



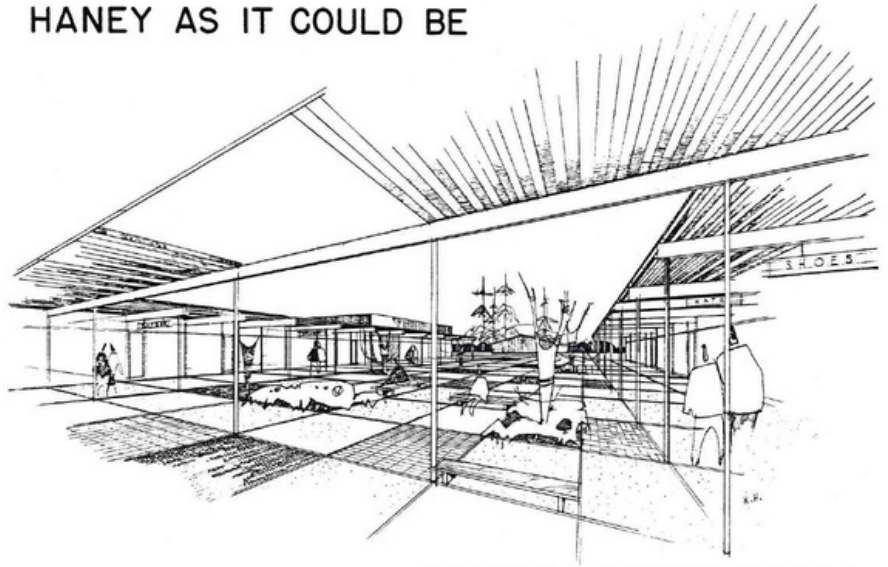
MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From the Archives

The 1961 city plan

Now that the Maple Ridge Museum Community Archives is open to the public, we are able to spend more time exploring the thousands of files and documents we have to offer. In transferring some documents from the museum into the archives we came across a business plan for the "City of Maple Ridge." Typed by hand on a typewriter, this document was created by Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board of B.C. 1961 and presented to The Reeve and Council of Maple Ridge. It was written as a business plan for the City of Maple Ridge, though mostly focused on Haney. It made some interesting predictions on how and where the town should grow, so let's see how their predictions of the future of Maple Ridge came to pass.

HANEY AS IT COULD BE



Conceptual Art of the pedestrian mall along 224th street.

The first thing presented was need for a better downtown business district based on the needs of an increasing population. In 1961 when this report was written the population of Maple Ridge was 19,100 (compared to the 91,000 as of 2021). Based on the population growth of Vancouver they predicted, conservatively, that the population of Maple Ridge would be 31,200 by 1971 and 62,000 by 1981. We didn't quite reach those lofty predictions with the 1971 population at 24,500 and 1981 at 32,230. We would eventually reach 62,000 people by 2001.

The main goal of this document was to point out Haney's deficiencies as a commercial centre and make suggestions on how to fix this. What they found needed fixing was: 1. A broken and scattered business district 2. An inefficient and uneconomical pattern of land development and 3. Lack of visual attractiveness. That last one hurts. But no fear they had suggests on how to fix this! Of the list of 1961 era specific suggestions they have to remedy these problems, and even expounded quite a bit on the great potential of Haney, the report suggests two things that did in fact come to pass. They suggest that the business district be compacted around 224th street and that a highway bypass for Lougheed be put in place to ease local traffic downtown. This did in fact end up being built in 1979 as the Haney Bypass, and the downtown core is centred around 224th street. It also notes the need for a civic or cultural centre in the core of downtown which encompasses much of what is today Memorial Peace Park and Haney Place Mall. However, it was not just a compacted business district they wanted, they strongly suggested a T shaped pedestrian mall along 224th and east down 119th street. This of course never came to pass, though the suggestion does still come on now and then. These retrospective looks at old plans and dreams for the future of our town always show us two things; how much things change, and how much they stay the same.

Train Days Return!

The Dewdney Alouette Railway Society Open House Sundays are back! DARS will be operating and giving tours of the front gallery of the train display on the last Sunday of every month. DARS members are thrilled to be back and giving tours of their incredible creation, but please keep in mind that the lower level of the museum is a small space and masks are still required and group size is limited. On busy train days groups may be asked to wait upstairs or outside until there is space to allow for social distancing. Please enter the train room through the upper level of the museum. Welcome back!



DARS Port Haney model train in the main gallery



New From the Gift Shop

New at the Maple Ridge Museum, you can now purchase your very own matted photo from the archives. A selection of photos from our large collection can be purchased at the museum, \$15 for 8 x 10 and \$20 for 11 x 17 photo in matte frame.

If you don't find the photo you are looking for, you can search our photographs in our archives, open Sundays 10am-4pm and for \$30 you can have a photo of your choice printed and matted in 8 x 10.

Have your very own part of our history in your own home!



Gem from the Archives now on display!

Finnish silent film dazzles in new exhibit...

While preparing for the Finnish exhibit, the Archivist and Curator discovered an incredible piece of history. Uunin Takana (Behind the Oven) was filmed in Maple Ridge in 1937 and starred members of the Webster's Corners Finnish Canadian community. The play is about two star-crossed lovers in the Austrian Alps who are not permitted to marry. Incredibly the film is in technicolor, a rare thing for a film from 1937!

For many, the film features familiar faces and sights. Uunin Takana also presents a rare opportunity to see what Webster's Corners was like during that time and how the landscape and neighbourhood have changed. The film, along with the exhibit *Sisu: Finnish Resilience in Webster's Corners*, will be on display until August 28th.



Still from the film, Uunin Takana.

Upcoming Events

Midsummer

Join us on June 11 for Midsummer, a celebration of our exhibit, *Sisu: Finnish Resilience in Webster's Corners*. Tour the exhibit, make a flower crown, try out the Finnish lawn game *Mölkky*, sample Pulla, and learn some traditional Finnish dance moves!

June 11, 11am-2pm, Maple Ridge Museum

<http://mapleridgemuseum.org/midsummer/>



Historic Walking Tours

Historic walking tours are the first weekend of every month! Join Maple Ridge Historical Society President Erica Williams for the Maple Ridge Cemetery (Saturday) and Downtown Maple Ridge (Sunday) tours. Stay tuned: a third walking tour will be making its debut soon!

For more information and to register:

Cemetery:

<http://mapleridgemuseum.org/mrhscemeterytours>

Downtown:

<http://mapleridgemuseum.org/historical-downtown-maple-ridge-walking-tour>

Music on the Wharf

Music on the Wharf is back! Join us for four exciting concerts on the historic Port Haney wharf.

July 11, 7:30pm: Jason Lane Band

July 25, 7:30pm: Etienne Siew

August 8, 7:30pm: J.D. Miner

August 22, 7:00pm: TBD

<http://mapleridgemuseum.org/events/music-on-the-wharf/>

Father's Day

Visit Jim Hadgkiss Park this Father's Day! The Vintage Car Club of Canada will be driving through Maple Ridge and will be making a special stop at Maple Ridge Museum. Set out a blanket and view one hundred vintage cars as they drive by, and visit our Museum on the Move tent to look at a selection of vintage car photos from our archives!

June 19, 11am-1pm*, Jim Hadgkiss Park

*Note: These times are approximate



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April Events Review

April was a busy month for Maple Ridge Museum! First, we welcomed families to join us for some **Easter** fun in the form of a scavenger hunt and crafts. The following weekend was the public debut of **Museum on the Move** at **Maple Ridge's Earth Day celebration**. We were so excited to show off our beautiful, new branded tent and educate the public about the historic fruit trees found around the city. We just completed a weekend at the **Ridge Meadows Home Show**, engaging with community and connecting with new audiences. Lastly, the **2022 Tourism Challenge** started on April 23 and is ongoing until May 31, so we have seen a very high volume of visitors to the museum as participating members complete the Maple Ridge Museum portion of the challenge!



Curator Melissa at the Ridge Meadows Home Show, April 30.



The Tourism Challenge is bring many new visitors to the museum!

Upcoming MotM Appearances

June 11 - CEED Centre
Event: CEED Centre Block Party

July 1 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Canada Day

July 6 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Happenings - Nature Days

July 9 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Farmer's Market

July 23 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Farmer's Market

August 3 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Happenings - Family Games Night

August 6 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Farmer's Market

August 20 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Farmer's Market

August 31 - Memorial Peace Park
Event: Happenings - Family Picnic

September 3 - UBC Research Forest
Partnership with Wild & Immersive

September 25 - ALLCO Park
Event: Ridge Meadows Rivers Day

More appearances are being added all the time! For an up-to-date list, visit:
<http://mapleridgemuseum.org/motm/>

DEWDNEY-ALOUETTE



Visit the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society's diorama in the museum. On the last Sunday of every month, members of the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society are present to "talk trains" and operate the Diorama. Model Railroaders are welcome on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings before the last Sunday of the month.

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