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Albion Community Centre Design Contract Awarded

Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, July 25 Council moved the Albion Community Centre project to the next step with the award of the contract for architectural design services to Craven Huston Power Architects. The Albion Community Centre will be co-located with the new \$24.4 million elementary school project announced in February of 2017. The site of the school and community centre is in the 24100 block of 104 Avenue.

"The pitch for the new school involved a strong collaboration and community engagement with School District No. 42. The strength of the business case we presented is a model for how all levels of government can work together to create the best value for citizens," said Mayor Read. "Citizens from Albion came out and told us what they wanted in their neighbourhood and the architects will be consulting with all of the partners and community to bring back a design to turn this dream into a reality."

"In February of 2016 the City of Maple Ridge held a joint community consultation at Albion Elementary School where the community helped shape the general concept for the facility. In the coming weeks we will work with the architectural firm to re-engage the neighbourhood, our colleagues at School District No. 42, our First Nations and other stakeholders to ensure we present Council with a strong design and financial model later this fall," said Senior Recreation Manager Don Cramb, the City liaison for this project.

For more information about the Albion Community Centre project timeline please contact Don Cramb by email at <u>dcramb@mapleridge.ca</u> or by phone at 604-463-5221.