

To: Regional Planning Committee

From: Victor Cheung, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst
Regional Planning and Housing Services

Date: January 3, 2024 Meeting Date: January 12, 2024

Subject: **Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment – City of Maple Ridge (Yennadon Lands)**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the Metro 2050 amendment process for the City of Maple Ridge’s requested regional land use designation amendment from General Urban and Agricultural to Industrial and Conservation and Recreation for the lands located at 22913 127 Avenue, 22992 127 Avenue, 22870 127 Place, 22948 128 Avenue, 22990 128 Avenue, 23008 128 Avenue, 23154 128 Avenue, 12640 228 Street, 12639 232 Street, 12685 232 Street, 12759 232 Street, 12761 232 Street, and 12791 232 Street;
 - b) give first, second, and third readings to “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1376, 2024”; and
 - c) direct staff to notify affected local governments as per section 6.4.2 of Metro 2050.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Maple Ridge is requesting a Type 2 *Metro 2050* Amendment for a 25.4 hectare site comprised of 13 properties located south-west of the intersection of 232 Street and 128 Avenue. The proposed amendment would adjust the Urban Containment Boundary to include 23154 128 Avenue and 12791 232 Street (approximately 2 hectares in total), and redesignate the regional land uses from General Urban and Agricultural to Industrial and Conservation and Recreation to accommodate future industrial uses and protect a portion of the site for nature.

The proposed amendment has been assessed in relation to applicable *Metro 2050* goals and policies as follows:

- Would add 18 hectares of Industrial land to contribute to the region’s industrial land supply, which is facing a critical shortage;
- Would add 7.4 hectares of Conservation and Recreation land and may contribute to the region’s lands protected for nature target, if additional legal mechanisms are applied;
- Would redesignate 2 hectares of Agricultural land and 23.4 hectares of General Urban land;
- The introduction of industrial uses has the potential to negatively affect adjacent agricultural uses; the effects are being addressed through the Yennadon Lands Employment Park Design Guidelines; and
- The subject properties are strategically located from a goods movement perspective, and while currently not well serviced by transit, the City has future plans for active transportation options in the area.

The requested *Metro 2050* Type 2 amendment bylaw requires adoption through an amendment bylaw passed by an affirmative two-thirds weighted vote of the MVRD Board. Although some of the proposed land use changes would be considered Type 3 amendments the City of Maple Ridge has packaged all proposals together as a Type 2 amendment.

PURPOSE

To provide the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board with the opportunity to consider the City’s request to amend *Metro 2050* to accommodate industrial uses and protected natural areas through a *Metro 2050* Type 2 amendment.

BACKGROUND

On August 2, 2023, Metro Vancouver received a request from the City of Maple Ridge to consider a *Metro 2050* amendment for the subject site. The proposed amendment would expand the Urban Containment Boundary and amend regional land use designations from General Urban and Agricultural, to Industrial and Conservation and Recreation. Proposed amendments are provided to the Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board for consideration.

SITE CONTEXT

The subject site is 25.4 hectares in size and comprises 13 properties (Table 1). It is bounded respectively by the Agricultural Land Reserve to the north and east and an existing single detached residential neighbourhood to the south and west (Figure 1). The subject site is currently largely within the Urban Containment Boundary (92 percent), with the exception of the properties at 23154 128 Avenue and 12791 232 Street (approximately 8 percent or 2 hectares), which are designated Agricultural in *Metro 2050*.

The majority of the subject lands are designated Agricultural in the City’s Official Community Plan (OCP) and zoned RS-3 (One Family Rural Residential) and RS-2 (One Family Suburban). The subject lands are designated General Urban and Agricultural in *Metro 2050* (Figure 2) and the City of Maple Ridge’s Regional Context Statement. None of the lands are within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The City’s staff report on the proposal notes that the existing uses on the lands range from single-family use to vacant underutilized lands (Attachment 2). Additional site information can be found in the City’s submission and staff report (Attachments 1 and 2), and a summary of the existing site description is provided in Table 1.

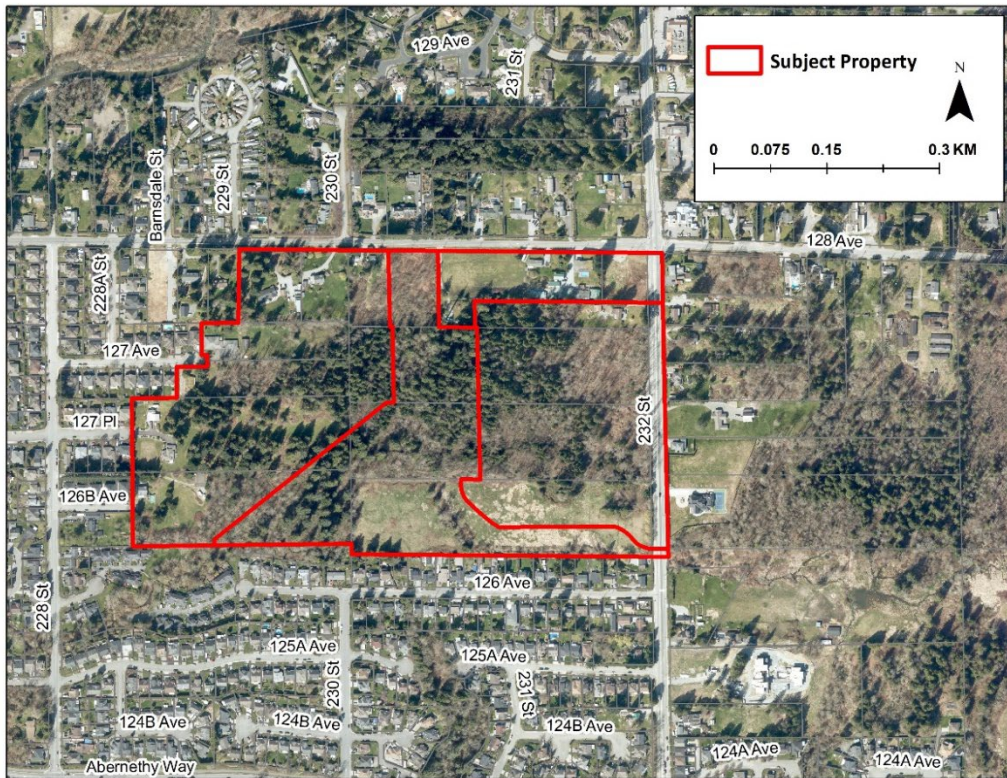
Table 1. Existing Site Description

Address	Current Zoning	Current OCP Land Use Designation	Current Regional Land Use Designation	Inside the Urban Containment Boundary?
22913 127 Avenue	RS-3	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes
22992 127 Avenue	RS-3	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes
22870 127 Place	RS-3	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes
22948 128 Avenue	RS-3	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes
22990 128 Avenue	RS-2	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes
23008 128 Avenue	RS-3	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes

23154 128 Avenue	RS-3 (84%) and RS-2 (16%)*	Agricultural	Agricultural	No
12640 228 Street	RS-3	Agricultural (97%) and Residential (3%)*	General Urban	Yes
12639 232 Street	RS-3	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes
12685 232 Street	RS-3	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes
12759 232 Street	RS-3	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes
12761 232 Street	RS-3 (75%) and RS-2 (25%)*	Agricultural	General Urban	Yes
12791 232 Street	RS-2	Agricultural	Agricultural	No

*Multi-zoned and/or multi-designated parcels

Figure 1. Site Context



PROPOSED REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATION AMENDMENT

The City of Maple Ridge has held a public hearing and granted 3rd reading to the respective OCP and zoning amendment bylaws. The proposal would amend the City’s OCP and Zoning Bylaw for the subject site to accommodate industrial uses and protected natural areas. The City can only proceed to adopt the proposed OCP amendments after the MVRD Board approves the corresponding *Metro 2050* Type 2 amendment given the change of land use being requested. The proposed land use changes are outlined in Table 2 and on Figures 2 and 3.

Table 2. Proposed Site Designations

	Current	Proposed
Metro 2050	General Urban and Agricultural	Industrial (18 ha) and Conservation and Recreation (7.4 ha)
OCP	Agricultural	Industrial and Conservation
Zoning	RS-2 (Single Detached Suburban Residential) and RS-3 Single Detached Rural Residential	M-7 (Employment Park Zone)

Figure 2. Existing Regional Land Use Designations

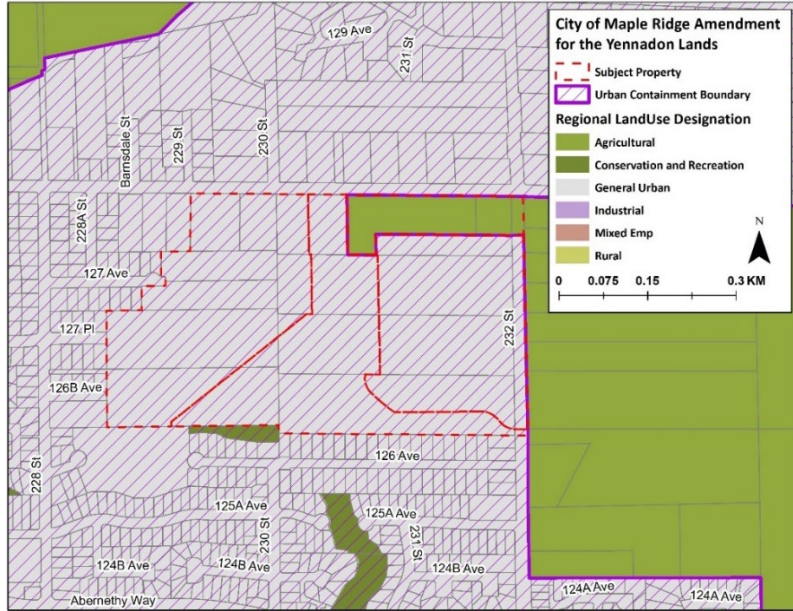
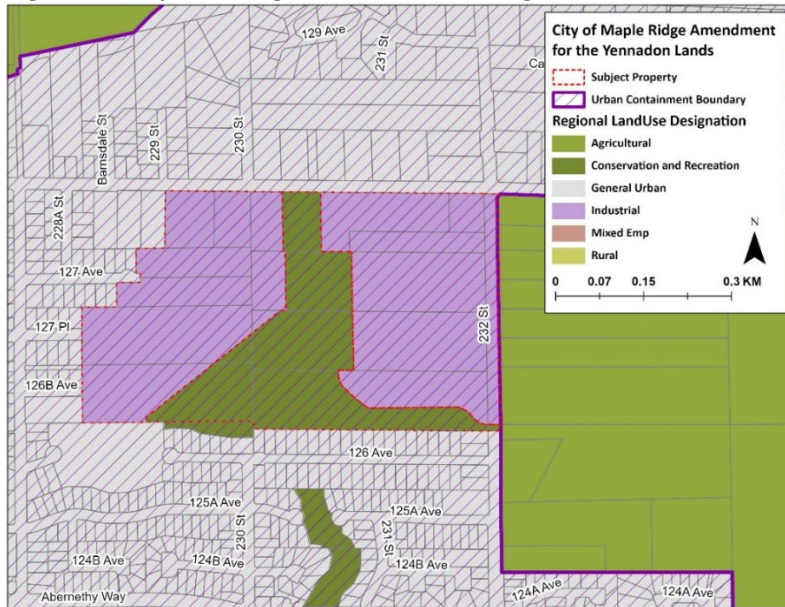


Figure 3. Proposed Regional Land Use Designations



Should the application proceed, an updated Regional Context Statement (RCS) that reflects the proposed regional land use designation change will be required. Maple Ridge will submit an updated RCS for consideration of acceptance should the MVRD Board initiate and give initial readings to the proposed *Metro 2050* amendment bylaw.

REGIONAL PLANNING ANALYSIS

The City of Maple Ridge's proposed *Metro 2050* amendment has been assessed in relation to the applicable goals and policies of the Regional Growth Strategy. The intent of the assessment by Regional Planning staff is to identify any potential regional planning implications and the regional significance of the proposed land use changes in consideration of *Metro 2050*, not to duplicate the municipal planning process. *Metro 2050* sets out a long-term regional vision to support growth and change while protecting the natural environment, fostering community well-being, and supporting economic prosperity, among other objectives (Reference 1). Staff's role in assessing amendment requests is primarily to consider any implications to the shared *Metro 2050* vision, goals and strategies from a long-term, regional perspective. A summary of the regional analysis is provided as follows.

Goal 1: Create a Compact Urban Area

Goal 1 of *Metro 2050* includes strategies to concentrate urban development within the Urban Containment Boundary, and to direct growth to a network of Urban Centres and along transit corridors, with an aim to support the development of resilient, healthy, connected, and complete communities with a range of services and amenities.

Consideration 1: Urban Containment

The majority of the subject site (92%) is currently within the Urban Containment Boundary; the proposed amendment will expand the Urban Containment Boundary by approximately 2 hectares or 8% of the subject site. The properties that are currently outside the Urban Containment Boundary have been deemed to be "unsuited for agriculture" and were approved for removal from the Agricultural Land Reserve by the Agricultural Land Commission on June 28, 2023. These properties are surrounded on three sides by lands that are within the Urban Containment Boundary and designated General Urban. Given this context, there is a supportable rationale that these lands be included with a regional land use designation that is consistent with the site as a whole, and be included within the Urban Containment Boundary. Staff do not believe the amendment will lead to a proliferation of proposed amendments given the site context described above.

Consideration 2: Development of resilient, healthy, connected & complete communities

The proposal will create an employment area in close proximity to an established residential neighbourhood, where residents and workers can take advantage of a short commute to work or trip for services. Under the site's current designation, the majority of the site would likely have been redeveloped as low density residential, which would not have positively contributed to building a complete community as envisioned in Goal 1 of *Metro 2050*. Although the site is not located within an Urban Centre or a FTDA, the location would be considered an appropriate location for light industrial uses. The employment area is intended to be small-scaled with limited building heights and sizes and includes design guidelines and subjected to a Development Permit, to better fit within the neighbourhood and support the creation of a complete community. The

proposal supports the City’s 2014 Commercial & Industrial Strategy which identified the need for an additional 69-93 hectares of additional industrial lands by 2040. The creation of this employment area is consistent with strategy 1.3 of *Metro 2050*, in particular policy 1.3.7 a) that states that member jurisdictions will support the creation of compact, mixed use, walkable communities. On balance the proposed amendment supports the policies in Goal 1.

Goal 2: Support a Sustainable Regional Economy

Goal 2 of *Metro 2050* includes strategies to promote land development patterns that support a diverse regional economy. This includes the protection and enhancement of the region’s supply of industrial and agricultural lands, while supporting employment opportunities close to where people live.

Consideration 1: Enhancement of the region’s supply of industrial lands

It has been well documented in the Metro Vancouver Regional Industrial Lands Strategy and other reports that the region is facing a critical shortage of industrial lands. 27 percent of the region’s jobs are located on industrial lands, and there continues to be significant demand for industrial lands with very low vacancy rates, which is constraining the region’s economic and employment growth. The proposed amendment, if approved, would add 18 hectares of new industrial land that would support employment opportunities within an existing residential context. The creation of this employment area is consistent with strategy 2.1 of *Metro 2050*, in particular policy 2.1.10 a) which states that member jurisdictions will support economic opportunities and context specific industrial and employment areas.

The small scale nature of this employment area supports policy 1.2.24 c) ii) that discourages the creation of major trip generating non-residential uses outside of Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas. The City’s Commercial and Industrial Strategy identifies the Yennadon lands as a potential location of employment uses. It is not clear what uses are intended for the new industrially-designated lands, other than the City’s staff report noting that “the technology sector, light manufacturing companies, and professional offices” would be appropriate for the site. The Industrial regional land use designation does not support stand-alone office uses, as those should be more appropriately located in commercial areas, and in Urban Centre locations in particular.

Consideration 2: Impact on the region’s agricultural lands

Metro 2050 recognizes the importance of agricultural lands and their significance as a part of the region’s economy and in supporting regional resilience. The proposed amendment, if approved, will result in the loss of 2 hectares of agricultural land. The Agricultural regional land use designation is, for the most part, aligned with the provincial Agricultural Land Reserve. The strategies and policies of *Metro 2050* recognize the primacy of the Province’s role in identifying and protecting agriculturally viable lands in the region. None of the subject properties are in the Agricultural Land Reserve; the properties at 23154 128 Avenue and 12791 232 Street have been deemed to be “unsuited for agriculture” and were removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve by the Agricultural Land Commission on June 28, 2023 (Attachment 3). The City’s staff report references Agriculture Edge Planning Guidelines and buffer / edge considerations as part of the Yennadon Lands Employment Park Design Guidelines as a means to mitigate any impacts of the industrial development of the site on surrounding agricultural lands.

While the proposed amendment involves the redesignation of Agricultural lands, they are not within the Agricultural Land Reserve. Efforts have been incorporated into the application to minimize impacts on the surrounding agricultural lands. Given the shortage of industrial lands in Metro Vancouver, providing 18 hectares of new industrial lands to the region is considered a benefit to the region and on balance the proposed amendment can be considered to support the policies in Goal 2 in *Metro 2050*.

Goal 3: Protect the Environment, Address Climate Change, and Respond to Natural Hazards

Goal 3 includes strategies to protect, enhance, restore and connect ecosystems while advancing land uses that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve resilience to climate change impacts.

Consideration 1: Protecting Conservation and Recreation Lands

The proposed amendment would redesignate 18 hectares of the subject lands from General Urban lands to Industrial. While this will result in the development of presently underdeveloped and treed lands, 25.4 hectares of the site are currently already set aside for development with a General Urban land use designation. The amendment, if approved, will preserve 7.4 hectares by redesignating a portion of the site from General Urban to a Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation. This portion of the subject site includes lands that contain sensitive and modified ecosystems which have been identified as critically important for the region to protect. If other legal mechanisms such as conservation covenants or parkland dedication are also applied, these lands would contribute towards *Metro 2050's* target set out in policy 3.2.1 a) to “increase the area of lands protected for nature from 40% to 50% of the region’s land base by the year 2050.” The City’s staff report and Design Guideline further notes protections for Coho Creek through setbacks and storm water management.

The City’s Tree Protection and Management Bylaw includes requirements for retaining and replacing trees. If replacement trees are planted in suitable locations, within the Urban Containment Boundary and maintained to ensure they achieve more tree canopy cover than the original trees, then the proposed amendment will contribute towards *Metro 2050's* target set out in policy 3.2.1 b) to increase the total regional tree canopy cover within the Urban Containment Boundary from 32 to 40 percent by 2050.

Given the supportive policies included in this application, and the proposed resignation of 7.4 hectares of lands to Conservation and Recreation that contain sensitive and modified ecosystems currently designated as General Urban in *Metro 2050*, the proposed amendment is aligned and supports the policies *Metro 2050* Strategy 3.1 and 3.2.

Consideration 2: Addressing Climate Change

In terms of the proposals impacts on Climate Action, the regional analysis is inconclusive as there was no comprehensive analysis of greenhouse gas emissions associated with the project or a baseline provided in the application materials. Future amendments to *Metro 2050* may allow for greater consideration of these elements, keeping in mind that analysis is at the land use scale, not development proposal scale.

Goal 4: Provide Diverse and Affordable Housing Choices

Goal 4 includes strategies that encourage greater supply and diversity of housing to meet a variety of needs.

Consideration 1: Expanding the supply and diversity of housing

Given the subject properties' existing General Urban regional land use designation, and existing uses that include rural and suburban single-family dwellings, it is not anticipated that these properties would generate any increased density or additional supply of diverse forms of housing under current conditions. Although the region is in urgent need of additional housing supply; low-density, single-detached forms of housing will not have a significant impact on the region's goal to achieve greater housing supply and diversity (in tenure, size, and type), and housing options that will meet a variety of needs, including affordable housing. This amendment will enable economic and employment opportunities while addressing the need for greater housing diversity in alternative areas more suited for residential development such as Urban Centres and areas with a wider range of transportation options to reduce auto dependency.

Goal 5: Support Sustainable Transportation Choices

Goal 5 includes strategies that encourage the coordination of land use and transportation to encourage transit, multiple-occupancy vehicles, cycling and walking, and support the safe and efficient movement of vehicles for passengers, goods and services.

Consideration 1: Supporting efficient movement of goods and services

The subject site is strategically located from a goods movement perspective. Although Maple Ridge does not designate truck routes, 232 Street is classified as a municipal road with no truck travel restrictions. 232 Street connects with significant nearby goods movement corridors such as Abernethy Way and Dewdney Trunk Road. The site's strategic location from a goods movement perspective makes the proposed land use designation change to Industrial desirable from a regional transportation perspective.

Consideration 2: Supporting sustainable transportation options

The site is served by two transit routes (i.e., the 733 and 741), both of which have variable headways throughout the day. These bus routes link the Yennadon area to Haney Place, a Metro 2050 Regional City Centre, with extended routings during peak hours to connect with West Coast Express commuter rail services at Port Haney Station. The proposed development plan includes a pathway and trail system that connects to the surrounding residential neighbourhood. The City's staff report notes that there are future plans for active transportation facilities on both 128 Avenue and 232 Street.

The presence of transit and introduction of new active transportation infrastructure should help expand sustainable transportation options in this part of the region. To increase the benefits of this infrastructure, the City can work with TransLink to enhance transit service on both the 733 and 741 routes (as was done recently in September 2023) and develop Transportation Demand Management programs for the site. Expediting construction of the 128 Avenue and 232 Street active transportation facilities in conjunction with site development would also increase benefits. Despite these opportunities to improve sustainable transportation options, trips to and from this

site are still anticipated to be primarily from single occupancy vehicles. On balance the proposed amendments support the policies in Goal 5 in *Metro 2050*.

IMPLICATIONS FOR METRO VANCOUVER UTILITY SERVICES

Below is a summary of anticipated impacts on Metro Vancouver’s utilities.

Liquid Waste Services (GVS&DD)

The subject lands are not within the Fraser Sewerage Area; therefore a separate application to the GVS&DD will be required should the intent be to service and connect these lands to the regional sewerage system. Sewer servicing for this area has not been included in the design for the Golden Ears Pump Station, or the proposed expansion of Northwest Langley WWTP. Detailed flow and population estimates are required to perform an impact analysis. As soon as utility servicing and population details are available, the City is requested to forward the information to Metro Vancouver’s Liquid Waste Services. Normal sewer servicing amendment application processes will be required prior to connecting any Industrial designated properties to the regional sewer system.

Water Services (GVWD)

The City’s staff report does not provide an estimation of the increase in population served and associated water demand resulting from this redesignation and rezoning. As soon as the water demand and population details are available, the City is requested to forward the information to Metro Vancouver’s Water Services. The City of Maple Ridge’s water distribution system must be capable of providing fire flows to the subject lands as Metro Vancouver’s water transmission system cannot be relied on to provide fire flows.

REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

An information report on the amendment application was provided to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) for comment on November 10, 2023. Staff from the City of Maple Ridge presented on the amendment application and were available to answer questions from committee members.

REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY AMENDMENT PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS

If the amendment is initiated and the associated bylaw receives 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings, it will then be referred to affected local governments, local First Nations and relevant agencies, as well as posted on the Metro Vancouver website for a minimum of 45 days to provide an opportunity for comment. *Metro 2050* identifies additional public engagement opportunities that may be used at the discretion of the MVRD Board including: appearing as a delegation to the Regional Planning Committee or the MVRD Board when the amendment is being considered; conveyance of comments submitted from the respective local public hearing to the MVRD Board, and hosting a public information meeting (digitally or in person). All comments received will be summarized and included in a report advancing the bylaw to the MVRD Board for consideration of final adoption. An updated RCS from the City of Maple Ridge will be considered at the same Board meeting as final adoption of the proposed amendment.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) initiate the *Metro 2050* amendment process for the City of Maple Ridge’s requested regional land use designation amendment from General Urban and Agricultural to Industrial and Conservation and Recreation for the lands located at 22913 127 Avenue, 22992 127 Avenue, 22870 127 Place, 22948 128 Avenue, 22990 128 Avenue, 23008 128 Avenue, 23154 128 Avenue, 12640 228 Street, 12639 232 Street, 12685 232 Street, 12759 232 Street, 12761 232 Street, and 12791 232 Street;
 - b) give first, second, and third readings to “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1376, 2024”; and
 - c) direct staff to notify affected local governments as per section 6.4.2 of *Metro 2050*.
2. That the MVRD Board decline the proposed amendment for 22913 127 Avenue, 22992 127 Avenue, 22870 127 Place, 22948 128 Avenue, 22990 128 Avenue, 23008 128 Avenue, 23154 128 Avenue, 12640 228 Street, 12639 232 Street, 12685 232 Street, 12759 232 Street, 12761 232 Street, and 12791 232 Street, and notify the City of Maple Ridge of the decision.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the MVRD Board chooses Alternative 1, there are no financial implications for Metro Vancouver related to the initiation of the City of Maple Ridge’s proposed Type 2 Amendment. If the MVRD Board chooses Alternative 2, a dispute resolution process may take place as prescribed by the Local Government Act. The cost of a dispute resolution process is prescribed based on the proportion of assessed land values. Metro Vancouver would be responsible for most of those associated costs.

CONCLUSION

The City of Maple Ridge has requested that the MVRD Board consider a Type 2 amendment to *Metro 2050* for a 25.4 hectare site in the Yennadon neighbourhood comprising 13 properties south-west of the intersection of 232 Street and 128 Avenue to redesignate the subject properties from General Urban and Agricultural to Industrial and Conservation and Recreation. The amendment also proposes to adjust the Urban Containment Boundary to include 23154 128 Avenue and 12791 232 Street (approximately 2 hectares). This amendment would introduce 18 hectares of Industrial and 7.4 hectares of Conservation and Recreation designated lands which will enable future employment growth and may protect sensitive and modified ecosystems. It will also result in the loss of approximately 2 hectares of Agricultural lands which have been deemed to be “unsuited for agriculture” and were removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve by the Agricultural Land Commission on June 28, 2023.

Additional information is required to fully assess liquid waste and water servicing implications for this application, should it proceed. This information can be received post-bylaw adoption during the development planning stage.

ATTACHMENTS

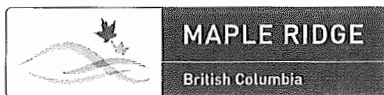
1. Correspondence dated August 25, 2023, from City of Maple Ridge, to Metro Vancouver Board re: City of Maple Ridge Regional Containment Boundary Adjustment and Regional Growth Strategy Amendment for the Yennadon Lands (2016-195-CP)

2. City of Maple Ridge Staff Report, dated April 5, 2022 (File: 2016-195-CP)
3. Exclusion letter from the Agricultural Land Commission dated June 28, 2023 for 23154 128 Avenue, Maple Ridge
4. Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1376, 2024
5. Presentation re: Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Amendment – City of Maple Ridge (Yennadon Lands)

REFERENCES

1. [Metro 2050](#)

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August 25, 2023

File No.: 2016-195-CP

Metro Vancouver Board
 c/o Dorothy Shermer, Director/Corporate Officer, Board & Information Services
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Dear Ms Shermer,

Re: City of Maple Ridge Regional Containment Boundary Adjustment and Regional Growth Strategy Amendment for the Yennadon Lands (2016-195-CP)

The City of Maple Ridge is in the process of re-designating 13 properties, called the “Yennadon Lands” for future employment uses. The properties range in size from 0.5 ha (1.5 acres) to 4 ha (10 acres), total approximately 25.4 hectares (63 acres) and are generally located at the south-west of the intersection of 232 Street and 128 Avenue.

The Yennadon Lands were identified as a potential location for employment in the City’s Commercial & Industrial Strategy. The proposal includes the adjustment of the Urban Containment Boundary to include two of the properties as well as an amendment to the Regional Growth Strategy to redesignate the area from General Urban and Agricultural to Industrial.

Summary of Proposal and Background

To allow the redesignation of the Yennadon Lands, the following is required:

- Regional Containment Boundary Adjustment to include 23154 128 Ave and 12791 232 Street;
- Regional Growth Strategy Amendment from General Urban and Agricultural to Industrial and Conservation and Recreation;
- Official Community Plan Amendment from Agricultural to Industrial and Conservation;
- Re-zoning from “RS-2 Single Detached Suburban Residential” and “RS-3 Single Detached Rural Residential” to “M-7 Employment Park Zone”; and
- Development Permit for Yennadon Lands Employment Park and Natural Features.

The redesignation of the Yennadon Lands could facilitate the creation of a unique opportunity where the area could serve the needs of the technology sector, light manufacturing companies, and professional offices; all of which offer a high employment density. A significant area of creeks and wetlands will also be preserved in City ownership as a result of this redesignation and future development.

Council Resolutions

At the April 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, Maple Ridge Council reviewed the Official Community Plan Amending Bylaws pertaining to the Yennadon Lands (Attachment A) and passed the attached resolutions (Attachment B) including this excerpt:

5. Subject to third reading of Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021, Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021 and Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw 7383-2022, that staff be directed to include the Type 2 Minor Amendments related to the Yennadon Land Regional Growth Strategy amendment package, that will be forwarded to Metro Vancouver;

At the May 24, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, Maple Ridge Council passed the following resolution (Attachment C):

That Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021, Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021 and Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw 7383-2022 be granted third reading.

As one of the properties within the Yennadon Lands was within the Agricultural Land Reserve, application 2022-170-AL to exclude 23154 128 Ave from the Agricultural Land Reserve was presented to Council at the October 18, 2022 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting, presented at the November 22, 2022 Public Hearing, and forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for consideration at the November 29, 2022 Regular Council Meeting (Attachment D).

On June 28, 2023, City of Maple Ridge staff were notified that the Agricultural Land Commission approved the exclusion application for 23154 128 Ave from the Agricultural Land Reserve (Attachment E).

The City of Maple Ridge requests that the Metro Vancouver Board amend the Regional Containment Boundary to include the two identified properties as well as amend the Regional Growth Strategy for the illustrated properties from "General Urban" and "Agricultural" to "Industrial" and "Conservation and Recreation" (Attachment F).

Should Metro Vancouver staff require any additional information regarding this matter, please contact Amanda Grochowich, Manager of Community Planning at 604-467-7493 or agrochowich@mapleridge.ca

Sincerely,



Charles R. Goddard,
Director of Planning

Attachment A: City of Maple Ridge Planning Staff Report dated April 5, 2022
Attachment B: Council Resolution from April 12, 2022
Attachment C: Council Resolution from May 24, 2022
Attachment D: Council Resolution from November 29, 2022
Attachment E: Decision from Agricultural Land Commission
Attachment F: Proposed Regional Containment Boundary and Regional Growth Strategy Land Use Designation Adjustment

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TO: His Worship Mayor Michael Morden
and Members of Council

FROM: Chief Administrative Officer

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2022

FILE NO: 2016-195-CP

MEETING: C o W

SUBJECT: Employment Lands: Re-designation of the Yennadon Lands to Industrial
(Employment Park Category)
Second Reading
Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 (Policy); and
Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021 (Land Use Designation)
First and Second Reading
Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 (Land Use Designation)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Yennadon Lands were identified as a potential location for future employment uses in the City's Commercial & Industrial Strategy, with the Strategy recommending that planning for the additional supply of employment land should begin now in order to best satisfy future demand in an increasingly competitive region. The Yennadon Lands are comprised of 13 properties. They range in size from 0.5 ha (1.5 acres) to 4 ha (10 acres). The total land area is 25.4 hectares (63 acres), and are generally located at south-west of the intersection of 232 Street and 128 Avenue.

At the May 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, Council granted first reading to Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 (Appendix A) and Bylaw No. 7735-2021 (Appendix B), to allow re-designation of the Yennadon Lands for an employment future.

Following first reading, internal and external referral processes took place. This report outlines the referral responses received and what changes are proposed to the draft plan, reflecting the referral responses received. The report also outlines the latest information as it relates to regional and provincial processes with Metro Vancouver and the Agricultural Land Commission, respectively.

With the information received through the referral process, it has been noted that the development and servicing of the Yennadon Land properties will require a collective approach in order to facilitate future uses that will offer a high employment density. As such, lot consolidation policies are proposed as an amendment to Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021. The intent of these policies is to ensure the development of a cohesive road network, servicing access and environmental compensation package, while being able to unlock the maximum employment potential of these lands as flexibly as possible.

Additionally, through the referral process, it has become necessary to re-draw the boundaries of the properties associated with Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021. Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021, as amended, has had two properties removed – the properties known as 12791 232 Street and 23154 128 Avenue.

- The property at 23154 128 Avenue has been removed due to the development application (2019-119-RZ) associated with the site moving towards a Commercial future, and its own associated Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw.
- The property 23154 128 Avenue will now be captured under Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 (Appendix C) and it is anticipated that the Yennadon Land Employment Park policies and development permit guidelines will apply to the future development of this property.

As such, it is proposed that Council consider the amended Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 and amended Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021 for second reading, and Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 for first and second reading.

Should Council direct, Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021, as amended, and Bylaw No. 7735-2021, as amended, may be forwarded to an upcoming Council Meeting for consideration of second reading and Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 may be forwarded to an upcoming Council Meeting for consideration of first and second reading, and then the three bylaws may be forwarded to Public Hearing.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That in respect of Section 475 of the Local Government Act, opportunity for early and on-going consultation has been provided by way of posting Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021, Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021, and Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 on the municipal website and the referral process together with an invitation to the public, Metro Vancouver and the Agricultural Land Commission to comment; and Council considers it unnecessary to provide any further consultation opportunities, except by way of holding a Public Hearing on the bylaws;
2. That Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021, as amended, be given second reading and forwarded to Public Hearing;
3. That Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021, as amended, be given second reading and forwarded to Public Hearing;
4. That Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 be given first and second reading and forwarded to Public Hearing;
5. Subject to third reading of Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021, Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021 and Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022, that staff be directed to include the Type 2 Minor Amendments related to the Yennadon Land Regional Growth Strategy amendment package, that will be forwarded to Metro Vancouver; and further
6. That the following terms and conditions be met prior to final reading of Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022:
 - i. That 23154 128 Avenue be removed from the Agriculture Land Reserve;
 - ii. That the Metro Vancouver Urban Containment Boundary be amended; and
 - iii. That the subject properties are included in the Fraser Sewerage Area and/or request, via Council resolution, for permission to connect to the City of Maple Ridge sewer mains.

1.0 CONTEXT:

1.1 The Yennadon Lands (128 Avenue and 232 Street)

The Yennadon Lands are comprised of 13 properties. They range in size from 0.5 ha (1.5 acres) to 4 ha (10 acres). The total land area is 25.4 hectares (63 acres). The subject properties are located outside of and adjacent to the City's Urban Area Boundary, but are largely within the Region's Urban Containment Boundary (see Appendix D for a map of the area).



Figure 1 - The Yennadon Lands

The existing uses on the lands range from single-family use to vacant underutilized lands, according to BC Assessment data. The properties abut urban single-family development on the west and south boundaries; Agricultural Land Reserve to the east and north, and suburban single family lots on the north side of 128 Avenue. A historic commercial node, as well as Yennadon Elementary School, are located within 200-400 m of the subject properties.

Currently, the subject properties are designated Agricultural in the OCP and are zoned RS-3 (One Family Rural Residential) and RS-2 (One Family Suburban Residential). All of the properties, except one property located near the northeast corner of the area, are located outside the Agricultural Land Reserve. The majority of these properties are designated General Urban in the Regional Growth Strategy.

The City has received an application for the north-east property (12791 232 Street / 2019-119-RZ) to rezone the subject property from RS-2 (Single Detached Suburban Residential) to CS-1 (Service Commercial) to permit the future construction of a two-storey commercial building. This application requires an amendment to the OCP to re-designate the land use from Agricultural to Commercial.



Figure 2- 12791 232 highlighted within the Yennadon Lands

Council granted first reading to Zone Amending Bylaw No. 7558-2019 and considered the early consultation requirements for the Official

Community Plan (OCP) amendment No. 7557-2019 on July 9, 2019. The Zone Amending Bylaw and OCP Amendment received second reading on January 18, 2022, went through Public Hearing on February 15, 2022 and received third reading on February 22, 2022.

Going forward, the subject site 12791 232 Street will not form a part of the Official Community Plan Amending land use designation bylaws associated with this staff report.

1.2 Concept Plan Development and Overview

Council directed staff to undertake an employment land use re-designation process and consultation strategy for the Yennadon Lands at the June 18, 2019 Council Workshop Meeting. At the March 31, 2020 Council Workshop meeting, staff provided an update on the Yennadon Lands Re-designation process, including the proposed community engagement process that was postponed due to the pandemic. At that meeting, Council directed that the previously endorsed Yennadon Lands process be

revised and that staff work with the consultant to prepare some preliminary land use concepts for Council to review prior to proceeding with public consultation.

At the July 14, 2020 Council Workshop meeting, staff in collaboration with a consultant, presented three preliminary land use concepts for Council to review. At that meeting, Council directed staff to move forward with a public consultation process, taking into account the public health orders in effect at the time.

At the December 8, 2020 Council workshop meeting, Council endorsed “Concept #2 – Neighbourhood Innovations Village” and directed staff to move forward with an Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw.

The concept endorsed by Council at the end of 2020 provided for a 100% employment future for the developable areas of the Yennadon Lands. Based on Council comments, as well as what was heard from the community during the public consultation process, the following elements have been integrated into the policy work, design guidelines, or the land use schedule map associated with the re-designation of the Yennadon Lands towards an employment future:

- **Suitable Mix of Employment Uses:** The employment area will need to have an appropriate mix and size of employment uses to generate suitable levels of job creation, while still affording a sensitive transition to the surrounding residential uses.
- **Neighbourhood Business Scale and Character:** The design of the employment area will be limited to business activities primarily occurring inside a building to contain nuisance noise, odour, and other negative impacts. The building form will be more of a residential height and massing in the western area with generous landscape retention and reduced parking if possible. The eastern area may have larger and more conventional light industrial buildings.
- **Innovative Mixed Uses:** The development of this site may include a mix of employment uses.
- **Environmental Sensitivity:** Coho Creek will be protected and enhanced with the appropriate setbacks and a progressive stormwater management system on site.
- **Trail Network:** A comprehensive trail network will connect to the adjoining communities and provide a rich amenity for both the businesses and residents to enjoy, promoting a healthy walking/biking culture.
- **Resilience and Adaptability:** This employment neighbourhood will be designed and planned so that there is diversity and choice of business parcels and units that may adapt and consolidate or expand over time.
- **Climate-Change Responsive:** The infrastructure and servicing will be designed for increased storm flows and special events, so the neighbourhood has the ability to weather through extreme climatic conditions with additional precautionary measures, including floodways and dry pond areas for emergency stormwater storage.

The intent is to create a complete neighbourhood, within the existing residential area, where residents and business owners can live, work and play within a five to ten-minute walk or bicycle ride of their residence. This employment area should be uniquely smaller and scaled to fit with the surrounding neighbourhood, offering the potential for a variety of smaller scaled buildings with limited building heights and sizes.

The natural environmental area of the site will be conserved, as the Coho Creek Conservation Area, with the required 30 metre setback areas to buildings and trails along its edges. The employment area

will be linked by trails and natural open spaces, which in turn will be connected to the adjoining communities.

A natural interconnected pathway and trail system is recommended for the site that connects to the surrounding neighbourhoods. The trails should be slightly elevated to avoid flooding and may require elevated boardwalk sections in some of the riparian areas near the stream, or in particularly low wet areas.

A gravel horse trail runs along the south side of 128th Avenue adjoining the site. There are no formal trails through the site. There are plans for a comprehensive bike lane and walking path for both 128th Avenue and 232nd Street in the future, that will incorporate bike lanes and a sidewalk/trail network.

Official Community Plan Amending Bylaws No. 7734-2021 and No. 7735-2021 were drafted to integrate the Yennadon Lands Concept Plan into the Official Community Plan. The two bylaws were presented at the May 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting and were subsequently forwarded to the May 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting for Council consideration of first reading.

Official Community Plan Amending Bylaws No. 7734-2021 and No. 7735-2021 were granted first reading at the May 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Following the consideration and granting of first reading to the two Official Community Plan Amending Bylaws, staff initiated the referral and consultation process, set out under Section 475 of the Local Government Act, which was endorsed at the time of first reading. This report highlights and responds to comments received through the referral and consultation process, noting that future site specific development applications will require additional studies, and referrals to outside agencies.

2.0 DISCUSSION:

This section will outline the agencies involved in the referral process and the response of each. In addition, modifications to the Official Community Plan Bylaws, including the proposed amendments to the Yennadon Lands policies and Development Permit, will be laid out.

2.1 Yennadon Lands Referral Process

As a part of the referral process, staff sent out referral requests to a number of external stakeholders and internal departments for their comments regarding the proposed redesignation of the Yennadon Lands towards an employment future. Returned comments are high-level, as site-specific details will come through the development application process. When development applications come before Council, additional studies typically found through the municipal rezoning process may be required. Such development related studies may include geotechnical assessments, ground-water impact assessments, servicing and infrastructure studies, agricultural impact assessments, environmental impact assessments (where development may encroach into some Environmentally Sensitive Areas), as well as significant tree and habitat balance assessments. Development applicants will be required to rezone (to the proposed new M-7 Employment Park Industrial zone discussed in Section 2.5 below) and obtain a development permit to regulate the form and character of new buildings.

2.1.1 External Stakeholders

As per typical municipal referral processes, the following external stakeholders received a referral / comment request regarding the re-designation of the Yennadon Lands towards an employment future:

- Agriculture Land Commission
- Metro Vancouver
- Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
- School District No. 42
- TransLink

While the comments are summarized below, the complete responses are available in Appendix F. Comment requests were also sent to the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations.

Agricultural Land Commission (ALC)

The ALC noted that one Yennadon Lands parcel is within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). As such, this ALR parcel is still subject to the ALC Act and its regulations, and ALC staff, at this time, do not support the proposed redesignation of the property from Agricultural to Industrial. The ALC does acknowledge that the City is aware that the remaining ALR parcel will need to go through the ALC exclusion process in order to permit Industrial uses on that site and that should the City choose to forward an exclusion application to the ALC, the ALC will review the merits of the exclusion proposal at that time.

The ALC also noted that the Yennadon Lands abut ALR land on the eastern perimeter, across from 232 Street and suggested that City staff should consult the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries' Guide to Edge Planning when considering the establishment of a vegetative buffer along the non-ALR /ALR boundary.

Following receipt of the ALC's comments, a staff-to-staff meeting was held to gain clarity on the recent changes to the ALR exclusion request process, given the exclusion history associated with the Yennadon Land properties. Specifics related to this process are outlined in Section 5.0, Intergovernmental Implications, below. As well, City staff reassured ALC Staff that the edge planning guidelines have been considered and integrated, as appropriate, within the Yennadon Lands Development Permit Guidelines.

Metro Vancouver

Metro Vancouver provided comments from staff in the Regional Planning and Housing Services, Water Services, and Parks and Environment Departments. The complete letter is available in Appendix F.

Regional Planning staff noted the potential need to redesignate the land regionally, given the proposed land uses under the Industrial designation, as well as the proposed process. Following receipt of Metro Vancouver's comments, a staff-to-staff meeting was held to gain clarity on the timelines associated with the adoption of *Metro 2050*. Specifics related to this process are outlined in Section 5.0, Intergovernmental Implications, below.

Regional Planning staff also noted the need for sensitive industrial development given the surrounding non-industrial land uses, as well as the impacts of urban edge development on agricultural land. Regional Planning staff have also requested that some additional guidelines be incorporated into the Yennadon Lands Development Permit Guidelines. Where feasible, staff have made these amendments (discussed in further detail below).

Water Services staff noted the importance of early engagement with Metro Vancouver's Water Services department noting the proximal impacts associated with the development of the Yennadon Lands to Metro Vancouver's mains. City staff will connect with Water Services staff, as appropriate, throughout the redesignation process of the Yennadon Lands and on a site-by-site basis through the future development application process.

Parks & Environment staff note that the Concept Plan identifies a trail or multi-use pathway along the 128 Avenue side of the Yennadon Lands that is consistent with the *Regional Greenways 2050* plan.

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNROD)

Ministry staff note that the Yennadon Lands require regulation under the Provincial Water Sustainability Act (WSA) in collaboration with City staff, and offered the following guidance for future development within the area, as new development will likely change the water storage and attenuation capacity of the area. The Ministry encourages a holistic review of the site, including both environmental protection planning and integrated stormwater / drainage plans for the area with specific details noted in the latest provincial documents and resources. Ministry staff note the potential flexibility for FLNROD, the City of Maple Ridge and landowners to responsibly manage and integrate development within these areas. The full responses provided by FLNROD is available in Appendix F.

City staff note the recent work conducted by the City on the Alouette River Integrated Stormwater Management Plan and provided a reminder that the typical municipal development application process does require stormwater and drainage management plans. The proposed consolidation policy, discussed below, will also assist in strengthening the ability for a development application to flexibly accommodate the provincial regulations.

School District No. 42

School District No. 42 noted in their referral response that the proposed redesignation would affect the student population for the catchment areas currently served by Yennadon Elementary and Garibaldi Secondary School. The complete letter is available in Appendix F.

City Engineering staff confirm that Yennadon Elementary is located approximately 200m to the east and that traffic volumes at peak school times may be a challenge at the 128 Ave / 232 Street intersection. Currently, some of the vacant properties within the Yennadon Lands are unofficially used as overflow parking for parents taking their children to school due to the congestion at drop off and pick up times. The City is actively working with the School District to address the congestion issues.

TransLink

TransLink staff note that their comments are based on their legislated mandate to review OCP amendments, as well as policy direction outlined in the Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS) and the Transit-Oriented Communities Design Guidelines. As such, TransLink staff had the following comments:

- Noting the infrequency of the bus routes currently servicing the Yennadon Lands, that it would be important for the City to provide safe, accessible, and comfortable active transportation routes from the site to both the Haney Place Bus Exchange as well as the West Coast Express at Port Haney Station;
- That TransLink encourages the City to improve the safety of active transportation modes surrounding the site, such as adding signalized crosswalks at key pedestrian crossings, sidewalks on both sides of the roads along 232 Street and 128 Avenue, and improving the existing bus stops on these roads to increase the comfort and attractiveness for transit as a travel option in the area.
- Noting that 232 Street is a Major Road Network (MRN), the City would be required to obtain TransLink approval for any new accesses to/from the MRN.
- Encourage City staff to incorporate the TDM Guidelines for New Developments in Metro Vancouver and/or develop a TDM Plan for the site.

City staff have noted these comments and made the appropriate amendments to policy and development permit guidelines as appropriate. The complete letter is available in Appendix F.

2.1.2 Internal Stakeholders

In addition to the external organizations, referrals are sent to internal departments including Building, Economic Development, Engineering, Environment, Development, Fire, and Parks.

The Yennadon Lands were identified as a potential location for future employment uses in the City's Commercial & Industrial Strategy, with the Strategy recommending that planning for the additional supply of employment land should be a high priority in order to best satisfy future demand in an increasingly competitive region. This area aligns with the intent of the current Official Community Plan policies for inclusion as employment lands, as the lands are generally flat, have access to an arterial and collector roadway, and servicing runs adjacent to the properties, as well as the City's recent Economic Development Strategy.

It is noted in the Commercial & Industrial Strategy that a mixed employment campus-style business park could be a suitable form of development in this area. The Strategy recommends development with a key focus on restricting heights, while also encouraging building forms and uses that are in keeping with the surrounding residential context. It was originally noted that the Yennadon Lands could eventually serve the needs of the technology sector, light manufacturing companies, and professional offices, all of which offer a high employment density.

As many City Departments were involved throughout the creation and development of the Yennadon Lands Concept Plan, internal referral comments were few, with the proposed Concept Plan largely reflecting departmental aspirations. Where relevant, internal comments also spoke to relevant external comments, including where possible further regional alignment could take place, such as through economic development and active transportation opportunities. The comments received from the Engineering Department largely pertain to future development application processes, and will be of interest to potential applicants, the referral response is included in Appendix G.

2.2 Yennadon Lands Land Use Designation & OCP Policies

In order to implement the Yennadon Lands Concept Plan, Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 (Appendix A, Schedule 1) introduces a new category to the existing Industrial land use designation. Some of the existing policies of Chapter 6 Employment have been updated, where appropriate, but the majority of Official Community Plan Policy Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 is proposed to integrate the Industrial Land Use Employment Park Category policies into OCP Chapter 6.

The Industrial (Employment Park Category) is intended to help create a more "complete community" by providing a range of employment opportunities where local residents and future business owners can live, work and play within a five to ten minute walk or bicycle ride of their residence.

In the past, industrial and commercial/residential areas have not always been good neighbours as industrial uses often bring noise, visual impacts, and large truck traffic to local areas. Therefore, the design of the employment area will be limited to business activities occurring primarily inside a building to contain nuisance noise, odour, and other negative impacts. Development will be directed in a sensitive and scaled manner so that the Employment Park is compatible with the adjoining residential neighbourhood.

Through the referral process, it has been noted that the development and servicing of these properties will require a collective approach in order to facilitate future uses that will offer a high employment density. As such, lot consolidation policies are proposed as an amendment to Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021. The intent of these policies is to ensure the development of a cohesive road network, servicing access and environmental compensation package, while being able to unlock the employment potential of these lands as flexibly as possible. The following consolidation policy amendments to the Employment Park policies are proposed:

- That Maple Ridge will require a minimum lot consolidation of 75,000 square meters for employment park development on the eastern portion of the Yennadon Lands (Policy 6-55 b)
- That Maple Ridge will require a minimum lot consolidation of 35,000 square meters for employment park development on the western portion of the Yennadon Lands (Policy 6-55 d)

The complete set of policies, including proposed amendments, is included in Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021, which is attached as Schedule 1 to Appendix A.

2.3 Yennadon Lands Employment Park Development Permit Guidelines

In conjunction with the Industrial Land Use (Employment Park Category) policies, specific Development Permit Guidelines (Appendix A, Schedule 2) have been developed for the Yennadon Lands Employment Park, which is proposed for integration into Chapter 8, Development Permit Areas, of the Official Community Plan. The intent of these guidelines is to shape the form of development to reflect Council and community comments, while remaining flexible and open to a range of uses.

The Development Permit Guidelines go through general design guidelines, such as site planning essentials, as well as specifics pertaining to site planning, landscaping, access and parking, and building design and massing.

Since first reading, a number of amendments have been made to the proposed Development Permit Guidelines:

- Update references to reflect the most recent guidelines, standards and bylaws.
- Update of some graphics for clarity.
- More specific wording relating to Access and Transportation, reflecting comments received through the external stakeholder review process.
- More specific wording relating to the opportunity for trails, open space, and active transportation opportunities, reflecting comments received through the internal and external stakeholder review process.
- Clarification on possible flexibility as it relates to the stormwater management and drainage strategies for the Yennadon Lands Employment Park.
- New guidelines that speak to wildlife and bird friendly designs, as requested by Metro Vancouver.
- Clarification regarding green roofs, and the maintenance of, as requested by Metro Vancouver.
- Removal of the Live/Work possibility, given the changing market demands, intent to align with future regional land use designations, and Council's desire for no residential use in the area.
- Update of the Design Checklist to reflect the proposed amendments.

The complete set of Development Permit Guidelines is included in Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 (Policy), which is attached as Schedule 2 to Appendix A.

2.4 Yennadon Lands Employment Park Official Community Plan Land Use Map

It is intended, with the Official Community Plan Amending Bylaws that the 'Schedule B' Land Use Map and 'Schedule C' Natural Features Map will be amended to reflect the change in land use and designation. The Yennadon Lands Employment Park designation is proposed to change from 'Agricultural' to 'Industrial' and 'Conservation', as identified in the attached land use maps.

Since first reading of Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021, one of the Yennadon Lands properties have advanced through the development application process towards a Commercial future. As such, amendments to the boundaries of Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-

2021 (Appendix B) are now required as well as the introduction of Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 (Appendix C).

Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021, as amended, has had two properties removed – the properties known as 12791 232 Street and 23154 128 Avenue. As mentioned above, 12791 232 Street is moving towards a Commercial future through the development application approval process and has recently received third reading. Therefore, it will not be subject to the Yennadon Land policies. The property 23154 128 Avenue will now be captured under Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 and the Yennadon Land Employment Park policies and development permit guidelines will apply. The introduction of Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 may assist with unlocking the potential of the Yennadon Lands in an expedited manner.

2.5 Yennadon Lands Employment Park and the City of Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw

The implementation of the Yennadon Lands Concept Plan takes place in conjunction with a new zone in the City's Zoning Bylaw, proposed as the M-7 Employment Park Industrial zone. Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 (Appendix A) includes amendments to the zoning matrix, which identifies zones that are permitted under each land use designation, in Appendix C of the Official Community Plan. This form of matrix has been updated to reflect the new land use category proposed for this area.

Given that the M-3 Business Park Industrial Zone will be used as the basis for the M-7 Employment Park Industrial Zone, it is anticipated that the minimum lot area and dimensions, density, and lot coverage will be nearly the same, or the same, as the M-3 Zone. Setbacks are proposed to somewhat differ from those in the M-3 zone, noting the close proximity of the existing residential developments abutting the Yennadon Lands. It is also anticipated that portions of the Yennadon Lands will have a lower building height in order to reflect the neighbourhood context. While originally envisioned to be part of the the Yennadon Lands Second Reading Report, the M-7 Employment Park Industrial Zone will come forward as a complementary report in the near future in order to accommodate any Council comment regarding the zone parameters, including proposed principal and accessory uses.

2.6 Next Steps

Staff prepared Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 (Appendix A), Bylaw No. 7735-2021 and Bylaw No. 7838-2022 (Appendix B) to re-designate the Yennadon Lands for an employment future. These bylaws have been amended to reflect intergovernmental referral comments, as well as regional processes, and are proposed for second reading at an upcoming Council meeting.

Figure 2 - OCP Amending Bylaw Process



Development applications proposing employment land uses continue to be able to come before Council. Development applications are able to proceed through the development application process,

providing they align with the endorsed concept and Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 (Policy), Bylaw No. 7735-2021 and Bylaw No. 7838-2022 (Land Use Designation). When that occurs, through these site-specific development applications, additional studies typically found through the municipal rezoning process may take place. Such studies may include geotechnical assessments, ground-water impact assessments, servicing and infrastructure studies (including drainage plans), agricultural impact assessments, environmental impact assessments (where development may encroach into some Environmentally Sensitive Areas), as well as significant tree and habitat balance assessments.

Development applicants will be required to rezone to the proposed new M-7 Employment Park Industrial zone discussed in Section 2.5 above and obtain a development permit to regulate the form and character of new buildings.

3.0 STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Implementing strategic plans related to local infrastructure and the economy, including the City's commercial and industrial land base, is a Council priority as established under its Growth pillar of the 2019-2022 City of Maple Ridge Strategic Plan.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed land use re-designation of the Yennadon Lands to an employment future is supported through the recommendations of the Commercial & Industrial Strategy and the existing industrial policies in the OCP. OCP policies 6-41 and 6-42 speak to identifying additional employment lands within the City and set out compatibility criteria used to determine feasibility of new employment land. Specifically, the subject properties align with the intent of the current OCP policies for inclusion as employment lands, as the lands are generally flat, have access to arterial and collector roadways, and development servicing is located adjacent to the properties.

5.0 INTERGOVERNMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Agricultural Land Commission

In 2004, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) permitted 12 of the 13 Yennadon Land properties to be removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve. This was a voluntary process, so only those property owners that chose to participate went through the exclusion process. As such, one property in the northeast corner (23154 128 Avenue) of the Yennadon Lands area will need to go through the ALC exclusion process to permit employment uses on that site. In accordance with the latest provincial changes in Bill 15, the current owner will have to request that the City make this exclusion application on their behalf.

Once the property owner requests an exclusion application be made, staff will bring a report before Council requesting permission to send the property to the Agricultural Land Commission to explore the possibility of exclusion.

Should the property be excluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve, the City will be able to move Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 through the regional redesignation process required by Metro Vancouver in order to facilitate servicing and future employment uses at this site.

5.2 Metro Vancouver

The Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), titled "Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping Our Future", manages growth by establishing growth boundaries throughout the region. The Yennadon Lands are largely

located within the Region's Urban Containment Boundary (see Appendix D) for the Region's Urban Containment Boundary).

Staff note that the potential for an adjustment to the City's Urban Area Boundary was contemplated during the previous Regional Growth Strategy review in 2006 and the lands were therefore, designated as General Urban by the Region (i.e. the majority of the Yennadon Lands are within the Region's Urban Containment Boundary). However, two properties in the northeast corner are outside of the Region's Urban Containment Boundary. These properties will require a land use designation change at the Metro Vancouver level, as well as an adjustment to the Urban Containment Boundary to permit employment uses.

As Metro Vancouver has been undertaking a review of the Regional Growth Strategy, Metro Vancouver staff have requested that minor amendments to the Regional Plan be held until the regional planning process has been complete. Third reading of the Yennadon Lands bylaws will be used as the spring-board for these future conversations, as Metro Vancouver has indicated support for the City's intent to provide additional employment lands in the region.

According to the latest information, Metro Vancouver has recently completed a draft of the updated Regional Growth Strategy, *Metro 2050*. At time of report writing, *Metro 2050* is intended to be presented to the regional board at the end of March, 2022 for consideration of first and second reading. If passed, letters for formal acceptance will be sent out to local governments in early May and Metro Vancouver will require local governments to pass resolutions for approval. These resolutions are due to Metro Vancouver by July, 2022.

Should Official Community Plan Amending Bylaws 7734-2021, 7735-2021 and 7838-2022 receive third reading, following a public hearing, staff will move forward with the regional land use redesignation requirements to the appropriate regional growth strategy.

An application by the City, to the Greater Vancouver Sewerage & Drainage District Board, is required to achieve regional approval to include the Yennadon Lands within the Fraser Sewerage Area for more intensive employment activities to take place at this site. The intent is to support urban level servicing and an application to the Board will be considered through this process.

6.0 INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Community Planning staff have been working collaboratively with our Development & Environment colleagues, as well as with Engineering, Parks, Recreation & Culture, Building and Economic Development staff, on the pursuit of employment opportunities for the Yennadon Lands. It is anticipated that these departments will continue to be involved throughout the Yennadon Lands Employment Park Re-designation process. Additionally, staff from Legislative Services and Communications Departments will continue to provide support with community outreach and communication initiatives.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The ongoing pursuit of employment lands, specifically with the Yennadon Lands Employment Park, is included in the Planning Department 2022 Work Program.

CONCLUSION:

The Yennadon Lands were identified as a potential location for future employment uses in the City's Commercial & Industrial Strategy. This area aligns with the intent of the current Official Community

Plan policies for inclusion as employment lands, as the lands are generally flat, have access to an arterial and collector roadway, and servicing runs adjacent to the properties.

Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 and Bylaw No. 7735-2021 received first reading on May 11, 2021. Following the internal and external referral process, the amended bylaws are before Council for consideration of second reading. The introduction of Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022 is before Council for consideration of first and second reading.

These three bylaws propose to re-designate the Yennadon Lands for an Employment Park. Should Council direct, Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021, Bylaw No. 7735-2021 and Bylaw 7838-2022 would be forwarded to an upcoming Council Meeting for consideration of second reading and then forwarded to an upcoming public hearing.

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- Appendix A: Official Community Plan – Schedule A – Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 (as amended)
 - Schedule 1 – Chapter 6, 6.4.2 Employment Parks
 - Schedule 2 – Chapter 8, Yennadon Lands Employment Park Development Permit Area Guidelines
- Appendix B: Official Community Plan – Schedule B – Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021 (as amended)
 - Schedule 1 & 2 – Urban Area Boundary and Land Use Maps
- Appendix C: Official Community Plan – Schedule B – Amending Bylaw No. 7838-2022
 - Schedule 1: Land Use Map
- Appendix D: Urban Area Boundary and Urban Containment Boundary Map
- Appendix E: City of Maple Ridge Work-to-Date
- Appendix F: External Referral Comments
- Appendix G: Internal Referral Comments

CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE

BYLAW NO. 7734-2021

A Bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7060-2014

WHEREAS Section 477 of the Local Government Act provides that the Council may revise the Official Community Plan;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to amend Schedule "A" to the Official Community Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the City of Maple Ridge, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Policy Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021."
2. That the Table of Contents is amended by inserting 6.4.2 Employment Park after 6.4.1 Industrial Lands and renumbering the following sections accordingly.
3. That Chapter 6 Employment, 6.4 Industrial Opportunities, 6.4.1 Industrial Lands, Policy 6-44 is amended by deleting the policy and replacing with the following:

"6 – 44 The Industrial land use designation is a key component of achieving a compact community. Within the Industrial designation, there are 3 industrial categories, the components of which are highlighted in this chapter:

- a) Business Park Industrial – lands that are located in the Maple Meadows Industrial Park and Albion Industrial Area. The Business Parks provide for a range of industrial uses and services, with an emphasis on landscaping and design.
 - b) Employment Park Industrial – lands that are located in the Yennadon Lands Employment Park. Employment Park Industrial provides for a range of employment uses close to where people live while reducing possible negative impacts on existing surrounding neighbourhoods.
 - c) General Industrial – lands that are located throughout the community and provide for a range of services and general industrial uses."
4. That Chapter 6 Employment is amended by inserting 6.4.2 Employment Park, a copy of which is attached hereto and forms a part of this bylaw as Schedule 1, following 6.4.1 Industrial Lands and renumbering the remaining sections, policies, and associated policy references accordingly.
 5. That Chapter 8 Development Permit Area Guidelines be amended by inserting the following after "Ground-Oriented Residential Infill" on the Title Page:

- ◆ Yennadon Lands Employment Park

6. That Chapter 8 Development Permit Area Guidelines, Section 8.2 Application and Intent be amended by inserting the following after 8.2 (9):

“10. Yennadon Lands Employment Park pursuant to Section 488 of the Local Government Act to establish guidelines for the form and character of intensive light industrial use and for the protection of natural features and ecologically significant land.”

7. That Chapter 8 Development Permit Area Guidelines is amended by inserting the Yennadon Lands Employment Park Development Permit Area Guidelines, a copy of which is attached hereto and forms a part of this bylaw as Schedule 2, following after Section 8.14 Ground Oriented Residential Infill Development Permit Guidelines.

8. That Appendix C Zoning Matrix, Industrial Designations* be amended by inserting the following between “General Industrial Category” and “Business Park Category”:

Employment Park Category * (Subject to policies in Section 6.4.2)	M-7 Employment Park Industrial
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9. That Appendix C Zoning Matrix, Industrial Designations*, Business Park Category be amended by removing the reference to ‘Section 6.4.2’ and replacing it with ‘Section 6.4.3’ and that “M-7 Employment Park Industrial” be added after “M-3 Business Park”.

10. Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7060-2014 as amended is hereby amended accordingly.

READ a first time the 11th day of May, 2021.

READ a second time as amended the day of 202X.

PUBLIC HEARING held the day of , 202X.

READ a third time the day of , 202X.

ADOPTED, the day of , 202X.

PRESIDING MEMBER

CORPORATE OFFICER

6.4.2 EMPLOYMENT PARK

ISSUES

- The City's Commercial & Industrial Strategy recommends planning for the additional supply of employment land in order to best satisfy future demand in an increasingly competitive region.
- The Yennadon Lands are identified as a potential location for future employment use in the City's Commercial & Industrial Strategy. The impetus in identifying the Yennadon Lands for employment use was largely due to the lands being generally flat and underutilized, with the potential for urban level servicing, and located on arterial and collector roadways.

OBJECTIVE

- The aim of an Employment Park is to create a more "complete community" by providing a range of employment opportunities where local residents and future business owners can live, work and play within a five to ten minute walk or bicycle ride of their residence.
- In the past, industrial and commercial areas have not always been good neighbours as they have brought consequences such as noise, visual impacts, and undesirable traffic to local areas. Therefore, the design of the employment area will be limited to business activities inside the building to eliminate nuisance noise, odour, and other negative impacts.
- The Yennadon Lands Employment Park is 25.4 hectares (63 acres) in the north central part of the City of Maple Ridge. It is located on the south edge of 128 Avenue and the west edge of 232 Avenue. As it is bordered by residential land uses on the south and west edges, the Commercial & Industrial Strategy recommends development with a key focus on restricting heights, while also encouraging building forms and uses that are in keeping with the surrounding residential context.

POLICIES

6 - 51 Maple Ridge will designate Employment Parks in areas where there is an opportunity to increase job densities. The intent for high density Employment Parks is to encourage the right type and size of employment facilities that will help increase job opportunities close to home, as new and mature local businesses to locate closer to where their employees live.

6 - 52 Maple Ridge will direct development in a sensitive and scaled manner so that the Employment Park is compatible with the adjoining residential neighbourhood.

6 - 53 An Employment Park will have an appropriate mix and size of employment uses to generate suitable levels of job creation, while still affording a sensitive transition to the surrounding uses.

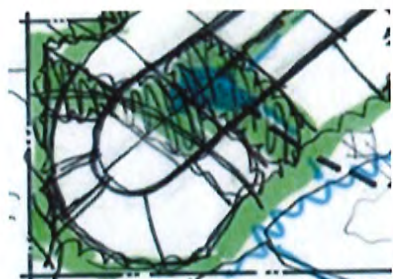
6 – 54 Maple Ridge will designate the Yennadon Lands, generally located south of 128th Ave and west of 232nd Street, for an Employment Park use. The Yennadon Lands serve growing industries, that include the technology sector, light manufacturing companies, and professional offices, all of which offer a high employment density.

6 – 55 Maple Ridge will consider an Employment Park development for the Yennadon Lands noting that:

- a)The eastern portion of the Yennadon Lands Employment Park may have larger and more conventional light industrial buildings;
- b) Maple Ridge will require a minimum lot consolidation of 75,000 square meters for employment park development on the eastern portion of the Yennadon Lands;
- c) The western portion of the Yennadon Lands Employment Park will have a building form that is similar to that of a single-detached residential dwelling height and massing with generous landscape retention and reduced parking, where possible;
- d) Maple Ridge will require a minimum lot consolidation of 35,000 square meters for employment park development on the western portion of the Yennadon Lands; and
- d) Development must align with the Yennadon Lands Employment Park Development Permit Area Guidelines found in Chapter 8 of the City's Official Community Plan.

YENNADON LANDS EMPLOYMENT PARK

DESIGN GUIDELINES



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Design Guidelines Guide

Overview

These guidelines are specific to the Yennadon Lands Employment Park. They are unique in that they direct development in a neighbourhood sensitive and scaled manner so that the Employment Park is compatible with the adjoining residential neighbourhood. In the past, industrial areas have not always been good neighbours as they have brought consequences such as noise, visual impacts, and undesirable traffic to local areas. The City of Maple Ridge wants to prevent those negative consequences as much as possible.

In the case of the Yennadon Lands Employment Park, the intention is to bring the right type and size of employment facilities into the neighbourhood, so it increases job opportunities close to home and provides opportunities for new and mature businesses to locate closer to where their employees live. This approach will help residents drive less, walk and bike more, and reduce the overall greenhouse gas footprint that longer commutes create.

At the same time, as reducing commuting and providing space for businesses to grow, the City wants to provide pathways and trails, as well as other natural areas and tree conservation with any contemplated development in this new Employment Park. The scale, character and size of the buildings will also be carefully reviewed to ensure they fit into the valued west coast character of the neighbourhood. Sensitive site planning, landscape buffers, and screening will help these businesses integrate better with the surrounding established residential communities. Finally, access and traffic will be limited to the arterial roads in the area so that local streets are not impacted by the development to the extent possible.

Purpose

Property owners, developers, and consultants including architects, landscape architects and engineers will use these guidelines and the associated design review checklist to shape their development permit applications. City of Maple Ridge staff will measure the development permit applications submissions against the guidelines and checklist to suggest potential improvements. In the end, the City of Maple Ridge wants to make the development review and approvals process as clear and self-evident as possible to help reduce unnecessary delays and assure quality design. Most importantly, the City wants to create an outstanding and sought-after Yennadon Lands Employment Park: a local neighbourhood-sensitive employment area that all residents and businesses can be proud of as a progressive alternative to longer commutes.

How to Use These Guidelines

1. A Development Permit Application will be completed that conforms to the City of Maple Ridge *Zoning Bylaw* requirements and other design standards, regulations, and bylaws including but not limited to the *Maple Ridge Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw*, the *Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw*, the *Strategic Transportation Plan*, *Tree Protection and Management Bylaw*, *Natural Features Development Permit Application*, and the *Watercourse Protection Development Permit Application*.
2. The four sections that follow include:
 - a. Section 1.0 Design Administration and Framework Policies
 - b. Section 2.0 Employment Park Design Concept and Principles describes the approved overall site development concept and the accompanying principles that guide development;
 - c. Section 3.0 contains the specific Design Guidelines that apply to individual development parcels; and
 - d. Section 4.0 is a summary Design Review Checklist to ensure that applicants have covered all the guidelines adequately.
3. Following staff review, amendments will be required to the Development Permit Application as conditions for approval with the intention of improving the quality of site planning and design.

1.0 Design Administration and Framework Policies

1.1 Intent and Use

- 1.1.1 These guidelines and associated design guideline checklist will be used to guide development of the Yennadon Lands Employment Park. They will be used by the City of Maple Ridge to review and evaluate Development Permit Applications.
- 1.1.2 Applicants will respond to each guideline and checklist item that applies to their specific site in the context of the entire development area (see Section 4: Design Review Checklist).

1.2 Administration and Interpretation

- 1.2.1 The use of the term "City" shall mean "The City of Maple Ridge."
- 1.2.2 Where there is conflict with other bylaws, policies, or Area Plans adopted by the City, those bylaws, policies, or Area Plans will have priority over these guidelines.
- 1.2.3 Where a descriptive section, illustration, or photograph accompanies a guideline, it is provided for information purposes only to enhance the understanding of the guideline.
- 1.2.4 Where "shall" is used in the guideline, the guideline is considered mandatory.
- 1.2.5 Where "should" is used in a guideline, the intent is that the guideline is strongly encouraged, but can be varied where unique or unforeseen circumstances provide for courses of action that would satisfy or generally be seen as equivalent to the intent of the guideline.
- 1.2.6 Where the guideline requires submission of studies, analysis, or other information, the City of Maple Ridge shall determine the exact requirements and timing of the studies, analysis, or information.
- 1.2.7 Bylaws, policies, and regulations will be cross-referenced where possible in these guidelines, but it is up to the applicant to ensure that they comply with all applicable bylaws, policies, and regulations in accordance with the City of Maple Ridge's requirements whether or not they are mentioned in these guidelines.

1.3 Development Permit Area Application

- 1.3.1 In accordance with Section 488 of the *Local Government Act*, the City of Maple Ridge is permitted to designate Development Permit Areas to create special requirements for certain forms of development, including the form and character of intensive residential, commercial, industrial or multi-family residential development, and for the protection of natural features and ecologically significant land.
- 1.3.2 A Development Permit Area is intended to address special development circumstances, and if a property is within a Development Permit Area, certain types of development activity cannot proceed without a Development Permit being issued by Council.
- 1.3.3 An Industrial Development Permit is required for all new development within the urban area on lands designated industrial on Schedule B of the Official Community Plan other than in those circumstances indicated in in Section 8.4 Development Permit Exemptions. The following form and

character guidelines apply to industrial development on this unique neighbourhood site but are not necessarily appropriate for general industrial uses.

1.4 Site Location, Size and Characteristics

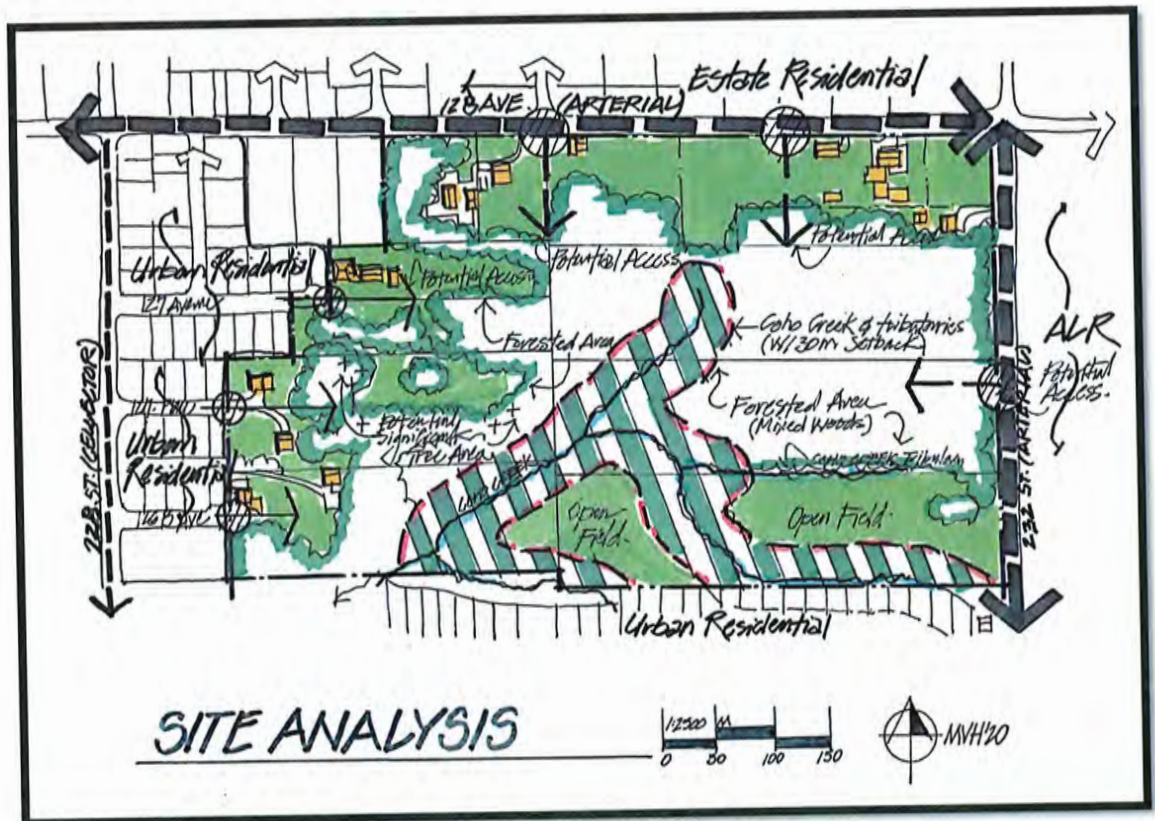
- 1.4.1 The Yennadon Lands Employment Park is 25.4 gross hectares (63 acres) in the north central part of the City of Maple Ridge. It is located on the south edge of 128 Avenue and the west edge of 232 Street. It is bordered by residential land uses on the south and west edges. Thirteen properties make up the Employment Area. The properties range in size from 0.5 hectares (1.50 acres) up to 4 hectares (10.0 acres).
- 1.4.2 The west side of the Yennadon Lands Employment Park has newer urban residential homes on standard single-detached lots. On the southwest edge of the Employment Park, set back from Coho Creek, are clusters of townhomes. Along the south Employment Park of the site are older urban residential lots adjoining the south edge of Coho Creek. East of the Employment Park along 232 Street are large lot homes built on the Agricultural Land Reserve. North of the Employment Park on 128 Avenue are older estate lot homes. On the northeast corner of 232 Street and 128 Avenue is a Petro Canada Service Station and associated commercial uses. The Yennadon Elementary School is also located in behind the Service Station northeast of 128 Avenue and 232 Street.
- 1.4.3 The northern and western edges of the Employment Park have current large lot residential uses. One small farm is located in the northeast corner of the Employment Park. The balance of the site is vacant, treed, or open fields with Coho Creek and its tributaries running through the south and central part of the site. The open parts of the site have views north to the Golden Ears mountain peaks but much of the potential views are obscured by the existing forested area. The site is relatively flat but is punctuated by mounds and lower wet areas.



Orthographic photo of site and adjoining uses

1.5 Watercourses and Natural Features

- 1.5.1 In accordance with Section 8.9 of the Official Community Plan, a Watercourse Protection Development Permit application is required for all development and building within 50 meters of top-of-bank of all water features such as creeks, wetlands, ponds, or ditches, for the preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement of watercourse and riparian areas. Coho Creek and its tributaries run east to west and northeast to southwest through the site in the south and central part of the site.
- 1.5.2 Pursuant to Section 8.10 of the Official Community Plan, a Natural Features Development Permit application shall be required for all development and subdivision to ensure the protection, restoration, and enhancement of the natural environment.
- 1.5.3 Outside of dedicated watercourse and natural feature protection areas, restrictive covenants shall be utilized to assist with protection of tree retention areas, and high risk natural hazard areas, where necessary.
- 1.5.4 Re-designation to a "Conservation" land use designation within the Official Community Plan shall be required through a future rezoning application.

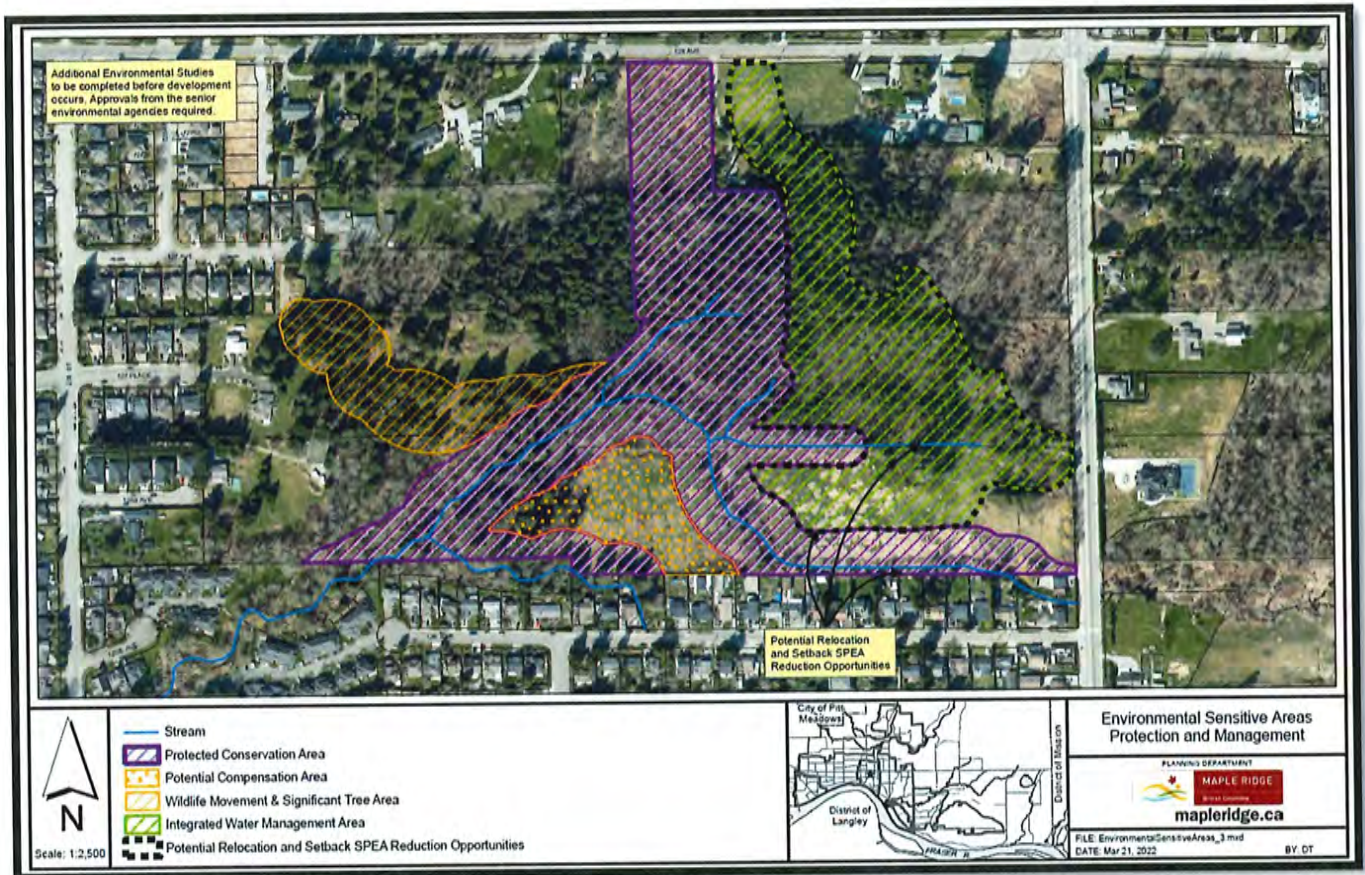


Summary site analysis and core Coho Creek Conservation Area

- 1.5.5 The City's Tree Protection and Management Bylaw will apply to the tree retention, removal, and replacement requirements for each development application as the majority of the site is covered with dense mixed forest of deciduous and coniferous trees. There are a few clusters of what appear to be significant Western Red Cedar and Hemlock tree stands near the west edge of the site. There

could also be further specimens, but a detailed tree inventory and management plan would be required to confirm their value and condition.

- 1.5.6 As per municipal requirements and legislative requirements of senior environmental agencies Coho Creek is fish-bearing and therefore requires a 30-meter setback with a 15-meter setback along the south side of the tributary where it abuts historical residential properties facing 126 Avenue on the east side of the site. The surrounding riparian corridor provides an important refuge to a variety of fish, wildlife and flora species and it provides an important wildlife movement corridor through the site. It helps provide greenway connections east and west and north to south as part of a larger watershed sub-catchment area. No buildings, impervious surfaces, infrastructure or site disturbance are permitted in this setback area.



Yennadon Lands Employment Park Environmental Sensitive Areas Protection and Management Concept

- 1.5.7 The Municipal Streamside Protection Regulation setbacks are determined with the assistance of a qualified environmental professional of record. Variances, relocations, or disturbance shall require input from senior environmental agencies. Wetlands and water management areas shall be evaluated by a qualified environmental professional along with the assistance of the Provincial WSA and the City.
- 1.5.8 Portions of these sensitive water management areas are potentially considered to be developable, but site designs must include consideration for integration of naturalized stormwater designs within these areas. Senior environmental agencies have noted a willingness to consider some development within the identified water management areas outside of protected headwater habitat

areas on condition there is a significant effort to retain contiguous headwater areas/wetland features and clusters of healthy trees around headwater areas.

- 1.5.9 There is a remnant central “island” of land in the south-central area of the site that may be considered for the east tributary stream compensation and a reduced setback to 22.5 meters for the balance of Coho Creek. A further environmental study shall be required to confirm the merit and feasibility of the various creek management and compensation options.

1.6 Access and Transportation

- 1.6.1 128 Avenue connects to the Golden Ears Bridge to the west and 232 Street connects south to Abernethy and Dewdney Trunk Road. Each of these roads will provide limited access to the site and no direct single-site access. Further road-widening dedication and improvements will be required as a condition of development and appropriate road standards for interior roads.
- 1.6.2 Transportation Impact Assessments are required through the development application process.
- 1.6.3 Where possible, innovative solutions to school related congestion issues will be considered.
- 1.6.4 Where feasible, developments are encouraged to align with the Transportation Demand Management Guidelines for Development in Metro Vancouver, as amended, in conjunction with the City's Off-Street Parking and Loading Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw, as amended.

1.7 Trails, Open space, Parks and Recreation

- 1.7.1 A gravel horse trail runs along the south side of 128 Avenue adjoining the site. There are some informal trails by residents on the western edge. There are regional and municipal plans for a comprehensive bike lane and walking path for both 128 Avenue and 232 Street in the future that will incorporate bike lanes and a sidewalk/trail network.



A gravel horse trail is located along the south side of 128 Avenue and informal trails exist on the west edge of the site adjoining the residential area

- 1.7.2 A natural interconnected pathway and trail system is shown on the concept plan (Section 2.1) for the site that connects to the surrounding neighbourhoods. The trails should be slightly elevated to avoid flooding and may require elevated boardwalk sections in some of the riparian areas near the stream or in particularly low wet areas. In addition, should pedestrian bridges be required, these

bridges should be designed and constructed so that they create minimum disturbance in the riparian areas.

- 1.7.3 Where possible, trail and greenway development considered for the plan area will align and support the objectives identified in *Regional Greenways 2050*.

1.8 Stormwater Management

- 1.8.1 Any development shall demonstrate compliance with the City's stormwater management requirements as outlined in the drainage section of the City's Design Criteria Manual and in accordance with Provincial and Metro Vancouver design standards.
- 1.8.2 Stormwater management strategies shall be coordinated with geotechnical recommendations, environmental protection areas, and tree retention plans as protected watercourses, surrounding wetland habitat, and water management areas will be the major recipient of seasonal groundwater and stormwater runoff.
- 1.8.3 Green infrastructure solutions must be incorporated into the stormwater management plan.
- 1.8.4 Water quality treatment for runoff from roads/parking areas is required before it enters into protected setback areas and into the more sensitive water management areas zones.
- 1.8.5 A bio-pond is required on at least each half of the Yennadon Lands (eastern portion and western portion) to provide for community detention and water quality treatment prior to discharge to the Coho Creek or existing municipal drainage system.
- 1.8.6 For fish-bearing water courses, any stormwater flow shall be filtered and scrubbed via biofiltration and exfiltration on developable portions of the site before it enters into protected sensitive areas.

2.0 Employment Area Development Concept and Principles

2.1 Employment Area Development Concept

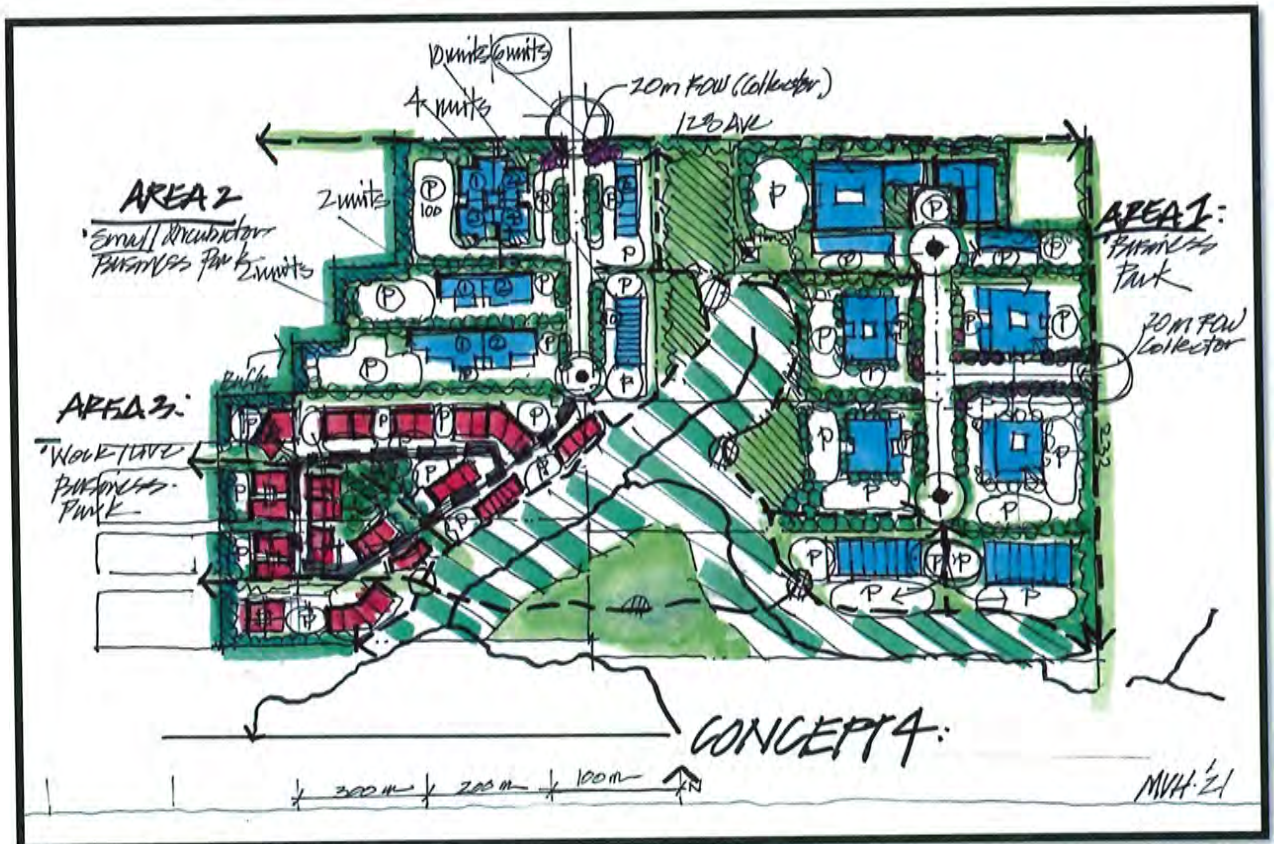
2.1.1 Complete Yennadon Lands Vision: Live, Work, and Play with Nature

The intent is to create a complete neighbourhood where residents and business owners can live, work and play within a five to ten-minute walk or bicycle ride of their residence. This employment area should be uniquely smaller scaled to fit with the surrounding neighbourhood, offering the potential for a variety of smaller scaled buildings with limited building heights and sizes. Residential uses will be limited to potential work/live units in the west sector (see Development Concept Plan below).

2.1.2 Nature and Eco-Industrial Network Potential: The natural environmental area of the site will be conserved as the Coho Creek Conservation Area with the required 30 metre setback areas to buildings and trails along its edges. The employment area will be linked by trails and natural open spaces, which in turn will be connected to the adjoining communities. Businesses are also encouraged to form an Eco-industrial Network to minimize waste and optimize the "circular economy" where waste becomes a potential raw material for another local business. (see Eco-Industrial Park Handbook:

<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/31456>

and article; <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10098-016-1224-x>)



Yennadon Lands Employment Park Development Concept

2.2 Guiding Principles

- 2.2.1 **Suitable Mix of Employment Uses:** The employment area will need to have an appropriate mix and size of employment uses to generate suitable levels of job creation while still affording a sensitive transition to the surrounding residential uses.
- 2.2.2 **Neighbourhood Business Scale and Character:** The design of the employment area will be limited to business activities inside the building to eliminate nuisance noise, odour, and other negative impacts. The building form will be more of a residential height and massing in the western area with generous landscape retention and reduced parking if possible. The eastern area may have larger and more conventional light industrial buildings.
- 2.2.3 **Innovative Mixed Uses:** The development of this site may include a mix of employment uses.
- 2.2.4 **Environmental Sensitivity:** Coho Creek will be dedicated to the City and protected and enhanced with the appropriate setbacks and a progressive stormwater management system on site.
- 2.2.5 **Trail Network:** A comprehensive trail network will connect to the adjoining communities and provide a rich amenity for both the businesses and residents to enjoy, promoting a healthy and walking/biking culture.
- 2.2.6 **Resilience and Adaptability:** This employment neighbourhood will be designed and planned so that there is diversity and choice of business parcels and units so they can adopt and consolidate or expand over time.
- 2.2.7 **Climate-Change Responsive:** The infrastructure and servicing will be designed for increased storm flows and special events.

The intention is that each of the businesses will be part of a greater community that engenders environmental stewardship, economic prosperity, and social responsibility as core to their values.

3.0 Design Guidelines

3.1 General Guidelines: Site Planning Essentials

The following are requirements for each Development Permit Application:



3.1.1 Minimize site disturbance and enhance natural features

The site is sensitive to any alterations of the landscape, especially those areas adjoining Coho Creek. There shall be no disturbance within the stream setback area. Other areas with significant trees will be retained where possible and enhanced with native planting.

3.1.2 Locate building and parking to minimize impact on natural areas

Buildings and required parking shall be located outside the stream setback area. Additional parking or storage areas can be completed with pervious surfaces and surface storage to permit temporary retention, subsurface water recharge and reduce off-site erosion. Any trails or pathways should be located outside the stream setback area.

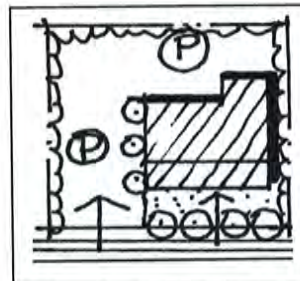


3.1.3 Locate buildings close to the streets with pedestrian access

Since this area is intended to be pedestrian friendly and residential scale on the west portion of the site, buildings will be required to meet the minimum setback requirements unless visitor parking is proposed in the front yard setback. Direct pedestrian pathway access from the street and parking to the building will be required.

3.1.4 Create adequate building weather protection and passive solar gain

Broad overhangs and other methods to protect the building and pedestrians shall be required as part of a genuine west coast approach to design of the buildings and landscape.



3.1.5 Locate main employee parking to the side and rear of the site

Only visitor parking will be permitted in the front yard area. Other parking is required to be located in side yards or rear yards.

3.1.6 Locate storage, service and loading to the side and rear of the site

Storage, service and loading are required to be located to the sides or rear of the property to minimize potential conflicts with visitors and pedestrians as well as reduce undesirable visual impacts.

Parking to the side and rear of the building; visitor parking may be in front.

3.1.7 Manage stormwater on site

Rainwater management will be important so that Coho Creek will receive unpolluted water and nurture the local fish population. No excess runoff will be permitted from any site and will be retained on site in the event of a storm or other rain event in accordance with City of Maple Ridge Design Criteria Manual and environmental standards. The use of Green Infrastructure must be incorporated in to the site designs.



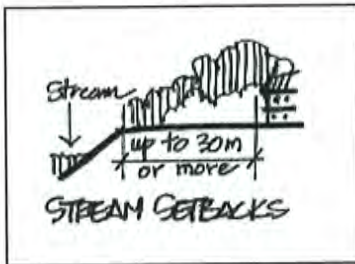
3.1.8 Create a landscaped strip at the front, rear and sides of site

To buffer the visual intrusion of larger buildings, storage, and parking, a landscape strip will be required along the front yard, side yards and rear yard. The specifications for planting, width, and fencing are included in the Specific Guidelines that follow. Landscape design plans should be coordinated with the stormwater management plan to utilize vegetation to address retention, detention and water quality.

3.2 Specific Guidelines and Standards

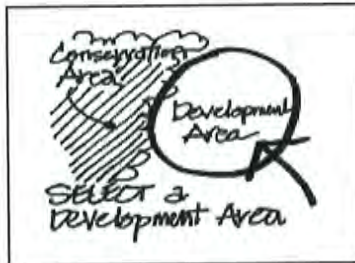
These guidelines generally follow the *M7 Employment Park Industrial Zone* requirements within the *City of Maple Ridge Zoning Bylaw No. 7600-2019* and may be more specific in some cases to attain the *Yennadon Lands Employment Park Development Concept and Guiding Principles* (Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of this document).

3.2.1 Overall Site Planning



3.2.1.1 The minimum development setback from Coho Creek is 30 metres. No buildings, improvements, or site disturbance are permitted in this setback area. The development setback area will be defined by the measurement from the top of bank of Coho Creek and require *Natural Features and Watercourse Protection Development Permits*.

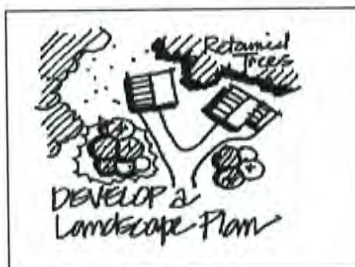
3.2.1.2 The undeveloped portion of the lot shall have all erosion and sediment control mitigation measures in place and be in compliance with the *Maple Ridge Watercourse Protection Bylaw No. 6410-2006*, or as amended.



3.2.1.3 Developments are encouraged to incorporate Low Impact Development (LID) techniques into site planning. Applicants should consider employing techniques such as rain gardens, vegetated swales, separation of impervious surfaces, installing below surface infiltration beds and tree box filters, and redirecting water from drainpipes into vegetated areas.

3.2.1.4 All landscaping areas shall meet or exceed the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Stormwater Source Control Design Guidelines 2012*, or as amended.

3.2.2 Overall Landscape Plan



3.2.2.1 A registered British Columbia Landscape Architect shall develop a Landscape Plan for each parcel.

3.2.2.2 The landscape plan is to retain and enhance the natural settings as much as possible with no disturbance to the natural areas to be conserved outside the building sites. Landscape elements should follow an informal design and be understated.

3.2.2.3 Landscaping on site shall provide definition to pedestrian corridors; adequate screening between sites; soften the transition between adjacent uses; and create interesting views and focal points in and to other parts of the overall employment area including the central natural area.



3.2.2.4 Landscape design shall extend and complement the central natural area of the site and complement the adjoining residential development with natural plantings, accent planting, and specimen planting, where appropriate.



Landscape for energy efficiency and conservation

- 3.2.2.5 The scale and location of plant material shall complement and be consistent with the scale and massing of the building(s) and the street trees.
- 3.2.2.6 The Landscape Plan shall include vegetation and trees to be retained and protected during construction by distinct fencing (Section 3.2.5).
- 3.2.2.7 Site grading and excavation should retain topsoil on site and create the least site disturbance where possible.
- 3.2.2.8 All final site grading must match adjoining, undisturbed natural grades and should be integrated with the stormwater master plan.
- 3.2.2.9 The Landscape Plan should consider energy efficiency and conservation in the selection and placement of plants including the following:
 - 3.2.2.9.1 Providing shade in the summer and light in the winter to the buildings through deciduous tree planting;
 - 3.2.2.9.2 Allowing daylight to active building frontages;
 - 3.2.2.9.3 Permitting natural drainage and ground-water recharge through the placement of planting and planting beds; and
 - 3.2.2.9.4 Redirecting rainwater from rooftop runoff into vegetated areas or rain barrels for later irrigation use.

3.2.3 Landscape Strips and Screens



3.0 metre landscape strip in the front yard and exterior side lot

- 3.2.3.1 A landscape strip is required at the property line along the street front and exterior side lot. Visitor parking is permitted in the front yard only in addition to pedestrian access to the building.
- 3.2.3.2 A recommended selection of native trees, shrubs and groundcovers are recommended to cover at least 75 percent of the ground in this landscape strip area. The balance is recommended to be natural grasses or no-pesticide lawn grasses. Low shrubs (planted at 1.0 metre minimum on centre and trees at a maximum 7 metres on centre) should be planted to screen parked cars but allow visual access to the building for safety purposes.



3.0 metre landscape screen in the side and rear yards

- 3.2.3.3 All planting on the property shall be native, water-conserving, herbaceous and/or woody plant species suitable for the City of Maple Ridge.
- 3.2.3.4 A landscape screen is required in the side and rear yards and along any lot line edge where a trail is required. These buffer/screen strips shall be planted with native evergreen species and are to be continuous and solid adjoining residential uses.
- 3.2.3.5 It is recommended that Building Owners and Tenants maintain the planting media and plant material in accordance with generally accepted landscape maintenance practices, and replacing each as necessary.

3.2.4 Tree Retention and Replacement



3.2.4.1 A tree survey is required by a certified arborist to determine recommendations for tree retention, removal and management in accordance with the *Tree Protection and Management Bylaw No. 7133-2015*.

3.2.4.2 A Tree Management Plan should be developed as part of the required Landscape Plan to minimize disturbance on the site and reduce associated development costs in accordance with the *Tree Protection and Management Bylaw No. 7133-2015*. . If the tree plan is coordinated with storm water management, site grading, road layout, and building layout, site development costs should be reduced.



3.2.4.3 Groups of trees should be retained to protect against potential isolated tree hazard situations. Associated vegetation at the base of trees should be retained to minimize disturbance of existing soil conditions.

3.2.4.4 Trees on adjacent property must not be cut, pruned or have roots severed or disturbed during construction. Large tree roots encroaching on construction areas shall be left intact up to the foundation. Fill or any other material shall be kept well clear of existing trees. Foreign materials and substances should be prevented from entering or leaching into soils and definitely not be stored or placed in the tree protection areas. At the same time, root systems of retained trees shall be protected from compaction and grade changes.

3.2.4.5 All trees identified for preservation shall be protected during construction unless it is otherwise demonstrated that they are a safety hazard or require removal to accommodate an approved building or structure in accordance with the *Tree Protection and Management Bylaw No. 7133-2015*.

3.2.5 Fencing



Chain-link fencing integrated with evergreen hedge

3.2.5.1 No fencing is permitted in the front yard and external side yard areas, except treatments like low decorative wood rail fencing as part of a coordinated landscape plan to a maximum of 1.2 metres.

3.2.5.2 Fencing is limited to the internal side yards and rear yard areas and shall not exceed 3.6 metres.

3.2.5.3 Fencing adjoining residential areas shall either be constructed with materials consistent with fence materials and design generally used in the residential neighbourhood or can be chain-link fencing if complemented by a solid evergreen hedge on the outside of the fence.

3.2.5.4 Any fencing will meet the requirements of *Section 403 – Visual Clearances at Intersections of the Zoning Bylaw*.

3.2.6 Street design standards and pedestrian connections

3.2.6.1 Collector standard roads are required in accordance with the Subdivision and Servicing Bylaw, as amended from time to time.

3.2.6.2 There shall be a separate pedestrian sidewalk connection between the street and the front door of the building or buildings.

3.2.6.3 It is required that a trail network as shown on the concept plan be provided along the Coho Creek setback area and through the development to connect up to the residential areas south and west of the site and with the proposed multi-use trail along 128 Avenue and 232 Street.

3.2.6.4 A 5.0 metre dedicated public-right-of-way shall be required along the Coho Creek setback areas and between properties to permit an interconnected trail system and as an amenity to businesses and residents.

3.2.6.5 Standard trail/pathways include a 2.5 metre pathway with a 250 mm shoulder on both sides (see Figure 2 below).



Trail with 2.5 metre width and 250 mm shoulder

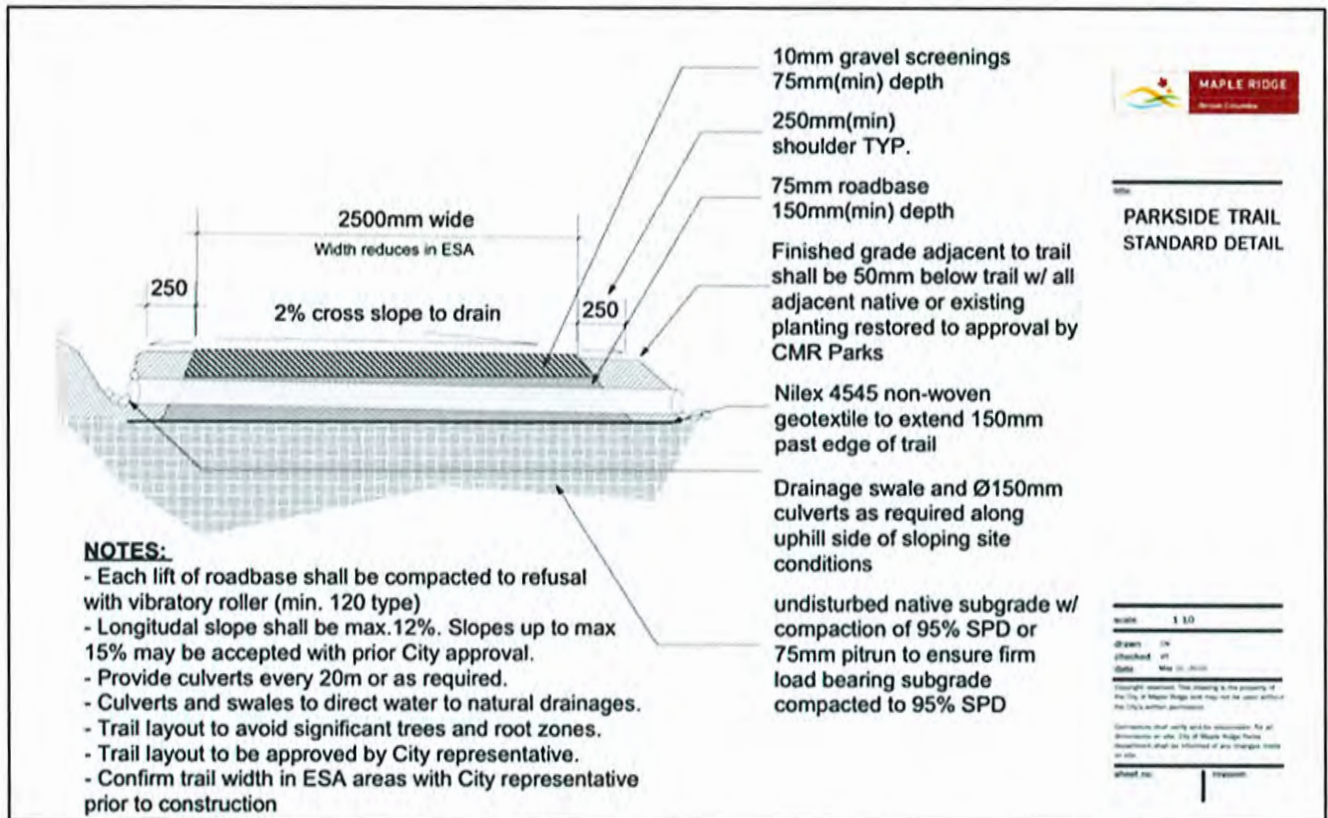


Figure 2: PARKSIDE TRAIL Standard Detail
City of Maple Ridge standard cross-section for trails

3.2.7 Entrance Gateways

- 3.2.7.1 Entrance gateways shall be located at the entrance of the Employment Park at 128 Avenue and at the entrance to the east section on 232 Street. Gateways are to be set on private property.
- 3.2.7.2 The gateways shall set and reflect the character of the employment areas and create a distinct recognition of entrance into an employment area through entrance signage and a potential special paving treatment.
- 3.2.7.3 Materials used in their natural state are encouraged such as stone and wood.



The entrance gateways are to be neighbourhood scale and using natural materials combined with native landscaping

3.2.8 Access and Parking



Visitor parking only in the front yard setback area



Pedestrian access from street to front entrance of building

- 3.2.8.1 Generally, only one access per property is permitted. Access may be shared with adjoining uses to minimize driveway along the street, but will need to be reviewed on a case by case basis. Additional access widths may be required.
- 3.2.8.2 Only visitor parking is permitted in the front yard or external side yard areas. All other parking is required to be on the interior side yards or the rear yard areas.
- 3.2.8.3 Locate disabled parking spaces near the front door of the building, providing ramp or other universal design access.
- 3.2.8.4 All non-vehicular routes shall meet City of Maple Ridge Accessibility Standards and be fully accessible. Sidewalks and paved pathways shall be wide enough for wheelchairs or scooters and should include a tactile strip for the visually impaired.
- 3.2.8.5 Curb cuts and curb let-downs shall be provided in appropriate locations to facilitate safe, convenient, and direct access from parking spaces to buildings for people with disabilities.
- 3.2.8.6 Parking areas shall be divided into smaller sections by planting trees every six parking stalls with shrubs and groundcover to break up and green the parking areas.
- 3.2.8.7 Parking areas shall be graded to direct runoff to the landscaped areas as part of the site's stormwater management plans.
- 3.2.8.8 A distinct pedestrian pathway connection shall be provided between the parking area and the main building where there are multiple layers of parking.



3.2.9 Loading, service, storage and refuse



Loading and service bays to the side and rear of the building



Screening of service and loading areas

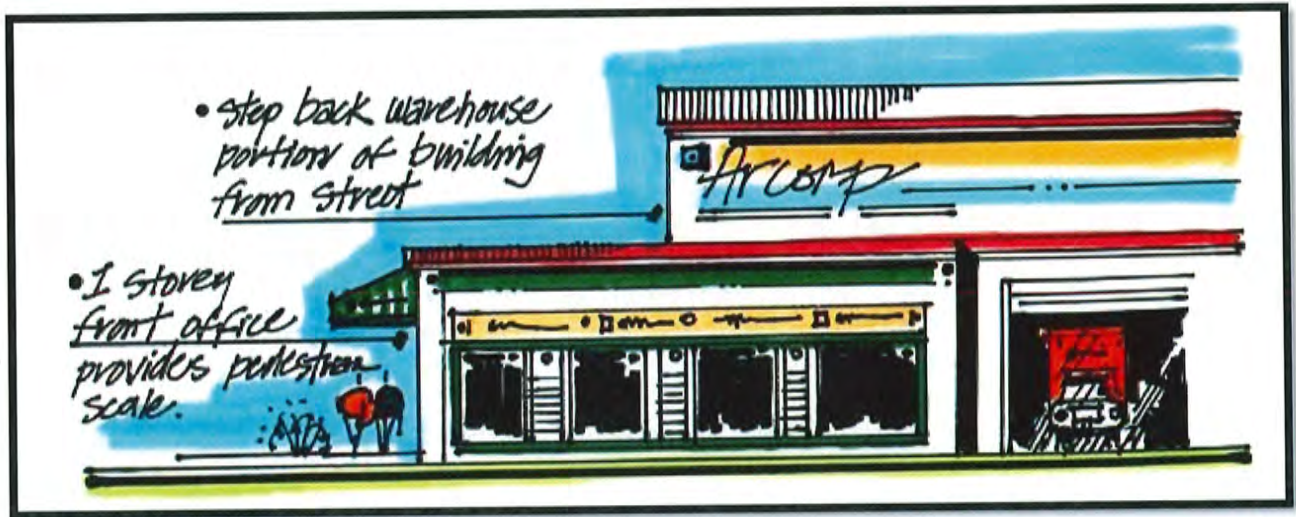
- 3.2.9.1 Loading and service bays shall be located to the side and rear of the building with access to the side of the building.
- 3.2.9.2 Loading and service bays shall be screened from adjoining properties.
- 3.2.9.3 No storage materials shall exceed the height of the fencing and screening.
- 3.2.9.4 Ensure construction waste is recycled where feasible.
- 3.2.9.5 A comprehensive waste reduction program is encouraged among landowners that can provide recycling and reuse in close proximity of industrial and commercial owners and/or tenants.
- 3.2.9.6 Refuse receptacles shall be located indoors or within service areas out of view from pedestrian access. Garbage and waste material should be stored in containers that are weather-proof and animal resistant in accordance with Waste Management Guidelines.

3.2.10 Building size and massing



Buildings shall be scaled appropriately and front the street

- 3.2.10.1 The front of the building will face the street.
- 3.2.10.2 It is recommended that the front of the building be articulated with wall divisions, building setbacks/protrusions or punched windows to break up long wall surfaces and create interest and scale along the street front.
- 3.2.10.3 The front reception and offices could be lower than the back of house warehouse and storage areas to create pedestrian scale and interest along the street.
- 3.2.10.4 Ancillary or accessory buildings, including structures used for storing materials or refuse containers should be visually screened from public streets with dense evergreen planting or should be designed and finished in a manner consistent and harmonious with the principal building.



The overall concept is to create a green campus of buildings that scale with the neighbourhood.

3.2.11 Building design and articulation



West coast architecture with wood, glass, and steel

- 3.2.11.1 Compatible architecture is encouraged – a range of styles, scale, massing, articulation, and glazing suitable for light industrial buildings with a west coast flair by using wood and steel accents where appropriate.
- 3.2.11.2 Broad overhangs for weather protection of both building and pedestrians shall be considered.
- 3.2.11.3 Offices, reception, sales, and other public use areas shall be located at the front of the buildings and face the adjoining street.
- 3.2.11.4 Main entry areas should be highly articulated with at least 50 percent glazing and a distinct front door design and broad overhangs in roof structure and details.

3.2.11.5 Design should incorporate wild-life and bird friendly design. Elements could include:

3.2.11.5.1 Apply visual markers to the exterior of glass surfaces.

3.2.11.5.2 Interrupt reflective glass by increasing the density of external visual markers and/or include adapted fenestration patterns, external blinds, shutters, sunshades, grilles, louvers, or artwork.

3.2.11.5.3 Design corner windows, glass walkways, glass railings and other similar features to reduce the appearance of clear passage to sky or vegetation.

3.2.11.5.4 Dampen reflections by using canopies or sunshades to cover windows at ground level and/or by using screens, drapes or blinds to increase the opacity of clear glass.



No blank walls; walls with texture, glazing, and colours

3.2.11.6 Building shall have no blank walls. Where there are major extents of wall surfaces, glazing, texture, graphics, and colours provide visual interest and break up the massive surface.

3.2.11.7 Mechanical elements on building roofs shall be screened with appropriate materials that blend in with the building design.

3.2.11.8 Natural lighting and ventilation should be maximized where possible by creating windows oriented to sunlight and operable windows for natural ventilation.

3.2.11.9 Energy efficient fixtures, programmable thermostats and lighting are recommended to reduce energy demand and minimize operating costs.

3.2.11.10 The installation of green roofs are supported, where possible and appropriate, providing the owner of the building maintains the roof planting media and plant material in accordance with generally accepted green roof maintenance practices, replacing each as necessary.

3.2.11.11 Each site shall have an employee amenity area for the common use of employees and visitors that could include a simple sitting area with shelter.

3.2.11.12 Main building entries should be clearly identifiable from the street or entry driveway.

3.2.11.13 Renewable energy features should be considered, such as solar and geothermal energy where feasible.

3.2.11.14 Locate building ventilation systems to minimize noise and exhaust on pedestrian areas, adjacent residential development, and outdoor spaces.

3.2.11.15 Bicycle racks and bicycle storage for employees is required to advance bicycling to work. Bicycle parking should be visible, in well-lit areas and the



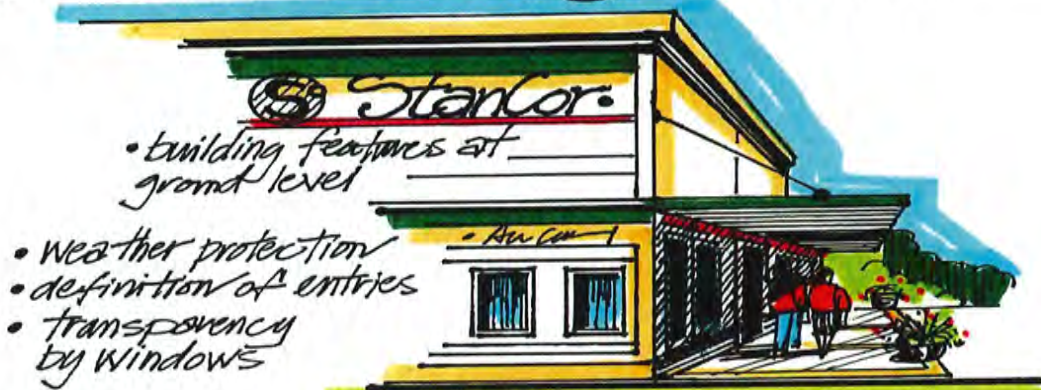
Each building shall have an employee amenity area

bicycle racks should be of theft-resistant materials, securely anchored to the ground. In addition, showers and lockers are encouraged.

- 3.2.11.16 Main building entries should provide generous weather protection that is designed to be an integral feature of the building's architectural character.
- 3.2.11.17 Larger sites that are developed with more than one building should provide a weather protected walkway system to connect building entries within the site, and coordinated with adjacent sites if possible.
- 3.2.11.18 Canopy and/or awning systems detailing should consider integrated signage, lighting, and display systems.
- 3.2.11.19 Canopy and awning systems depth should be maximized to provide greater weather protection, as well as reduce the scale impact of larger buildings.
- 3.2.11.20 Weather protection elements on overhangs may be considered in required yards and landscaped setbacks.
- 3.2.11.21 Ground-oriented pedestrian "streets" through large footprint buildings are encouraged to create connections to on-site circulation routes and amenities, consistent with a campus-like high-tech environment. Such circulation through buildings should be clearly identified and designed for use by the public.



◆ BREAK UP THE BOX – Building Articulation.



◆ WEATHER PROTECTION & PEDESTRIAN SCALE

3.2.12 Building materials and colour



Wood, stone, steel, and glass should be elemental to design

- 3.2.12.1 Wood, stone, and glass should be elemental to the buildings and building clusters to emphasize the west coast locale and contemporary design.
- 3.2.12.2 Materials like vinyl, aluminum siding, and brick facing are not preferred or should be only a portion of the building materials. Accents in wood and stone are recommended.
- 3.2.12.3 Exposed concrete shall be sandblasted or clad in split faced granite or similar material.
- 3.2.12.4 Construction materials should consider recycled content where possible.
- 3.2.12.5 Clear or muted colours, used with stains, or earth tone-coloured materials are recommended; accent colours shall be permitted on special building elements such as trim and around the entrance ways.



The building materials should help reduce the volume and scale of the buildings to help them fit better into the Yennadon neighbourhood.

3.2.13 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



3.2.13.1 Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles shall be incorporated into site planning and building design by ensuring convenient, safe and identifiable access routes to building entrances, and other principal areas of the site and buildings.

3.2.13.2 Design the site and building so that there is natural surveillance, allowing people to easily view what is happening around them from the parking lots, entrance areas, storage areas and loading bays. Entries and walkways should be highly visible and well-lit with minimum hidden or blind corners.

3.2.14 Signage and wayfinding

3.2.14.1 All signage shall conform with the City of Maple Ridge Sign Bylaw.



Signage should complement building design and placement

3.2.14.2 Signage design, materials and message boards should be integrated and complement the scale, colours and materials of the building.

3.2.14.3 In multi-tenant buildings, signs shall be designed to present a unified appearance using a single sign at the entrance and separate signs in a consistent sign strip along the mid-part of the building/buildings.

3.2.14.4 Entrance signs to the site should be ground-mounted and simple in character to display the street number and name of the complex.

3.2.14.5 Entrance signage to the site shall be monumental based and shall be combined with landscape design to integrate the sign into the site planning and design.

3.2.14.6 Only one individual tenant sign is permitted in a coordinated sign strip area.



Smaller monumental entrance signage using building materials and west coast look complements a local neighbourhood landscape

3.2.15 Site Lighting

- 3.2.15.1 Lighting shall be designed following a 'dark sky policy' with direct lighting only (full-cut-off) so lighting is directed and there is minimum off-site impacts especially on adjacent residential neighbourhoods.
- 3.2.15.2 Even within the development discreet front entrance lighting and other visitor parking lighting is lower pedestrian scale (LED energy efficient lighting and directed and complements the adjoining street lighting).
- 3.2.15.3 Security lighting is directed and does not flood-off site.
- 3.2.15.4 Other accent lighting including up-lighting for the entrance signage, pedestrian pathway lighting, and specimen trees is acceptable and encouraged as part of a unified landscape and building lighting plan.
- 3.2.15.5 Sidewalk lighting will be coordinated with the street design.

3.2.16 Landscape Requirements

- 3.2.16.1 All landscape methods and materials should meet current BCSLA/BCNTA Landscape Standards.
- 3.2.16.2 Native British Columbia species should be maximized. Any supplemental planting should be compatible in variety and size.
- 3.2.16.3 Reference the Watercourse and Natural Features Development Permit and/or the Urban Tree List for Metro Vancouver in a Changing Climate for a lists of potential native landscape plant list.
- 3.2.16.4 Minimize cultivated, decorative, and non-indigenous plants and lawns. Naturalized landscapes should be the general approach to reduce maintenance, enhance wildlife, and water use.
- 3.2.16.5 Tall tree species should be located to minimize impact on views from neighbouring properties.
- 3.2.16.6 All trees shall be provided with a sufficient depth of soil volume to meet or exceed a total of 10m³ of soil volume per new tree planted.



Diversity of native plant materials that grow well in local site conditions is important to the health and growth of the site landscaping

CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE

BYLAW NO. 7735-2021

A Bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7060-2014

WHEREAS Section 477 of the Local Government Act provides that the Council may revise the Official Community Plan;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to amend Schedule "B" and Schedule "C" to the Official Community Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the City of Maple Ridge, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7735-2021."
2. To amend the Urban Area Boundary, as shown in Schedule 1 Map No. 1037, to include the Yennadon Lands in their entirety.
3. Those parcels or tracts of land and premises known and described as:

Parcel A, Lot 8, Plan NWP5467, Section 20, Township 12, New Westminster Land District, REF PL 8148;
 Lot 7, Plan NWP5467, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District;
 Lot 6, Plan NWP5467, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District;
 Lot 5, Plan NWP5467, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District;
 Lot 3, Plan NWP5430, Sublot 1, Part NE1/4, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District, Except Plan PARCEL "A" RP22408, P23424;
 Lot 4, Plan NWP5430, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District, Except Plan 23424, LMP12700;
 Lot 2, Plan NWP22339, Part NE1/4, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District;
 Lot 46, Plan NWP31436, Part NE1/4, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District;
 Lot 55, Plan NWP40879, Part NE1/4, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District;
 Lot 56, Plan NWP40879, Part NE1/4, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District;
 Parcel B, Lot 8, Plan NWP5467, Section 20, Township 12, New Westminster Land District, (REF PL 13094); and

and outlined in heavy black line on Map No. 1038 and 1039, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule 2 and forms part of this Bylaw, are hereby re-designated to Industrial (Employment Park Category) and Conservation.

4. Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7060-2014 as amended is hereby amended accordingly.

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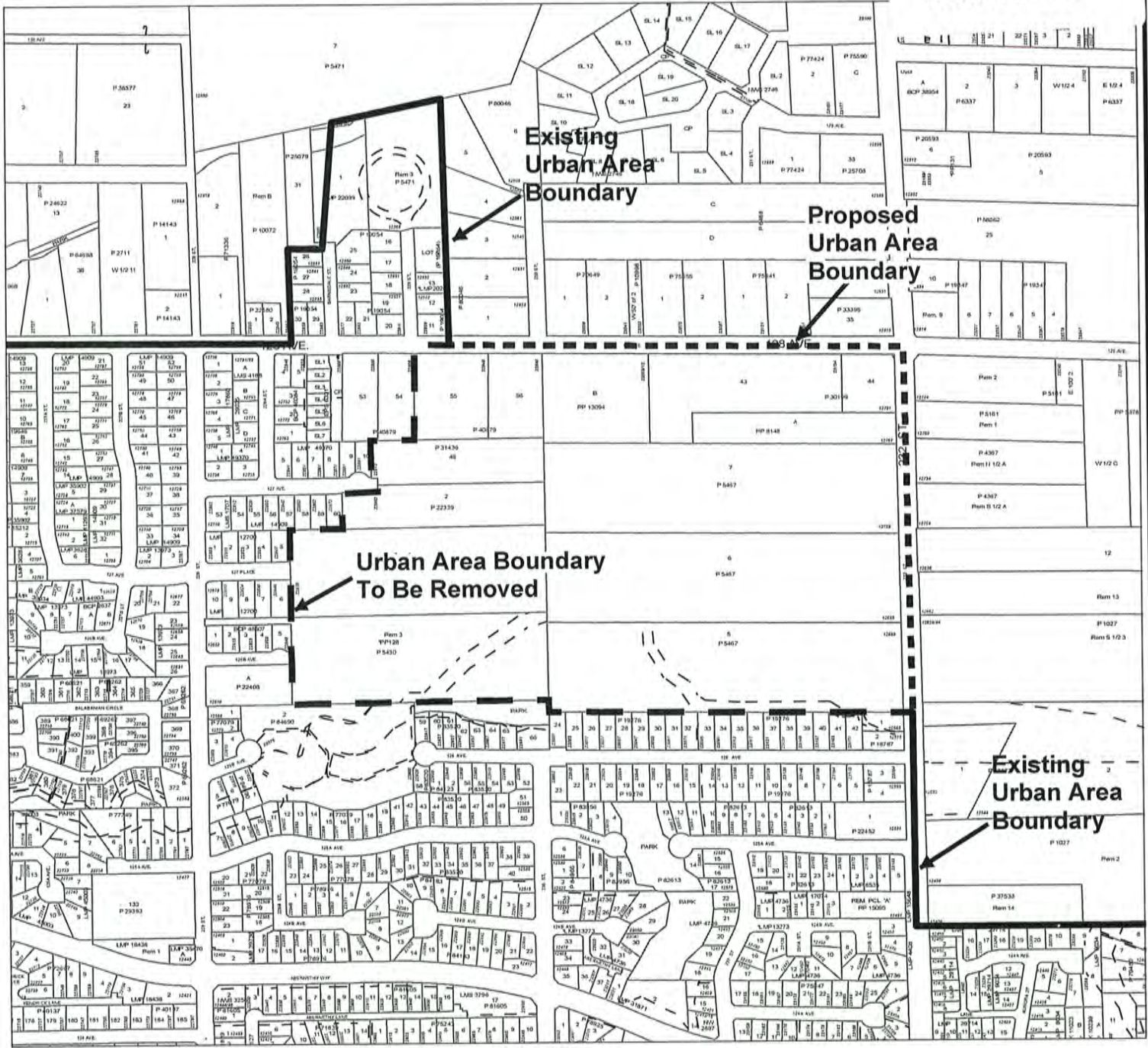
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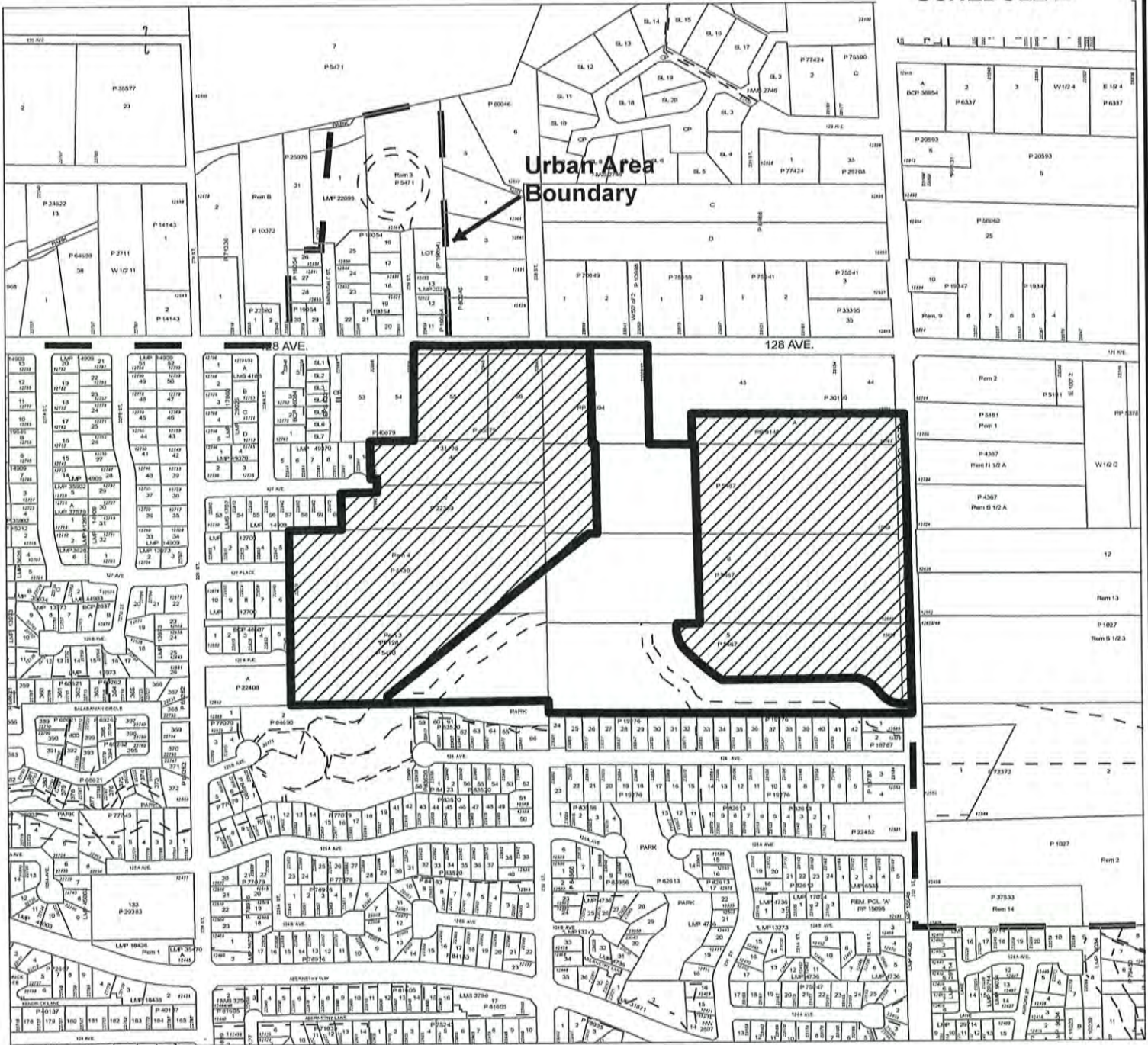
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Bylaw No. 7735-2021

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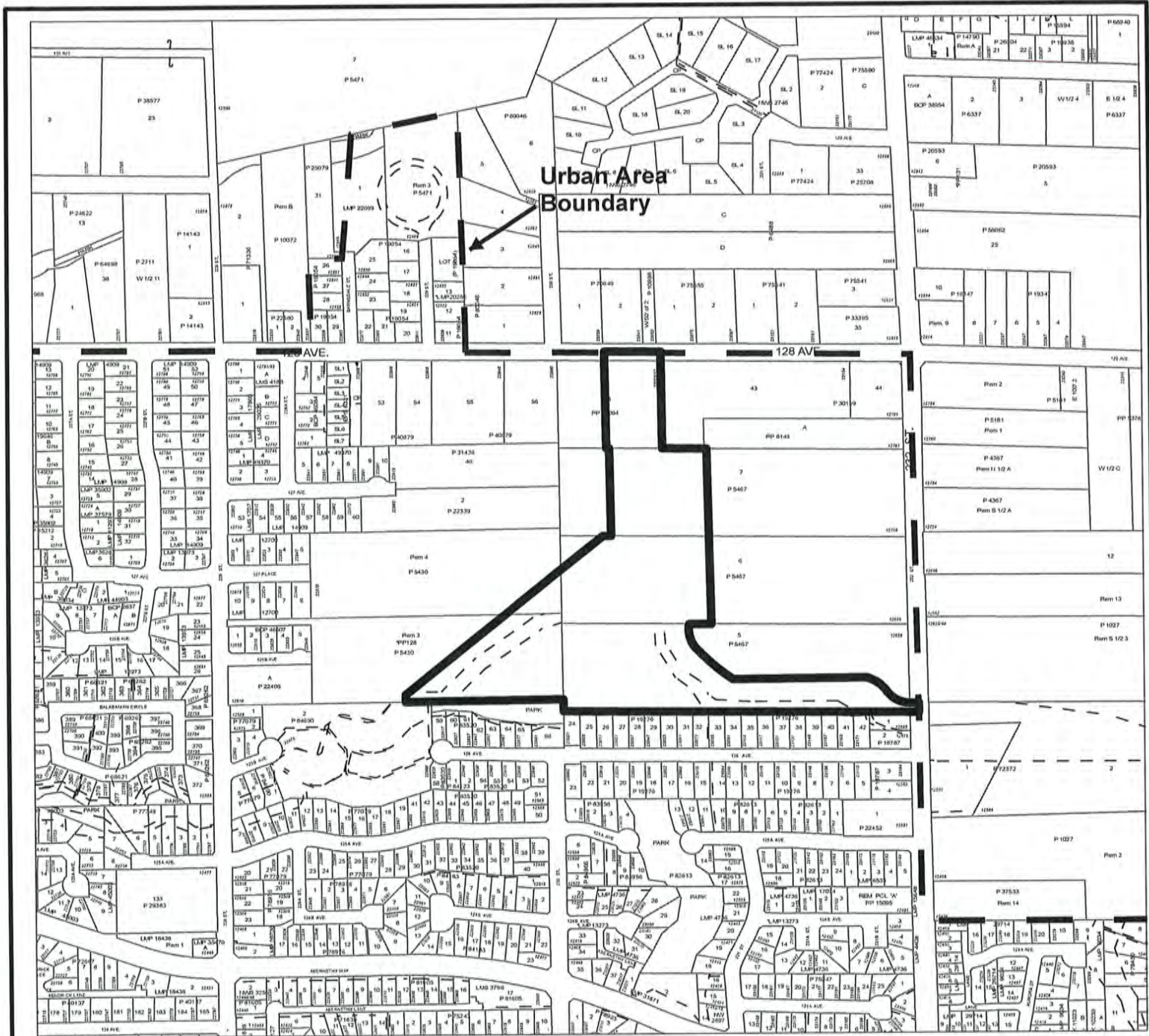
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 Urban Area Boundary






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Bylaw No. 7735-2021
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 From:  To Add To Conservation
 To:  To Add To Conservation



 Urban Area Boundary
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CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE

BYLAW NO. 7838-2022

A Bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7060-2014

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AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to amend Schedule "B" to the Official Community Plan;

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2. Those parcels or tracts of land and premises known and described as:

Lot 43, Plan NWP30199, Section 20, Township 12, Group 1, New Westminster Land District

and outlined in heavy black line on Map No. 1056, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule 1 and forms part of this Bylaw, are hereby re-designated to Industrial (Employment Park Category).
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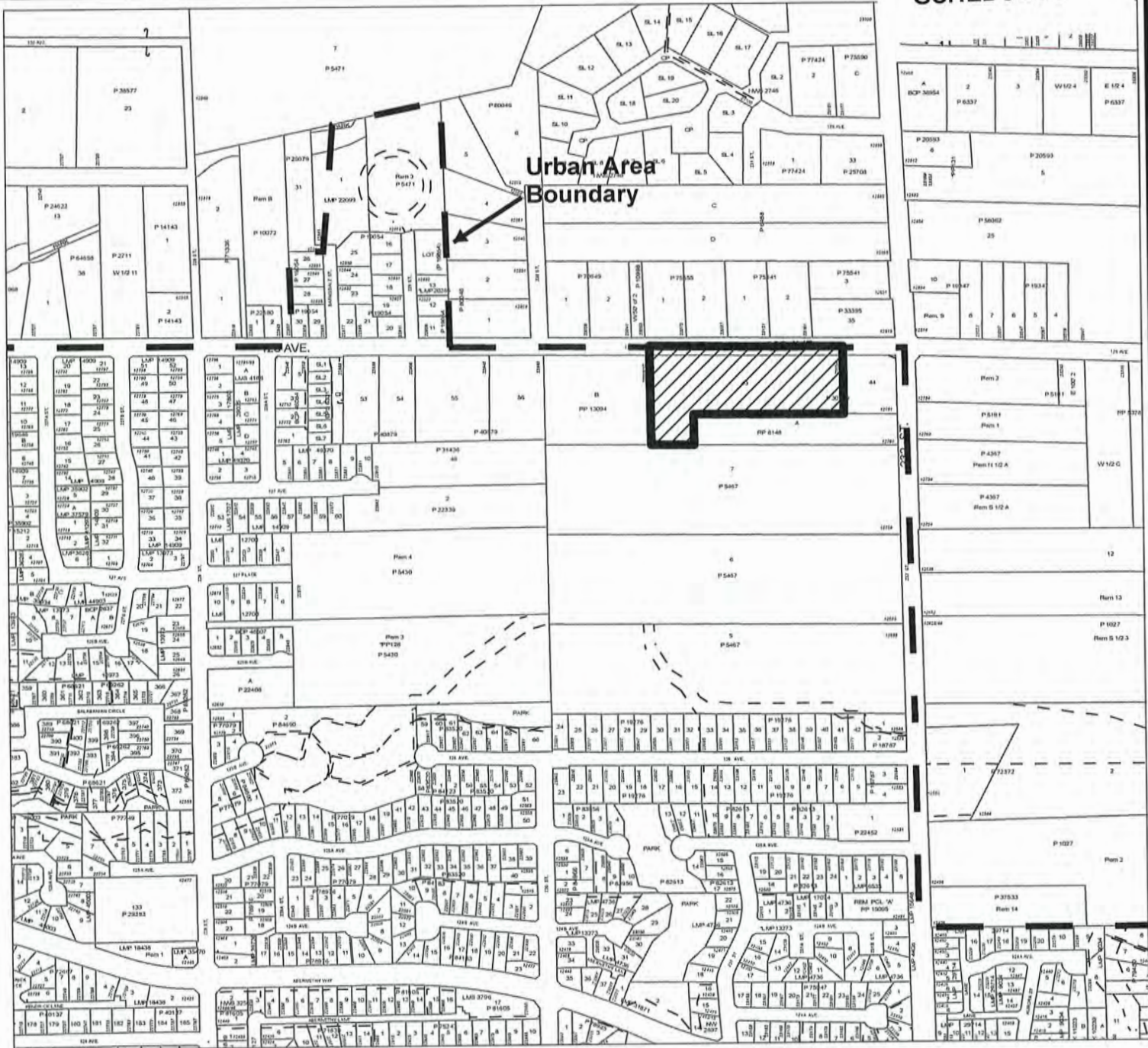
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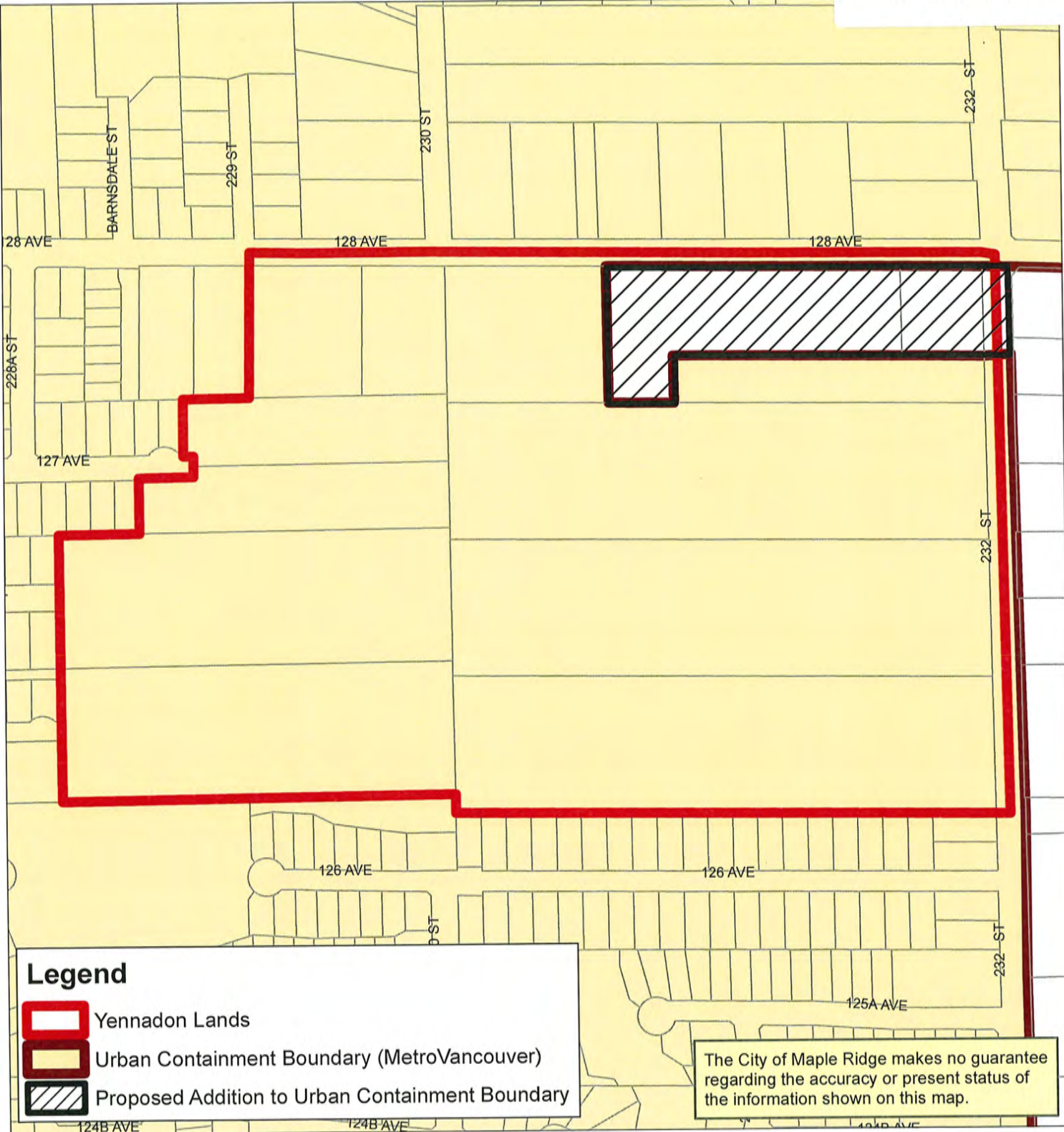
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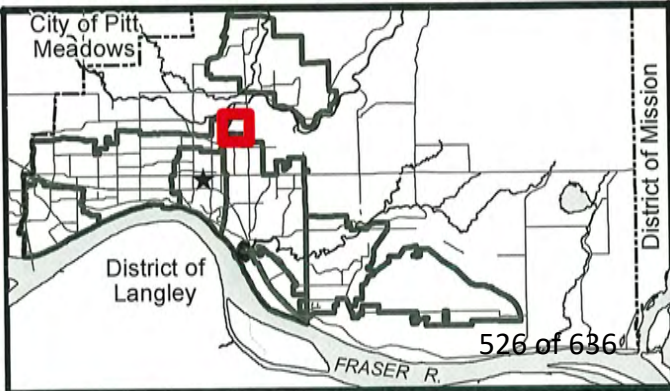
Legend

-  Yennadon Lands
-  Urban Containment Boundary (MetroVancouver)
-  Proposed Addition to Urban Containment Boundary

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Proposed Addition to Urban Containment Boundary

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Appendix E – Yennadon Lands Work to Date

At the May 10, 2016 Council meeting, staff were directed to initiate a process to re-designate 13 subject properties, generally located at 128th Avenue and 232nd Street, towards an employment land use designation. The direction was in keeping with the City's Commercial & Industrial Strategy: 2012-2042, which could facilitate the creation of a unique opportunity for a campus-style business park in the future.

On April 16, 2019 staff provided Council with a general update on an Employment Lands Process underway in the City of Maple Ridge, which included a focus on the suitability of the Yennadon Lands for future employment purposes. At that meeting, the Yennadon Lands were referred back to staff to meet with the landowners to assess their future interest in the lands.

A Landowners Workshop was held at Yennadon Elementary School on June 6, 2019 from 6 – 8pm. Twelve letters were sent out to the landowners, representing all 13 properties, inviting them to attend. At the Workshop, 18 people attended, representing 11 of the properties.

On June 18, 2019, staff provided a verbal update to Council on the outcomes of the June 6, 2019 Workshop with Yennadon Landowners, namely that there were strong levels of support for an employment future – although some expressed interest only in the OCP amendment and not in redeveloping their properties in the short term.

At the June 18, 2019 Council Workshop meeting, Council directed: 1) staff to undertake an employment land use re-designation process and consultation strategy for the Yennadon Lands; and 2) that any new applications, or those already in-stream that have not reached third reading, be deferred until any potential OCP amendments are presented at Public Hearing and given third reading, with the exception of applications that propose future employment land uses.

At the March 31, 2020 Council Workshop meeting, staff provided an update on the Yennadon Lands Re-designation process, including the proposed community engagement process that was postponed due to the pandemic. At that meeting, Council directed that the previously endorsed Yennadon Lands process be revised and that staff work with the consultant to prepare some preliminary land use concepts for Council to review prior to proceeding with public consultation.

At the July 14, 2020 Council Workshop meeting, staff in collaboration with a consultant, presented three preliminary land use concepts for Council to review. The three preliminary Concepts were informed by the outcomes of the site analysis, on transportation/access, site servicing, environmental features, stormwater management, and parks/trails/recreation requirements for future development within the area. At that meeting, Council directed staff to move forward with a public consultation process, taking into account the public health orders in effect at the time.

Through October 2020, staff in collaboration with the consultant conducted a consultation process that consisted of a Landowners Workshop, a Virtual Public Open House, and a Community Survey. The December 8, 2020 Council Workshop report goes through what was heard from the various consultation activities and outlined possible next steps for Council to consider in the pursuit of additional employment land opportunities for Maple Ridge. The re-designation of the Yennadon Lands to an employment future will garner opposition and community comment.

At the December 8, 2020 Council workshop meeting, Council endorsed “Concept #2 – Neighbourhood Innovations Village” and directed staff to move forward with an Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw.

Official Community Plan Amending Bylaws No. 7734-2021 and No. 7735-2021 were drafted to integrate the Yennadon Lands Concept Plan into the Official Community Plan. The two bylaws were presented at the May 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole Council Meeting and were subsequently forwarded to the May 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting for Council consideration.

Official Community Plan Amending Bylaws No. 7734-2021 and No. 7735-2021 were granted first reading at the May 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Following the consideration and granting of first reading to the two Official Community Plan Amending Bylaws, staff initiated the referral and consultation process set out under Section 475 of the Local Government Act, which was endorsed at the time of first reading.



September 27, 2021

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Reply to the attention of Shannon Lambie
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Re: Employment Lands: Re-designation of the Yennadon Lands to Industrial

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the City of Maple Ridge (the "City") council report for the proposed re-designation of the "Yennadon Lands" (the "Proposal") for review and comment by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). The following comments are provided to help ensure that the Proposal is consistent with the purposes of the *ALC Act*, the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) General Regulation, the ALR Use Regulation, and any decisions of the ALC.

The Proposal includes an Official Community Plan (OCP) Amending Bylaw to allow re-designation of the Yennadon Lands (identified as 13 properties – one of which is in the ALR) from *Agricultural* in the OCP to *Industrial* (Employment Park Category). The 13 properties are currently zoned *RS-3* (One Family Rural Residential) and *RS-2* (One Family Suburban Residential) and designated as *General Urban* in the Regional Growth Strategy.

In 2020, City Council endorsed a concept that provided for a 100% employment future for the developable areas of the Yennadon Lands. The City indicates that the *Industrial* (Employment Park Category) designation is intended to help create a more "complete community" by providing a range of employment opportunities within a five-to-ten-minute walk or bicycle ride from residential areas.

As noted, one parcel in the Yennadon Land area is within the ALR (23154 128th Avenue; PID: 006-474-853). The other 12 parcels were excluded from the ALR as a result of several exclusion applications:

- In 2003, by ALC Resolution #543/2003, the ALC excluded five parcels (18 ha in total) from the Yennadon Lands Area. In the decision, the Commission discussed the proposal and felt that the physical limitations which impact the properties render them unsuitable for agriculture. It also noted that the exclusion of the subject properties would directly and negatively impact those lands remaining in this block of ALR, which are for the most part, made up of small rural holdings. The Commission therefore felt that the exclusion of those lands remaining in this block of ALR located to the south of 128 Ave. and to the west of 232 St. should be

delegated to the CEO to facilitate the exclusion of those lands when the property owners choose to pursue it. Henceforth, the following properties were excluded:

- In 2004, by ALC Resolution #374/2004 the ALC excluded five parcels (4.4 ha) from the Yennadon Lands area.
- In 2004, by ALC Resolution #375/2004, the ALC excluded one parcel (1.1 ha) from the Yennadon Lands area.
- In 2018, by ALC Resolution #158/2018, the ALC excluded one parcel from the Yennadon Lands area (0.4 ha).

The remaining ALR parcel is still subject to the ALC Act and its regulations, and as such ALC staff, at this time, do not support the proposed redesignation of the property from *Agricultural* to *Industrial*. The Proposal acknowledges that the remaining ALR parcel will need to go through the ALC exclusion process in order to permit *Industrial* uses on that site. The City further acknowledges that as a result of changes to the exclusion process, the City will need to make this exclusion application on their behalf. Should the City choose to forward an exclusion application to the ALC, the ALC can review the merits of the proposal at that time.

ALC staff also note that the Yennadon lands abut the ALR on eastern perimeter, across 232 Street. While the road will provide some natural buffering, the attached design guidelines did not provide further details regarding proposed setback and buffering provisions along the ALR boundary. City staff may wish to consult the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries' *Guide to Edge planning* and consider the establishment of a vegetative buffer along the non-ALR/ALR boundary.

The ALC strives to provide a detailed response to all referrals affecting the ALR; however, you are advised that the lack of a specific response by the ALC to any draft provisions cannot in any way be construed as confirmation regarding the consistency of the submission with the ALCA, the Regulations, or any decisions of the Commission.

This response does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government, and decisions and orders of any person or body having jurisdiction over the land under an enactment.

If you have any questions about the above comments, please contact the undersigned at 236-468-2026 or by e-mail (shannon.lambie@gov.bc.ca).

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

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Hi,

The area in question is composed of Municipal and private property; Crown Land interests are unaffected. Crown Land Authorizations has no comments on this proposal.

Thank you,



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Hello,

Please see attached City of Maple Ridge Council report which discusses the proposed re-designation of the Yennadon Lands to Industrial (Employment Park Category). It includes an Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw for First Reading. This Amending Bylaw received First Reading at the May 11, 2021 Council meeting. The report also includes Development Permit Area Guidelines, which are attached for your information.

We are requesting that any comments from the Ministry of Environment be received within 30 days from the date of this letter. In the meantime, should you have any questions or require further information please contact Amanda Grochowich at 604.463.5221 ext 5566 or agrochowich@mapleridge.ca.

Thank you,

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Dear Ms. Grochowich:

Yennadon Lands OCP Amendment, Your File No. 2016-195-CP

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this Official Community Plan amendment application, which is for the re-designation of the Yennadon Lands for future employment uses.

This letter provides comments from Metro Vancouver staff from the Regional Planning and Housing Services, Water Services, and Parks and Environment Departments.

Regional Planning and Housing Services

13 properties, 25.4 hectares in area, known as the Yennadon Lands, comprises the proposed amendment area. The subject area is split-designated Agricultural and General Urban by *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040)*, the regional growth strategy, and a portion falls outside of the Urban Containment Boundary and is within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

1. The referral package indicates that the City of Maple Ridge proposes to amend its OCP land use designation for the subject area to Industrial (Employment Park Category). It is unclear whether the City intends to request an amendment to the current *Metro 2040* regional land use designations to either Industrial or Mixed Employment; confirmation is needed. The intended differences between the two designations are:
 - The regional Industrial designation is intended for light and heavy industrial uses; does not permit residential uses (including live / work); and
 - The regional Mixed Employment designation is intended for industrial uses as well as a range of employment uses and limited commercial uses that support the primary industrial function; does not permit residential uses (including live / work).

As a comparison, the current General Urban regional land use designation (for a majority of the subject area), permits residential uses as well as commercial centres supported by shopping, services and institutions.

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2. Any industrial uses proposed in the area should be designed and developed in a manner so as to avoid possible conflicts with surrounding non-industrial land uses. Information about industrial land uses including intensification and densification can be found on Metro Vancouver's website: www.metrovancouver.org/services/regional-planning/industrial-lands.
3. Agricultural lands in the region are often negatively impacted by urban edge development and noticeably benefit from the use of extensive buffering on the urban edge of development sites. Consider applying the Ministry of Agriculture recommendations for promoting compatibility along the agricultural-urban edge included in their [Guide to Edge Planning](#) for this development site.
4. Goods movement and associated truck routes are critically important for most types of industrial uses, and thus the connections with the City's and region's transportation network should be closely considered as part of future needs for this area.
5. Depending on the scale of employment planned, this location may be a source of major trip-generating uses which are more consistent with regional Urban Centres or Frequent Transit Development Areas. Please confirm how the City defines 'major-trip generating uses' beyond what is in the City's current Regional Context Statement and provide additional information on how Single Occupancy Vehicle traffic will be managed to and from this location.
6. As noted on the map below titled "Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Amending", the City plans to designate lands in yellow as 'Conservation' in the OCP; the lands in green are currently regionally designated Conservation and Recreation in *Metro 2040*. Would the City also consider re-designating the lands in yellow to the regional Conservation and Recreation regional land use designation as part of this *Metro 2040* amendment? Re-designation to Conservation and Recreation would align with *Metro 2040* and *Metro 2050's* draft policies under Goal 3, increasing protection for some of the sensitive ecosystems in this area (Figure 1) and supporting ecosystem connectivity across the landscape.



Figure 1 Sensitive Ecosystems (Dark Purple) and Modified Ecosystems (slightly disturbed sensitive ecosystems - Light Purple) from Metro Vancouver's Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory (2014)

7. Regarding protected sensitive ecosystems and significant trees, those areas are significantly reduced in Concept 4 compared to Concept 2 (shown below). Is the City able to provide additional information about the rationale for this change?



8. Regarding "Appendix A – Schedule 2 - DP Guidelines", we ask that the City consider:
- adding a guideline about all building owners maintaining the planting media and plant material in accordance with generally accepted landscape maintenance practices, replacing each as necessary;
 - including a guideline encouraging installation of green roofs where possible and appropriate, and ensuring the owner of the building maintains the roof planting media and plant material in accordance with generally accepted green roof maintenance practices, replacing each as necessary;
 - adding a guideline about using wildlife-friendly design (e.g. [bird-friendly design](#) reduces bird mortality and supports biodiversity); and
 - referring to the [Urban Tree List for Metro Vancouver in a Changing Climate](#). Note that many of the tree species listed on page 28 (e.g. red alder, vine maple, red maple, paper birch, pacific dogwood, western redcedar, western hemlock) may not tolerate future climate conditions.
9. Consider assessing the potential changes this land use will have on the City's tree canopy cover, carbon storage and carbon sequestration abilities, and other ecosystem services. Will tree retention and replacement requirements under the City's Tree Protection and Management Bylaw allow the City to retain its overall canopy cover within the urban containment boundary? This information will be helpful to assess Maple Ridge's contribution to the regional tree canopy cover target in the *Metro 2050* draft. The intent is that all member jurisdictions will aim to retain or increase canopy cover in urban areas. By Metro Vancouver's calculations, the regional 40% target is achievable if members currently below 40% tree canopy within the Urban Containment Boundary (UCB) increase by 6-15%, and those currently above 40% retain their tree canopy; in 2014 Maple Ridge had [46% within the UCB in 2014](#).
10. Depending on how the City wishes to proceed with this OCP amendment application, a Type 2 RGS amendment will be required to amend the UCB, amend the Agricultural regional land use designation, and amend the General Urban regional land use designation to either Industrial or Mixed Employment. This can all be done with one amendment. Details on the process and

requirements associated with a Type 2 amendment are set out in [Regional Growth Strategy Implementation Guideline #2](#).

Water Services

11. Metro Vancouver's closest water infrastructure is the GVWDs 914 mm diameter Maple Ridge Main which is south of the development area and runs parallel to Abernathy Way crossing at 227 Street, 228 Street and 232 Street, and the GVWD's 762 mm diameter Maple Ridge Main which runs within the road alignment of 232 Street, south of Abernathy Way to Dewdney Trunk Road. The proposed development will not impact Metro Vancouver Water Services Operations and Maintenance. Early engagement with Metro Vancouver's Water Services staff is recommended to assess proximal impacts associated with project to these mains.
12. When available, please provide projected water demand for the redevelopment to Water Services staff.
13. In addition to water conservation in the landscaping plans, it is recommended that water conservation measures be considered in the *Building Design and Articulation*, including low flow plumbing and water reuse systems.

Parks & Environment

14. The *Regional Greenways 2050* plan (RG2050) is not identified or discussed in the staff report to Council. RG2050 identifies a proposed greenway route along the portion of 128th Avenue which forms the northern boundary of the subject properties. This greenway alignment was identified in consultation with Maple Ridge staff, and *Policy 5.1.14(e)* of the draft *Metro 2050* includes notes that member jurisdictions will "... support implementation of the Regional Greenway Network and Major Bikeway Network, as identified in Map 10."
15. The two concept plans included in the staff report identify a trail or a multi-use path along the 128th Avenue side of the proposed development area which is consistent with RG2050. The drawings and staff report do not formally identify them as "regional greenway" or link it to the regional plan. It is noted that while RG2050 was developed in consultation with staff of member jurisdictions it was not formally adopted by councils.

Thank you once again for providing Metro Vancouver with the opportunity to comment on this proposed amendment. We are encouraged to see the City of Maple Ridge's efforts to increase the supply of industrial and employment lands particularly as the Metro Vancouver region has an acute shortage of industrial lands and strong demand for industrial space.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the growth planned through this and other developments continues to align with the regional growth strategy and the City's Regional Context Statement, and that Metro Vancouver's population, employment and servicing demand and growth projections are up to date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 604-451-6024 or carla.stewart@metrovancover.org.

Sincerely,



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Attention: Rodney Stott and Amanda Grochowich, City of Maple Ridge

Re: Review of *Water Sustainability Act* applicability at Yennadon Lands, Maple Ridge

Thank you for the meeting regarding the Yennadon area on January 25, 2022. We understand this area is undergoing review to prepare a new Community Plan to re-designate the area to Industrial. This area will require regulation under the Provincial *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA) with strong collaboration with the City of Maple Ridge. Please accept the following guidance and conditions to ensure the City's plans and future (private) development applications are compliant with the WSA.

Climate change and extreme weather events are strengthening the call for protection and restoration of British Columbia's watersheds to ensure community health and wellbeing. Streams and wetlands play a significant role in flood mitigation, drought prevention, climate change, water quality and water quantity. The modernized WSA legislation has a strong focus on sustainability of our watersheds for now and into the future. Section 16 (Mitigation Measures) offers powers for Statutory Decision Makers to require mitigation measures if project works are likely to impact the water quality, water quantity, and/or the aquatic ecosystem of a stream.

The Yennadon area is comprised of streams, headwater wetlands, and wet-land complexes, that when developed, will likely change the water storage and attenuation capacity of the area, potentially resulting in flashy flows to the downstream environment. Additionally, the existing streams and wetlands on the Yennadon Lands have ecological value that may be negatively impacted by proposed development. It is the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development's (FLNRORD) determination that modifications to this area do have potential to negatively impact the downstream receiving environments if they are not managed holistically.

To avoid harm to the Yennadon area, a watershed-based approach to the protection, mitigation, and restoration of the area needs to be taken with the goals of maximum habitat protection and habitat gains on the site. Long term health and functionality of the natural water features identified on site (particularly headwater areas), management of local drainage issues related to

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seasonal flooding, high water tables, and drainage would all need to be considered in a comprehensive manner with input from both the City and the senior environmental agencies. A holistic review of the site should involve a comprehensive **Environmental Protection Plan (EPP)** and an **Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP)** prepared by the City.

An ideal EPP would consider the role of mature forests, and wildlife corridors to the functionality of the aquatic ecosystem. Potential for enhancement, restoration and compensation on the larger site must maintain ecological function and natural processes and should follow the City of Maple Ridge's policies and routine best practices to result in net habitat gains wherever possible. Detailed information will be required from the environmental and forestry professionals on how the healthier mature forest areas surrounding the wetlands, watercourses, and sensitive headwater areas are going to be protected or retained to assist with maintaining ecological integrity, diversity, and with the natural water management services they provide for the area. A risk assessment would need to be provided to ensure avoidance or mitigation of impacts such as blowdown, compaction, or wildlife concerns from occurring in and around the forest edge areas. Suitable buffers would need to be created for these areas.

An ISMP focused on natural drainage and flood management practices that utilize existing natural features as well as comprehensive bio-engineering solutions (e.g., facilities on developable lands that are designed to enhance, mimic, and resemble natural areas, features, and processes) for the entire Yennadon site would be best. FLNRORD should review/approve these plans to ensure compliance with the WSA, and to provide future developers greater certainty that their development aligns with Provincial legislation. Detailed information from the qualified environmental professionals on how the headwaters to Coho Creek and the contiguous wetland features are going to be protected, retained, and maintained with suitable base flows. Stormwater plans and habitat enhancement designs in the marginal surrounding wetted areas will be required. Appropriate qualified environmental professionals will need to work with FLNRORD wetland experts with regards to the marginal wetland areas and the contiguous wetland areas with respect to classification, protection, mitigation, and compensation. Any major variations from a pre-agreed ISMP would need to be reviewed and approved by the Province prior to implementation, possibly through a WSA authorization process.

The EPP, ISMP, and any future applications in the Yennadon area, should include a detailed assessment of headwater areas, micro wetlands flowing directly into the streams, and other surrounding water features (ponds, including isolated, discrete ephemeral wetlands) that contribute directly to health, flows, food/nutrients, or habitat for fish bearing systems. The plans should aim to follow the principles of the BC Environmental Mitigation Policy (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/laws-policies-standards-guidance/environmental-guidance-and-policy/environmental-mitigation-policy>), which state first and foremost to avoid impacts to streams, ponds, wetlands, and surrounding riparian habitat that directly contribute to the health and connectivity of these aquatic ecosystems. Non-avoidance will likely require a much more rigorous process and requirements for compensation.



There is potential for flexibility by FLNRSDM's to work with the City of Maple Ridge and landowners to responsibly manage, integrate, and use best practices around some of the existing marginal outlying wetland areas that have been historically disturbed. FLNRSDM's may consider relocation of marginal streams/ditches or reduction of Streamside Protection Regulation (SPR) setbacks along some of the less sensitive water conveyance channels and wetted areas/marginal micro- wetlands identified on site if a valid biological rationale can justify how the compensation and mitigation on site would result in a healthier, functional riparian zone and integrated stormwater management zone for the larger site. For example, there may be potential for relocation of some sections of drainage conveyance ditches and more isolated wetlands and ponds on the condition that they are adequately compensated for elsewhere on site and will provide both functional habitat and stormwater management.

The province has updated much of the guidance regarding working around water. Please refer to the links below for the most up to date information:

- [Working Around Water - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/water/working-around-water)
- [A User's Guide for Changes In and About a Stream in B.C.](#) replaced the [User's Guide for Working In and Around Water \(2005\)](#) on January 10, 2022.
- [Requirements and Best Management Practices for Making Changes In and About a Stream in B.C.](#) replaced the [Standards and Best Management Practices for Instream Works \(2004\)](#) on January 10, 2022.
- [Appendix](#) to the Requirements and Best Management Practices for Making Changes In and About a Stream in B.C.
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the updated guidance

I encourage you to share this letter of advice with your planning and engineering departments, along with any other applicable personnel within the City of Maple Ridge.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this guidance, please contact our team.

Sincerely,

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September 10, 2021

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Attention: Amanda Grochowich

Dear Ms. Grochowich:

Re: File #: 2016-195-CP
Subject: Re-designation of the Yennadons Lands to Industrial (Employment Park Category)

The proposed application would affect the student population for the catchment areas currently served by Yennadon Elementary and Garibaldi Secondary School.

Yennadon Elementary has an operating capacity of 628 students. For the 2020-21 school year the student enrolment at Yennadon Elementary was 657 students (104.6% utilization) including 79 students from out of catchment.

Garibaldi Secondary School has an operating capacity of 1050 students. For the 2020-21 school year the student enrolment at Garibaldi Secondary School was 946 students (90% utilization) including 273 students from out of catchment.

Sincerely,



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Secretary Treasurer
The Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows)

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October 22, 2021

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Dear Ms. Grochowich,

Re: Proposed OCP Amendment No. 7734-2021 (Yennadon Lands)

Dear Ms. Grochowich,

Thank you for your correspondence dated September 17, 2021 and for the opportunity to provide early comments on the City of Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021, which seeks to re-designate the Yennadon Lands (128th Avenue and 232nd Street) from Agricultural to Industrial (Employment Park Category) for the purpose of creating a business park.

TransLink provides comments on our partner agency plans and initiatives based on:

- Our legislated mandate to review OCP amendments and development proposals for regional transportation implications, and to support Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy (RGS);
- Policy direction in the [Regional Transportation Strategy](#) (RTS) to work with partner agencies in advancing shared regional objectives and integrated land use and transportation planning; and
- The [Transit-Oriented Communities Design Guidelines](#) (TOCDGs), a tool to support the planning and design of communities that integrate land use with sustainable transportation.

After reviewing the materials, we have the following key comments:

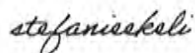
- TransLink supports the focus of population and employment growth in designated Urban Centres, Frequent Transit Development Areas (FTDAs) and within 800-metres (approximately 10-minute) walkshed of the Frequent Transit Network (FTN), where transit service runs at least every 15 minutes in both directions throughout the day and into the evening, every day of the week. The site is currently served by routes 741 and 733 both of

which have a frequency of 30 to 60 minutes on weekdays but may not operate throughout the entire day or on 7 days a week. Both routes offer service to the FTN at Haney Place bus exchange and to Port Haney West Coast Express (WCE) station. Given that the site is located outside of Maple Ridge Town Centre and is not located within a 10-minute walk to the Frequent Transit Network (FTN), improving active transportation connections to the FTN will be important in promoting sustainable modes of travel to/from the site and to deter the use of private automobiles. Noting that any bikeway improvements would need to be designed to minimize conflicts with buses, it would be particularly important to provide safe, accessible, and comfortable active transportation routes from the site to:

- the FTN and RapidBus at Haney Place bus exchange; and,
- the West Coast Express (WCE) at Port Haney Station.
- We encourage the City to look for opportunities to improve the safety of active transportation modes surrounding the site, such as adding signalized crosswalks at key pedestrian crossings and sidewalks on both sides of the road along 232nd Street and 128th Avenue. We also suggest improving existing bus stops on these roads to include bus shelters, to increase the comfort and attractiveness of transit as a travel option in the area.
- Given that 232nd Street is part of the Major Road Network (MRN), the City would be required to obtain TransLink approval should any new accesses to/from the MRN be proposed. The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (SCBCTA) Act requires that a municipality have TransLink approval to take, authorize or permit any action that:
 - Reduces the capacity of the Major Road Network (MRN) to move people; and/or
 - Prohibits the movement of trucks on any road (except for Provincial highways).
- TransLink's TravelSmart team has recently completed the TDM Guidelines for New Developments in Metro Vancouver (attached). We strongly encourage the City to refer to these guidelines to develop a TDM Plan for the site, given it is not located within the regionally designated Town Centre or in close proximity to the FTN. A TDM plan would aid in reducing incentives to drive alone and would help to promote sustainable modes of travel. Please contact the TravelSmart team at travelsmart@translink.ca for further information.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on the OCP Amendment for the Yennadon Lands and look forward to continued coordination with the City of Maple Ridge. Please contact me at stefanie.ekeli@translink.ca should you have any questions or wish to discuss further.

Kind regards,



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Planner, Partner Planning

Attachments: TransLink's TDM Guidelines for New Developments in Metro Vancouver



TO: Planning Department (Amanda Grochowich) **DATE:** February 9, 2022
FROM: Engineering Department (Rachel Ollenberger)
ENG. FILE NO.: 11-5245-20-Yennadon Employment lands

The Planning department has referred out the proposed OCP Amendment No.:7734-2021 (Yennadon Lands) to allow

Water:

The Yennadon Lands ("The Lands") are currently serviced by municipal water on both 128 Avenue and 232 Street. Each application to develop will be required to model the existing water system to determine if there is capacity to service the proposed development. That analysis report is also required to provide recommendations on the required diameter of any new watermains to ensure the development meets the City's requirement for fire flows.

Sewage:

The Lands are currently serviced by municipal sewer on both 128 Avenue and 232 Street. As with water, each application to develop will be required to model the existing sanitary system to determine if there is capacity to service the proposed development. The City's current sewer master plan has flagged that the sanitary sewer on 232 Street is at capacity and upgrades may be required. As is the practice, if a development wished to proceed ahead of schedule infrastructure upgrades, they can access the City's Latecomer Policy and/or development cost charge reductions to recoup construction costs. The sewer main on 128 Avenue is a trunk main and direct connection by individual services are not permitted.

As with water, the analysis report submitted in support of a development will provide recommendations on the required diameter of any new sewer mains to ensure the development meets the City's design criteria.

As mentioned in this report, there are two properties that are currently outside Metro Vancouver's Urban Containment Boundary (UCB). If the UCB is not adjusted to include these two properties prior to an application being received, they will need to be requested, via a Council resolution, for permission to connect to the City's sewer mains.

Drainage:

Currently the Lands are serviced by a municipal storm sewer on 232 Street only. Any development application will be required to address road drainage as part of their application. The Lands are bisected by Coho Creek and that watercourse provides a key focus on how drainage and stormwater will be managed and integrated into the design guidelines for future applications. There is a focus on proposing green infrastructure alternatives in the design of the buildings to ensure runoff volumes and water quality are being addressed.

Servicing will be designed to anticipate climate change including floodways and dry pond areas for emergency stormwater management.

Groundwater and the impact of a high groundwater table on the ultimate design of the buildings and servicing will need to be addressed on an application by application basis.

Traffic and Transportation:

The City has Traffic Impact Assessment Guidelines that may be triggered by a development application. 232 Street is an arterial road and no single-site direct access will be permitted. 128 Avenue is a collector and direct access will be discouraged. It is anticipated that new roads will be used to access the internal site. Both existing fronting roads are designated bike routes and bike facilities will be incorporated into the servicing designs. In addition, 128 Avenue is a horse route and the existing horse trail established to the west will be continued east. There will be no road connections to the existing residential streets to the west.

Yennadon Elementary is located approximately 200m to the east and traffic volumes at peak school times are a challenge at the 128 Avenue/232 Street intersection. Currently some of the vacant lands within the study are used unofficially as overflow parking for parents taking their children to school due to the congestion at drop off and pick up times. The City is actively working with the School District to address congestion issues.

232 Street is part of the Major Road Network (MRN) and any new accesses to/from the MRN will require Translink approval. As development applications are made, Engineering will review opportunities to improve existing bus stops which could include the construction of bus shelters.

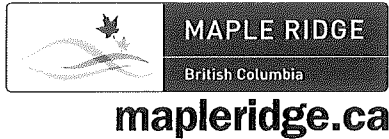
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As applications to developer are received there may be additional studies and requirements that are required. Ground truthing may also impact how servicing is to be addressed.

Regards,

Rachel Ollenberger, ASCT
Manager of Infrastructure Development



I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the City of Maple Ridge at its Regular Council meeting held on April 12, 2022:

R/2022-CM-123

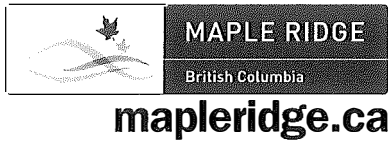
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Dated this 27th day of July, 2023

Patrick Hlavac-Winsor
Acting Corporate Officer

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I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of resolutions passed by the Council of the City of Maple Ridge at its Regular Council meeting held on May 24, 2022:

R/2022-CM-157

That Maple Ridge Official Community Plan Amending Bylaw No. 7734-2021 be given third reading.

R/2022-CM-158

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R/2022-CM-159

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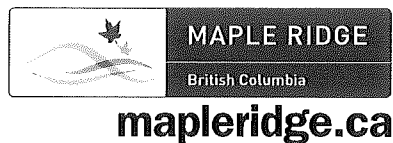
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I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the City of Maple Ridge at its Regular Council meeting held on November 29, 2022:

R/2022-CM-372

THAT Exclusion Application 2022-170-AL be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission for their review and consideration.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2023

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June 28, 2023

ALC File: 66390

Adam Rieu
City of Maple Ridge
DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

Dear Adam Rieu:

Re: Reasons for Decision - ALC Application 66390

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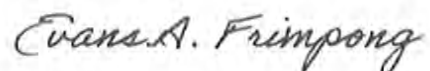
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Evans Frimpong, Land Use Planner

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cc: City of Maple Ridge (File 2022-170-AL) Attention: Adam Rieu

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DECISION

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Ione Smith, Panel Chair

On behalf of the South Coast Panel



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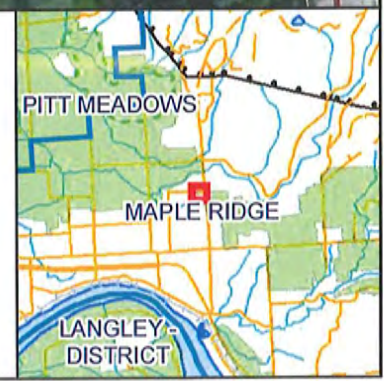
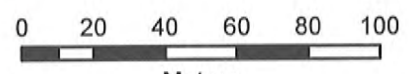
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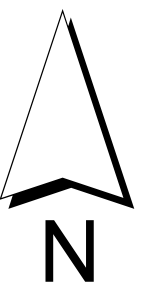
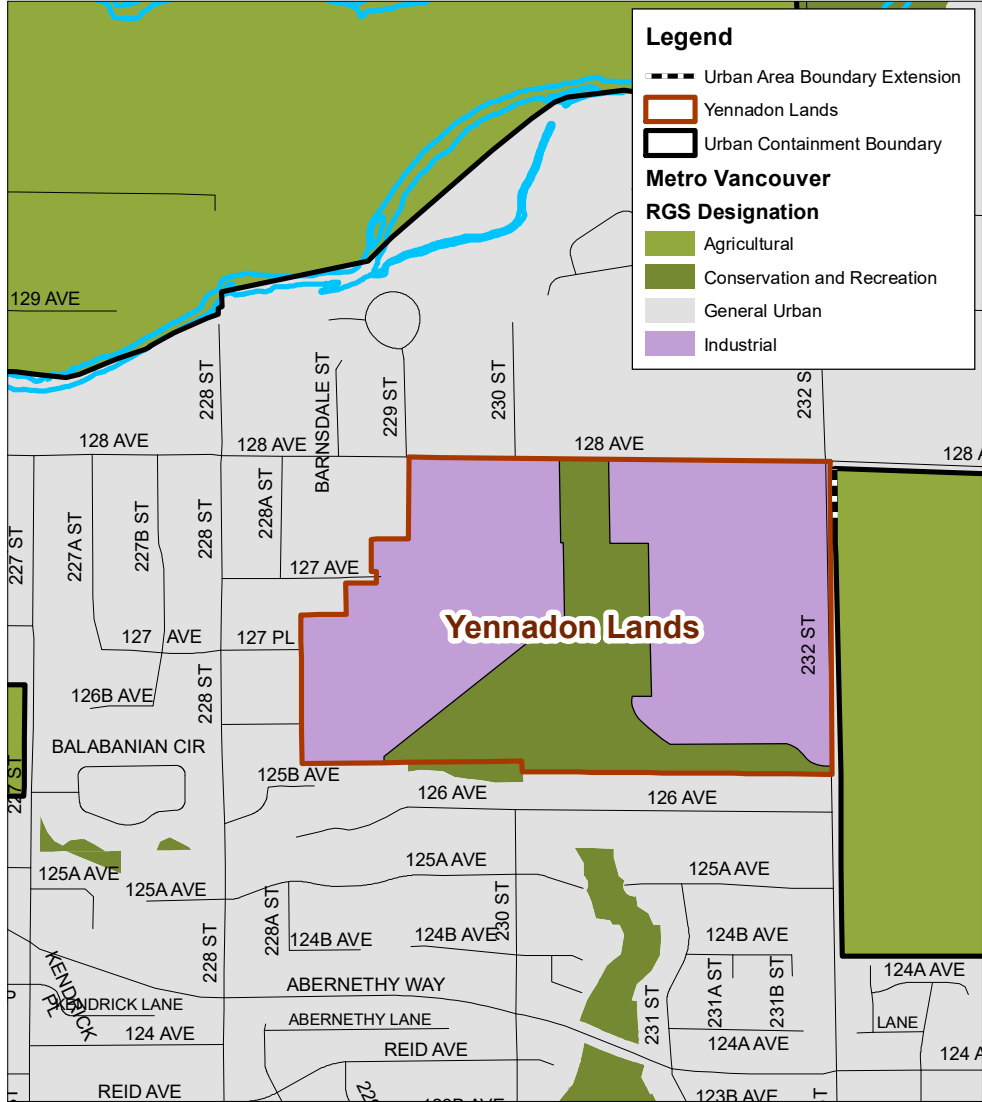
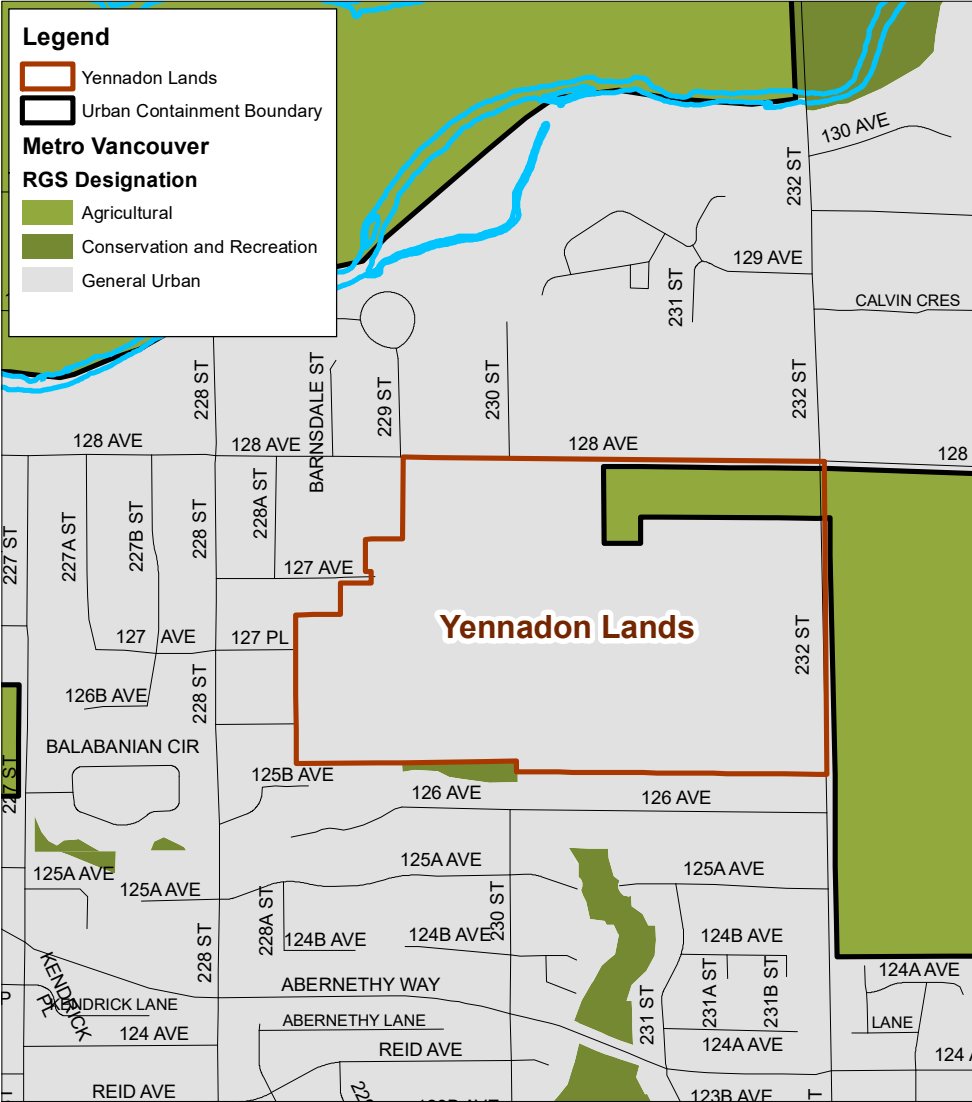
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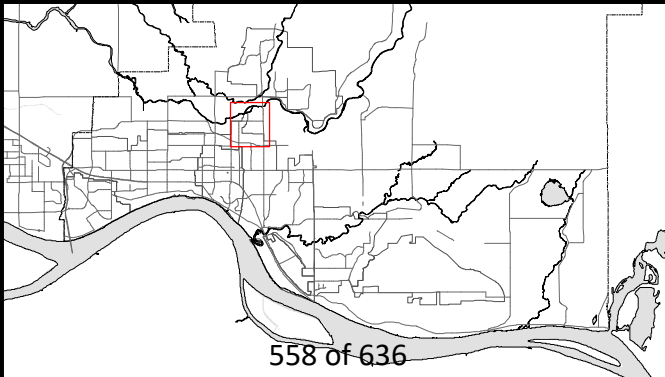
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Proposed Urban Containment Boundary And RGS Designation Amendment

PLANNING DEPARTMENT



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FILE: MetroVanUCBAmendment.mxd

DATE: Aug 24, 2023

BY: DT

June 28, 2023

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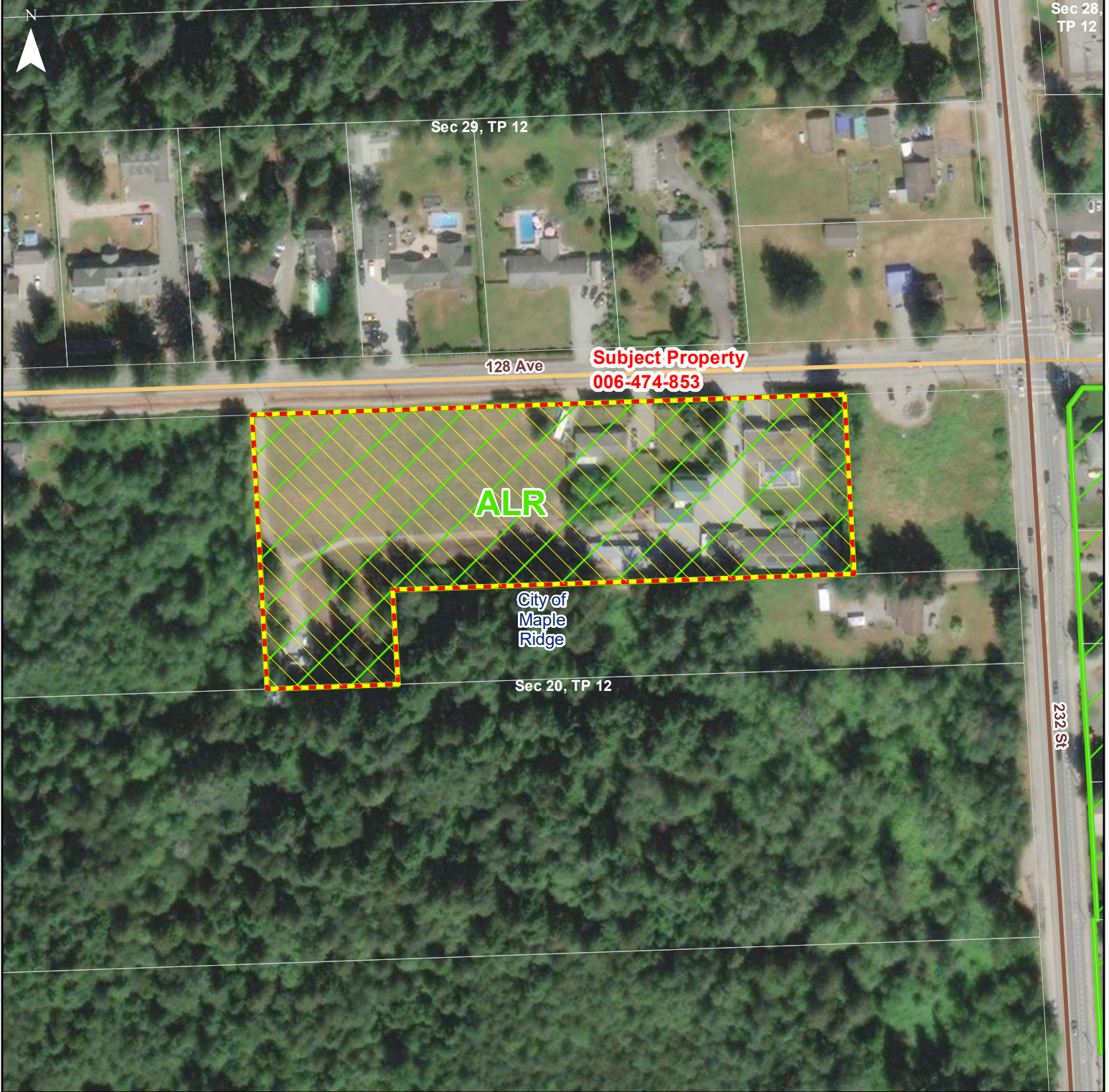
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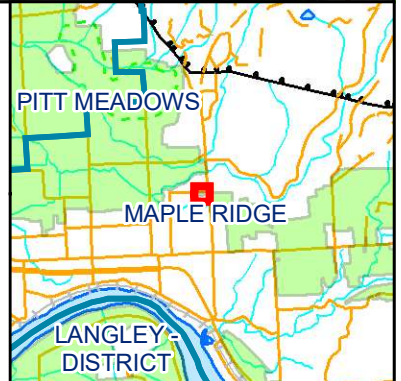
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**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1376, 2024
A bylaw to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy
Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”**

WHEREAS:

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- B. The Board wishes to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022”.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

1. Citation

- 1.1 The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1376, 2024”.

2. Schedule

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- Schedule “A”, Subject Properties.

3. Amendment of Bylaw

- 3.1 “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1339, 2022” is amended by:

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PID	Legal Description
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009-102-078	LOT 2, PLAN NWP22339, PART NE1/4, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12, GROUP 1, NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
005-835-020	LOT 55, PLAN NWP40879, PART NE1/4, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12, GROUP 1, NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT
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000-669-474	PARCEL A, LOT 8, PLAN NWP5467, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12, NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT, REF PL 8148

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from 'Agricultural' to 'Industrial', as shown in Schedule "A" of this bylaw;

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Read a first, second, and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

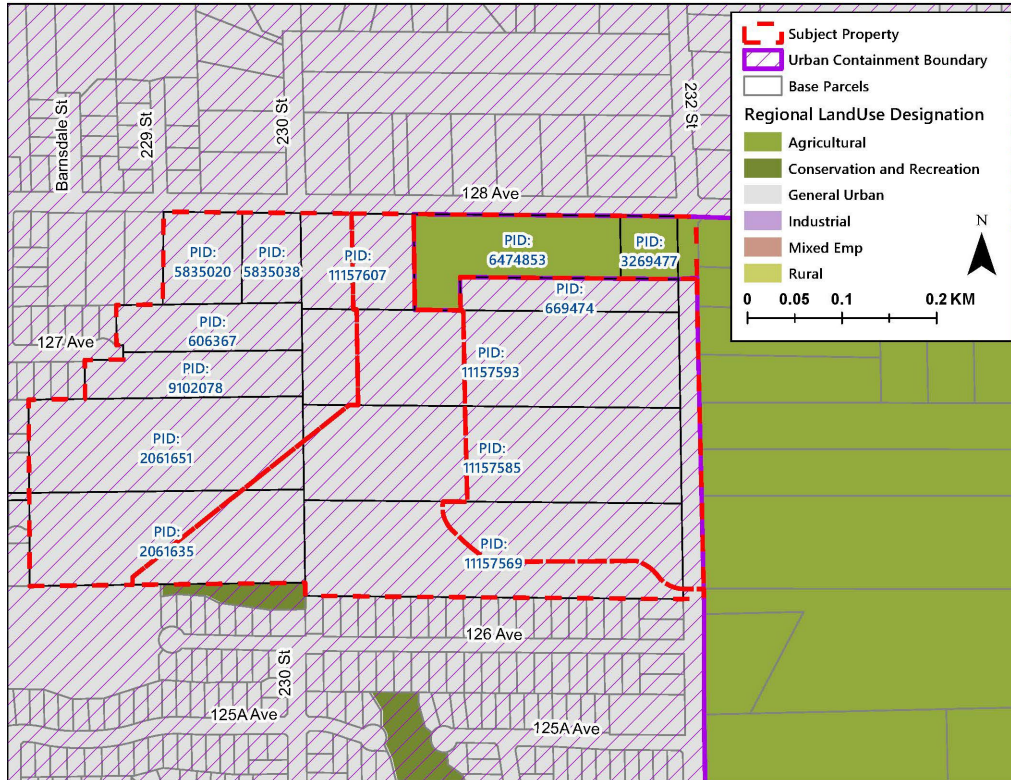
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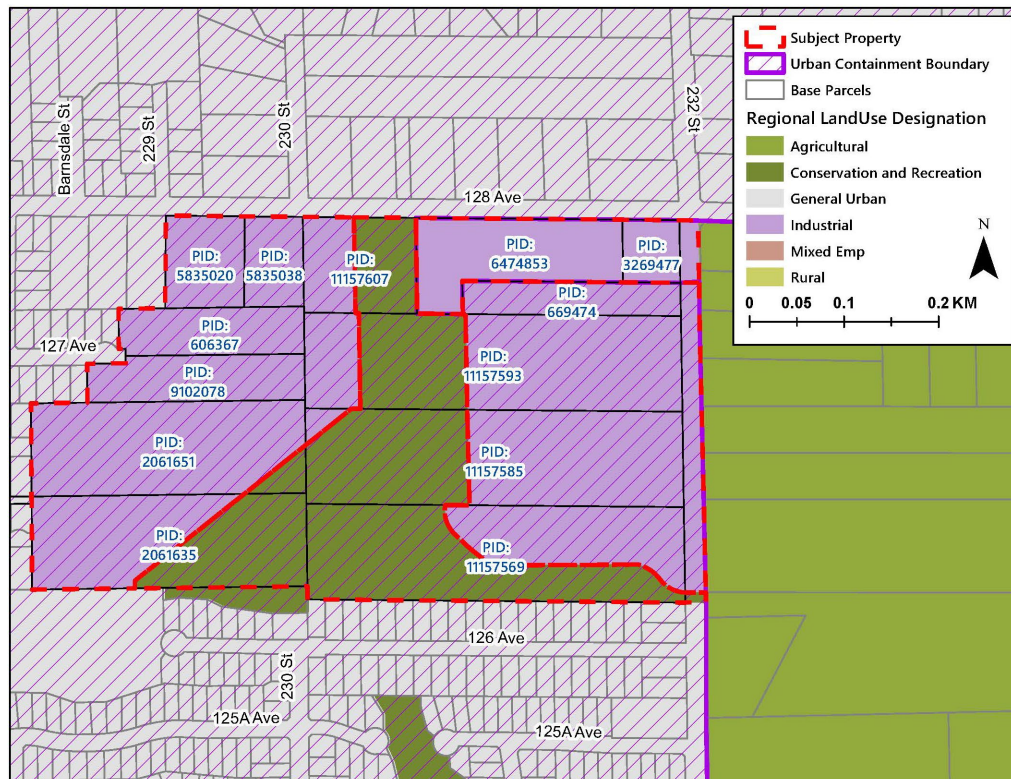
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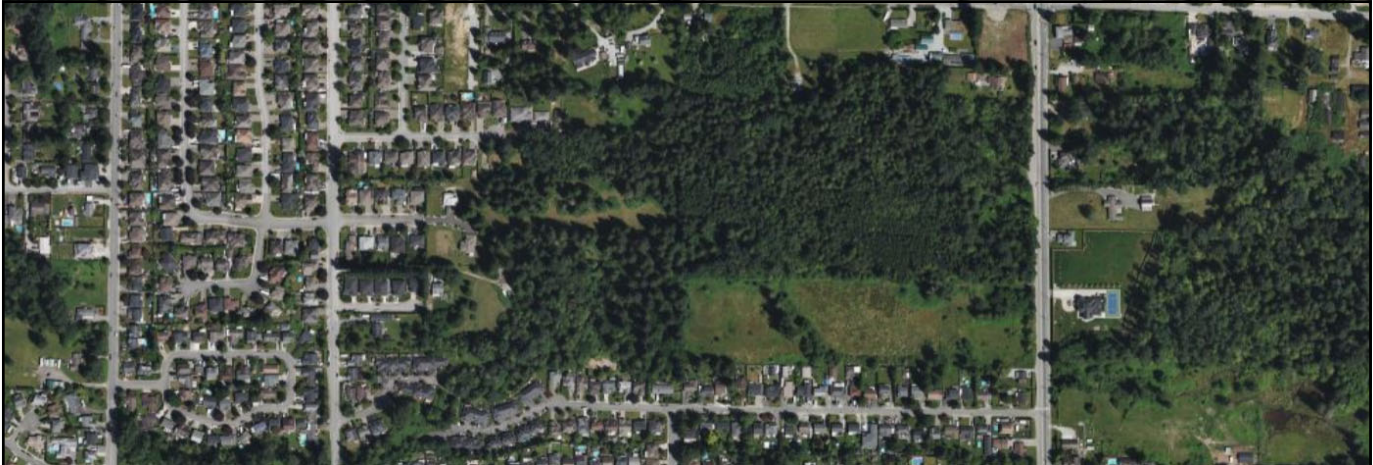
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Metro 2050 Type 2 Proposed Regional Land Use Amendment YENNADON LANDS

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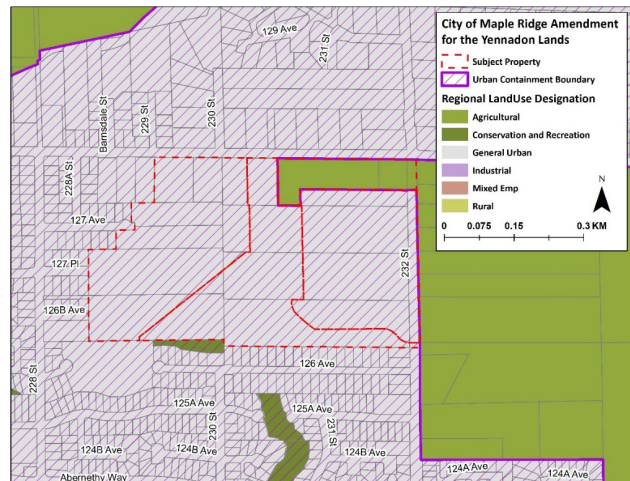
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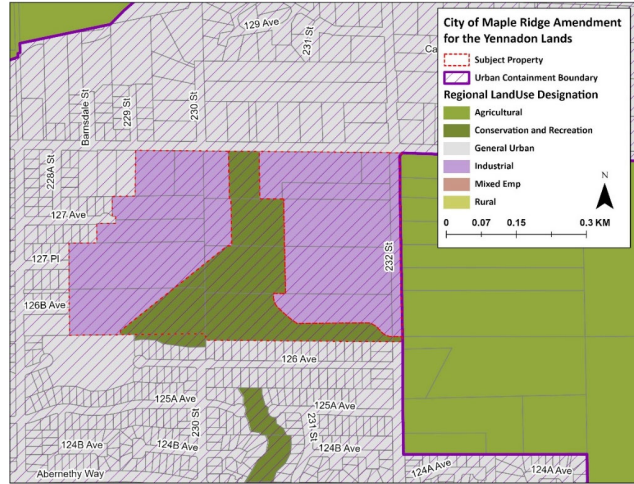
REGIONAL LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

- Designated General Urban and Agricultural in Metro 2050
- Lands to the north, west, and south are designated General Urban
- Lands east are designated Agricultural

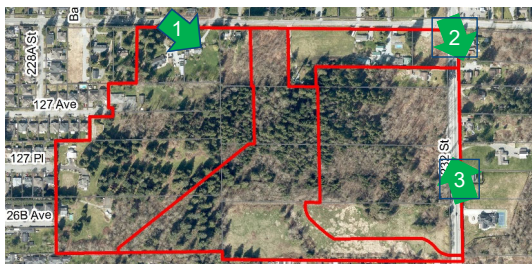


PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- From General Urban and Agricultural to Industrial and Conservation and Recreation
- Adjust the Urban Containment Boundary to include two properties (~2 ha)
- Type 2 amendment



SITE PHOTOS



REGIONAL PLANNING ANALYSIS

- The proposed amendment would add:
 - 18 hectares of Industrial land to the region's supply; and
 - 7.4 hectares of Conservation and Recreation land that may contribute to the region's 'lands protected for nature' target, if additional legal mechanisms are applied;
- The proposed amendment redesignates 2 hectares of Agricultural land and 23.4 hectares of General Urban land;
- The introduction of industrial uses may negatively affect adjacent agricultural uses; the effects are being addressed through the Yennadon Lands Employment Park Design Guidelines; and
- The subject properties are strategically located from a goods movement perspective, and while currently not well serviced by transit, the City has future plans for active transportation options in the area.

NEXT STEPS

Should the amendment application proceed:

- Provided the bylaw receives readings by the MVRD Board, the amendment application will be referred to affected local governments for comment (45 day comment period)
- Receive comments from the referral process, convey comments to the Board and Board will consider final reading and adoption of the amendment bylaw.



RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) initiate the Metro 2050 amendment process for the City of Surrey's requested regional land use designation amendment from Industrial to General Urban for the lands located at 11420 – 157A Street ;
- b) give first, second, and third readings to "Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1366, 2023"; and
- c) direct staff to notify affected local governments as per Metro 2050 section 6.4.2.

ORTHO PHOTO OF SURROUNDING AREA

- The proposal is consistent with the adjacent lands to the immediate south

