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## Ridge Meadows Recycling Donated Three Zero Waste Stations to City

Maple Ridge, BC: The Ridge Meadows Recycling Society (RMRS) has donated three Zero Waste Stations to the City of Maple Ridge. City Parks Operations and Community Events staff has installed the Zero Waste Stations in Memorial Peace Park to ensure that more waste from large community events held in the park is diverted from landfills into the recycling stream.

"We tested the concept of the Zero Waste Stations as part of the last couple of 'Earth Day' events at Memorial Peace Park. We've refined our messages and are confident that these new bins can all but eliminate the need for 'garbage cans.' We are so proud that the City has made them a permanent part of the heart of our community. It's been a wonderful collaboration," said Kim Day, Executive Director of Ridge Meadows Recycling Society (RMRS).

"We were able to install the new Zero Waste Stations in late October in time for Celebrate the Night, Remembrance Day and the upcoming Christmas in the Park & Santa Claus Parade. The stations have an educational component that helps citizens understand what items can be diverted from the waste stream into recycling. I applaud the RMRS for the development work they did on the Zero Waste Stations. They are a hit with our citizens and help ensure that our parks remain clean and reflects the City's values around recycling and sustainability," said Erin Gorby, Manager of Parks & Open Spaces.

For more information about the Zero Waste Stations and RMRS programs please visit their website at <u>rmrecycling.org</u>. For information on upcoming community events go to City website at <u>mapleridge.ca/calendar.aspx</u>.