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Maple Ridge Fire Department Inspects St. Anne Camp

Maple Ridge, BC: On Friday, February 8 the BC Supreme Court granted the City of Maple Ridge the authority to address the long-standing fire and life-safety issues at the St. Anne site identified by both the Maple Ridge Fire Department and, more recently, the Provincial Fire Commissioner.

On Thursday morning, February 21, as a preliminary step in bringing the site into compliance with the BC Supreme Court Order, members of the Maple Ridge Fire Department conducted an inspection of the St. Anne Camp to map out the location of all tents and structures.

The next steps will address the proximity of tents to the fences and each other, removal of accelerants, electrical connections and other materials that pose a fire safety risk on the site. The Court order also gives the City the ability to identify those who are living in the camp to determine who needs housing and any additional support services. This will also assist City staff in identifying and removing any unoccupied tents or unclaimed materials from the site.