



# Anmore Green Estates SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

## Progress Report from the Village of Anmore

### Legislative Requirements Complete

The Village of Anmore has completed all of its legislative requirements to be able to move forward with a sewer connection for the Anmore Green Estates (AGE) strata. The following important steps have been completed since the AGE update in Anmore's January 2020 community newsletter.

- > **Council adopted the Local Area Service Bylaw (February 2020).** The Local Area Service Bylaw is the legal mechanism necessary for the Village to establish a sewer service as well as a means to recover annual sewer fees on behalf of Metro Vancouver and the City of Port Moody. It also allows for the collection of the one-time connection charge from AGE property owners on behalf of Metro Vancouver.
- > **With the Local Area Service Bylaw in place, the Village was able to apply to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to become a member of the GVS&DD (February 2020).**
- > **Anmore Council and the City of Port Moody approved a service agreement (March 2020).** Port Moody has agreed to provide the sewer infrastructure connection to the GVS&DD regional system for discharge of effluent.
- > **The provincial government approved the Order in Council (OIC) for Anmore's membership in the GVS&DD (June 2020).**



- > **With the provincial OIC approval in place, the GVS&DD Board reviewed and approved the Village's application for membership (July 2020).** As an official member of the GVS&DD, the Village is also obliged to adopt the Metro Vancouver Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) as its own plan. This LWMP has been approved by the Minister of Environment, subject to Metro Vancouver meeting a number of conditions, which they are well on their way to completing by the end of 2020.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE TRANSLATE

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# Next Steps for the Village

## > Terminate Existing Agreement for School Sewer Connection

Now that Anmore is a member of the GVS&DD, the Village is working out the logistics of how to terminate the existing agreement with Metro Vancouver and City of Port Moody that allowed for a sewer connection for Eagle Mountain Middle School.

## > Ministerial Order for Village Liquid Waste Management Plan

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy imposed a Ministerial Order for the Village to develop a Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP). As a member of Metro Vancouver regional district and now GVS&DD, the Village of Anmore now falls under the Metro Vancouver LWMP. The Village has advised the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy that it is now adhering to the Metro Vancouver LWMP as required by GVS&DD membership; however, the Ministerial Order remains in place.

At this time, the Village does not have any further information on why the Ministerial Order was not lifted as the Metro Vancouver LWMP is considered an approved plan for all other members of the GVS&DD. Staff will continue to work with the Ministry and the Provincial Facilitator assigned to the AGE Sewer Project to see how this can be resolved.

## > Metro Vancouver Fees – 2021

Metro Vancouver will begin charging for the GVS&DD membership levy in 2021; therefore, the Village is setting up the required processes to implement this billing in the new year.

# Status of the Project Implementation

## Construction Route

The Village has been advised that an engineered, gravity-fed route has been recognized as having the lowest cost and is the preferred engineered route to connect from AGE lands in Anmore, through SD43 lands located within both Anmore and Port Moody through to the GVS&DD regional sewerage system located in Port Moody.

The provincial facilitation process included obtaining an independent expert valuation on the loss of use and impact on the required statutory right-of-way through SD43 lands. The cost for the right-of-way access was set at \$140,000 as a result of this expert valuation.

## Construction Funding

The Provincial Facilitator is working with the AGE Strata Council to determine final construction costs and funding. As part of working with the Provincial Facilitator, the Village was approached to ask if it would consider financing the cost of the project for the 50 properties, either through the Village's reserve funds or through the Municipal Financing Authority.

The Village is unable to support this request to finance a privately-owned sewerage system. This would cause a number of insurmountable issues, including reducing the Village's borrowing capacity and setting an unsupportable precedent. Similarly, the Village would not provide financing when residents need to replace their individual septic systems.

The Village has, however, agreed to use a parcel tax to collect the amount required for the access to the right-of-way from AGE property owners on behalf of SD43. This process does not add significant administration time but will involve some set-up requirements.

## Next Steps for Project Implementation

At the time of this newsletter, the Provincial Facilitator has advised that Anmore Green Estates property owners will hold a special strata meeting to consider the project information and vote on how they wish to proceed.