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City of Maple Ridge Announces Acquisition of Port Haney Waterfront Lands

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge has acquired four parcels of land on the Fraser River waterfront south of the CP Rail tracks that have been known colloquially as the ‘Haney log sort’ lands. This 4.28-acre site is located between the Port Haney Wharf and Metro Vancouver’s Kanaka Creek Regional Park to the east. The site’s acquisition was approved by Council in October 2021 and completed in December 2021 at a price of \$4,500,000.

“As we continue to develop the Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan and deliver on the City’s Economic Development and Tourism Strategies, these lands are an incredible asset that will allow all citizens access to the Fraser River and create opportunities for collaboration with Metro Vancouver and our First Nation neighbours for environmental stewardship and recreation,” said Maple Ridge CAO Scott Hartman.

“In the coming weeks we will be bringing forward some news on partnerships to explore how we can increase access to these lands for citizens and connect two popular local assets, the Port Haney Wharf and Kanaka Creek Regional Park,” said Stephane Labonne, General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture. He continued, “my sense is that this is just the beginning of some incredible opportunities to advance the City’s relationship with our First Nation neighbours and shared values around environmental education and stewardship.”

“Citizens of Maple Ridge consistently talk about the City’s natural beauty as being the thing that they love best about living here. Since joining the City, and having the opportunity to explore the parks and trails myself, I can see why,” said Tyler Westover, Director of Economic Development. He continued, “there are significant Tourism and Economic Development opportunities associated with access to the Fraser River in close proximity to the Town Centre and connections with the Port Haney neighbourhood and Kanaka Creek Regional Park. Citizens are looking for opportunities to incorporate hiking and cycling with dining experiences and this acquisition is well timed as the historic neighbourhood is undergoing a planning review to set the direction for future development.”

At the October 25, 2022, Council Meeting, Council granted approval to enter into an agreement with Transport Canada that will allow the City to work with its partners, and the community, to create a new vision for these lands.