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Maple Ridge Launches Community Safety Strategy Consultation

Maple Ridge, BC: The City is moving forward with public consultation to support further development of the Community Social Safety Initiative (CSSI). Staff and expert consultants have developed a robust engagement plan that includes outreach to individual neighbourhoods and business owners. The consultation will run until July 31, with results presented to Council in September.

A wide variety of engagement opportunities are scheduled over the summer to identify and document neighbourhood-specific issues and concerns to inform the advancement of the CSSI:

Virtual Neighbourhood Meetings, July 7 to 22

These sessions are designed to collect specific insights into community safety priorities and offer citizens an opportunity to provide feedback. A list of neighbourhoods and meeting dates, as well as registration information, can be found here.

Online Survey, June 24 to July 31

The wider Maple Ridge community is <u>invited to share</u> their experiences, successes and challenges related to community safety. The Maple Ridge Downtown BIA has partnered with the City to provide gift cards for survey participants to win.

Community Pop-Ups

City staff will be dropping by a series of popular locations around the community to share information on the consultation process and answer questions from residents.

Virtual Community Safety Panel Q&A, July 29

This interactive event will offer attendees a chance to hear from a panel of experts and staff working on the ground to implement the CSSI. Please e-mail <u>leadtogether@mapleridge.ca</u> to register for this webinar.

"Community safety remains Council's top priority and substantial progress has been made to deliver the CSSI over the past 18 months," said Mayor Morden. "It's now time to take this plan to the next level and that begins with ensuring it's meeting the needs of our citizens and businesses. I encourage everyone to participate in this consultation process – have your say in this community-led solution and help us build a better, safer city for all."

City staff continue to work with community partners and senior government to gather input related to the CSSI and identify opportunities to improve service levels where needed.

For more information about the consultation process, e-mail <u>leadtogether@mapleridge.ca</u> or visit <u>mapleridge.ca/2370</u>.