



# City of Maple Ridge News Release

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## City of Maple Ridge Issues Statement on BC Housing Announcement

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On Wednesday, March 20, the BC Government announced they will proceed with the construction of 51 new temporary modular units on a property that they own at 11749 Burnett Street in Maple Ridge.

“I am troubled by this arbitrary decision made without significant dialogue on the City’s Social Housing Plan recommendations,” said Mayor Mike Morden. “Our expectation was that City and Provincial staff would work through a process together, gather the facts, overcome obstacles and make recommendations to address the immediate and long term needs in our community.”

He continued, “Our Council has not rejected any housing proposals from the Province. We were surprised at the ultimatum to develop a Social Housing Plan with less than a week’s notice, however we rolled up our sleeves and delivered a workable plan that reflects our first hand knowledge of the situation here in Maple Ridge.”

“We understand that the Province has the jurisdiction to act unilaterally. I had hoped that our face-to-face meeting with five cabinet Ministers on February 25, our Social Housing Plan recommendations and our commitment to work together would result in a diverse housing plan for our community. Council has been, and remains, resolved to safe community, camp closure and working together with senior government to ensure help is available to those who need it,” said the Mayor.