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City of Maple Ridge Responds to Provincial Property Tax Framework Announcement

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge recognizes the Province’s recent announcement for property tax relief as a positive first step to address the economic hardship we face resulting from COVID-19.

Local governments are responsible for collection of school taxes, transit levies and regional fees associated with the delivery of utilities. In addition, we collect revenue to fund local essential services such as police, fire, water, sewer and road maintenance.

Local governments asked the Province of BC to enact a universal approach to the Property Tax Deferment Program. The delayed penalty date of October 1, 2020 for commercial and industrial properties does provide a measure of relief. However, municipalities including Maple Ridge will continue to work with senior governments to seek further sustainable and affordable solutions.

In the coming weeks Maple Ridge Council will consider a recommendation to align all property classes penalty dates to October 1, while still keeping the July 2 due date as described in the province’s recent announcement. Further work will be considered as the details of the province’s framework become better known.

“There has been a strong collaboration between all levels of government throughout the COVID-19 health emergency. We will continue to advocate in response to citizens and businesses’ needs. Our priority to date has been following the directions of Dr. Henry to ensure best health for all. In addition, preparatory work is ongoing to ensure our City is best positioned for a healthy economy when coming out of this unprecedented time,” said Mayor Morden.