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Council Approves Community Consultation on Indoor Pool

Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, August 1, Council directed staff to develop a consultation program to engage the community around the development of an indoor pool facility.

“Over a year ago we held a community engagement at Albion Elementary School with our partners at School District No. 42 to collaborate with community stakeholders brainstorming ideas of what a new Albion Community Centre should look like,” said Mayor Nicole Read. “From the youth who participate in aquatic sports competitively or for recreation to the adults who use the pool for fitness, injury recovery and recreation, we need to take the same approach as we did with the Albion consultation. The goal is to bring everyone to the table to create a vision of what our community needs and expects in a modern indoor pool facility. With that foundation, Council can determine where this project fits into our timeline and financial capacity for the development of facilities to serve this fast growing community.”

“I had the opportunity to witness the community meeting that occurred last year when members of the Albion neighbourhood, as well as interested citizens from around the city, came together to articulate a vision for the proposed community centre. The work of School District No. 42 youth leadership team at that event helped remind all the participants that it is the young citizens, who often don’t have a voice in these discussions, who benefit most from investing in new facilities and programs. Staff will bring back a report with recommendations on the format and timing for a similar event relating to an indoor pool in the early fall,” said Maple Ridge CAO Ted Swabey.

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