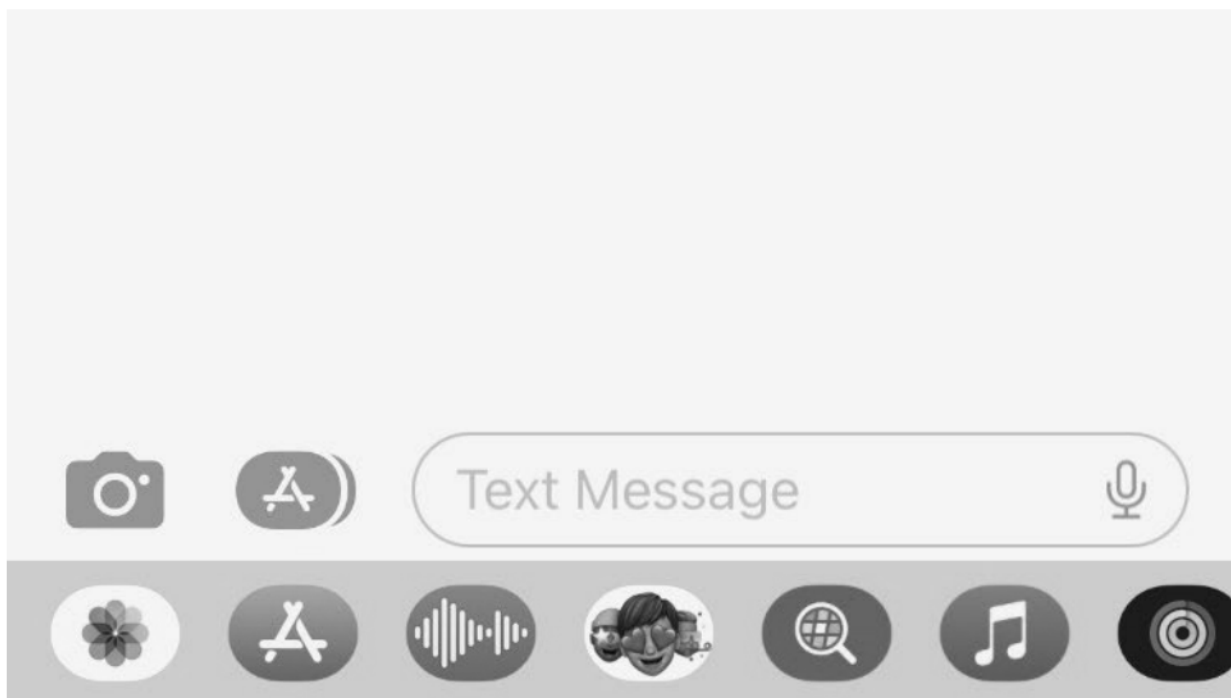


Hi Ravi. You have a ten min keynote that I have edited. It has good stats on maple ridge investments and hits the hit buttons for the audience that will be there. We anticipate a few hundred folks in the audience. You are going to be on a ubcm style panel with very basic questions moderated by Jas johal. There are so many people on the panel, there will not be a lot of time to talk



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Speaking Notes
for
Hon. Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing

Housing Affordability Summit,
Maple Ridge

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Albion Centre
24165 104 Ave, Maple Ridge, BC

Event contact on site:
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Event Information/Speaking Notes

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When: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Where: Albion Centre, 24165 104 Ave, Maple Ridge, BC

Contact: Katerina Anastasiadis,^{s.22}

Speaking Length: 10 minutes

Key Participants:

- Emcee: TBD
- Dan Ruimy, mayor, City of Maple Ridge
- Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing

In Attendance:

- Bob D'eith, MLA for Maple Ridge-Mission
- Lisa Beare, MLA for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
- Maple Ridge City Council:
 - Councillor Korleen Carreras
 - Councillor Onyeka Dozie
 - Councillor Judy Dueck
 - Councillor Sunny Schiller
 - Councillor Jenny Tan
 - Councillor Ahmed Yousef

Audience Description:

City councillors and staff, municipal and community leaders, developers, builders, non-profits, housing advocates, financial organisations, and Maple Ridge residents.

Minister's Clip:

Event Background: Minister Kahlon to provide the keynote address on housing affordability, and to join the panel for a discussion and Q&A moderated by Jas Johal of CKNW. Housing Affordability Summit is the second of a three-part

Leadership Summit Series hosted by the City of Maple Ridge to discuss pertinent issues in the community. The Climate Action Summit was held in April and an Economic Development Summit to be held in the fall.

ITINERARY:

Date: Tuesday, May 30 from 8:45 am to 2:45 pm

Venue: Albion Centre, 24165 104 Avenue, Maple Ridge **with morning refreshments and lunch served.*

Green room: ?

PROGRAM

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| 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM | Registration and Check In |
| 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM | Light Breakfast & Networking |
| 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM | Welcome by His Worship Mayor Dan Ruimy |
| 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM | Keynote Address by Hon. Ravi Kahlon, B.C. Minister of Housing |
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Panel #1 – Government Supports, Programs, Financing and Jurisdictional Best Practices |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator – Jas Johal, CKNW Host• Hon. Ravi Kahlon, BC Minister of Housing• His Worship Dan Ruimy, Mayor of Maple Ridge• His Worship Mike Hurley, Mayor of Burnaby• CHMHC, (name being confirmed) working with the federal Minister Ahmed Hussen, Housing and Diversity and Inclusion• Jill Atkey, CEO BC Not for Profit Housing Association, (NFPHA)• Ron Rapp, CEO Homebuilders Association Vancouver (HAVAN)• Rick Ilich, UDI Board Vice Chair and CEO Townline Homes |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Panel #2 - Effective Partnership Models for Not For Profit and Private Sector Developments |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator – Jas Johal, CKNW Host• Thom Armstrong, Cooperative Housing Federation of BC, Community Land Trust Foundation and COHO Management Services• Jonathan Cote, Deputy General Manager of Regional Planning and Housing Development, Metro Vancouver• Chad Margolus, Director of Acquisitions, Morning Star/Polygon Homes• Shawn Bouchard, Chief Operating Officer, Lorval Developments• Margaret Pfoh, CEO, Aboriginal Housing Management Association |
| 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM | Lunch Break |
| 12:45 PM - 2:30 PM | Breakout Roundtables by themed discussion |
| | <i>Table Discussion Themes to be announced for: Not for Profits, Private Industry, Community Groups, Financial and Government Partners.</i> |
| 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM | Closing Remarks by His Worship Mayor Dan Ruimy |

The Housing Affordability Summit is the second of three Leadership Summits being planned by the Mayor and Council in 2023. The Climate Action Summit was held in April and an Economic Development Summit to be held in the fall will be announced in the coming weeks.

Speaking Notes

- Thank you, NAME.
- Territorial acknowledgment: I'd like to respectfully acknowledge that I am speaking today on the traditional territories of the Katzie [*kat-zee*] First Nation and Kwantlen [*kwant-len*] First Nation.
- I would like to express my gratitude for their ongoing stewardship that allows all of us to be here today, to gather and connect.
- A shoutout to His Worship Mayor Dan Ruimy [*roo-we-me*] and the City Council for hosting this important Leadership Summit Series.

- Thanks for providing a great opportunity for critical dialogue with community members about pertinent issues.
- And thank you so much for inviting me.
- British Columbia is a great place to live, but people, including residents of Maple Ridge, are facing big challenges right now.
- Amongst other socio-economic factors, we are especially facing the impacts of the pandemic, the relentless inflation, and especially the lack of investment from previous governments.
- Our government knows that for so long, people have been struggling to keep up with the rising costs of living and especially with finding affordable housing.

- That is why we chose to invest and make housing a government priority.
- And who will benefit from this?
- Everyone in B.C., including everyone present here.
- When our government took office in 2017, we made the largest housing investment in B.C.'s history – **\$7 billion over 10 years.**
- Today, at the halfway point of our ten - year target to deliver **114-thousand** homes – we are on track.
- We have delivered more than **74-thousand** homes for British Columbians, including nearly 400 in Maple Ridge.

- And with our refreshed housing strategy, **Homes for People**, we will be providing more homes, faster.
- By investing an additional **\$4.2 billion over three years**, we are taking strong actions to unlock more opportunities to open and build more affordable housing.
- And how do we do this?
- The steps we are taking will guarantee more homes that meet your needs — safe, attainable, and affordable homes.

Speed

- Development approval process review
- Digital permitting (\$9M for Digital)
- One-stop-shop for permitting

Supply and affordability

- Small scale, multi-unit homes

- Transit-oriented developments
- BC Builds for middle-income people
- Housing Supply Act
- More social housing
- Student housing

Rentals

- Renting out secondary/basement suites
- Rental incentives
- Short-term rentals
- Renter protections and supports – RTB, Rent Bank

Legislation

- Strata age- and rental- restrictions
- Flipping tax
- Speculation and Vacancy Tax

Synergy

- Future Ready Skills - expanding construction workforce
- Mass timber construction

- Supports for people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness

Partnerships

- We believe that these significant steps are key to achieving and maintaining housing stability.
- Proactive partnerships with Indigenous communities and organisations, federal and local governments, industry, and nonprofits are critical in making all these possible.

Why

- Across communities in B.C., like here in Maple Ridge, we have proven what can be done to meet the housing challenges by working together.
- And we will continue to work together...
 - so seniors can live in dignity;
 - young people can build a good life;

- students can afford to get a good education;
 - and the people who work here, who drive our economy, and deliver the services we all rely on, can afford to live here too.
- These are the reasons that motivate our government to do the work that we do.

Projects/investments

- Since 2017, we have made significant investments to improve our housing situation.
- **74-thousand** homes delivered since then... and we're looking at **thousands more** in the next years.
- Just to name a few, we've delivered:
 - Nearly 1,000 units in North Vancouver
 - Nearly 1,000 homes in the Tri-Cities

- Over 400 homes in Abbotsford
- Over 400 homes in Prince George
- More than 3,000 homes in Victoria
- Nearly 400 homes in Maple Ridge.
- And we are building more!

Close

- Housing affordability is an issue that can only be solved when people across sectors work towards the same goal.
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who tirelessly work on the ground to make sure that affordable homes are within reach for many.
- Your support has and will greatly impact the lives of many individuals, families, and seniors.
- Our work does not end.

- While we have delivered many, our province and communities are still in desperate need of more affordable housing options.
- I am pleased to share that many more projects are coming to the province, including here in Maple Ridge.
- And we have the City, the Council, and community and industry partners to thank for that.
- I can say that with everyone's hard work and support, the future of housing in our province is looking optimistic.
- Thank you.

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