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Maple Ridge Begins Public Consultation on Secondary Suites

Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, September 19, Maple Ridge Council directed staff to begin a consultation program to determine the community's views on expanding the availability of secondary suites in Maple Ridge in order to increase rental housing stock for the community.

"Housing availability and affordability is a significant issue in the region and Council is looking for the public's input on proposals for expanding where secondary suites are allowed. Opinions will be sought on whether suites should only be allowed in owner-occupied properties and whether people support both secondary suites and detached garden homes where lots are the appropriate size," said Mayor Nicole Read. "We recognize that there are impacts in neighbourhoods that have a high proportion of suites, especially regarding parking, so this community conversation is an important step in developing recommendations on how we can balance the needs around housing availability and the quality of life in our neighbourhoods."

The community engagement program will be presented to the community at a community Open House where staff will be available to answer questions and gather feedback using in-person surveys. Those surveys will also be available online at mapleridge.ca and publicized in the City's print and digital advertising channels. The proposals will also include workshops with professionals in the construction industry, developers and regulatory bodies to determine the implications of proposed changes to the existing regulations

The consultation program will be launched later in 2017 and recommendations will come back before Council early in 2018.

For more information about the secondary suite review please contact Brent Elliott, Manager of Community Planning, by email at belliot@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-463-5221.