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### **MC Freight Delivers New Business to Maple Ridge**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** For Graham McCargar, owner of MC Freight, managing logistics and tight delivery schedules is all in a day's work. Mr. McCargar recently put those skills to full use by finishing the construction of his new office building, relocating his business to Maple Ridge, and welcoming a new addition to his family all at the same time. "December was a busy month," says McCargar, "but I'm glad to finally be settled in."

"I've lived in Maple Ridge for nine years and I started looking for the opportunity to relocate the business from Port Coquitlam closer to home. I ran the numbers and the best business case was to build rather than lease, and when I saw this property located right at the western edge of Maple Ridge Industrial Park the plan quickly came together," said McCargar.

"I really wanted to design this building to encourage interaction and collaboration among staff," says McCargar. "We wanted a bright, modern industrial design with open-concept work spaces and gathering places to encourage team work and relationship building."

The new building is also designed to allow MC Freight to expand. "I wanted to make sure that we had room to grow so this building was built with that in mind," says McCargar. "I have about 25 staff now and would like to have 70 in the future."

McCargar also notes that staff are really happy about the amount of natural light, views and location of the new office. "We designed the building to take advantage of the view of the Golden Ears Bridge, and we have a fantastic view of the Golden Ears mountains as well. We also wanted high open ceilings, skylights and lots of windows to let the light in."

McCargar hosted Mayor Nicole Read, Councillor Craig Speirs and a number of City staff on a tour of his new facility in early February. “We are very pleased to be able to have our Council come out and meet business owners in the community to hear their stories,” said Lino Siracusa, Manager of Economic Development “The face-to-face visits are part of a strategy to get input from local business leaders on how the City can attract and support entrepreneurs investing in Maple Ridge.”

“We are very proud to have MC Freight in Maple Ridge and it was such a pleasure to meet Graham and his staff during the visit. All of us were impressed with how MC Freight is coordinating the shipping of goods all around the world from this beautiful new building,” said Mayor Read. “It was inspiring to meet Graham who is investing in our community both as an entrepreneur and as a parent raising his growing family.”

For more information about the business visit program please contact Lino Siracusa, Manager of Economic Development for the City of Maple Ridge by phone at 604-467-7319 or by email at [lsiracusa@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lsiracusa@mapleridge.ca).

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#### Background Information on MC Freight:

- Provides third-party logistics and supply chain management services
- Started in 1986 by Ken McCargar; Graham McCargar purchased the business in 2007
- Approximately 25 employees
- Relocated from Port Coquitlam to Maple Ridge in December 2016
- Needed additional space to accommodate growth
- Attracted to Maple Ridge due to availability of land, incentives/business friendly government and location (near transportation routes, good for staff)
- Primarily an office function with a small warehouse component
- New building qualified for Employment Land Investment Incentive Program
- Was built on one of the last vacant properties in Maple Meadows Business Park