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Council Reviewing Proposed Outdoor Pool Project at Tuesday Council Workshop Meeting

Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, October 3, 2017, Maple Ridge Council will review a report that outlines the options for the delivery of an outdoor pool. Based on the information, Council will decide if and how the project will proceed.

On September 19, 2017, HCMA Architecture and Design presented Council with a conceptual plan for a new outdoor pool facility located on property east of Thomas Haney Secondary School collocated, with existing lawn bowling and tennis facilities. Council asked staff to bring back a report outlining options on how the enhanced concept design, estimated at \$11.5 million (+/- 25%), could be built with a completion date on or near May 1, 2018. This date reflects the desire to have a competition facility available while the renovations to the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre's aquatic facilities are underway for all of 2018.

The City secured the services of Titanium Project Ltd., who have expertise in the construction of both indoor and outdoor pool facilities in the region. The firm also has experience in the development of expedited project management processes. They have prepared a report that analyzes project management options to achieve an outdoor pool project in the timeliest manner, as well as risks associated with each option.

The written report from Titanium Projects Ltd. is part of the October 3 Council Workshop agenda package. It notes that with the accelerated project management process and by using the 'Myrtha Pool Liner', the earliest the project could be completed is May 11, 2018. With a concrete pool tank the project could be ready by June 13, 2018. This means that the use of the 'Myrtha Pool Liner' saves approximately four to five weeks in terms of time. However the report outlines a number of risks associated with this project that would extend the completion date from the May and June estimates. These include weather related construction delays, delays

from partner agencies such as BC Hydro, Fortis or Fraser Health whose cooperation would be critical to meet an accelerated schedule. The report notes that this schedule requires an almost immediate start to ensure that geotechnical and structural work is done to support the structure.

The pool would be open for use by these dates however the change rooms, ancillary buildings and additional parking would not be available until the fall of 2018. Temporary change rooms would be installed as an interim measure.

A representative of Titanium Projects Ltd. will be at the Council Workshop to make a presentation on the report and to answer Council's questions.

The report indicates that the project estimate of \$11.5 million (+/- 25%), is achievable and represents a funding range of between \$8.6 and \$14.4 million. The report notes that the costs associated with ensuring that the facility could be covered in the future have not been included in the estimate. Allowing for these improvements in the future will extend the timelines and increase the budget.

If Council decides to proceed with the outdoor pool, citizens will have the opportunity to approve the borrowing of money for the project through a formal 'assent of electors' petition process.

The Council Workshop meeting is open to the public and will be live-streamed on the City website starting at 6:00 pm. The live stream link is available at mapleridge.ca. A copy of the Titanium Projects Ltd. report is included as part of the Council Workshop Agenda package, Item 5.1, at mapleridge.ca/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/10032017-2942.

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