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Mayor and Council
City of Maple Ridge
11995 Haney Place
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RE: Legal Advice - Maple Ridge Zoning Amending Bylaw No. 7343-2017.

On 12 November 2019, the solicitor for the Board of Directors of Alouette River Management Society (ARMS), Nathalie Baker of Eyford Partners, submitted her legal opinion on behalf of ARMS regarding the City of Maple Ridge's handling of the development application: Maple Ridge Zoning Amending Bylaw No. 7343-2017.

It is our understanding that the application is pending 4th reading, yet we have not had a response from the city regards to Ms. Baker's letter, other than being told it would be sent to the city's solicitor.

The Board of Directors recognizes that legal issues are treated as "closed" issues and are not disclosed to the public. However, with the level of public concern related to this application and the impact it will have on the Alouette River, the public, at minimum, has a right to know if a legal opinion was sought in response to our letter and if the city's solicitor provided advice to our elected officials.

Further, since our opinion included the position that the zoning application process was flawed and contend another public hearing needs to be held, we feel strongly that the public has a right to know if the city's solicitor agreed, or disagreed with the legal argument put forth, as it relates to the way in which the city conducts its business on behalf of the public. In that regard, we believe this is a matter of public trust that must be corrected and can only be done through full disclosure of the issue.

Therefore, ARMS believes the city's solicitor's response to our letter should be made public. We trust that if the city's solicitor had strong arguments contrary to that of ARMS' solicitor, it would be in both council's and the public's interest to disclose such.

We also believe that if the city's solicitor concurred with ARMS' legal opinion, our elected officials and city staff would publicly acknowledge such and respond with the necessary actions

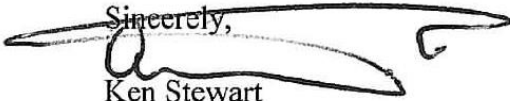
that would ensure the legislated processes that our elected and city officials are sworn to uphold are in fact upheld.

In closing, ARMS Board of Directors is officially asking that the city and our elected officials disclose the city's legal response to the legal claims put forth by Ms. Baker on behalf of ARMS, prior to moving the application to 4th reading, as we believe it is a matter of public trust.

In full transparency to our members, we will be sharing this request with them and the public.

We look forward to your response and remain committed to working with you to protect the Alouette River and its watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Stewart', written over a horizontal line.

Ken Stewart
President, ARMS

CC:

Mr Al Horsman, CAO City of Maple Ridge

Ms Christine Carter, General Manager of Planning and Development, City of Maple Ridge

ARMS Board of Directors