

## City of Maple Ridge News Release

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## Maple Ridge Hospital Reviewing Parking Rates & Invites Public Feedback

Maple Ridge, BC: On January 19, 2017, Maple Ridge Mayor Nicole Read met with Mr. Geoff Roberts, Director of Parking for Fraser Health, to outline concerns that have been expressed by citizens about paid parking at the Maple Ridge Hospital.

During the meeting, Mayor Read covered several issues with Mr. Roberts, relaying concerns from the public, seniors in particular, about high hourly rates and the challenges predicting length of stay.

Mr. Roberts committed to reviewing the parking rate structure. He also encouraged Maple Ridge citizens to contact Fraser Health to share their stories and concerns about hospital parking. Mayor Read encourages citizens to contact <a href="mailto:parking@fraserhealth.ca">parking@fraserhealth.ca</a>.

Mayor Read will follow-up on the items covered in the meeting and will stay engaged with Mr. Roberts to receive updates on concerns raised by the public. "I want to thank Mr. Roberts for allowing me the opportunity to bring the concerns of our public forward. This is an important issue for our citizens and for our Council and I am hopeful that we can achieve a reduction in parking rates at our hospital," said the Mayor.