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Maple Ridge Celebrates New Rainbow Crosswalk

Maple Ridge, BC: On Thursday, July 28 the City of Maple Ridge will celebrate the installation of the Rainbow Crosswalk on 224 Street and Haney Place with a community BBQ, hosted by PLEA Community Services Society of BC, at the bandstand in Memorial Peace Park from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. At 1:00 pm citizens are asked to join in a special dedication walk that will loop from the bandstand across 224 Street at McIntosh Avenue and then south along 224 Street to cross the new Rainbow Crosswalk back to the bandstand.

The Rainbow Crosswalk was installed on Monday, July 25 between 2:00 and 6:00 pm. The special Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) application or thermal polymer surface is durable to the busy traffic on 224 Street and also provides a safe footing for pedestrians and cyclists. A number of people gathered spontaneously to watch the installation and eagerly awaited the opportunity to walk across when the thermal polymer surface had cured at 6:00 pm.

“I had the chance to walk over to see the crosswalk before Tuesday’s Council meeting and it was wonderful to see people posing for photos and walking their families across the new Rainbow Crosswalk,” said Mayor Nicole Read. “The response has been overwhelmingly positive and affirms that our community understands and embraces the importance of being an inclusive and supportive City for our LGBTQ citizens. When we started this process we were reacting to a tragedy in Florida and on Thursday this crosswalk becomes the focus of a celebration of tolerance, love and respect in Maple Ridge. I invite everyone down to be part of the dedication walk. This will be a very special day for Maple Ridge.”

For more information on the BBQ and Dedication Walk please contact Wilf Leung, PLEA by email at wleung@plea.bc.ca or at 604-476-2820. For more information on the Rainbow Crosswalk please contact Yvonne Chui, Recreation Manager Arts & Community Connections at ychui@mapleridge.ca or by calling 604-463-5221