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## **Leisure Centre Retrofit Construction Project Begins in April 2018**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** Council has approved the award of contract for the Leisure Centre retrofit project. The work will begin in April and is projected to last 13 months. The exact closure date will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

“Our Leisure Centre hosts over a quarter million customer visits a year and the aquatic facilities are a very well used part of our facility. When the pool reopens in 2019 it will look and feel like a completely new facility.” said Christa Balatti, Recreation Manager Health & Wellness. “The first thing that people will notice is the ‘walk in’ beach style access to the leisure pool, a new lazy river feature, a bubbling play area for toddlers, an amazing new accessible hot tub and the much loved waterfall feature will be restored. The inviting new lobby will lead customers to the pool deck and the new modern change rooms. The old mechanical and electrical systems behind the scenes will be upgraded to meet current operating standards for improved efficiency and customer comfort. We look forward to the grand reopening and the big reveal of these great new features.”

A plan has been developed and will roll out to assist frequent pool users during the retrofit. Extended hours at the Hammond Pool, the use of facilities in neighbouring communities and shuttle service are included in the plan.

“Our team will adjust the plan as required to meet the needs of customers during the construction period. We greatly appreciate everyone’s patience and cooperation as this work is being completed. This is a very exciting renewal for the best used public facility in our community,” said Ms. Balatti.

The Greg Moore Youth Centre, Fitness Centre and Gymnasium will all remain open and offer regular programming throughout the construction.

For more information on the Leisure Centre retrofit please contact Christa Balatti by email at [cbalatti@mapleridge.ca](mailto:cbalatti@mapleridge.ca) or by phone at 604-467-7310. If you have questions, or would like more information about the improvements to the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre please go to [mapleridge.ca/1718](http://mapleridge.ca/1718) and if you would like to view the 'Customer Accommodation Plan' please go to [mapleridge.ca/1810](http://mapleridge.ca/1810) or email [pooltalk@mapleridge.ca](mailto:pooltalk@mapleridge.ca).