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Maple Ridge, BC: On Tuesday, November 26, Maple Ridge Council approved the proposed route for the eastward extension of Abernethy Way from 232 to 240 Street along 124 Avenue to address growth in the City's northeast sector.

"The report presented to Council looked at the technical challenges of various alignments for the route, including impacts on creek crossings, agricultural land, soil conditions and potential cost implications. Layering on this technical analysis was the great feedback we received from citizens as part of the community consultation process," said David Pollock, General Manager Engineering Services. "This decision allows us to start with the conceptual engineering work to determine the actual corridor alignment as well as establishing costs, phasing and timelines for this project."

"The report also presented a number of options to address future expansion from 240 Street east to 256 Street," said Mayor Morden. "This later work will include a bridge crossing into the Silver Valley area to connect the extension of Abernethy Way and will provide another route for visitors and residents heading to Golden Ears Provincial Park. In the event of an emergency, this route will facilitate access for first responders and ensure the safety of present and future residents. Further technical evaluation will assist in determining the preferred route for this section."

Council is expected to see an update on this project later in 2020 as work to advance the City's long term Transportation Plan continues.