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Public to Have Its Say on Whether the City Should Offer Road Side Waste Pickup

Maple Ridge, BC: Whether the city should offer road side waste pickup (garbage and organics) has been a topic of discussion in the community for quite some time. There have been strong opinions expressed on both sides of the debate. On Tuesday, October 3, 2017, Maple Ridge Council voted to put that question to the public as part of the 2018 Municipal election.

“The citizens should have a say in whether or not the city should offer this service” said Mayor Nicole Read. “Once the new Council is elected, they will have the results of the plebiscite to guide them on how they wish to proceed. Prior to the question going to the public, we will make sure that we provide accurate pricing so that the public can make an informed vote,” she added.

Laurie Darcus, Manager of Legislative Services & Emergency Program for the City of Maple Ridge, explained that the results of the plebiscite are not legally binding, The plebiscite is a poll that the future Council can use to determine if there is a public appetite to proceed with garbage pick-up. If the new Council decides to proceed, citizens in the proposed service area will have a say as part of the approval process.

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