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## Council Approves 225 Street Pump Station for Phase 2 of Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade

Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, June 23, Council awarded a contract for the upgrade of the 225 Street Sanitary Pump Station which was constructed in 1979. This \$2.8 million dollar project is part of a multi-phase program designed to increase capacity of the City's sanitary sewer network and modernize control systems to meet the demands of growth, both in the town centre and east Maple Ridge.

Phase 1 is nearing completion as the Province finishes the Haney Bypass upgrades. Phase 2, the 225 Street Pump Station upgrades, will begin this summer with projected completion in 2021. The City received a grant of almost \$1 million from the Province of BC which was used to prepurchase the pumps for this phase of the project. Phase 3, currently in the design phase, will involve the expansion of the system east from 221 Street to meet up with an existing sewer main at Steeves Street and River Road.

"This work will make the system safer, more environmentally sound, more efficient and provides capacity for the growth in our community that's anticipated over the next 40 years," said Director of Engineering, Josh Mickleborough.

This work ties in with investments being made by Metro Vancouver on the construction of a new pump station and storage tank near the Golden Ears Bridge, the point where Maple Ridge's sanitary sewer system connects with the regional waste water treatment network.