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Joint Community Consultation for Potential New Albion School and Community Centre Begins on February 10, 2016

Maple Ridge, BC: School District No. 42 and the City of Maple Ridge will kick off a joint community consultation with a public workshop on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Albion Elementary School. This workshop will explore ideas for a potential new school, a neighbourhood learning centre and a potential community centre for the fast growing Albion neighbourhood.

“We are excited to have this important opportunity to work with the City of Maple Ridge and our community on defining a vision for a neighbourhood centre in Albion. We have known for awhile that there is a need for a new school in the area, and we are pleased to invite the community to envision what that new school, a neighbourhood learning centre and a potential community centre may look like.” said Mike Murray, School Board Chair. “The School District and the City of Maple Ridge have a long history of working together to maximize the taxpayers’ investment in schools, park spaces and other facilities. Our collaboration on this project will once again ensure that we maximize the value of publicly funded facilities for our community”.

“The Albion neighbourhood is one of the fastest growing areas of the region and we are very proud to join with our colleagues on the Board of Education to work together to move from advocacy to the public engagement that will help us develop a strong business case around the development of a new school and community centre for our citizens,” said Mayor Nicole Read. “This is the ideal collaboration and reflects the shared vision of Council and the Board of Education around creating a special place for the citizens of this neighbourhood. Once approved, this project will represent a significant investment by the BC Government, and by partnering with the School District we can leverage the strengths of both organizations to deliver

community facilities needed in the Albion area. We all look forward to hearing all ideas from people in our community around the vision they have for this project.”

The community consultation process will begin with the February 10, 2016 workshop hosted at Albion Elementary School. Citizens from all corners of the City are invited to participate in the workshop. The community consultation will include outreach to specific community stakeholders and online surveys. For further information about the process please visit www.mapleridge.ca/1147 or www.sd42.ca/yourvoice42.

To pre-register to attend the February 10 workshop please email register@sd42.ca.

For more information about the upcoming Community Workshop or the joint consultation process please contact Kelly Swift, General Manager: Community Development, Parks & Recreation Services at kswift@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-467-7337. The Board of Education contact is Karen Yoxall, Executive Assistant to the Board at Karen_yoxall@sd42.ca or by phone at 604-466-6232.