

City of Maple Ridge News Release

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Update: St. Anne Camp Injunction Enforcement

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge continues to enforce the BC Supreme Court Injunction granted on February 8, 2019.

The Site Safety Plan remains in effect and 24-hour security patrols continue to ensure that the site can only be accessed by verified camp occupants, their legal counsel and outreach workers and others working on behalf of Provincial Government agencies.

This week City staff removed a number of unclaimed structures and continued work to remove debris in and around the site. As part of this work the fence surrounding the camp was moved to minimize the footprint of the camp, reflecting the reduced number of occupants on the site. This created some separation for citizens whose homes border on the north end of the encampment.

The City has provided a list of the verified occupants to BC Housing to facilitate connections for them to obtain the housing and social support services they need and achieve camp closure.

On March 12, Maple Ridge unanimously endorsed a Social Housing Plan and provided the framework to the BC Government. The City remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province and its agencies to fully enact the Social Housing Plan to address the immediate and long term housing and social service needs of the community.