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Maple Ridge Hosting Summit on Housing Affordability on May 30

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge will hear from a range of regional groups and partners, including elected officials, decision makers and members of the public at the city's **Housing Affordability Summit on Tuesday, May 30** at the **Albion Community Centre**.

Mayor Ruimy and Council will engage with key partners and the community to build valuable connections and identify tangible solutions with a diverse spectrum of housing providers, developers and related industry groups.

The **Honourable Ravi Kahlon, BC's Minister of Housing** will open the summit as the keynote speaker.

"Housing remains a key concern and priority in virtually every community across the province, and Maple Ridge is no exception," said Mayor Ruimy. "Although the lack of affordable housing is widespread, it's incumbent on us that we address the housing problems we're able to in our own community. That's why we're bringing together a group of well-informed leaders, key partners and community members to help Council listen and learn, as we devise a homegrown plan of action on housing for our residents."

Two panel discussions in the morning will be followed by smaller industry-themed afternoon breakout sessions for not for profits, private industry, community groups, financial and government partners to complete the day. Information and ideas discussed at these facilitated discussion tables will be gathered and collated to help inform the city's new directions and policy development regarding housing affordability. Details regarding the event program will be announced soon.

The Housing Affordability Summit is the second of three Leadership Summits being planned by the Mayor and Council in 2023. The Climate Action Summit was held in April and an Economic Development Summit to be held in the fall will be announced in coming weeks.

For more information or registration details for the one-day Housing Affordability Summit on May 30, visit the City website at www.mapleridge.ca/summit