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City of Maple Ridge Moves Forward With Outdoor Pool Concept

Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, August 1, Council voted to proceed with an outdoor pool project located at 232 Street east of Thomas Haney High School co-located with the existing lawn bowling and tennis facilities. In preparation for the development of a design-build Request for Proposals (RFP) City staff were directed to develop a plan for stakeholder engagement specific to the proposed site and to undertake the geotechnical survey work. Work will commence on consultation with School District No. 42 who have joint ownership of the site. All the reports and agreements are expected back before Council in the fall.

"As we have gone through the process of approving upgrades to the existing Leisure Centre aquatic facilities the impacts of the closure on our citizens and user groups and the need for new facilities to serve our growing community has led us to expedite the development of the outdoor pool concept," said Mayor Read. "Council will get a better idea of the neighbourhood support and suggestions, the project timeline and the extent to which this project will lessen the impact of the Leisure Centre upgrades on our citizens and user groups when the report comes back to us in late October."

"We will reach out to our colleagues at School District No. 42 to discuss the opportunities for this project relating to potential school programming, parking and site design. We will also speak with the community organizations that use the lawn bowling and tennis facilities to capture their comments and suggestions for the proposed site plan. The results of these discussions will be part of the final report in the fall," said David Boag, Director of Parks & Facilities.

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