

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT HAS BEEN REPRODUCED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY** and is a consolidation of the following:

1. Maple Ridge Municipal Officials Indemnification Bylaw No. 6548-2007
2. Maple Ridge Municipal Officials Indemnification Amending Bylaw No. 6577-2008

Individual copies of any of the above by-laws can be obtained by contacting the Clerk's Department.

**Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge  
Bylaw No. 6548-2008**

A Bylaw to provide for the indemnification of municipal officials

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**WHEREAS** Council may, by bylaw, provide for the indemnification of municipal officials;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient that all municipal officials be afforded protection in the exercise of their respective powers and the performance of their respective duties on behalf of the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

**Citation**

1. This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as "Maple Ridge Municipal Officials Indemnification Bylaw No. 6548-2007".

**Definitions**

2. In this bylaw:

“District” means the District of Maple Ridge

“Council” means the Council of the District of Maple Ridge

“indemnify” means the payments of amounts required or incurred

- a) to defend an action or prosecution brought against a person in connection with the exercise or intended exercise of the person's powers or the performance or intended performance of the person's duties or functions,
- b) to satisfy a judgment, award or penalty imposed in an action or prosecution referred to in paragraph (a) or
- c) in relation to an inquiry under the *Public Inquiry Act*, or to another proceeding, that involves the administration of the District or the conduct of District business

but does not extend to a fine that is imposed as a result of a municipal official's conviction that is not a strict or absolute liability offence.

“municipal official” means a person defined as such in Section 287.2 of the *Local Government Act*.

**Indemnification**

3. The District shall indemnify and continue to indemnify its municipal officials and pay legal costs incurred in a court proceeding arising out of any such claim provided that and so long as the municipal official to be indemnified:
- a) does not admit or assume liability, enter into a settlement, or enter any plea of guilt, except with the approval of Council given by resolution;

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- b) has promptly after being served with a document initiating an action or prosecution delivered a copy of the same to the District's Corporate Officer;
- c) consents in writing to the District having the sole discretion to appoint and instruct counsel, conduct all necessary investigations, to have full conduct of the defence of the claim, to enter into settlement negotiations and, where appropriate, settle the claim, action or prosecution;
- d) assists the defence, the District and the defence counsel, including by giving truthful evidence, securing information, evidence and witnesses and by cooperating with the City and defence counsel in the defence of the action or prosecution.

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**Severability**

4. If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.

**Repeal**

5. Maple Ridge Indemnification By-law No. 5886-2000 is repealed.

**READ** a first time on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008

**READ** a second on time the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008

**READ** a third time on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008

**RECONSIDERED** and **ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008

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**MAYOR**

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**CORPORATE OFFICER**