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Council Endorses Yennadon Lands Concept Plan

Maple Ridge, BC: Council has passed the Yennadon Lands Concept Plan, which will serve as a key component to building a complete neighbourhood where residents can live, work and play.

Located at 128 Avenue and 232 Street, the Yennadon Lands were identified as a potential location for future employment uses in the City's Commercial & Industrial Strategy.

Staff will begin preparing an amendment to the Official Community Plan (OCP) to designate the land for employment use and create accompanying policies and guidelines.

"This vision strikes the perfect balance between providing employment opportunities for our citizens and protecting our local greenspaces. It's another example of Council's work to create jobs and enhance livability in our community," said Mayor Mike Morden.

At the heart of the plan is a 'neighbourhood innovations village', which incorporates a business park concept with an eco-business emphasis that conserves greenspace and protected trees.

The plan includes:

- a flexible land use designation that permits employment-generating uses and community amenities, such as cafes and child care services;
- language that encourages the retention and integration of significant green spaces, such as wildlife hubs and mature trees,
- an appropriate scale and size for buildings to match existing residential development in nearby areas and;
- the incorporation of an interconnected pathway and trail system to link the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Staff will begin drafting the OCP amendment, which will include public consultation, and bring it forward to Council for consideration next year.