



## City of Maple Ridge News Release

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### **BC Supreme Court Rejects Appeal of February 8, 2019 Court Order**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On Friday, March 8, the BC Court of Appeal heard an application brought by the St. Anne Camp occupants to obtain leave to appeal various elements of the February 8 Order which had been granted to the City. The February 8 Order includes authorizations for the City to enforce fire safety requirements at the St. Anne's property and to require that occupants identify themselves to the City. In addition to seeking leave to appeal, the occupants also sought an order to suspend the February 8 Order until the proposed appeal could be heard, including a suspension of the enforcement of fire safety requirements on the property. On Tuesday, March 12, Mr. Justice Fitch of the Court of Appeal ruled upon the occupants' application and dismissed it on all grounds for which an appeal had been sought. Accordingly, the February 8 Order will not proceed to an appeal and the City will continue in its enforcement of that Order of the Court.

"I would like to thank citizens for their patience as we follow the legal processes required to move forward with the work to enforce the February 8 BC Supreme Court ruling," said Mayor Morden. "This ruling from the Court of Appeal means that the original Order remains in effect and will not be moved into an appeal process. We will continue to implement the terms of Justice Grauer's Order. We will maintain our vigilance relating to fire safety on the property and will continue to work with the BC Government to house the occupants and bring the camp to an end."