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### **Council Extends Deadline for Rezoning Applications**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** Given the impacts of COVID-19, Council has passed a resolution granting an extension to rezoning applications currently awaiting final reading and set to expire this year.

The City's Development Procedures Bylaw contains a clause that requires rezoning applications to be automatically closed within 18 months of receiving third reading. The resolution waives this clause until January 1, 2022, giving applicants more time to fulfil their requirements or make arrangements to ensure their projects proceed.

Currently, 16 applications that have completed third reading are set to expire at various points in 2021 – all of which represent a significant amount of work undertaken by the City and applicants over the past three years.

“Maple Ridge is growing, with more homes and jobs being created in our community. That’s why it’s crucial that Council takes steps to support industry and ensure continuity in the development application process, especially during a pandemic,” said Mayor Mike Morden. “This resolution facilitates a stronger local economy with more construction projects ready to break ground.”