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City Enters into Agreement to Purchase 21375 Lougheed Highway

Maple Ridge, BC: On Monday, June 20, 2016, Council agreed to a BC Housing proposal to address homelessness in Maple Ridge. The proposal included;

- 1) BC Housing to assume the lease of the temporary shelter.
- 2) BC Housing to construct an interim housing facility to replace the temporary shelter.
- 3) BC Housing to spend \$15 million to develop a permanent purpose built housing solution provided the City supplies the land.

The City of Maple Ridge has entered into an agreement to purchase the property located at 21375 Lougheed Highway, just east of the intersection at Laity Street, as a potential site for both the interim housing facility and the purpose built permanent housing facility. The current temporary shelter on Lougheed Highway east of 222 Street will be closed once the interim housing facility is open.

The property being purchased backs on to the Maple Ridge Cemetery and is across the street from the Ridge Meadows Hospital site. The purchase price for the property is just over \$1 million and the City is working towards completion by the end of August. Property negotiations are conducted as part of Closed Council Meetings. As negotiations have now been completed, the identification of the property being purchased can now be made public.

The use of this property for both the interim and permanent housing projects requires a rezoning from its current Residential Zoning to Institutional Use. The normal rezoning process will be followed including:

- a) A Development Information Meeting hosted by BC Housing & the City of Maple Ridge
- b) Consideration of First and Second readings of the Zoning Bylaw
- c) A Public Hearing relating to the Rezoning and Proposed Use
- d) Consideration of Third Reading of the Zoning Bylaw
- e) Consideration of Final Reading (Approval) of the Zoning Bylaw

If Council decides not to approve the Rezoning Application, the land will be considered for other community uses or it may be put back on the market and sold.

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