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Maple Ridge Acquires Whonnock Lake Property

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge has purchased a piece of waterfront property on Whonnock Lake for approximately \$2 million as part of a long term strategic plan to acquire all of the properties on the shoreline. The long term goal is to protect the lake ecosystem and foreshore and potentially develop a trail network around the lake that would act as an amenity for both hiking and interpretive walks.

"In the coming weeks we will be having a ceremony to celebrate the completion of upgrades to Whonnock Lake that were done last year. Improvements to the parking, landscaping, family picnic areas and the playgrounds have brought new life to this magnificent park," said Mayor Nicole Read. "This purchase furthers our long term goals of preserving the entire lake ecosystem and developing a trail network to promote exploration, environmental education and active lifestyles. This is an investment for our future."

The property is located at 27610 Dewdney Trunk Road.

For more information about the Whonnock Lake property purchase please contact David Boag, Director of Parks & Facilities at dboag@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-467-7344.