



City of Maple Ridge News Release

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City Monitoring Camp Formation

Maple Ridge, BC: On the morning of Tuesday, May 2, 2017 a group set up a camp on a property located on the west side of 223 Street between St. Anne's Street and 117 Avenue. The camp formed quickly and appeared to be very well organized. City Bylaws staff and the RCMP attended the site immediately. The City is currently seeking legal advice and will monitor the situation closely to ensure public safety.

The City has been very proactive in working with the Province, through BC Housing and the Fraser Health Authority, and unsheltered citizens to connect people to housing and health care support.

There are currently two facilities that offer shelter to vulnerable citizens in the community, one of which is temporary. The Provincial Government through BC Housing has implemented a transition plan for the eventual closing of the temporary shelter, scheduled for May 31, 2017.

The City of Maple Ridge supports the Province of BC to move quickly to resolve this situation through the provision of shelter and housing services.