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Community News



Council Update

- MAYOR JOHN McEWEN

As we start the new year, we are working on several major projects that have a significant impact on our community. The following is an update on a few of the key projects underway.



ANMORE IOCO LANDS & BURRARD COMMONS DEVELOPMENT

One of the major projects we are looking at as a Council is a development application for Burrard Commons – a multi-family development that would represent a significant shift in Anmore's growth and land management policies.

This proposed development is situated on a portion of the 150-acre Anmore loco Lands – an area that is currently zoned as a special study area. This means that the land is designated for a review that would consider future land uses that may differ from other areas in our community.

Some of you may have already attended information sessions hosted by Gilic Development (formerly Brilliant Circle Group); however, there has been a shift in Gilic's plan as the development is now focused strictly on Anmore rather than a combined Port Moody/Anmore project. For Anmore, this means we have an opportunity to look at the Anmore loco Lands specifically, and work with our residents to develop a vision of what we would like to see in terms of development and amenities that support our strategic goals for the community and the priorities identified by residents.

Now that we have received Gilic's development application, the Village of Anmore will be leading its own communication and engagement to ensure our residents are fully informed about Anmore loco Lands, the proposed Burrard Commons development and what it all means to our community. It's important to emphasize that we are still in the very early stages of the application process, and there are a lot of decisions and requirements that must be completed before we will have a better sense of whether this project will move forward.

We also want to emphasize that our priority is to look at what will benefit our community and meet the needs of our residents in the short and long term. We encourage you to watch for our Anmore loco Lands updates in the coming months and get involved in our community consultation planned for February to share your input on the future of the Anmore loco Lands and the proposed development.





AGE SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to work completed by Village staff and the Anmore Green Estates (AGE) Strata, we made substantial progress on the AGE sewer project this past fall.

The AGE Strata and Mayor McEwen lobbied to encourage Metro Vancouver to reduce the Growth Levy that is included in the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD) fees for sewer connection. The GVS&DD agreed to conditionally waive the annual Growth Levy. The waiver will only be lifted if the Village of Anmore makes further requests to amend the Fraser Sewerage Area.

This decision to conditionally waive the annual Growth Levy reduces the GVS&DD membership cost by approximately \$36,062 in 2019 – along with significant future cost savings as Metro Vancouver had estimated that the Growth Levy would rise to \$116,393 by 2023. Should there be future amendments requested by the Village of Anmore to the Fraser Sewerage Area boundary to include lands beyond AGE, the waiver provisions for the annual charge for growth and the connection fee would no longer apply.

The next key step is to adopt a Local Area Service Bylaw, which is a mechanism that ensures the costs for the sewer connection and annual fees are paid by AGE property owners only. To adopt a Local Area Service Bylaw, local governments generally receive a 'petition' indicating a request for a new service from the property owners located within the affected service area. The petition enables Council to consider adopting a Local Area Service Bylaw, which would be followed by the application to the province to be a member in the GVS&DD. This process is outlined in the Community Charter.

All parties involved are working towards an August 2020 construction period for the physical sewer connection.

CIVIC BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

In December 2019, the Village awarded the detailed design contract for the new Civic Building to Johnston Davidson Architecture.

Work will begin early this year on the detailed design, which will be based on the concept design developed by staff and Anmore Council. The concept design includes the space requirements and general layout for the desired function of the new community building.

It can be viewed at anmore.com/community/civicbuilding.



We want your input! Please share your input as we develop the detailed design of the new community amenity

space that will be incorporated into the Civic Building. Watch for opportunities to provide input through our website, social media platforms and weekly notification emails, and we'll provide updates in this newsletter we move through the design and construction phases.

Name our Newsletter

ENTER TO WIN A FITBIT CHARGE 3 SE!

We're looking for a fun and engaging title for this community newsletter and we're inviting Anmore residents to submit their ideas to be entered to win a Fitbit Charge 3 SE. Plus you'll get the bragging rights for naming the newsletter.

To submit your suggestions, email village.hall@anmore.com by February 24, 2020. The new name should be no more than 27 characters in length. It will be selected by Council and featured in the next edition of this newsletter.

Noxious Weeds Not Welcome

Knotweed and other invasive plants are invading our community and need to be removed safely. Sometimes, the best approach is to hire a qualified contractor to treat invasive plants on your property.

Invasive plants are non-native species that have been introduced into our environment. Once introduced, they grow quickly and spread rapidly, overwhelming and displacing native plants and even damaging property. And since they are non-native, they have no natural enemies to keep them in check. It's important for homeowners to take steps to minimize the impact of invasive plants in our community, but it's also essential that the removal be done correctly. That's why it's often best to bring in qualified contractors if you don't have the knowledge and experience to deal with these plants.

There are multiple treatment methods available to deal with invasive plants. A good contractor will be aware of options and make recommendations. No matter what method or contractor is used, dealing with invasive plants requires persistence. Many invasive plant infestations, especially knotweed, will require a few rounds of treatments, possibly over many years, before it is eradicated.

COMMONLY FOUND INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

Here are some invasive plants commonly found in the region that should be removed before they spread:



Knotweed*



Giant Hogweed*



Orange Hawkweed



English Ivy

* Do not attempt to remove yourself – hire a professional.

The Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver (ISCMV) suggests that you consider the following questions to help evaluate companies to manage invasive plants on your property.

- Do you have experience dealing with invasive plants?
- Will you provide a free estimate and come to verify the identification of my plant?
- Are you licensed to work in my municipality?
- What methods will you use and when will I start to see plant damage/death?
- Do you and your staff have the appropriate licences and permits to apply herbicide?
- Does your price include follow-up visits and monitoring or just the initial treatment?
- What is your success rate?
- Can you provide a list of references who can verify your work?
- How soon can you send someone?

For more tips and resources from ISCMV, visit iscmv.ca, email info@iscmv.ca or call 604-880-8358. ISCMV information brochures are also available at the Village Hall.

Stay Safe This Winter

We're fortunate that we don't face the extreme cold and major snowstorms that affect the rest of Canada, but we still have our own winter weather challenges. Here are some winter weather tips from GetPrepared Canada. For further information visit www.getprepared.gc.ca

Winter Weather

- Clean gutters, storm drains and downpipes of debris.
- Make sure your roof is in good repair.
- When a winter storm hits, stay indoors. If you must go outside, dress for the weather.
- If you must travel during a winter storm, do so during the day and let someone know your route and arrival time.
- Freezing rain can occur anywhere. Remember that ice, branches or power lines can continue to break and fall for several hours after the end of the precipitation. Never approach downed power lines.

Power outages:

- Don't open your freezer or fridge unless it is absolutely necessary.
- Never use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping heating equipment, or home generators indoors or in garages.
- Use proper candle holders. Never leave lit candles unattended and always extinguish candles before going to bed.
- Listen to your battery-powered or wind-up radio for information on the outage and advice from authorities.
- If you have a generator follow manufacturer's instructions. Ensure the generator operates outdoors in well ventilated conditions, well away from doors and windows.
- Make sure your home has a working carbon monoxide detector. If it is hard-wired to the house's electrical supply, ensure it has a battery-powered back-up.
- Protect sensitive electrical appliances such as TVs and computers with a surge-protecting power bar.

For more tips on how to be prepared for emergencies, visit anmore.com/community/emergency-preparedness.

Anmore Events and Activities



We want your input! The Village's volunteer Community Engagement, Culture and Inclusion Committee would like your input on the events we hosted in 2019. This will help us plan for future events to tailor them to our community.

The Community Events Survey is posted at www.surveymonkey.com/r/anmoreeventssurvey. Please share your input by February 28, 2020.

We are also developing a survey to talk to Anmore residents about parking in our community. Watch for it in early March.