

On behalf of the Maple Ridge Historical Society, the following questions were sent to candidates:

1. In what way(s) do you see our history contributing to a vibrant, modern Maple Ridge community?
2. Please describe your experience and support for the preservation of Maple Ridge history?
3. We welcome any other comments.

Candidate responses (in order received)

SANDY MACDOUGALL

1. Our history has helped shape our community and the wonderful place it has become in which to live and raise a family. Our small town background enables us to continue to reflect those old fashioned values of hard work and respect for our community and our heritage.

Our mixed background of native and immigrant cultures has enriched our lives and provides an enviable background upon which we can build an even brighter future.

The mosaic woven from the mixture of native, Chinese, Japanese and European cultures has given us the fabric of a modern vibrant community.

2. I was a member of municipal council when the concept began to emerge of creating a historic district that now includes the Masonic Lodge, St. Andrew's United Church, the current museum, Brickwood Park and other features in the Port Haney area, including the acquisition of the Haney Wharf and adjacent property.

I also supported the retention of Maple Ridge Golf Course under public ownership.

I support and will always support the development and construction of a museum and archives.

3. I believe the time has come when the municipality's five-year capital plan should include realistic provision for the planning and construction of a museum. I also believe the municipality should establish a fulltime archivist position to more efficiently process and catalogue historical material at the museum, municipal hall and other probable locations such as schools before much valuable historical material is lost or destroyed.

CLAUS ANDRUP

1. The history of Maple Ridge is the compass for its future. Our community, buildings, roadways, bridges, rivers and mountains have acted upon one another to bring about modern Maple Ridge. The story of Maple Ridge must be preserved. In many years to come, we will be judged by how we

protected our heritage and how we learned from our history. We hope we can learn something and that it shows.

It would be an empty table indeed if we could not feast on the past, the stories, the sagas, the personal victories and a tragedy or two. Maple Ridge has rolled on from one era to another and a new one looms. A bright future for all the so different people that call this enclave in the valley 'home'. When asked a similar question by the Arts Council, I answered simply that '....art is the DNA of compassion.....' Stealing from my own pen is not plagiary so I offer this 'history is the DNA of the future....'

2. Claus Andrup became a member of the Maple Ridge Historical Society and as a director was appointed VP Finance and subsequently President. With many others he assisted in reorganizing the Society's financial reporting system. He also served as a member at large on the Community Heritage Commission for 2 years prior to being appointed member at large on the Economic Advisory Commission. He was part of the team that designed in committee the current design for the new Maple Ridge Museum and Archives project on 224th Street. He has made numerous public presentations as a proponent of the Maple Ridge Historical Society's museum expansion program. On joining the Society he joined those who felt the Society would be well served by a modern website. He also took the first kick at the can of redesigning the newsletter, later greatly improved by Fred Braches.

3. Claus continues to keep an eye out for the Society and the Heritage Commission from a distance. Elected he would promote with some the vigour the fact that the new museum and archives needs urgently to be put on the District of Maple Ridge's five year business plan, so that the new Museum will play an integral part of the bright future he sees for the this community.

RANDY WAGNER

1. "We are not makers of history. We are made by history." MLK Junior. History makes us feel comfort and security and without it we can't feel a part of something bigger. I quite often go to my "favorite" places in Maple Ridge and I'd like these places to be preserved for future generation or for that matter, my generation. Each area in Maple Ridge is unique as it holds ties to the past.

2. This can be better achieved through the election process. Vote for me and you vote for a part of history. My Grandfather had the first milk delivery service in Maple Ridge and I currently reside on my Mother's family farm. I literally wrap myself in Maple Ridge history and I would like to be a part of making it as well as living it.

3. Thanks for the questions and the opportunity to answer them.

JOHN MCKENZIE

I live in the Port Haney area and enjoy the distinct culture which we have inherited from our first pioneers who inhabited this neighbourhood. We build upon the spirit of hard work and adventurism which our early residents had to settle this land.

I'm a participant in the Port Haney Change Initiative which is striving to re-capture the neighbourhood and restore it to its once proud ancestry. It was taken over by some very seedy individuals who are now being removed and the process of healing has begun.

This neighbourhood which is steeped in history, will rise again and be a shining light for the rest of the city.

DANA LANG

Thank you so much for your email. Our history is so important to our present community! As residents we should be aware of our past, this helps us with decisions regarding the future of our town. Today's youth claim they have no identity as Canadians yet if they only looked in their own back yard they would find their past steeped in tradition and local customs. Maple Ridge is so lucky, it's history is not boring and runs the gamut from Mr Thomas Haney, Kanaka Village, and Billy Miner just to name a few.

It's so important to maintain heritage buildings, antiques, art, photos and written work. these are a part of our past that should be cherished. Older building should be maintained, enjoyed and studied, they have a lot to offer. We are to quick to tear down and rebuild. There is lot to learn from Europe where they keep structures for hundreds of years and attract tourist dollars. Our heritage buildings and Port Haney Wharf are true assets to Maple Ridge. North Hollywood films a lot in Maple Ridge. They like it here because of the tax incentives, rural settings and hometown feel. We need to promote the Hammond area as an ideal location for filming. This would bring in tax dollars, revenue for local businesses and provide jobs.

I would like to thank the MRHS for all their hard work and dedication to our past. There is a lot to learn from it and you need council's support. Please vote for me and I will work on your behalf.

GROVER TELFORD

1. History is the opportunity to look back at where we have come from so that we may better chart where we are going. It is tragic the level of history that has been lost in this city. I feel city hall has done little more than lip service to the cause of history in the city. We have a treasure trove of items that should be out in the public in a facility that can become an anchor of a community. It is my belief that the MRHS has done a great job with limited resources. As a councillor I will make it one of my top priorities to work with your society and get the next steps in a new museum on the table and in the budget.

2. I do support the preservation of history in Maple Ridge. I believe city hall has lost many opportunities by not designating more buildings as historic and imposing minimum standards of care on these buildings. This is why the city has lost important historical community halls that could have been saved if the ownership were held to reasonable standards. In stead we get neglected buildings of historic importance in the hands of individuals who have no interest in the community in which they own property.

My passions run the full gamut from history to soccer, but what I am most passionate about is representing my family, my community, and the citizens of Maple Ridge as one of their elected representatives. As an entrepreneur and small business owner I know what it is like to deal with tight timelines and even tighter budgets. If you choose to support me I will bring to Maple Ridge council a holistic approach that looks at issues and decisions from all four directions. Though I have my own ideas one of my strongest abilities is I listen with an open mind to the concerns of others.

BOB GOOS

1. The history of Maple Ridge provides an amazing foundation of people committed to building a diverse and vibrant community. The museum and Haney House provide a focus for celebrating that history and efforts towards a new museum should be encouraged. The Port Haney Change Initiative is a valuable asset in reclaiming an important part of our history. Bringing our history to life can be a way to increase tourism as well as celebrating our unique place in history. I believe we can use our history as a way to draw many people to Maple Ridge.

2. Other than participating in events celebrating our history and events sponsored by the historical society, I have little experience of Maple Ridge history. I am thankful for the dedicated volunteers who are preserving and sharing our history and feel that the municipality should support their efforts in every way possible. I support the museum expansion project and feel it would be a worthwhile addition to our community

3. If we indeed develop new "Granville Island" style shopping in the Albion Flats or along the Fraser, I believe it would be a wonderful place to build in the storied history of Maple Ridge as a way to encourage tourism.

MICHAEL MORDEN

1. Our development needs to be influenced appropriately by our history and heritage. This can be done in many ways, including but not limited to, providing ongoing history to our residents through education, and preserving significant buildings etc in and around our community. As we grow it would be easy to lose this.

2. My experience goes back to my wife's grandmother who is an Irving, offspring from Capt Irving, originally residing at Irving house in New Westminster. My wife's grandparents used to date by taking the paddle steamer from New Westminster to Haney where they would meet.

I read and take interest in all that is historic in our community. One of my favourite pastimes is listening to my elders who have great experiences to share about life in times past. Attendance at the heritage tea at ECRA provides a lot of information and stories, a great event.

3. Respecting the past, honouring it, and ensuring it shapes your future, ensures it will all not be forgotten for the generations to come.

CARLY O'ROURKE

1. The Maple Ridge Historical Society can play an important role in revitalizing this special part of our city. The historical significance of Port Haney can be seen as one of the tools that will generate positive attention to this often troubled area, and in collaboration with the efforts of the Port Haney Neighbourhood Change Initiative, Port Haney can be born again as a joyful family attraction. The new museum is a key component to bringing more families into this area, and should be combined with upgrades to the river space and safe use of the wharf.

2. I have toured the Haney House and encourage everyone to take a look at this unique preservation of our heritage. I view our history as an integral part of who we are and it is important to continue to keep track and add to it for future generations, while maintaining what we have preserved already. We can look back and learn from our mistakes to improve going forward, or simply enjoy reflecting on the differences of the past. I am pleased the District has already taken action to go ahead with a new environmentally-friendly museum and I will continue to support this proposal.

JUDY DUECK

1. I see our history as an important part of moving forward. The District's motto sums it up best. "Deeper roots - greater heights". We must take every opportunity possible to reach out to our citizens to ensure they are aware and have knowledge of our history. We hear all the time that people move here for the rural feel and sense of belonging. This is directly attributed to our history. I had a citizen tell me today that when making decisions we should reflect on our past.

2. I have been elected for 18 years between my years of service on the School Board and Council. I have always supported the initiatives and work of the Historical Society and feel strongly that our fee for service agreement should continue.

3. I want to say thank you to everyone at the Historical Society who works hard and is committed to preserving and sharing our history. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

AL HOGARTH

1. Maple Ridge is changing, however, we have a rich history and as one of the first communities to be incorporated (1874) we have evolved from a resource community to where we are today. As we continue to grow, I believe we should insure that our historical neighbourhoods maintain their identity and in part the historical built elements should or could be used in new buildings.

Hammond is a prime example of a neighbourhood that boasts all of the elements that modern planners "Smart Growth or Complete Communities" suggest we need to have to be successful more resilient communities. It's a gem that could be revitalized if and when the residents are ready to do a planning session.

2. I do not have a great deal of hands on experience with the society itself, but certainly being on council I have had the opportunity to support the purchase of the Dyke property next to Haney House and many other programs and initiatives brought forward.

3. When the expanded Memorial Peace Park was being discussed recently, the idea brought forward by the society as being part of a mixed use building I thought was worth exploring. Now that this work has been completed, I see the value of the new peace tree and path ways, etc. but I wonder if there is now an opportunity to perhaps study the balance of the land area as suggested by the society. Now that the pressure is off, perhaps a public forum could be held to see how or what would fit.

KIERSTEN DUNCAN

1. Maple Ridge has a beautiful history that I feel is too often left behind by modern society. I get the impression that many people are ignorant of our history and often don't take the time to learn about it. While I try to take every opportunity that comes my way to learn about our past I am still discovering new things all the time. For example, while delivering flyers in the Whonnock area my mother and I stumbled across the Whonnock Cemetery on 96th avenue. Curious, we read both plaque's at the entrance which explained the cemetery had two parts. First, the Norwegian or "Lee Cemetery of of 1905 and second, lands purchased from the Kwantlen First Nations in 1919 by Maple Ridge. When we walked through the quiet little cemetery I couldn't help but notice how well kept it was and from the candles and flowers that it had been recently visited. I felt ignorant not realizing this existed but excited at the same time to discover a new piece of Maple Ridge's rich history. My own ignorance is a prime example of why I feel our history is not contributing to our vibrant, modern community as much as I would like it to. From a youthful perspective I would like to see more volunteer opportunities for people to visit, learn about, and look after our cemeteries. I feel this is especially important for young people as it can foster a sense of responsibility and understanding that can potentially decrease vandalism in some of the more well known cemeteries. I would also like to see more field trips, presentations, or better yet, local history lessons in our schools to educate youth about our history. I for one would have loved to have this opportunity.

2. Before moving to Maple Ridge 11 years ago I lived in a heritage home that my parents fought to ensure would receive such status. This was to protect it from being torn down. From an early age it was instilled in me how important our heritage is and that you need to do everything you can to preserve it and pass it on to future generations. In Maple Ridge I did everything I could to stop development on Jackson's Farm as I strongly believe it is an important part of our past. Although we lost the fight for upper Jackson's Farm I am happy that the district has chosen to purchase Lower Jackson as parkland for the community.

I've also just been to the Willow Manor senior's home to view a documentary honouring our Canadian Veteran's titled "Honour". This was a great experience for me to hear stories from the veterans. This really got me thinking about all the wonderful stories that are being lost before there is a chance to record them. I wish my school had arranged more opportunities for us to talk to veterans to learn their stories like my old school in Surrey did.

3. I would like to hear what the Historical Society would like to see done to better educate the public about our history, what can be done to help preserve it and have it contribute to our community.

PETER TAM

1. Our history defines us, defines our community gives us the uniqueness. It is important for us to related to our history as we define ourselves for the future. When we are struggling with our identity, it make it difficult to establish a clear vision of the future and a vision of the type of vibrant community we want to see. We can also learn from our history. I believe our future can have a flavor of the past, I see the historical society playing an important role in establishing the future of our community.

2. I participated in River day one year where people were guided thru a tour thru time, starting at the Haney Warf going up to the Haney house and on ward. The hall of fame is also a part of our history I've participated in, Volunteered for Heritage Day. But history is thru out Maple Ridge, many of the neighborhood groups like the Haney and Webster's Corner as been proactively presenting history relevant to their area and it partnership with the historical society is a key to building community.

3. I like to see that these small communities like Haney, Hamond, Yennadon, and so on are branded with their own distinction each with its own historical destination, and encourage neighborhood groups to find way to preserves and present their unique history. By introducing the community project matching grant, we can empower groups to make projects a reality instead of relying on 100% government funding

GLADYS HEWSON

Thank you for this opportunity.

I love Maple Ridge (or Haney as I choose to say...but people are then asking me where is Haney!).

We need to make more people aware of our roots, perhaps each resident could get a free coffee for going to Haney House or museum. Have a free downloadable coupon, to visit the museum. When we are having the tours of the gardens of residents of MR...add Haney House to the tour.

Offer tours to all school age children, promote Haney's Heritage as a class project...poster contest, essays contest..etc.

Would it not be wonderful to have a Port Haney site, for strolling and shopping. (Fort Langley as an example).

Remember 1967 centennial, that was great fun. Strolling in the dresses and hats of that time.

Thanks again

GRAHAM MOWATT

1. To chart your future path it is always a good idea to know where you have been. Maple Ridge/Haney has had a very rich and interesting history and I am happy to say that I have been part of it for the last 58 years. An appreciation of the efforts of those who built the community we live in, to understand what had to be done to allow us to live in one of the most beautiful areas of Canada will energize us to go forward to not only preserve the things we have but to improve it even further.

2. As stated above I have lived here for 58 years. My parents came here in 1949 and were very active in the business and community life of Haney. My dad organized the soap box derby that use to be held every year down the hill on lower 223rd. I remember attending it in the 1950's. As a Lion's member volunteering at Maple Ridge Park at the Lion's concession stand before the flood was also a fond memory. My uncle Nelson was a butcher across from the Haney wharf in the early 1900's where the paddle wheelers use to dock bringing supplies and taking away produce to be sold in Vancouver. I love this community and hope that it's rich history and the spirit of the people who built it will be remembered and built upon in the future.

CHERYL ASHLIE

1. Our historical neighbourhoods, such as Webster's Corner, Yennadon, Whonnock, Ruskin, Hammond and Albion provided residents with a sense of community within a community from the very early days. These neighbourhoods continue to provide our citizens with a sense of "place,"

even though our population has grown to almost 80,000. Our motto is Deep Roots Greater Heights, because we firmly believe these historical neighbourhoods, along with our history, have anchored us on a path where we can collectively work together to retain Maple Ridge's beauty and heritage as we move forward. Allowing every citizen to have a sense of belonging is imperative to achieving a vibrant, modern Maple Ridge and I believe that we are capable of this, because of our historical and present day practice of strong neighbourhood development.

2. I have always tried to support the preservation of Maple Ridge history. When I was on the Board of Education I connected with the staff of the museum to see what the school district could do to better archive the school district's history. We established a working relationship through a committee, which assisted Val's already great work in teaching the schools how to archive each year's information. I also arranged for space to be provided in a school so that the museum could store information. I fully supported the financial plans when brought forward to Joint Leisure Commission when I was on the Commission. I would love to see a brand new Museum in Maple Ridge's future and I am open to exploring our options to achieve this goal, which I know the Heritage Society would proudly spearhead.

3. The Heritage Committee is one that I have not had the pleasure of serving on, but I appreciate all of the work and time that all of the members give to ensure our history is preserved. You have a fabulous staff and caring citizens, which means we will one day have the museum of our dreams. Thank you for all the work that you do and I look forward to the next project coming to life on our streets!

ERNIE DAYKIN

1. History and our heritage is key to understanding the context of our past....with that context of the past.... we can understand our present and how we move into our future. Whether it is written, visual or verbal our past is important as it gives us roots and a sense of pride in where we came from. History can celebrate the pioneers that settled our community they can inspire the present with their resolve and fortitude.

We cannot forget to include the history and culture of our First Nations communities as well. There are opportunities, I believe, to work together in sharing, celebrating our shared past.

2. Our history is of high value and well worth the efforts to preserve it. With long and deep roots in the community back to 1879....it is very personal for me as well. I have always enjoyed listening to the stories of the early days of Haney from my grandparents first and then my dad.

The street mosaics that are part of work on 224th and Lougheed are great and there is opportunity to expand on themfunded jointly with local businesses and the District perhaps.

The historical way finders on the street lamp poles are another great way to support and educate on Maple Ridge's rich past.

I was in support of the purchase of the property north of Haney House as the site of a new and expanded museum. The need is therehow we work that into the upcoming capital and business plan is the challenge. I am more than willing to look at creative ways to reach that goal.

3. Keep up the great work of your Societyyou treasure our past and are guardians of it. Thank you for all your efforts!!

CRAIG SPEARS

Thanks for this opportunity to give my thoughts on our history.

1. Successful communities, ones with a strong sense of who they are and where they want to go, cherish and protect their history. They also view their community as a tangible asset that can be used to create part of our economic future. We can use our historic neighbourhoods, like Port Haney, to tell our story and define our future. People everywhere love a story and we have a good one. We will soon have public access to the foreshore from Port Haney to the Kanaka and we will be able to eventually connect Port Haney with Albion. The Fraser is our historic highway and we should dream big when we think about how this could work again. From Hope to the mouth, we have ignored this corridor for long enough. A big part of our history is wrapped around our landscape. There are a number of historical view corridors that we would be fools to allow being developed. We have managed to preserve Jackson Farm but there are many other landscapes that need protection. Our history is a lot more than farmers fields and a few remnant buildings. We have a living history of committed people that value and celebrate what Maple Ridge is and what it may become. We must commit to building more assets to support these folks as they preserve and tell our story.

2. I have been the liaison to the Heritage Commission for a number of years and am presently the alternate. I am in contact with a gentleman who wishes to re-establish a historic commuter route from Fort Langley to Port Haney. We have met a number of times and I have facilitated connections at city hall. He is now doing his due diligence and when I last talked to him his plan is getting closer to reality. I fought to preserve Albion Hall as a neighbourhood asset and I believe a huge mistake has been made by not making some attempt to re-purpose the building. The least we should of done is prove that the building was unfixable. It took me a couple of terms but I managed save Jackson Farm from development and finally preserve it for public use. Vin Jackson's promise was fulfilled.

3. It is time to start saving for a new museum and I am calling for both the Historical Society and the Heritage Commission to get the ball rolling, we need to start building a fund to match senior government money when the opportunity presents itself. It doesn't matter if it takes five years or twenty, we need to start now. It's the type of challenge Maple Ridge loves and with all the growth downtown now is the time to focus on the missing pieces that will lead us to that vibrancy mentioned in the first question.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR

1. I have full faith in the OCP which states that our historical areas must be recognized and maintained.
2. I was one of the few people who fought to save the Albion hall. A historically important building built in the 1920's by volunteers to create a neighbourhood meeting place.
3. I was very disappointed that the historical society failed to see the value of the Albion Hall and suggested to Mayor and council to tear it down.

WENDY COOK

1. Maple Ridge's history has been traced back through the archaeological dig done when the Golden Ears Way section was excavated showing settlement by the Katzie people 4000 years ago. We also have legends of a lost gold mine in the mountains beyond Pitt Lake. The history of early settlers from Finland, Japan and Hawaii are also a part of our history. There are many historical areas in Maple Ridge that could contribute to the development of a tourism map which could be produced to attract tourists to our area. An institute that had tourism and hospitality as part of the curriculum could utilize our history as tool to promote historical and eco tourism to explore these areas especially since a new hotel is already proposed in our downtown core. This hotel could be a hotel/school which would bring jobs to Maple Ridge and provide income for the students. It would also be affordable which would bring in the middle class of tourist who enjoy adventure holidays. It would make sense to have a museum as part of the downtown core as is done in many other parts of the world. This would also be another tourist attraction and could perhaps offer summer courses for tourists who enjoy taking a one or two week "holiday study" course. The Katzie could also be a part of this new tourism industry by constructing a model of their ancestors village giving their students a place where they can learn while they earn. These historical attractions are very successful through out the world and provide a sense of pride to the community.
2. I am a member of the Maple Ridge Historical Society and am on the Board of Directors and am a member of the operations committee which oversees the maintenance of the historical buildings of the museum, Haney House, the Brickyard Office and the Old Post Office. I also volunteer with the other board members during community events promoting the museum and Maple Ridge's history through displays produced by staff and other volunteers.
3. It is important to preserve artefacts, maps and photographs of our history and archives of various community activities to provide the future residents of Maple Ridge with the knowledge of how our community was created and grew to become the place they will enjoy. Facts such as how Jackson's farm/park came to be through the joint efforts of the people, council and owners of the land and how the salmon streams were protected by a dedicated group known as KEEPS. A knowledge of what happened in the past and why will assist future generations to ensure that they make wise choices with the future development of our community in keeping with our motto of Deep Roots

Greater Heights; a community that will provide a sustainable lifestyle for many generations to come.

KEN STEWART

1. It is often said that “to know where you are going you first have to understand how you got to where you are now”. Both my wife and I are third generation of Maple Ridge. The oral and visual memories of growing up in the area are what shape not only our vision of local history, but also in some respects who we have become as people. The words and thoughts of our grandparents and neighbours are also part of that fiber. The physical attributes of Maple Ridge with the historical buildings and community records help to compile a vital component of our local development.

It is not only important to keep our historical past, but to try and implement into new designs and programs those historical elements as we move forward.

2. Over the years I have been involved in a number of workshops and presentations made by the Historical Society. I have also attended a number of AGMs and plaque unveilings on historical sites and homes.

I currently have a number of items I am saving in my barn until the Society has enough room to display them, included is a single horse plow used to break up the original Hampton lands and a number of early logging implements, plus a number of early documents and photos.

3. I support the work the Society does and will be supportive on your endeavors to get an appropriate display space to properly demonstrate our history.

CORISA BELL

1. Community is at the heart of Maple Ridge and it feels like we are becoming more and more disconnected each day. The small town feel is being replaced by a feeling of segregated areas of town who unite only in their complaints about a local government that talks about advocating for them but achieves little in the way of services or results.

I believe we must keep Maple Ridge's historic value and history at a forefront in Maple Ridge so we don't forget the spirit in which Maple Ridge was created. The community spirit that has resulted in Maple Ridge being home to so many fantastic people. I would like to see the MRHS more prominent in Maple Ridge. Many people do not know the history of our city and I believe if they did they would feel more connected to the community; especially the new families moving in and wanting MR to be a big city with box stores like everywhere else. I was hoping MRHS would be approved to have the site next to Memorial Peace Park so the message would be understood that our heritage is at the heart of our city.

2. My family history in Maple Ridge begins in the days of settlement to the Whonnock/Haney community. My grandparents moved to Terrace for work and so that's where I was raised but I spent much of childhood visiting Haney. I have always felt a connection to Maple Ridge and visited frequently with some of my fondest moments taking place at Whonnock Lake. My Great Grandparents now have a memorial bench there. When I decided to settle down and raise a family, I chose to do so in Maple Ridge. At just 30 years old, my age is reflected in this question, but my experience in preserving the history of Maple Ridge has been keeping the community spirit in my heart as I live here and work to make the community a place my children will want to raise their children.

3. I plan to become more active in contributing to the preservation of our heritage. I have spoken with Fred Braches who I'm happy to say is going to help me chronicle my family photos and ancestry with regard to Whonnock. I have hundreds of photos that were passed onto me because of my natural interest in history and family heritage.

ROBERT MASSE

1. Our history significantly forms the basis of our community culture, and as such is a strong determinant of who we, collectively, are. It also contributes strongly to the look and reality of our environment, the look and feel of Maple Ridge, and can enhance our sense of community. Literally, our history is all that has happened up until today, therefore it is our basis for moving forward.

2. Honestly, there is very little I can lay claim to. My community involvement most recently has been in helping raise funds to get the Hospice built, by being Race Director of the Vistas Run for Hospice for 5 years and by chairing the Safety and Security Committee for the downtown.

3. The history of Maple Ridge is as a community of doers, and it is sad to see people not participate in exercising their democratic right and obligation. I know that as historians you are all acutely aware of the many Maple Ridge citizens who died for our rights. I know you will all vote, but kindly mention it to 1 or 2 other people.

GRAEME ROSS

1. Our tradition creates a sense of belonging and builds a connection between residents and community which distinguishes us from other municipalities. The Santa Clause parade, Remembrance Day ceremonies, the Farmer's Market and the unique architecture of our heritage buildings create a family atmosphere and bring the people of our community together. This encourages a sense of pride in our residents and a desire to be engaged in public affairs.

Our residents are our primary resource. We have many long-time Maple Ridge families who bring a sense of continuity to our community and we are also attracting new faces and ideas. With these assets we will continue to see a vibrant and modern Maple Ridge.

2. I am often in awe of the history tucked away in every corner of our community despite being a relatively new resident. I work for a company which has been in Haney for 100 years, and I appreciate the deep, rich history of the area and it's residents.

I want to see growth in our community but not at the expense of our heritage as it contributes to the unique character of our municipality which is why we choose to set down our roots in Maple Ridge.

ALEX POPE

Individuals who are knowledgeable about and have an interest in a community's history often have a greater commitment to the future health of a community. Sharing information about Maple Ridge's history is one way to get more people engaged in the ongoing discussions that will shape our future.

With a busy family schedule, I find it difficult to make the time to visit the museum, which is why I think it is so important to have information about our history presented in our community and at community events making it accessible to all. My kids enjoyed learning a few things about Maple Ridge's history at your booth for the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Country Fest and I was pleased to see the Haney Heritage Tour Signs laid out at Celebrate Downtown Maple Ridge (for the official opening of 224 Street). These types of initiatives are so important to educate residents about Maple Ridge's heritage.

I attended the open house at Municipal Hall to provide input on the use of the empty lot adjacent to Memorial Peace Park earlier this year. I do think that having a more central location for the museum is important to make it more accessible. I found it was interesting that at that open house, a primary focus of the presentations seemed to be information about the recent history of the downtown core, with aerial photos showing the evolution of the development that has occurred there. This presentation reinforced to me how important it is to preserve these historical records. I am not disappointed that a majority of residents favoured a park for the empty lot, I think that will be a positive use of the land that will benefit residents. But as other development projects proceed in the downtown core, we need to look for opportunities to include a new museum location in one of those projects.

On a personal note, I am a big fan of model railways. I have an HO-scale railway set but don't have the space at the moment to have it set up. I read in your write up about the Maple Ridge Historical Society that the Museum has a railway display on the lower level. I'm going to have to set aside some time on a Sunday afternoon this winter to visit the Museum and take a look.

CANDACE GORDON

1. Respecting, preserving and honouring our history plays a vital role in our town and in our civic life. It speaks to our sense of place. It definitely adds to the authentic character of Haney. Our history shows us our proud roots in forestry, agriculture and fishing. Recent archeological work on the Golden Ears Way shows us that settlement in this area goes back thousands of years and that trading was alive and well back then. The natural environment of this area is stunning so we need to respect this aspect of our heritage.

2. While not currently an incumbent, during my 12 years on council we dealt with several historic properties. The Hill House in Albion once sat proudly atop the hill but the developer preferred to flatten the hill and demolish the house. At one point he said the way to deal with it was to bring bulldozers to one side of the house, put a case of beer on the other side and say first employee there gets the beer. After vigorous debate the council did vote to keep the house but let it be moved. I supported this as at least it saved the house. My preference was to keep it on site atop the hill. On 230th where now is the site of Tim Hortons once sat a house listed in our Heritage Inventory. The developer was adamant that the only way to develop a Tim Hortons was to have its "corporate look". I argued to keep the house but in the end the council passed the rezoning without preserving the house. If you go to Halifax where they have a Tim Hortons on just about every corner all in heritage buildings (because the city preserves their heritage and demands it) you will see that to preserve heritage you need councillors with a commitment to do so. If Tim Hortons felt that this site was of prime importance then we might have been able to negotiate a better solution that kept our heritage. An example of a great reuse is the Billy Miner Pub the Historic Port Haney Bank of Montreal now under new management with a commitment to maintain it.

3. During my time on council I was on the Heritage Commission during the time we did the Heritage Inventory and the first strategic plan. I helped my mother renovate a stone postoffice from 1821 in Greenbush Ontario. My sister is a historic renovation technician and in the years she worked for the Heritage Foundation of Ontario and then for the Ministry managing heritage renovation grants I spent many days of vacation touring heritage sites in southeastern Ontario, crawling through basements and attics as well as visiting heritage houses. All delightful educational experiences.

Thank you for this opportunity.

CHRISTIAN COWLEY

1. As we move forward in time, we will want and need to draw upon our past to create a sense of place and identity and to make sense of what we see before us now. It can be as simple as knowing why a street was named, or as complex as who pioneered the land and has now vanished, leaving only historical traces. Either way, I cannot conceive of a Maple Ridge without a clear sense of its past to guide the future. It's in our motto, Deep Roots, Greater Heights.

2. I am fortunate to manage a piece of Maple Ridge history, the Old Japanese Schoolhouse, now known as the CEED Centre. I took the initiative to have it formally registered as a heritage asset. It was previously included in our heritage inventory, but lacked the full protections of registered status. I have also accessed the archives to find photographs related to the schoolhouse or kindergarten. I believe that we need to preserve more of our heritage and that we ought to be putting away capital funds annually from the municipal budget in support of heritage facilities (the new museum building) to match other grants as they become available.

3. There is much work yet to do to capture the early history of Maple Ridge. I look forward to supporting this work on or off the Council.

Thanks to all the candidates who took the time to respond!

MRHS did not receive a response from three candidates.