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AND

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TO: Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Maple Ridge

**SUBJECT: Removal and disposal of Caboose on the Grounds of Jim Hadgkiss Park**

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The Dewdney Alouette Railway Society (DARS) and Maple Ridge Historical Society (MRHS) as owners of the CPR Caboose 437115 ("The Caboose") on the grounds of Jim Hadgkiss Park, formally request assistance from the City of Maple Ridge for its removal from the park.

The Caboose was placed in Jim Hadgkiss Park in 1991 as an educational artifact. At the time, an agreement was drafted between DARS and the MRHS. In this agreement, the maintenance and care was in the hands of DARS and ownership with DARS and MRHS (Appendix A). Since then, the Caboose has been subject to time and the environment which has deteriorated it beyond repair. The caboose has been deemed unsafe based on the state of the boards on the west wall that are rotted and potential hazards. To protect the public from any danger the MRHS has, at their expense, put a construction fence surrounding the caboose.

With the construction of the Japanese Garden at Jim Hadgkiss Park, funded by City of Maple Ridge and Maple Ridge Museum grants, the caboose needs to be removed from the site as soon as possible so that it does not hinder construction, or damage the new garden. However, to remove the caboose from the grounds of the park DARS and MRHS are asking for financial assistance of the City of Maple Ridge. The cost of this removal will be such that it is not affordable or feasible for either society to get grants or fundraise for. We are hoping that working together with the City to make the best possible future for Jim Hadgkiss Park will be beneficial to all parties and the community as a whole.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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**Appendix A**

Original contract between Dewdney Alouette Railway Society, Maple Ridge Historical Society and Maple Ridge Museum.

**MAPLE RIDGE MUSEUM • BRICKYARD HOUSE**

22535 RIVER ROAD, MAPLE RIDGE, B.C. V2X 2C7 PHONE (604) 463-5311

July 19, 1991

Statement of Ownership of the Caboose  
On the Maple Ridge Museum Grounds.

The caboose on the grounds of the Maple Ridge Museum is the joint property of the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society and the Maple Ridge Museum and the Maple Ridge Historical Society.

Upon the demise of one or more of the parties to this agreement, the caboose becomes the property of the remaining party(s). In the event of the demise of both the societies, the caboose becomes the sole property of the Maple Ridge Museum.

The caboose is to be maintained at all times as an historical artifact, not as a commercial venture or business office.

Statement of Use and Operation of the Caboose

The Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society may use and show the caboose on Open House Days and any other times.

The Maple Ridge Museum may conduct tours of the caboose at any times with the agreement of the Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society.

Maintenance of the Caboose

The Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society will be responsible for any necessary maintenance of the caboose. The Maple Ridge Museum will co-operate with this maintenance.

Maple Ridge Historical Society

position:

Dewdney-Alouette Railway Society

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Maple Ridge Museum

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Date: 9/07/24

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