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City Activates Emergency Support Services to Provide Temporary Shelter For St Anne Camp Occupants Impacted By Evacuation Order

Maple Ridge, BC: Late Friday afternoon, March 1, the City of Maple Ridge was advised that an Evacuation Order was issued for the St. Anne Camp site by the Provincial Fire Commissioner after an application by Maple Ridge Fire Chief Howard Exner.

On Saturday, March 2 the City of Maple Ridge activated the Emergency Support Services (ESS) team to provide a Reception Centre for the people occupying the St. Anne Camp who are being evacuated from the site. The Reception Centre will be located on Lougheed Highway east of 222 Avenue where the Salvation Army has been providing emergency cold weather beds. The ESS team consists of City staff supported by trained volunteers.

As they do in any emergency situation, the team will check people into the Reception Centre and assess their needs. People in the care of the ESS team will be provided with meals and a warm and safe place to sleep.

The Reception Centre opened at 12:00 pm on Saturday, March 2 and will be operated for 48 hours until the Salvation Army, BC Housing's Maple Ridge service provider for emergency housing support, can activate local resources to provide social support services.

The City of Maple Ridge is committed to working with the BC Housing to find long term solutions to address the housing needs in our community.