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Maple Ridge Launches Consultation on Citywide Community Amenity Contribution Program

Maple Ridge, BC: On December 7, 2015 Maple Ridge Council directed staff to obtain feedback from the general public and development community regarding the proposed Citywide Community Amenity Contribution Program. This program would see developers contribute to a special reserve fund to help provide various community amenities such as parks, sports fields, trails or community centres.

Background information and two questionnaires can be found on the Maple Ridge website at mapleridge.ca/1133/Citywide-Community-Amenity-Contribution- there are links to past reports that Council has received, including the December 7, 2015 report that provided examples of a number of other Lower Mainland communities. It also includes the Provincial guidelines, released in March 2014, for the development of Community Amenity Contribution programs noting the importance of consultation with the general public and development community to ensure there is a strong alignment of expectations and transparency for this process.

“The questionnaire will remain open until January 18, 2016 to allow time to review the information on the City website and provide feedback which will be presented to Council early in 2016,” said Frank Quinn, General Manager: Public Works & Development Services. “Our hope is that people will have a few moments over the next few weeks to review some of the background information and fill out the online questionnaire. The public is a key part in identifying and prioritizing the needs for amenities in our fast growing neighbourhoods and where we need to refresh facilities in our more established areas.”

For more information about the Citywide Community Amenity Contribution Program please contact Jim Charlebois, Manager of Community Planning at jcharlebois@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-467-7471.