Ridge Library. This monthly program invites residents to talk about their passions, businesses, etc. The program was suspended in March due to the COVID situation.

The Family History Group

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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March 04, 2021

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, 2020.

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 \$19,611 and the summer student funding from the Young Canada Works and Human Resources Canada programs of \$14,375. In addition, this year we received the Canadian Emergency Subsidy grant to assist us in returning to our “normal” operations model.

In 2020, there was a significant change in the way we engaged the citizens of Maple Ridge. The staff developed online programs and special events to replace in person activities of past years. Online learning activities for home and virtual classroom learning were added to the website. Events were also moved online including a newly developed city wide historic site scavenger hunt and social media contests involving the museum collection.

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,



Mike Davies
Treasurer 2020

Financial Report 2020

Summary 2020 over 2019

	2020	2019	Change	%
REVENUES				
Maple Ridge Historical Society	11,390	19,184	-7,794	-40.6%
St. Andrews Heritage Church	12,270	20,610	-8,340	-40.5%
Maple Ridge Museum / Haney House	345,642	256,543	89,099	34.7%
 TOTAL REVENUE	 369,302	 296,337		
 EXPENSES				
Maple Ridge Historical Society	23,088	26,845	-3,757	-14.0%
St. Andrews Heritage Church	6,134	7,917	-1,783	-22.5%
Maple Ridge Museum / Haney House	257,120	257,315	-195	-0.1%
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 286,341	 292,077		
CONTINGENCY FUNDS	82,961	4,260		

CURRENT ASSETS	2020	2019	2018	Note
FUNDS ON DEPOSIT				
Maple Ridge Historical Society	146,052	85,781	88,405	
Maple Ridge Museum	44,996	42,632	40,019	
Direct Access Gaming	14,558	9,670	13,958	
TOTAL FUNDS ON DEPOSIT	205,607	138,084	142,382	
RECEIVABLE				
Deposit with ECRA	50	50	50	
Accounts Receivable	3,885		1,020	
Petty Cash Accounts	156	156	156	
TOTAL RECEIVABLE	4,091	206	1,226	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	209,698	138,290	143,608	
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	81,669	81,670	81,670	
TOTAL ASSETS	291,367	219,959	225,278	

LIABILITIES	2020	2019	2018	Note
Direct Access Gaming funds	14,558	9,670	13,958	
Project Funds - LAC grant				
Memorial funds	810	810	810	
Accounts Payable	-12479.94	3,976	1,383	1
St Andrews damage deposits	1,055	1,055	955	
Receiver General payable			4,112	
WCB payable	841	825	862	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,785	16,337	22,080	
EQUITY				
Retained Earnings	143,629	139,369	136,643	
Restricted Funds	59,993	59,993	65,978	
Current earnings	82,961	4,260	576	
TOTAL EQUITY	286,583	203,622	203,197	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	291,367	219,959	225,277	8

REVENUE	2020	2019	2018	Note
MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
Memberships	715	710	1,134	
Donations	1,475	1,465	3,856	
Rentals	20,970	29,010	25,533	2
Events	500	2,623	2,381	3
Project Income				
Restricted Funds - Infrastructure		5,985		4
TOTAL MRHS REVENUE	23,660	39,794	32,904	
MAPLE RIDGE MUSEUM/HANEY HOUSE				
City Operating Grant	203,519	199,766	194,728	
Direct Access Gaming grant	19,611	28,788	22,454	
Canada Summer Jobs/YCW/	14,375	13,087	27,064	5
MRHS funds	10,640	10,640	10,460	
Donations	147	710	155	
Admissions/Sales/Research Services	442	1,356	4,413	6
Events/Programs	275	1,177	895	
DARS rent	1,020	1,020	1,020	
Project Income			5,969	
10% Temporary Wage Subsidy	6,196			
Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy	89,416			7
TOTAL MUSEUM REVENUE	345,641	256,543	267,158	
TOTAL REVENUE	369,301	296,337	300,062	8

EXPENSES	2020	2019	2018	Note
MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
Promotion & Branding		112	638	
Buildings Expenses	9,902	7,755	9,372	9
Buildings Utilities	1,477	1,632	1,677	
Events		1,597	1,495	10
Membership Activities/Conferences		21	260	11
Memberships	756	573	723	
Administration/postage	8,509	8,456	8,927	
Contributions to museum operations	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Restricted Funds Expenditure		5,985		
Insurance	3,680	3,806	3,610	
Honoraria & Gifts	56		734	
Workman's Comp	841	825	667	
TOTAL MRHS EXPENSES	29,222	34,762	32,103	
MAPLE RIDGE MUSEUM & HANEY HOUSE				
Wages & Benefits	208,324	199,209	207,618	
Office Expense	4,710	4,220	3,607	
Programs/Projects/Events	321	2,169	6,299	12
Advertising	447	493	548	
Equipment rental	2,720	3,041	2,909	
Display	346	644	823	
Storage	5,447	8,190	8,195	13
Conservation supplies	398	180	325	
Utilities	10,054	9,197	9,646	
Building Expenses - Brickyard Site	756	1,702	1,468	
Professional Development/Library	215	86	1,314	
Memberships		72	72	
Merchandise for sale				
TOTAL MRM/HH EXPENSES	233,737	229,203	242,824	
Gaming Grant Disbursements:				
Wages	23,250	26,713	21,019	
Bank Charges	133	335	152	
Program/Event costs		1,064	1,409	
TOTAL GAMING EXPENSES	23,383	28,112	22,580	
TOTAL MUSEUM EXPENSES	257,119	257,315	265,404	

TOTAL REVENUE	369,301	296,337	300,062
TOTAL EXPENSES	286,341	292,077	297,507
CONTINGENCY	82,960	4,260	2,555

Breakdown of Restricted Funds

RESTRICTED FUNDS	Purpose	Amount	Year Restricted
Infrastructure	Repair/upkeep of buildings	15,642	2020
Museum Expansion	New building expenses	36,905	2020
UWC Publication Fund	For History of Settlement	7,446	2020
COVID 19 Recovery Fund	For wages and industry recovery	67,000	2021
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		126,993	

Notes from Financial Statements

1. This negative amount includes CRA wage subsidy money that was approved for the 2020 year but arrived and was put into our account in January 2021.
2. Rentals of St. Andrews church decreased with the onset of the pandemic and ceased entirely by November 2020 with the new public health orders.
3. All income generating events including Music on the Wharf were canceled for 2020 due to the pandemic.
4. No restricted funds were used in 2020.
5. Income in this grant category depends on the number of grants received as well as when the cheques were received by the society. Payments on the grants do not always occur in the calendar year in which they were granted.
6. The museum was closed and not taking admissions or visit donations from March 2020-July 2020. Upon reopening we switched to a donation only model to reduce money exchanges.
7. The federal Canadian wage subsidies provide organizations funds to aid in survival and recovery through and after the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds represent those from the 2020 tax year.
8. The increase in this year's net revenue is reflective of the federal wage subsidy money for survival and recovery from the pandemic.
9. This increase is due to the demolition of the Wharfinger office and all of the associated fees.
10. This zero amount is due to the canceling of Music on the Wharf.
11. Conferences moved online to a free format so no funds were used to attend.
12. Our usual annual events were canceled and few funds were needed to move our programming to an online and social media format.
13. The full storage funds were spent for the year but are recorded as monthly payments, so by year end they are only paid off by half.