



City of Maple Ridge News Release

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Update: St. Anne Camp Evacuation

Maple Ridge, BC: The Maple Ridge Fire Department and Bylaws Department continue their work to address the fire safety of the St. Anne site under the terms of the Fire Evacuation Order.

Work continues to remove trees and shrubs damaged by the fires on the site. Crews continue to remove debris and soil where fires have occurred. That work is being done with a front end loader and small excavator to protect the site workers from handling contaminated materials by hand. Structures are not being 'bulldozed' as has been reported by some media outlets.

The site was secure overnight on Monday and security patrols will remain in place 24 hours a day supported by the police.

The evacuees continue to be provided with meals and a safe warm place to sleep while work continues to address the safety at the St. Anne site.

The Maple Ridge Fire Department continues to investigate the fires as reported on March 4.

At the Council Workshop meeting on Tuesday, March 5, Council passed a resolution directing staff to assemble a Social Housing Plan to be brought forward at an open meeting of Mayor and Council on March 12, 2019, and to deliver the Social Housing Plan to the Government of British Columbia. Details of that resolution can be found under a separate news release on the City website.

The City is posting regular updates to www.mapleridge.ca/2215/.

Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.