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Council Briefed on Outdoor Pool Consultation

Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, September 19, 2017 Council received a briefing by Paul Fast from HCMA Architecture and Design on the community consultation that is underway to explore the development of a new 10 lane 25-metre competition pool facility located east of Thomas Haney Secondary west of 232 Street adjacent to the Maple Ridge lawn Bowling and tennis facilities.

The presentation outlined suggestions and comments received from aquatic sports organizations, lawn bowling and tennis user groups and residents in the surrounding neighbourhood at the Open House held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Mr. Fast presented two concepts, a 'Baseline' project proposal that would see the site accommodate a competition pool, pool decks, washrooms, change rooms, mechanical plant and parking to the minimum standards required for a project of this type. The estimated cost for this concept was \$7.9 million.

Council also viewed an 'Enhanced' project concept that addressed the input from stakeholder groups and the neighbouring community. This concept envisions larger washroom and change room facilities, larger pool decks and a landscaped terrace north of the pool as well as enhanced landscaping to minimize the impact for neighbours. The estimated cost for this concept was \$11.5 million.

Mr. Fast noted that both concepts included geotechnical work that would require the removal of approximately two metres of fill from the site and the requirement to bring in structural fill required to support the new pool. He also recommended that a traffic study be done to address concerns expressed by residents in the immediate neighbourhood around traffic speeds, traffic volume and parking impacts for the proposed project.

Council was also given the projected range of construction timeline estimates from a low of nine months using a 'construction management' process versus 12 months for a 'design build' project management process.

Council directed staff to bring a report back to Council at the next Workshop that outlines the steps necessary to move the project forward. That report is scheduled to come back to Council on October 3, 2017.

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