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## Anmore Receives \$2.5 Million Grant for Community Hub

ANMORE, B.C. – The Village of Anmore has been awarded \$2,500,001 in Investing in Canada Infrastructure grants for its new Community Hub. The federal and provincial combined grants announced today are for local infrastructure projects to help build inclusive, resilient communities, making them a good fit for the Hub project.

“We are thrilled to receive this grant funding – the largest grant the Village has ever received,” says Mayor John McEwen. “This is a huge boost for our community, and the new Hub will be an asset, both as Village Hall and as a gathering place for residents. We’ve been saving and planning this for years, and it’s extremely exciting to know that we’ll have shovels in the ground in May to start construction.”

The new building is designed to provide administration space for Village staff, with a welcoming entry way that will feature historical Anmore photos and memorabilia, and space to operate as an Emergency Operations Centre and Reception Centre as needed. The Council Chambers will have plenty of room for seating along with technology that provides high quality audio and video for live-streaming meetings. The Council Chambers space will also function as a community room that will be able to accommodate indoor events, as well as host community group activities. Unlike the current trailers, the new building will also provide accessible public washrooms that can also be used when the Village hosts outdoor events at Spirit Park.

When construction costs escalated following the pandemic, the Village pivoted to make changes to keep the project on budget, including switching to an Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) model and making adjustments to the design without affecting functionality. As a result, the construction budget is still coming in under \$8 million, and Council approved an additional \$500,000 as a risk register that is only used if needed. The IPD model involves a commitment to deliver the project at the agreed-upon budget – even if higher costs reduce the contractor’s profit margin.

During construction, the Village Hall Administration Office trailer will be located at the Works Yard at 100 Buntzen Creek Rd (moving April 29), and the Council Chambers will be located at Anmore Elementary School as part of a joint use agreement with School District 43.

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