

Anmore Advisor

SUMMER 2022

VILLAGE OF
ANMORE



Council Update

- MAYOR JOHN McEWEN

MOVING AHEAD ON MULTIPLE FRONTS

This summer we're enjoying the benefits of the culmination of months – and sometimes years – of effort to devise solutions and implement new projects that benefit our community. It's incredibly satisfying to see the positive outcomes that come from working together towards our strategic goals.

Celebrating our new Community Hub

Our summer kicked off with the ground-breaking celebration for the Anmore Community Hub. It was wonderful to see Anmore residents and special guests gather with Council and staff to commemorate this major milestone for our community.

Our Council set a goal eight years ago to construct our community's first civic building in our Village centre to provide us with a place to work, gather and celebrate together. We had a lot of work to do to make sure we had the capital reserves in place to manage this in a financially responsible way. Not only did we solidify our financial position and ensure we could afford this new building, we pivoted quickly when the construction market shifted dramatically this past two years to make sure we would stick to our budget. We were then thrilled to also be awarded the \$2.5 million Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant – the largest grant ever received in Anmore – to support the construction.

It was an exciting day, and I was very proud to celebrate it with my fellow members of Council, Anmore staff and our community. Construction is now well underway, and we look forward to moving into the new building in 2023.



AGE Sewer Construction Underway

It is a great pleasure to confirm that construction of a new sewer connection for Anmore Green Estates (AGE) designated properties is underway and scheduled to be completed before the start of school this September.

In addition to the other measures implemented by the Village to support the sewer connection, our Council also made the decision in May to provide AGE property owners with a loan that will be collected from them through a Local Area Service (LAS) Bylaw.

It's important to note that we do not have any authority over septic systems or the sewer connection; however, we had recommended that the septic system be repaired instead of being replaced by sewer as we knew from the outset that a sewer connection would take a long time to complete. When the decision was made by the provincial government that a sewer connection was required, the Village immediately started on the various required tasks. We had to follow a comprehensive process and complete several steps to develop the required policies to qualify for membership in the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District and allow for a connection to the sewer through Port Moody. We completed all of these tasks by fall 2020.

We are now very happy to see the construction underway. If you would like more information about the process to complete the AGE sewer connect, please visit anmore.com/community/agesewer.

Summer Traffic Management

With the new Buntzen Lake registration system in place, we are very thankful to see significant improvement towards addressing the serious safety issues, noise and inconvenience stemming from lake traffic congestion. The shift from the bumper-to-bumper traffic blockages on Anmore roads the weekend before the registration system started to the relatively low volumes the following week felt close to miraculous.

Working with BC Hydro over the past few years to make sure they were aware of the issues we were experiencing – and the cost to the Village to try and manage the traffic impacts – was one of Council's priorities. We appreciate the work BC Hydro has done to manage lake traffic, and we recognize that while the registration system isn't a perfect solution (and may need some tweaks), it has been a tremendous help for our community.

Buntzen Lake is a beautiful setting that we all value and enjoy, but it's also important to remember that it is not a park. It's private property. And as the property owner, BC Hydro has the ultimate say in how they manage access to the lake. We look forward to hearing back on how this summer's registration system has worked on their end, and we will definitely share how it has helped address the lake traffic issues in our community.

Infrastructure Improvements

As you may have noted, all of Hemlock Drive is getting fresh pavement to provide a full road improvement rather than just patching the area damaged by severe weather. When staff completed cost estimates to make the repairs, it became evident that there was much greater value in repaving all of Hemlock Drive. Thanks to the capital reserves we have in place, Council was able to approve the extra budget to complete the repaving.

All of these projects are underway thanks to the combined effort of Council and staff, and we are thrilled to see each one implemented to benefit our community.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.



Meet Our Public Works Team

There have been several changes to the Public Works department over the past year, so it's a good time to introduce the team and highlight what they do. First thing to note: it's a small team so everyone wears multiple hats (sometimes literally).

Scott Donaldson, Operations Superintendent & Water Operator II

Scott manages the Public Works department, including assisting with preparing the budget, reporting to Council and prioritizing projects and workload for the team. He manages purchasing of equipment and supplies, responds to complaints and concerns and works with multiple interested parties to coordinate service delivery.

As a Level 2 certified water systems operator, he also coordinates and completes necessary repairs and ongoing maintenance of the Village's water system. This includes daily, weekly, monthly and annual maintenance checks to help ensure we enjoy high quality, safe water. Scott also has a "hands on" approach to provide help with other public works tasks as needed.

His other "hats" include inspecting and monitoring new development sites for quality control in accordance with municipal bylaws and regulations, ensuring adherence to safety and risk management policies, and both monitoring and maintaining winter road clearing.

When he's not doing all that, he gets to operate municipal equipment as needed.

Joe Keno (Original Joe), Working Foreman & Equipment Operator

Joe Keno is the original Joe on the Public Works team. Joe maintains Anmore's roads, water system, drainage systems and municipal facilities like parks, trails, ditches and drainage infrastructure. This includes snow clearing and sanding in the winter.

Joe also assists with maintaining and repairing Village vehicles, equipment and small tools. He operates



Photo L to R: Scott Donaldson, Cameron Jones, Joe Keno (Original Joe), Alison McDonald, and Joe Nicholas (New Joe)

a variety of equipment, including the tractor, power saw, string trimmer and other small power equipment as key tools needed to keep our community beautiful and our infrastructure operating efficiently and effectively.

When needed, he directs traffic, places barricades and other warning devices as required, and Joe is regularly scheduled for standby or call out to help residents or respond to public works emergencies after hours.

Alison McDonald, Parks Maintenance Worker

Alison helps keep our community beautiful. She is responsible for maintenance of our parks, trails and boulevards. This work includes laying sod, seeding grass, planting trees, shrubs and flowers as well as mowing, trimming, fertilizing and watering turf. Alison prunes trees and weeds flower beds, and she assists with maintaining the irrigation system.

To complete her work, Alison operates multiple types of equipment, including the lawn mower, small tractor and power saw along with other small, powered equipment.

In addition to her work in our green spaces, Alison assists in the construction and maintenance of roads, drainage systems and municipal facilities. She is also available for on call work to help with public works emergencies.

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Meet Our Public Works Team

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Joe Nicholas (New Joe), Public Works Labourer & Bylaw Enforcement Officer

“New Joe” joined the Village in June and contributes to the team by assisting with the construction and maintenance of roads, drainage systems and municipal facilities as well as bylaw enforcement. As part of his bylaw enforcement responsibilities, Joe patrols and responds to bylaw concerns on weekends and the occasional Thursday evening, which provides an enhanced level of bylaw enforcement for the community.

He also provides additional help with parks and trails projects and maintenance of the irrigation system, drives the snow plow, and both operates and maintains equipment as needed. This enables him to pitch in on multiple projects in multiple areas.

Another important “hat” Joe wears is as an active member of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department. He responds to emergency call outs when required, including during regular office hours, which adds some valued capacity to emergency response.

Cameron Jones, Water Operator I

As our newest public works team member, Cameron coordinates and completes repairs and ongoing maintenance of the Village’s water system. This includes assisting with the implementation of a daily, weekly, monthly and annual maintenance checks of the water system.

The water system he maintains includes eight pressure reducing valve (PRV) stations, which help to ensure water pressure can be maintained throughout Anmore. The system also includes two fire pump stations and a chlorination booster station to provide high quality and safe drinking water.

When he’s not busy with the water system, Cameron assists with the maintenance of vehicles and equipment, including the Village’s new winter road clearing equipment. He also helps with maintenance of parks and trails, roads, drainage ditches and public facilities, and he is also regularly scheduled for standby and after-hours call out as needed.

It’s Election Season!

The next general local government election is on Saturday, October 15, 2022, and the nomination period for candidates is Tuesday, August 30, 2022 to Friday, September 9, 2022. For more information about the election, including voter information and key dates, please visit anmore.com/elections.

Are you interested in running for office?

Candidate nomination packages for Anmore Mayor, Anmore Councillor and School District 43 Trustee for Anmore/Belcarra are available at Anmore Village Hall, 100 Buntzen Creek Road during regular office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. except statutory holidays) or by email request to elections@anmore.com. For information about eligibility requirements and other candidate resources, please visit anmore.com/elections/candidate-information.



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