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Maple Ridge Residents Invited to Share Writings about Home and the Environment

Maple Ridge, BC: Port Haney Artists-in-Residence, Aaron Moran and Taryn Hubbard invite locals of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to share short writings and poems about home and the environment for an upcoming community public art project this summer.

Participants may draw from Maple Ridge's natural environment, community spirit, history, resilience, cultural diversity, as well as their thoughts on sustainability, climate action and conservation, for possible sources of inspiration. The hope is to collect entries from a wide range of neighbourhoods, ages, backgrounds and perspectives, with the objective of engaging a community in conversation on a dynamic and important theme.

Selected writings will be featured on temporarily installed signs at sites throughout the City, such as store fronts, front lawns, parks and civic spaces for residents to encounter as they go about their day.

Due to size constraints of the signs, poems or writings of one to three lines are preferred. Longer pieces can be submitted with the possibility they may be excerpted into shorter pieces. Submissions can be emailed to the artists at mapleridgeair@gmail.com.

"We're excited about this project and the potential to hear from many people in the community," said Aaron Moran, Port Haney Artist-in-Residence. "We look forward to receiving submissions and reading what residents have to say about their home."

Find out more details about the project and get involved at mapleridge.ca/1510.

The Artist in Residence Program is supported through the Maple Ridge Public Art Steering Committee, in collaboration with the City's Parks, Recreation & Culture Department. The program's goals are to enhance community cultural development and pride of place by activating and animating neighbourhoods, public facilities and/or parks. Additional information is available at mapleridge.ca/1513.