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CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE WINS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FROM BCRPA

Greg Moore Youth Recreation Center honoured with Facility Excellence Award.

Richmond, BC (Friday, May 13, 2011) – The City of Maple Ridge has won a provincial Award of Excellence from the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA). The Facility Excellence Award has been presented for the Greg Moore Youth Recreation Centre.

The Greg Moore Youth Recreation Centre supports a wide range of activities and events for the community and fosters an environment in which community organizations work as a team to provide services that meet the needs of its youth. It features a large, open active area with a rock climbing wall, multi-purpose room, teach kitchen/concession area, community meeting space, computer lab, and more. The facility's "Community Team Approach" of bringing together youth groups and organizations, community service providers working in the area of prevention and District staff, has strengthened the recreation program through both the ability of workers to refer youth to services and for partners to refer them to recreation opportunities.

"It is a testament to the forethought that went into the Greg Moore Youth Recreation Centre that it has withstood the test of time and is still considered state of the art after 10 years of operation," states BCRPA Chief Executive Officer Suzanne Allard Strutt. "The Centre serves as an example of how extensive youth engagement and community input created an optimal design addressing as many needs as possible all in one facility."

The Facility Excellence Award recognizes excellence in facility concept, design development, maintenance and operation. Award winners demonstrate outstanding innovation which has made, or could make, significant impact in the Recreation & Parks field. This award is one of several awards presented at BCRPA's Symposium today. The conference brings together members of the parks, recreation, physical activity and culture sector from around BC, including elected officials, volunteers, members of the business community and others. Richmond is the host community of this year's event.

BACKGROUND:

The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association is a not for profit organization dedicated to building and sustaining active healthy lifestyles and communities in BC. Established in 1958, the Association is a central resource agency for members and stakeholders of the parks, recreation, physical activity and culture sector, providing leadership, training and support to help meet national, provincial and local priorities. Through a diverse network of partners and extensive programs and services, BCRPA actively advocates accessibility and inclusiveness to recreation and physical activity.

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