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ANNUAL REPORT 2022



**MAPLE RIDGE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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Cover Photo: The wall in the rotating gallery at the Museum, Wall painted with names of the Japanese families forcibly uprooted from Maple Ridge in 1942.

Photo Above: Set of new branding logos designed by curator Melissa Rollit for new Museum on the Move program, and advertising for the museums.

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Family History
Music on the Wharf

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a real pleasure this past year to see the general community opening up again after several years of COVID-19 shutdowns. The Maple Ridge Historical Society has been actively participating in that process. “Music on the Wharf” restarted and even though the numbers were not as high as before the shutdowns, it was a start. Haney House also reopened most Sundays. The staff were out again at many community events such as the downtown market days. The downtown walking tours and tours of the old part of the cemetery restarted and it was good to see those up and running and being part of the process of rebuilding community engagement. Upgrades to the Museum facilities continued.

I joined the Society fifteen years ago when Sheila Nickols, the founding member, was still active, and I was enlisted onto the Board. When Sheila retired, I was asked to step in as President and have been in that role for the past ten years. It is now time to step down and pass the reins over to another person. I am hoping that I can keep healthy and continue the walking tours and keeping involved in other community events. I will be starting up a third “Port Haney” walk in the spring. I want to express my thanks to the board members, the staff and various volunteers who have worked hard to keep the various activities going. I also want to thank the City of Maple Ridge who owns the building for their maintenance of the facilities.

I still have the dream of eventually having much larger and more accessible museum facilities for what is one of the oldest registered communities in the province. We will be celebrating our 150th birthday next year. For everybody who has helped out over the years – a very large “Thank You”, and please keep being involved.

If you are not a member of the Society, please consider joining and helping to build our community history.

Respectfully,

Erica Williams
Board President

MINUTES 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20 March, 2022 4:00pm Zoom Meeting

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

Appointment of meeting chair, Ross Dunning, and secretary, Melissa Rollit, for the purposes of this meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda | Moved by Mike Davies, seconded by Erica Williams.

3. Approval of 2021 AGM minutes | Moved by Mike Davies, seconded by Gina Vancek.

4. Reports

- a. **President's Report – Erica Williams:** Erica drew attention to page 4 of the annual report where she touches on many of the major events of the year including the success of the Hands Up: Billy Miner Experience events, the return of historical cemetery walking tours, and the renovations to the Brickyard Office.
- b. **Operations Committee Report – Mike Davies:** Drawing attention to his report on page 16, Mike discussed the completion of an inspection of all the MRHS buildings and a submission of a report to the city. He also notes the upgrades to both of the furnaces at the Museum building and Brickyard office. He closed by thanking Tom Little for his work maintaining and managing the society's heritage buildings and thanking the City of Maple Ridge for their continued collaboration.
- 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 continued to be closed throughout 2021. Her report highlights that attendance and online engagement have continued to grow from the previous year. Shea continued to highlight the finalization of the MRHS' new strategic plan, the acquisition of the Sampo Hall mural, the completion of a 1920s fashion exhibit at the ACT Art Gallery, and the opening of the Brickyard office as a public archives space. She closed by thanking the board and staff for all their hard work this year.
- d. **Membership Report – Shea Henry:** Shea reported that membership has increased since last year and attributes the increase due to larger outreach from events and online engagement. The membership report can be found on page 17 of the annual report
- e. **Program Committee Report – Shea Henry:** Shea drew attention to pages 13 of the annual report, highlighting the return of many of our usual in person events while continuing with virtual programming. She highlighted the introduction of Hands Up: The Billy Miner Experience and the return of Music on the Wharf with special thanks to the City Parks and Recreation department and our sponsors.
- f. **Family History Committee Report – Gina Leigh:** In light of the pandemic, monthly family history meetings continued to occur virtually. This year saw the completion of their 5th community history project; On the River: the Fishing Industry in Maple Ridge. The MRFHS also undertook an update of their webpage where their newsletters,

projects, videos and other information are now available to the public. The Family History report can be found on pages 18 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 22-24 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 that MRHS successfully stayed within budget in 2021.

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

5. Election of Board Members

Ross Dunning presented the current list of MRHS board that will be standing for re-election; Dick Sutcliffe, Julie Koehn, Mike Davies, Ross Dunning, and Erica Williams. Jordana Feist stepped down from the board.

There were no nominations from the floor.

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

6. Adjournment of Formal Meeting | Moved by Richard Sutcliffe, seconded by Gina Vancek.

MUSEUM OPERATION

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House

2022 was a busy year at the museum while we returned to beloved annual events and implemented new programs, exhibits, and community resources. With some new and exciting grants, we significantly increased our annual budget and used these extra grant funds to improve the facilities and increase our outreach into the community. We are very proud of how hard we worked in 2022 and what we accomplished in just one year.

We are grateful to have successfully received grants from the Canadian Museums Association, the BC Arts Council, and the Maple Ridge Community Foundation. With these grants we were able to add to our facilities as well as expand our operations. This grant money was used to adapt the old Brickyard Office building in Jim Hadgkiss Park into a working archives, renovate the main gallery of the museum, replace the roof of the caboose, and expand our digital capacity with a new four terabyte server. These improvements were made with the goal of expanding our reach and capacity to share heritage with the people of Maple Ridge.

We entered 2022 hopeful to return to our annual events after two years of pandemic closures and cancellations. While the year began with restrictions, by the spring the community was back up and running with in-person events. In February, we welcomed Abby Lizee to the position of Community Engagement Coordinator to run our programs and events. We were able to bring back our annual events including Music on the Wharf back at the historic wharf, Headstone Preservation Project at the Maple Ridge Cemetery, and our annual fundraiser, Paranormal Nights at Haney House. Other events brought back after years on hiatus were Apple Harvest Festival at Haney House for Culture Days, a Vintage Car Club show at Jim Hadgkiss Park, and an Alice Tea Party Mother's Day event at Haney House.

This year saw the launch of our program "Museum on the Move." In its inaugural year, the new program attended 18 events and pop-ups in locations around Maple Ridge. With the museum being small and off the beaten path, Museum on the Move brings the museum to the community. This program has been very successful in reaching large audiences as well as growing partnerships with other community groups.

In 2022 the old Brickyard Office officially became the Maple Ridge Community Archives and in February the archives opened for the first time. Grant money from the Maple Ridge Community Foundation was used to equip the space with new shelving, tables, and computer where community members can access the archives and do research. In the spring, the museum hired its first dedicated Archivist, Gordana Dimovska, on temporary contract. We hope to extend her position into a permanent position.

2022 also saw the renovation of the main gallery of the museum, with new exhibits and displays, as well as two temporary exhibits in the rotating gallery. In the summer of 2022 the main gallery walls and cases were painted, giving the gallery a fresh and modern look. New plexiglass cases were added to provide more exhibit space. The temporary exhibits in the rotating gallery were geographically focused with one on the Finnish Community in Webster's Corners and the other the Japanese Canadian community in all of Maple Ridge.

While COVID-19 took a back seat compared to the previous two years, we still felt its challenges. We remained vigilant in the workplace of the risk of infection and were challenged at times by staff shortages. Due to these occasional shortages the museum or Haney House would need to be closed for a day or two. We continue to work through these challenges and with our new volunteer program based at Haney House, we can ensure we can always be open, despite staff member illness and absence.

We intend to take the energy from 2022 into the next year and expand on what we have built with our renovations, new programs, and expanded server. We intent to use this expanded digital space to focus on hosting our digital archives for the whole community to enjoy and access.



The caboose on the museum grounds after the roof repairs in November 2022. The caboose is jointly operated by the Maple Ridge Historical Society and Dewdney Alouette Railway Society.

Collections Report

As has been mentioned in previous years, storage space for new accessions remains limited. This year, the last bit of free space for a box on our shelves was filled. As such, this year we had 10 accession lots, mainly consisting of one-item lots. Many of these items were textiles along with items from local businesses.

This year also saw an increase in loans from private donors for special exhibitions. Many thanks to the Hughes/Male family and the Yoshizawa/Tsuyuki family for trusting us with their family treasures to help tell the respective stories of the Finnish and Japanese-Canadian communities of Maple Ridge. We also had the rare opportunity to display one of our many over-sized objects from off-site storage this year. Just in time for our Finnish special exhibit *Sisu*, we were able to set up a Finnish floor loom in the Main Gallery. The loom, donated in 1994 by Bertha Soderholm, had never been on display at the museum before. Luckily for us, her son still lives in Maple Ridge and with his help and the help of the Koehn family we were able to reassemble the loom in a beautiful full circle moment.



Finnish floor loom assembled with the help of the Soderholm and Koehn family.

Exhibits and Displays

One of the biggest projects of the year for the curatorial department was the renovation of our display areas. Starting with a one week closure in July, and continuing throughout the rest of the year, a much needed facelift was given to the gallery space. These updates included the refurbishment of display cases, the creation of display plinths, installation of overhead ceiling lighting, an overhaul of the gift shop, and of course a fresh coat of paint everywhere.

2022 was also a busy year in terms of exhibits and displays. This year we had two special exhibitions: *Sisu: Finnish Resilience in Webster's Corners* and *What Was Taken: The Forced Dispersal of Japanese Canadians in Maple Ridge*. Both exhibits could not have been completed without the help of their respective communities. For *Sisu*, a huge thanks to the Finnish community who came out and supported the exhibit, in particular the Koehn, Soderholm, and Male families. For *What Was Taken*, a special thank you to the Yoshizawa/Tsuyuki family and the Nikkei National Museum for their generous help and time invested in this project.

Visitors to our museums could also enjoy *In Uniform*, a pop-up exhibit on military uniforms, *How Curious*, a Haney House exhibit on the cultural oddities of the Victorian era, and rotating displays in our new Staff Pick display case. At the library, displays were put together on Finnish winter culture, the history of fruit farming, and the history of dinner parties.



Photos from 2022's special exhibitions, *Sisu* (left) and *What Was Taken* (right).

Archives Report

The archives accrued 15 accessions over the course of 2022, ranging from photographs to operational records. Notable acquisitions include: original ledgers written by Samuel Robertson; the *fonds* of the Whonnock Weavers and Spinners Guild; approximately 60,000 negatives from The News; and an issue of The Gazette from 1919, previously unknown to the Archives as the earliest issues in the collection are from 1922.

2022 was a year of major upgrades to our archival procedures and equipment to expand access to the materials in holding.

A new copy stand and camera upgrades were acquired to allow digital photography and digitization of records, particularly of *The Gazette*, with the digitization project to launch in early 2023, resulting in searchable digital files that can be hosted online or simply accessed within the local server. This copy stand will also facilitate the digitization of other oversized or 3D objects.

An updated and expanded server was also purchased to enable a transition over to a digital cataloguing system, CollectiveAccess. This open-source, browser-based database will allow a centralized catalogue of both archival records and museum collection data, including media storage for photographs and digital copies. While the focus in early 2023 will be on migrating catalogues and finding aids to the back-end server, CollectiveAccess includes a public front-end, which will allow remote public access to digitized content when it is enabled.

Archival processing projects remain ongoing and new digitization and damage-remediation projects began in 2022 that will update the collections and help preserve vulnerable media for access in the future.



The newly renovated archives at the Maple Ridge Museum after opening in February 2022.

Archival Research Requests

14 research requests were digitally fulfilled in 2022, with a number of quickly-fulfilled phone and in-person requests alongside. Records requested include: cemetery plot queries; family photograph and genealogy research; the complete historical *fonds* of the Maple Ridge Volunteer Fire Department; and requests for media for advertisement and publishing.

Researchers range from private citizens, departments of the provincial government, community organizations, and the municipality of Maple Ridge.

Four visitors booked appointments through the new contact form on the website and it is anticipated that in-person visits will increase in 2023. The broadly digitized photograph and records collection at the archives allows many requests to be filled remotely, which is a great benefit to researchers who would not be able to visit otherwise.

Archival Exhibits

The presence of a full-time archivist has allowed for additions to museum exhibits, such as in-house digitized early film and music, featured in the *Sisu: Finnish Resilience in Webster's Corners* temporary exhibit in the first half of 2022. The second temporary exhibit, *What Was Taken: The Forced Dispersal of Japanese Canadians in Maple Ridge*, contains a newly-plotted map of all Japanese Canadian residents as of the directories in 1942 (based off of a map plotting ownership by the City of Maple Ridge Planning Department).

Annual Statistics and Community Engagement 2022

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House Engagement Statistics

Maple Ridge Museum & Haney House	2020	2021	2022
Admissions and Attendance			
Adult Admissions	265	460	2173
Child Admissions	109	114	542
Off-site Events Attendance	4040	17691	47650
Volunteer Hours	575	547	1746
Online/Social Media Engagement			
Website Users	18406	22723	29084
Website Sessions*	22758	28405	35876
Facebook followers	2240	2682	2830
Facebook Reach**	129919	175612	188609
Instagram Followers	1150	1290	1366
Instagram Reach**	3028	3948	3489
Twitter Followers	686	722	741
Twitter Reach**	87675	58364	29277†
TikTok Followers	-	284	963
TikTok Reach**	-	-	129950

*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.

†Data is incomplete as some information became unavailable after Elon Musk bought Twitter.

Top 5 Most Visited Webpages

Page	Page Views
Home Page	13182
Maple Ridge Cemetery	1266
Music on the Wharf	1235
Maple Ridge Museum Exhibitions	1216
Paranormal Nights	1184

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	85
Museum Group Tours	Museum and Haney House	Jan – Dec	MRM	142
Walking Tours	Cemetery and Downtown	Feb – Sep	Offsite	86
Spring Break	Crafts	Mar 24-27	MRM	43
Easter	Crafts and scavenger hunt	Apr 16-17	MRM	32
Earth Day	Earth Day celebration	Apr 23	Memorial Peace Park	3000
Ridge Meadows Home Show	Family Fun area	Apr 29 – May 1	Albion Fairgrounds	20000
Tourism Challenge	Participants toured the museum and answered questions	Apr 23 – May 31	MRM	804
Mother's Day	Alice in Wonderland-themed activities	May 8	Haney House	49
Midsummer	Exhibit celebration for Sisu	Jun 10	MRM	28
Father's Day	Visit from the Vintage Car Club of Canada	Jun 19	MRM	140
Canadian Multiculturalism Day	Annual CMD celebration	Jun 25	Memorial Peace Park	2000
Canada Day	Annual Canada Day celebration	Jul 1	Memorial Peace Park	10000
Farmer's Markets	Topics included urban foraging and The Beast	Jul 9, 23, Aug 6, 20	Memorial Peace Park	8000
MOTM x Community Partners	CEED, ARMS, FRIS, Family Leaf, Wild & Immersive, Repair Cafe	Jun 10, Jul 20, Aug 10, Sep 3, Nov 19	Offsite	250
MOTW	Four concerts	Jul 11, 25, Aug 8, 22	Port Haney Wharf	305
Headstone Preservation Project	Three cleanings	Jul 14, 16, Aug 18	MR Cemetery	28
Maple Ridge Happenings	Nature Night, Family Games Night, Family Picnic	Jul 6, Aug 3 & 31	Memorial Peace Park	250

GETI Fest	Annual Golden Ears Transition Initiative celebration	Sep 17	Memorial Peace Park	1500
Rivers Day	Annual ARMS event	Sep 25	ALLCO Park	489
Apple Harvest Festival	A celebration of apple growing in Maple Ridge	Oct 2	Haney House	91
Paranormal Nights	Hosted by Cornerstone Supernatural	Oct 22-23	Haney House	207
Halloween Family Fun	Crafts and scavenger hunt	Oct 29	MRM	95
Ornament Making	Children 5+ made 3 different ornaments	Dec 10	MRM	26

PROGRAM REPORT

2022 was a big year for programs and events. As COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, we were able to host more events and be more present in the community than ever before. Our biggest accomplishment was launching Museum on the Move, which allowed us a new platform to connect with the community. We brought back some recurring events that the Museum and Historical Society are well-known for, as well as fun new events in order to further diversify our offerings and reach new audiences.

Music on the Wharf:

We were thrilled to be able to bring Music on the Wharf back to the historic Port Haney Wharf in 2022. We had four amazing bands/artists who brought a variety of musical styles to the wharf and had between 60 and 120 patrons per performance.



Etienne Siew performs at Music on the Wharf July 25, 2022.

Museum on the Move:

Museum on the Move debuted at the Earth Day celebration in Memorial Peace Park on April 23, 2022 and made 17 other appearances throughout the city and at community partner events throughout the year. We were able to tailor our displays and interactive elements to fit the theme of the event and the location, creating a bespoke experience that supported the messages of our community partners. We received grants from Metro Vancouver and the BC Arts Council in order to purchase a tent, signage, and other infrastructure, and hire a summer student to create content and help facilitate our summer appearances. Under the Museum on the Move umbrella (tent?) we partnered with or attended the events of the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society, Alouette River Management Society, Fraser River Indigenous Society, Wild & Immersive, CEED Centre, Golden Ears Transition Initiative, the Family Education and Support Centre, Ridge Meadows Multicultural Society, and the Vintage Car Club of Canada. Museum on the Move received very positive feedback from our community partners and the wider community of Maple Ridge. The program has also received recognition within the wider museum community and is featured in the BC Museum Association's Roundup Magazine, Issue 284: *Changemakers*.



Children enjoy Storyblanket, run by Kathleen MacDonald from the Fraser River Indigenous Society, at event in partnership with Alouette River Management Society in Maple Ridge Park on July 20, 2022.

Headstone Preservation Project:

Our annual Headstone Preservation Project dates were July 14 and 16. Close to 100 stones and plaques were cleaned over the two days. A person with an infant buried at the cemetery reached out to us and asked us to tend to her child's grave as she was unable to, and that inspired us to add a third session on August 18 that focused on one of the children's sections.



Volunteers brave the heat and the mosquitoes to clean headstones in Maple Ridge Cemetery on July 14, 2022.

Haney House Events:

We held a few larger events at Haney House in 2022. The first was Mother's Day, which was a sold out ticketed event. We were able to use the decorations and ideas from the Alice in Wonderland-themed Spring Break activities that were supposed to occur in March 2020. This event inspired Croquet, All Day! where croquet was available to play at Haney House on Sundays as long as the weather was nice.

Our contribution to BC Culture Days was Apple Harvest Festival, which was very well attended. The Haney House caretakers graciously picked and provided heritage apples from the Haney House orchard, and we had a small fundraising raffle with prizes donated from local businesses, including Fraser Valley Cider Company, Kizzy's Macarons, Vanilla Bean Bakeshop, Camp Candle Co, Mom & Me Pies, T's, Purple Heather Bakeshop, and The Nut. We also received a donation of apples from Haunted History.

Finally, the wonderful people at Cornerstone Supernatural facilitated In the Dead of Night, our annual public paranormal event. This two-day event sold out and the museum raised over \$5800!



Visitors enjoy everything apple-themed at Apple Harvest Fest on October 2, 2022. Apple Harvest Fest was also part of BC Culture Days.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

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, day-to-day maintenance of both the Museum and the Archives building, this year included new toilets for the public bathrooms at the museum. In addition, this year saw staff sourcing out companies and individuals who could assist in the restoration of the caboose located next to the museum. The committee also continued to invite city representatives to meetings to maintain communications about the buildings inspection completed by the committee in 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 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Davies
Chair 2022

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the end of 2022, the society had a membership of:

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

This total is equivalent to 99 individual members, which represents an increase in our membership from last year. After a very successful membership campaign at the end of 2022, our membership numbers are up 36% from the year before. This membership campaign targeted those who have been following our content on our social media channels. Those memberships have grown and become ever more important through the COVID years, which resulted in 17 new memberships, both individual and family. We also made becoming a member easier with online forms and payment systems. This increase in memberships taken out gives us hope that we are reaching wider audiences with our new programming, exhibits, and archives space.

In addition to membership fees, members donated a total of \$5,673. One particularly large donation was offered to assist in the roof repairs to the caboose. We issue tax receipts for donations over \$20.

Shea Henry
Executive Director

FAMILY HISTORY REPORT

The Family History Group

Since 1999, 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 17 members. While we are missing some regular members, meeting virtually has allowed other interested participation from around the country.

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. We appreciate having access to the Historical Society Zoom account. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Society.

Program coordinator, Alberta McNamara keeps meetings interesting with various challenges including opportunities to document our own history with the “What makes you you” challenges. Meetings are informal and include presentations and discussions about upcoming virtual programs of interest, updates on individual research, research brainstorming, and celebrating research successes. In 2022 members and guests delivered recurring topics included: community connections, wartime service, and Brenda L. Smith’s historic cemeteries, as well as M. Diane Rogers on one name studies, Annette Fulford’s *Canadian Ports and Train Stations 1900–1940s* through a series of postcards. Gatherings also regularly include photo analysis, and ongoing member sharing of research questions and achievements.

Maple Ridge Family History Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and is accessed online through the Maple Ridge Museum and Community 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. Regular columns deliver technical and resource information, The “While We Are Apart...” column started during the pandemic has evolved into “Down the Research Rabbit Hole” as a forum for members to share experiences. The newsletter is exchanged with several genealogical societies in the province.

Our online presence takes two forms. We keep members in touch with community and family history news via MailChimp, and through family history pages on the Maple Ridge Museum and Community Archives website. In 2022, with Andrea Lister’s skill, we redesigned the pages to better reflect our service. Visitors will now find: activities, publication guidelines, modified versions of our community history projects, and an introductory video.

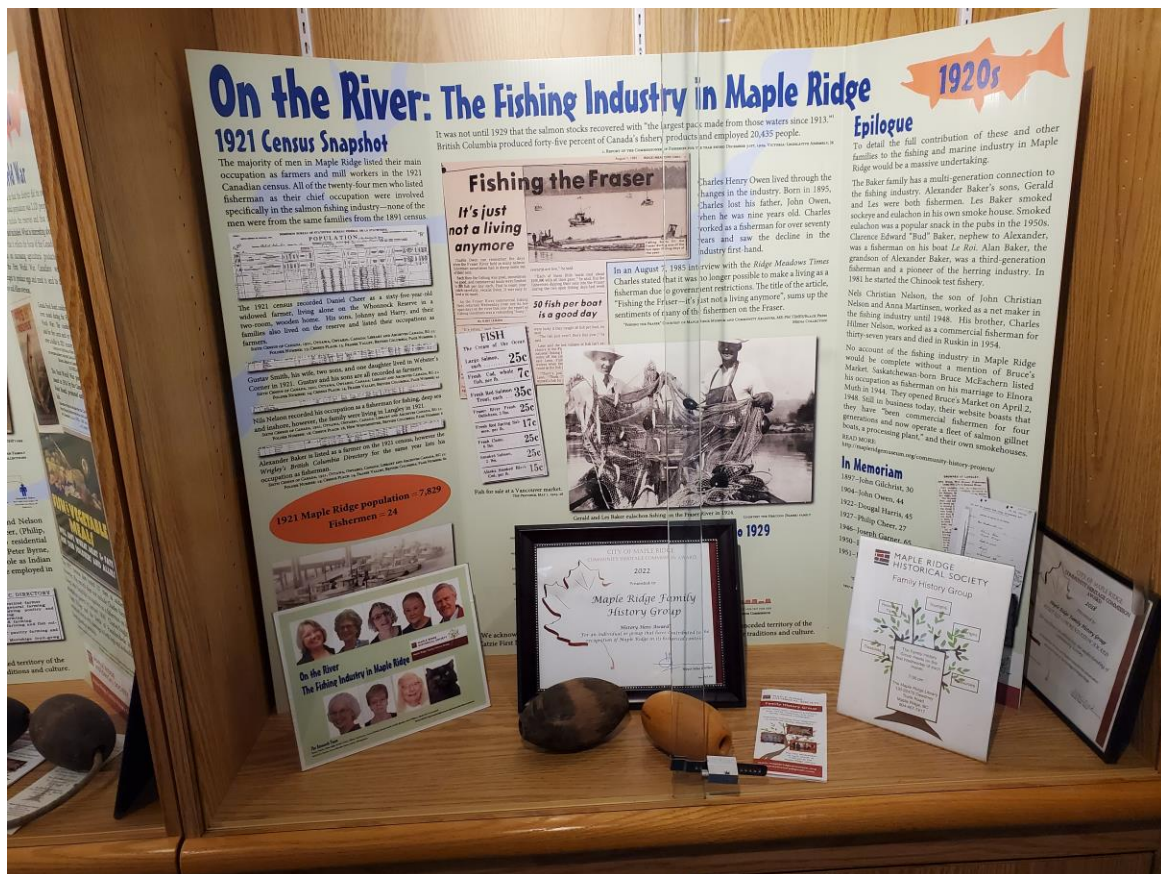
Partnership is essential to the Family History Group’s success. We are in discussions with Maple Ridge Public Library and the City of Maple Ridge to resume in-person programming in coming months. In 2022 we were able to contribute once again to Family Literacy Day by developing a family history activity page for inclusion in the Library’s “Take and Make” packages.

Online workshops and conferences enabled several of our members to appear as guest presenters for Cloverdale Library, Langley Heritage Society, Strathcona County Library, The Genealogy Show, and Ontario Ancestors. More recently, Andrea Lister presented *Canadian Census: Finding Indigenous People in BC* at our February 2023 virtual meeting. She advertised the event through her Absolutely Literate Facebook page. The Maple Ridge Public Library shared the event, and the *Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News* published an article in its online edition. Four people attended the event after seeing it advertised in the paper in addition to the group's regular members for a total attendance of eighteen people.

All these activities operate on volunteer contributions. The Family History team has logged 142 hours of time for communications, website updates, and program coordination.

Members of the family history group participated in projects outside of the group. Gina Leigh spent approximately twenty 20 hours transcribing an audio recording of an interview conducted in the 1990s of a daughter of John "Navy Jack" Thomas, a well-known West Vancouver settler. This task was undertaken in conjunction with a research project being conducted by Brenda L. Smith and Andrea Lister. Lynn Currie, Meaghan Durupt, Brenda Smith, and Erica Williams represented the Maple Ridge Family History Group at Country Fest 2022, judging the 4-H Educational Displays.

Continuing with our commitment to showcase community history, we completed the two-year project *On the River: the Fishing Industry in Maple Ridge*. The project was twice honoured, receiving the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission History Heroes Award, and honorable mention for the newly created British Columbia Historical Federation Storytelling Award.



"On the River" Display at the Maple Ridge Public Library. Photo by Brenda Smith.

Also in 2022, we completed a project for Maple Ridge Public Library. The library was one of the first branches established by Fraser Valley Regional Library system and has been open since 1930. The project highlighted the history of Maple Ridge library and the beginning of FVRL. Additionally, one of the two presentation boards was a photo collage of current and retired staff, members of the public, and library programs.



Presentation of research done for the Maple Ridge Public Library, on display at the library. Photo by Brenda Smith.

Our community history project goals include education for project participants, and opportunities to engage with our neighbours, both in Maple Ridge and in other communities. ***Common Threads: Family and Local Research Skills Merge*** is a presentation that describes our methodology so that we can share this experience with others: A second presentation, *Taking A Fresh Look At Community Lore*, is under construction.

The Family History Group

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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February 9, 2023

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, 2022.

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

Treasurer's 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 \$31,200 and the summer student funding from the Young Canada Works and Canada Summer Jobs programs of \$20,626. In addition, this year we received several external grants for extended programs and operations including our Museum on the Move program, upgrades to our server and software, exhibit upgrades, opening the archives, and caboose repairs. From the B.C. Arts Council we received \$6,500, from the Maple Ridge Community Foundation we received \$2,500, and from the Canadian Museums Association we received \$29,208.

In 2022 the staff continued the development of online opportunities to engage the citizens of Maple Ridge and brought back in-person programs. We began our new and exciting program, Museum on the Move for which we received several external grants. We also returned to our fundraising events like our annual Music on the Wharf event bringing in \$371 and Paranormal Nights at Haney House, which brought in \$5,840.

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 2022

Financial Report 2022

Summary 2022 over 2021

	2022	2021	Change	%
REVENUES				
Maple Ridge Historical Society	83,943	20,018	63,925	319.3%
St. Andrews Heritage Church	14,855	4,655	10,200	219.1%
Maple Ridge Museum / Haney House	281,146	278,217	2,929	1.1%
 TOTAL REVENUE	 379,943	 302,890		
 EXPENSES				
Maple Ridge Historical Society	38,297	27,597	10,700	38.8%
St. Andrews Heritage Church	5,589	4,029	1,560	38.7%
Maple Ridge Museum / Haney House	319,222	265,827	53,396	20.1%
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 363,108	 297,452		
CONTINGENCY FUNDS	16,835	5,438		

CURRENT ASSETS	2022	2021	2020	Note
FUNDS ON DEPOSIT				
Maple Ridge Historical Society	167,317	161,956	146,052	
Maple Ridge Museum	33,950	44,747	44,996	
Direct Access Gaming	8,906	20,831	14,558	
TOTAL FUNDS ON DEPOSIT	210,174	227,534	205,607	
RECEIVABLE				
Deposit with ECRA	50	50	50	
Accounts Receivable	1,400	6,481	3,885	
Petty Cash Accounts	156	156	156	
TOTAL RECEIVABLE	1,606	6,687	4,091	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	211,779	234,220	209,698	
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	81,670	81,669	
TOTAL ASSETS	293,449	315,890	291,367	

LIABILITIES	2022	2021	2020	Note
Direct Access Gaming funds	8,906	20,831	14,558	
Arts Council Grant	500	500		
Memorial funds	810	810	810	
Accounts Payable	3002.94	3390.45	-12479.94	
St Andrews damage deposits	1,055	1,055	1,055	
Receiver General payable				
WCB payable	2,711	1,674	841	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,985	28,261	4,785	
EQUITY				
Retained Earnings	148,676	148,410	143,629	
Restricted Funds	110,953	138,953	59,993	
Current earnings	16,835	266	82,961	
TOTAL EQUITY	276,464	287,629	286,583	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	293,449	315,890	291,367	

REVENUE	2022	2021	2020	Note
MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
Memberships	1,235	1,200	715	
Donations	5,673	2,446	1,475	
Rentals	23,555	13,355	20,970	
Events	2,127	1,783	500	
Project Income	38,208	1,500		1
Restricted Funds	28,000	4,000		2
Interest Income		390		
TOTAL MRHS REVENUE	98,798	24,674	23,660	
MAPLE RIDGE MUSEUM/HANEY HOUSE				
City Operating Grant	207,589	207,589	203,519	
Direct Access Gaming grant	43,625	24,928	19,611	
Canada Summer Jobs/YCW/	20,626	18,962	14,375	
MRHS funds	10,640	10,640	10,640	
Donations	1,991	620	147	
Sales/Research Services	453	606	442	
Events/Programs	5,842	3,485	275	3
DARS rent	1,020	1,020	1,020	
Project Income		5,000		
Interest Income		195		
Demutalization Funds		5,173		
10% Temporary Wage Subsidy			6,196	
Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy			89,416	
TOTAL MUSEUM REVENUE	291,786	278,217	345,641	
TOTAL REVENUE	390,584	302,891	369,301	

EXPENSES	2022	2021	2020	Note
MAPLE RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY				
Promotion & Branding		315		
Buildings Expenses	4,334	4,367	9,902	
Buildings Utilities	1,627	1,774	1,477	
Events	2,570	1,642		
Membership Activities/Conferences	200			
Memberships	727	916	756	
Administration/postage	9,110	9,352	8,509	
Contributions to museum operations	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Restricted Funds Expenditure				
Insurance	4,084	3,876	3,680	
Honoraria & Gifts	31		56	
Project & FHG Expenses	26,056	3,730		4
Workman's Comp	1,787	1,653	841	
TOTAL MRHS EXPENSES	54,526	31,625	29,222	
MAPLE RIDGE MUSEUM & HANEY HOUSE				
Wages & Benefits	243,838	206,869	208,324	5
Office Expense	3,310	2,886	4,710	
Programs/Projects/Events	470	1,433	321	
Advertising	585	439	447	
Equipment rental	3,024	2,589	2,720	
Display	396	1,032	346	
Storage	12,304	13,853	5,447	
Conservation supplies	897	433	398	
Utilities	9,593	8,790	10,054	
Building Expenses - Brickyard Site	2,291	1,318	756	
Professional Development/Library	1,094	183	215	6
Merchandise for sale	65			
TOTAL MRM/HH EXPENSES	277,867	239,826	233,737	
Gaming Grant Disbursements:				
Wages	41,355	24,610	23,250	
Bank Charges		391	133	
Program/Event costs		1,000		
TOTAL GAMING EXPENSES	41,355	26,001	23,383	
TOTAL MUSEUM EXPENSES	319,222	265,827	257,119	

TOTAL REVENUE	390,584	302,891	369,301
TOTAL EXPENSES	373,748	297,452	286,341
CONTINGENCY	16,836	5,439	82,960

Breakdown of Restricted Funds

RESTRICTED FUNDS	Purpose		
Infrastructure	Repair/upkeep of buildings	20642	7
Museum Expansion	New building expenses	36905	
UWC Publication Fund	For History of Settlement	7446	
COVID 19 Recovery Fund	For wages and industry recovery	50960	8
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		115953	

Notes:

1. Various grants including \$29,208 from Canada Heritage Grant, \$6,500 from BC Arts Council, \$2,500 from Maple Ridge Community Foundation.
2. Use of COVID-19 Recovery Fund for Archivist wages.
3. More money from our Halloween Fundraiser, Paranormal Night at Haney House
4. Spent project funds from the grants listed in note #1.
5. Incased wages from the use of restricted funds for the archivist, note #2
6. Increased amount from conferences back in person, staff attended the BCMA 2022 conference in Victoria.
7. Added \$5000 from last year's contingency
8. \$28,000 less than last year for archivist wages funds.



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