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Next Steps for Foundry Ridge Meadows (Maple Ridge Youth Wellness Centre)

Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, December 5 Maple Ridge Council reviewed a concept plan for a possible addition to the Greg Moore Youth Centre to create a permanent home for the newly announced Foundry Ridge Meadows, a partnership between Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services and Foundry.

“Council has directed staff to work with Foundry Ridge Meadows to develop a funding strategy to take the next step in creating a permanent home for a Foundry centre. This group will explore fundraising programs, senior government grants and private foundation grant opportunities to fund this project,” said Mayor Read. “This grass roots community initiative is changing the trajectory of lives for young citizens. All of us on Council are excited about the possibilities that this new partnership brings.”

On Monday, December 4, the Province of British Columbia, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services and Foundry announced that the Maple Ridge Youth Wellness Centre has been selected to be part of the growing provincial network of youth health service providers. The announcement includes a start-up grant of \$400,000 and a commitment of \$500,000 of annual operational funding. Foundry Ridge Meadows, led by Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services, will build on and expand existing services to align with Foundry’s model which provides young people aged 12-24 with enhanced access to primary care, mental health and substance use services, social services (e.g. housing and income assistance) and family and youth peer supports.

For more information on the Maple Ridge Youth Wellness Centre and Foundry Ridge Meadows please contact Tony Cotroneo, Manager of Community Services, by email at tcotroneo@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-467-7392.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Foundry media release - foundrybc.ca/ridge-meadows-joins-foundry-network/

PROJECT RENDERINGS:

These architectural renderings were presented by HCMA Architects.

