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Mayor Morden Thanks Chamber and DMRBIA for Leadership on Local Economy Restart

Maple Ridge, BC: On Thursday, May 14, the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association (DMRBIA) organized and hosted an online forum to discuss the next Phase of the BC Restart Plan. The event was moderated by entrepreneur Taryn Stephenson and panelists included Minister Lisa Beare, MLA Bob D'Eith, Ineke Boekhorst (DMRBIA), Chris Back (WorkSafeBC), Brenna Ayliffe and Sarah O'Connor (both from Fraser Health). Participants from the City of Maple Ridge included Mayor Morden, Wendy Dupley, Director Economic Development, and Chad Cowles, Manager of Community Social Safety.

"I appreciate the organizers putting this session together. Access to multiple levels of government during COVID-19, through events like this, has lead to collaboration, cooperation and effective communication, providing clarity around responsibilities. WorkSafeBC and Fraser Health clearly explained *what businesses need to know* when they reopen," said Mayor Morden.

"The City was there to listen and exchange ideas. We understand the challenges in the days ahead and are open to ways we can do things differently in order to facilitate best outcomes for our businesses. As we restart the economy we want to do our part in the best way possible. This constantly evolving new normal will be our way of life for the foreseeable future. Health and safety will be central in all that our businesses do to ensure trust and confidence as we move into the next phase of recovery," he concluded.

The video recording from the meeting is posted on the *Chamber of Commerce* and *DMRBIA* social media channels.

Additional COVID-19 Resources:
City of Maple Ridge COVID-19 Information *mapleridge.ca/2408*
BC Centre for Disease Control *bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19*

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