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## **Maple Ridge Council Develops Policy on Resident-Exempt and Resident-Only Parking Zones**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** On June 26, 2012, Council passed a Resolution approving a new Resident-Exempt and Resident-Only Parking Policy to deal with parking related issues occurring in neighbourhoods that are close to transportation and commercial hubs where non-residents are taking up on street parking.

The Policy provides for a consistent framework to guide the District when they get a complaint or request from a neighbourhood due to a chronic non-resident parking issue. The Policy lays out a process where a specific part of the community may request a parking restriction.

Resident-Exempt and Resident-Only Parking Zones exist in a number of lower mainland communities, including New Westminister, West Vancouver, North Vancouver, Coquitlam, White Rock, and various neighbourhoods in Vancouver.

In Maple Ridge, the issue has come before Council in a number of very different circumstances:

- Concerns by residents in the Port Haney neighbourhood relating to parking for users of the West Coast Express.
- Concerns expressed in the area surrounding Ridge Meadows Hospital.
- In other areas of the community, complaints relating to parking around some commercial establishments.

Each of these situations is unique. The new Policy was written to provide a consistent framework to develop solutions that will work in each community area.

“I think that all of us on Council are pleased that we have a Policy here that’s driven by the needs of neighbourhoods, and will allow us to provide solutions that deal with the specific circumstances of each parking challenge. With the these Resident-Exempt and Resident-Only Parking Zones being requested and endorsed by the people who live in the affected areas, there can be no doubt that the implementation of the program is responsive to citizen concerns,” said Mayor Ernie Daykin.