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City Begins Site Preparation for new Albion Community Centre

Maple Ridge, BC: On December 11, 2018 Council voted to move forward with the Albion Community Centre project. The next phase of the project, the major site and earth works, will be going to tender so that this work can be completed in advance of the anticipated opening of c̓əsq̓ənele Elementary School in the Fall of 2019.

“Council appreciates the approach that’s being taken with this project to balance the construction impacts to students at the new school site with the opportunity to apply for substantial grants that will offset the total cost to our local taxpayers,” said Maple Ridge Mayor Mike Morden. “This approach will result in a finished building that fulfills all of the needs of the neighbourhood and the potential user groups; has a lower annual operating cost thanks to numerous sustainability features; and attracts investment and partnerships from other levels of government.”

“The Albion neighbourhood is one of the fastest growing areas in Maple Ridge, and the new elementary school and community centre will create an important social and cultural hub for the neighbourhood. The theatre component, with both the outdoor amphitheatre and indoor performance space will be a popular spot for the performing and visual arts, drawing audiences from across the community,” he added.