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Speed Limit Raised to 60 KPH on New Four Lane Section of 128 Avenue

Maple Ridge, BC: On Wednesday, August 23, 2017 Operations staff at the City of Maple Ridge installed new speed signs along the newly widened section of 128 Avenue between 210 Street east towards the intersection at 224 Street raising the speed limit from 50 kilometres per hour (KPH) to 60 KPH.

"The new 60 KPH speed limit has been put in place for the section of road from the end of Golden Ears Way where it intersects 210 Street through to the area of Golden Ears Cheesecrafters where the speed limit drops down to 50 KPH reflecting a change to a more urban streetscape," said David Pollock, Municipal Engineer. "Our traffic engineering staff has been monitoring this roadway in conjunction with the Ridge Meadows RCMP and ICBC and now that all work is complete along these phases of the four lane upgrades the analysis concluded that the increase is warranted for this section."

Speed limits are set based on guidelines established as part of the Motor Vehicle Act. The change to the lower speed limit at the section of road east of Golden Ears Cheesecrafters reflects the curve in the road and transition from the new four lane configuration to a two lane road along Abernethy Way east of 224 Street. Engineering staff will continue to monitor the average speeds on this roadway in conjunction with the RCMP and ICBC who are partners in the overall traffic safety for the City of Maple Ridge.

For more information about the speed limit change please contact David Pollock, Municipal Engineer, by email at <u>dpollock@mapleridge.ca</u> or by phone at 604-463-5221.