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Mayor Morden and Council  
Chief Administrative Officer, Scott Hartman  
City of Maple Ridge  
1995 Haney Place  
Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6A9

Re: Density Bonusing

Dear Mayor and Council, Chief Administrative Officer

After months of discussion with city staff, we are officially requesting that the city strike a stakeholder committee inclusive of members of Alouette River Management Society to consider an oversight model for the Alouette River, which we do not believe can be facilitated by council's existing committee structure. It is our understanding that the following resolution has resulted in a report that will be before council.

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*Moved and seconded that staff be directed to prepare a review of density bonus provisions on properties that are outside of the designated Maple Ridge Urban Area Boundary, and that in the interim, similar applications that have not received third reading proposing density bonus measures be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the review.*

**CARRIED**

And while the resolution may start the conversation that addresses the issue of density within the Alouette watershed, we believe the issues raised within the response letter from FLNRO to the applicant of the "240<sup>th</sup> Street development," and the November flood events requires broader discussions involving all stakeholders.

For nearly 30 years ARMS has been the consistent voice for the protection of the river and its watershed. And in all honesty the success of the relentless and tireless efforts of the ARMS volunteers and others has been to barely provide life support to the river and the fish. The river and watershed are under continuous threat and attack from countless fronts. In recent months we experienced the "240<sup>th</sup> Street" development that was rightly rejected by senior government and another flood event that impacted much of the habitat area of the river—significant impact to people was only prevented by Mother Nature herself. Such incidents will continue to threaten the river if we do not act.

BC Hydro continually absolves itself from any responsibility of flood threat to residents along the river, yet hydroelectric facilities and the diversion of virtually all the water is a continual source of impact to both the river and all species that rely and live within the watershed.

ARMS believes that it will take a concerted and concentrated effort to preserve, protect and enhance what remains of the river. Every day that passes is one less day to save the river and the watershed. We believe that the recent incidents provide us with an opportunity to initiate significant and substantial change in how this watershed is viewed and treated.

ARMS is asking that in the absence of a structured process, the city form a committee to discuss how we can collectively work together to ensure the health and well-being of the Alouette River, and watershed is protected for the life forms that depend on it to survive and for future generations of humanity. It is your moral and fiduciary duty to do so.

Respectfully

Ken Stewart  
President

On behalf of the Alouette River Management Society Board of Directors