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Update: St. Anne Camp

Maple Ridge, BC: On Thursday, August 1, City of Maple Ridge staff removed a temporary structure constructed by Dwayne Martin, one of the original occupiers of the St. Anne Camp.

In June, Mr. Martin agreed to leave the camp, without condition, through a Consent Order granted by the BC Supreme Court. As part of that agreement, Mr. Martin has been provided with housing services and BC Housing has moved his personal possessions to his new residence.

On Thursday morning, City staff arrived at the site, inspected the structure for flammable items and accelerants, established a safe work zone to demolish the temporary structure and removed all associated debris.

Justice Grauer's order clearly laid out the verification process including who is allowed in the camp. Consistent with terms of the BC Supreme Court rulings, temporary structures and associated debris are removed as and when the verified occupants are provided housing to ensure overall site safety for the remaining occupants and the neighbourhood as a whole. The City has and will continue to follow all steps as required by the Court.

"The City continues to advocate for the provision of housing and support services for those few that remain in the camp," said Mayor Mike Morden. "Council is committed to closing the camp and the delivery of a park as promised in the community plan.

Council's priority is to make sure we do our part to deliver diverse, appropriate and affordable housing types for our seniors, low income earners and single parents with kids. Additionally, we are committed to options for those in addiction access to detox treatment and long term recovery in sober living housing. We are taking steps to a safer community for our businesses and residents."