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Maple Ridge Signs Letter of Intent with Community Land Trust to Advance Affordable Housing Project

Maple Ridge, BC: Council is working together with the Co-operative Housing Federation of BC (CHF BC) and the Community Land Trust (CLT) towards the development of an affordable housing project on City owned lands in Maple Ridge.

"The City is really pleased to announce this commitment with the CLT. These projects take time to get off the ground. I want to applaud all of Council for their strong commitment in taking steps outlined under our Community Social Safety Plan that will deliver housing for seniors, those living with disabilities and young families struggling with affordability," said Mayor Morden. "This is a product of many options explored by Council since elected. Council thanks our MP and staff for their support in bringing this partnership together. The CHF BC and CLT are very skilled in this area and bring an extensive background in the delivery of successful housing projects in the province."

"We applaud the Mayor and Council of Maple Ridge for taking this initiative," said Thom Armstrong, executive director of CHF BC and the CLT. "We look forward to working with the City to explore a development opportunity for new, permanent affordable homes in the community."

Staff are working with the Co-operative Housing Federation of BC, through the Community Land Trust, to develop a Memorandum of Understanding that will guide the collaboration towards the development of a detailed proposal. Once the full proposal has been developed the City can explore funding opportunities from senior levels of government.