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City of Maple Ridge Responds to Supportive Housing Announcement

Maple Ridge, BC: “With the shelter closure date fast approaching, and anxiety in our community and vulnerable population rising, the City welcomes BC Housing’s announcement surrounding supportive housing and the inclusion of public consultation within the process. Council believes that mental health and addiction services must underpin the operations of this supportive housing complex in order to adequately meet the needs of its future residents,” said Mayor Nicole Read.

On Thursday, March 10 the B.C. government announced; The B.C. government is providing \$270,000 to allow the 40-bed temporary shelter in Maple Ridge to remain open until the end of June 2016. The three month extension will ensure that vulnerable individuals continue to have access to a warm, safe place to stay, while permanent housing solutions are being arranged.

To this end, the Province has made an offer to purchase the Quality Inn for approximately \$5.5 million. The building will provide 61 units of long-term supportive housing for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including people currently at the temporary shelter.

The purchase will be finalized in early May. BC Housing will hold a public meeting later this month, prior to the close of the sale, for local residents who have questions about the project. Details will be made available as soon as possible.

Located at 21735 Lougheed Highway, the building is expected to open in June, following renovations.

The original BC Government media release can be found at this link;

news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016MNGD0007-000359

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