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## **Online Survey Launched to Gather Feedback on Potential New School and Community Centre in Albion**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On February 10, 2016 the City of Maple Ridge and School District No. 42 launched a public consultation process to explore ideas for a potential new school housing a neighbourhood learning centre and a potential community centre for the fast growing Albion neighbourhood. Over 100 community members registered for the event.

“This is an important partnership between the City and the School District to deliver the facilities that this growing neighbourhood needs. The energy, enthusiasm and passion of the workshop participants was inspiring,” said Mayor Nicole Read. “The evening ended with representatives from each table group presenting their top ideas. What added to the wonderful energy of the evening was the way that most of the table groups encouraged their youth facilitator to go to the microphones to share the top ideas. What we saw emerge from the dialogue was a vision for a community gathering place that suits the unique needs of the Albion Area and the opportunities of the proposed site.”

The next step of the process is an online survey that will provide citizens from throughout Maple Ridge with the opportunity to add their voice to the consultation process. The presentation materials that were part of an introduction to the workshop attendees are embedded in the survey. Here is the link to the survey [www.surveymonkey.com/r/yourvoice42](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yourvoice42).

This survey will be live until Monday, February 15, 2016. The information gathered from the workshop and the online survey will be used to develop a high level concept that will be presented at an Open House which will be held at Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School, located at 10445 245 Street, on Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 9:00

pm. This will allow citizens to review the high level concept and provide additional feedback. Following the Open House there will be a second online survey to ensure that everyone in the community has a chance to provide further input on the concept. As the development of the final concept and business plan progresses Council will ensure that there is a public approval process relating to the City's portion of the project before it proceeds.

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