



## City of Maple Ridge News Release

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### Inspection Notices Posted at St. Anne Camp

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On Friday, February 8 the BC Supreme Court granted the City of Maple Ridge the authority to address the long-standing fire and life-safety issues at the St. Anne site identified by both the Maple Ridge Fire Department and, more recently, the Provincial Fire Commissioner.

On Friday, February 22, occupants of the camp were provided with 24 hour notice that all tents and structures will be inspected for prohibited materials as outlined in the BC Supreme Court order.

The inspections are intended to identify ignition sources and accelerants such as propane tanks, gas cans, fuels, generators, electrical connections and other fire hazards on the site. Prohibited items will be removed and safely disposed by the City.

Once the site has been cleared of these items, work will begin to address the fire safety risks associated with the proximity of tents and structures to the fence and each other, to ensure compliance with the BC Supreme Court Order.

When City staff arrived on the site Friday morning the electrical service had been tampered with and was exposed to the elements. The power was disconnected as a safety measure. Once it has been repaired and certified as safe the power can be restored by BC Hydro. Dog kennels were loaned to the camp occupants for voluntary use to provide safety for the pets and all of the people on the site.

The text of the Inspection and Identification Notice handed out today is attached to this release.

St. Anne's/Anita Place Encampment

City of Maple Ridge

# INSPECTION AND IDENTIFICATION NOTICE

Date of this Notice: **FEBRUARY 22, 2019**

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This tent, shelter or structure has been assigned Shelter # C - \_\_\_\_\_

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** pursuant to the February 8, 2019 Order of Mr. Justice Grauer of the British Columbia Supreme Court (the "Court Order") and; Section 16 of the *Community Charter*, SBC 2003, c. 26, on **FEBRUARY 23, 2019** between **9:00 AM** and **3:00 PM** the interior and exterior of this Shelter will be inspected by the City of Maple Ridge.

The purpose of the inspection will be to identify and remedy any aspects of this Shelter or its contents which are out of compliance with the Fire Safety Regulations and/or *Fire Services Act* Order, which form part of the Court Order.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** the properties comprising the St. Anne's/Anita Place Encampment are owned and lawfully occupied by the City of Maple Ridge, and that the City has prohibited the entry onto these lands and the occupation or use of these lands by any person for the purposes of sheltering or as a place of abode.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** if this shelter is regularly occupied as the place of usual abode by a person who desires to be transitioned to housing, that person should be present during the inspection period noted above, in order to be identified both pursuant to the terms of the Court Order; and Section 6 of the *Trespass Act*, RSBC 2018, c. 3.

Identification may **only** be provided by:

1. Producing valid Government-issued photo identification; or
2. Providing your full legal name and being photographed by a representative of the City.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** a person who seeks to be transitioned to housing and who provides identification to the City and identifies their specific shelter to the City will be identified by the City as a "Verified Occupant".

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** any person who is not identified by the City as a Verified Occupant will be prohibited from occupying the St. Anne's/Anita Place Encampment.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** the contents of any campsite area, including any shelter and its contents thereupon, may be removed by the City if it is not identified by a Verified Occupant as their place of usual abode.

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