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Parks, Recreation and Culture Infrastructure Enhancements

Maple Ridge, BC: In November 2016 our Parks, Recreation & Culture division launched the “Community Facilities Conversation” to introduce the community to the suite of infrastructure projects that were being proposed to achieve the vision for a high quality of life in Maple Ridge.

On Tuesday, July 12 Council developed a plan that addresses the gaps identified in the 2010 Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan. The projects that have been selected respond to the community’s desire to take a balanced approach to planning, including enhancements to existing assets. A number of these projects will proceed relatively quickly to deliver much needed facility improvements to the community such as: the conversion of two grass fields to synthetic, Leisure Centre upgrades and the development of the Albion Community Centre which is currently in progress. Some projects will move forward subject to public approval on borrowing the necessary funds to cover the costs of these projects.

Council has approved the following projects to move forward:

1. Neighbourhood Amenities
 - a. Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places
 - b. Hammond Community Centre Improvements
 - c. Ridge Canoe and Kayak Improvements (Whonnock Lake)
 - d. Albion Neighbourhood Learning and Community Centre
2. Ice Facilities Expansion – add a fourth sheet of ice located at Planet Ice
3. Maple Ridge Secondary School Track Facility Upgrade

It is the desire of Council to support those projects that will directly benefit youth and families in Maple Ridge as that was some of the feedback that was received from the Community Facilities Conversation process that led to these decisions.

“All of us on Council are grateful to everyone in the community who participated throughout the consultation process and provided us with their feedback,” said Mayor Read. “This is just the starting point of identifying the top projects that can now get underway and we look forward to seeing these develop in the coming weeks.”

Staff will also be gathering information on the capital costs for the Youth Wellness Centre and post-secondary space as well as locations for an indoor running track.

Staff will develop funding models for the approved projects which will be presented to Council for consideration.

If you require any additional information please contact Don Cramb, Senior Recreation Manager at dcramb@mapleridge.ca or by calling 604-467-7466.