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City of Maple Ridge Reaches Agreement to Address Safety Issues at St. Anne Camp

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge has reached an agreement with the lawyers representing the occupants of the St. Anne Camp to address the life safety issues at the site. These life safety issues for the people living at the Camp were at the core of the City's decision to resume the injunction process last month. The agreement will be jointly presented by the parties tomorrow to the British Columbia Supreme Court, with a request that the Court issue a Consent Order to make the agreement binding on the parties.

The agreement will address the steps that will be taken to reconfigure the Camp to address life safety issues identified as part of the regular inspections of the site.

If the Consent Order is granted, the City will agree to the defendant's request for an adjournment of the portion of the injunction requesting the removal of the camp. This will provide the Province, through BC Housing, time to assist with developing a plan to provide a housing solution for the occupants.

Throughout the discussions, the City has urged BC Housing to engage in a public dialogue around possible solutions and that this should be done before sites are selected. This is to allow citizens to get answers to questions they have around housing and health care supports and neighbourhood impacts.

The City will provide a further update tomorrow.