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## **Council Tours Leisure Centre & Receives Construction Timing Update**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On Monday, November 26, Mayor Morden and members of Council were given a tour through the Leisure Centre construction site to get a first hand look at the progress to date and receive a full briefing on the project timing from Michael Millward, Facilities Operation Manager for the City of Maple Ridge. Council heard that the projected completion date will be in the summer of 2019 rather than spring due to issues identified in the demolition phase of the project.

“The final product here will be incredible. The tour gave all of us on Council a taste of how the new facility will be more open, deliver privacy and security for facility users and make our Leisure Centre more accessible than ever before,” said Mayor Morden. “The pool upgrades including beach entry, waterfall, lazy river and other features will serve our citizens far into the future. We all look forward to the grand opening in 2019.”

When you walk through the site you get a sense of the magnitude of this project. Mayor Morden continued “From my experience in commercial construction, I understand it’s common to find things that will impact the project timing on a project of this size and scope. I know that our staff will continue to work with the user groups to deal with the impacts of the new construction timeline.”

“We recognize that the community is looking forward to having this facility back in operation as quickly as possible. Our team is working to balance the construction timeline and project budget to ensure that we deliver a first rate facility for our citizens. We will continue to provide project updates, and as the final completion date comes clearer we will communicate the information to citizens through our Pool Talk link on the City website. I appreciate the patience and understanding of our citizens and pool users as we complete this work,” said Mr. Millward.