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Finalists for Innovation Challenge Announced

Maple Ridge, BC: In June the City launched the inaugural Innovation Challenge, led by its Economic Development team, to generate and celebrate innovative ideas. The goal was to shine a spotlight on creative, locally-sourced solutions for our community using the following themes:

- Economically Sustainable Maple Ridge
- Build Back Better

An independent panel has evaluated the applications and the City is pleased to announce the finalists:

- Big Feast Bistro & Retail
- Verus Valuations
- Howbsy.com
- The Salvation Army Ridge Meadows Ministries
- Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Katzie Seniors Network
- · Fraser North Farmers Market Society

In the coming weeks there will be social media posts on the City's Facebook page that showcase the ideas submitted by each finalist. You can also visit the dedicated <u>website</u> for the Innovation Challenge to learn more.

The finalists will be invited to appear at the October 5 Workshop meeting on October 5, where the prizes will be presented by Mayor Morden on behalf of Council.