



ENVISION FINANCIAL BANDSTAND BIRTHDAY BASH

Presented by

THE MAPLE RIDGE CONCERT BAND

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Sometime in 2013, it was brought to my attention that it was 20 years since the bandstand was built. An idea popped into my head that it would be a cool thing to celebrate this milestone. Never beyond my wildest dreams did I think that I would be organizing and spearheading both a bandstand birthday bash (BBB) and consequently a bandstand beautification project (BBP). It has been an amazing journey shared with my fellow MRCB band friends and showcased our efforts within our community. Our June 14th Celebration brought the bandstand to the forefront to feature the origins of this structure. It was an event that could not be undertaken without the passion and commitment of many within our group.

I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank my fellow BBB Executives – Colin Murray, Laurie Dumas, Lee Smith and Ed Dumas for their tireless dedication of time towards our Envision Financial Bandstand Birthday Bash – Celebrating 20 Years in the Community. Their energy and encouragement has been greatly appreciated. Their commitment to all the fine details that was initiated when hosting an all day community event of this magnitude was immeasurable.

I would also like to thank the MRCB Executives and Board of Directors for their loyal efforts and cooperation with tasks undertaken thru the band year. Again, this BBB celebration could not be done without the helping hands of many.

A thank you shout out to all the Volunteers of our June 14th date. Without your service, we could not coordinate all the event logistics. Your volunteer help is greatly welcomed.

My personal bandstand goals were to create awareness of how the bandstand came to be and to highlight the MRCB involvement. Combined with encouraging our younger MRCB members and leaving a strong legacy of community direction, it has been encouraging to see the excitement building in the days leading up to this event within our band members. Our Flash Mob attack on the Farmer's Market was EPIC !!!

It has been my honour to represent the Maple Ridge Concert Band this season. From the Beginner program, Intermediate level and Performance band groups, the support towards my crazy idea has put the focus back to the bandstand beginnings with positive enthusiasm. Collectively, we all share the camaraderie of music appreciation. Got Music?

Sincerely, Gale Yip

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