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### **City Deploys Shuttle Bus to Support Cooling Centre Operation**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** The City of Maple Ridge has deployed a shuttle bus that will operate from Tuesday through Friday to provide transportation to and from the Greg Moore Youth Centre cooling centre.

Starting today, the Greg Moore Youth Centre (11925 Haney Place) opened as a cooling centre and will remain open until Friday. People can bring their pets as long as they remain on a leash and in control of the owner.

The shuttle bus will operate during the cooling centre hours (11:00 am to 8:00 pm) and follow the schedule on the attached map. Information on the shuttle bus service can be found on the City website at [mapleridge.ca/CivicAlerts](http://mapleridge.ca/CivicAlerts).

“This is one of the additions that we’ve made to our Heat Response Plan based on feedback from last year’s heat event. We heard that seniors, and other vulnerable citizens, often did not have access to transportation to take advantage of the cooling centre. This service seeks to close that gap,” said Deputy Fire Chief Stephan Drolet, Maple Ridge’s Emergency Management Coordinator. “Firefighters will drive the shuttle bus and monitor use throughout the week as we refine our response to these heat events.”

A reminder that Maple Ridge Public Library (22470 Dewdney Trunk Road) is open for citizens who are looking for a place to escape the heat. The Library is open from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Tuesday to Thursday and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday and have water fountains on location.

## Map and schedule.

