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ANMORE



Council Update

- MAYOR JOHN McEWEN

SETTING GOALS AND IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES

It's always exciting to start a new Council term as it provides us with an opportunity to look ahead to the next four years and identify our priorities and strategies.

Our new Council will be working together to update Anmore's Strategic Plan, and we encourage residents to get in touch with us to share your priorities. Our contact information is posted at anmore.com under Village Hall, Mayor & Council, and you can learn a bit more about each of us in the Council Profiles in this edition of the Anmore Advisor.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tim Laidler for his service on Council for the past four years. Serving on Council is a big commitment, and we appreciate Tim's dedication and contributions to our community.

Community Hub Progress Report

We are seeing great progress on the Anmore Community Hub construction. Over the summer and early fall, the crews completed all of the preparations for the site, installed some of the pipes and poured the concrete to complete the foundation for the project.

With the foundation in place, you can see the building coming out of the ground as the steel frame for the building goes up. After the frame is complete, the roof will be installed, and the crews will start enclosing the structure. This involves building the external walls and installing the cladding on top, which is the layer that provides extra insulation and weather protection like rain screens.

When the exterior walls are finished, the inside work will start. This includes framing the inside walls, installing mechanical systems and roughing in for plumbing, electrical and mechanical.

As a reminder, while the construction is underway, we will continue to hold Council Meetings at Anmore Elementary School and our Village Hall is in the trailer at the Works Yard at 100 Buntzen Creek Road. We look forward to moving into the new Hub later next year.



New Pressure Reducing Valve

A new pressure reducing valve (PRV) at East Road and Thompson Road is being installed and is scheduled to be completed in January. When the new PRV is in place, crews can safely maintain and operate the water system. PRVs are installed on water mains to regulate water pressure so it is consistent and to ensure the pressure does not increase and cause damage to infrastructure and property.

The old PRV does not have a bypass valve, so any time work was required, crews had to completely shut off the system, and the entire village would be without water. As well, the old PRV was underground, could only be accessed via a manhole in a confined space and required two employees to work on the repair. The new PRV is above ground, one person can perform maintenance and repairs, and the bypass valve means water can be redirected to maintain service while repairs are underway.

A lot of our infrastructure is “out of sight and out of mind” for our residents, but this project is an excellent example of how we are investing in improvements that result in multiple benefits for our community.

Road and Safety Improvements

We completed several projects to improve road safety and quality in our community over the summer and early fall.

As most of you have likely noticed, all of Hemlock Drive has been repaved (rather than just the area that was damaged) as we found that the price to repave all of the street was better value than just doing touch-up repairs. When we started experiencing heavy rain this fall, we noted a pooling issue on the road, so a catch basin will be installed to improve the drainage. Staff continue to follow-up with the contractor to get this work completed as soon as possible. As a reminder, any time there is pooling on a road, please slow down and use extra caution.

We also completed repairs on a section of Sunnyside Road at the entrance to Buntzen Lake.

As part of neighbourhood traffic safety improvements, permanent speed bumps were installed in the Birch Wynde neighbourhood after temporary speed bumps resulted in slower traffic in that area.

Lights Are On At Spirit Park

Just a reminder that the lights at Spirit Park will stay on throughout the holiday season, so even if you missed the Light Up Spirit Park event, you can still enjoy the light display.

As we head into the holiday season, we extend our best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.



Meet Your New Council

As the new Council term starts, it's an ideal time to give residents a chance to get to know each Council member as a person, not just as an elected official. We asked them all a set of questions to create their profile, and here's what they shared.



Mayor John McEwen

John started putting down roots in the community when he first purchased land in Anmore in 2000, and he moved into his family home in 2007. John and his wife Kerri chose Spirit Park for their wedding ceremony in 2017, and they are both active in the community. In addition to his role on Council for the past 14 years, John runs his own business, Save On Laser, which offers remanufactured laser toner cartridges as an environmentally friendly alternative for printing.

While he enjoys playing all types of sports, basketball is his passion, and he still gets out on the court when he has time. John also has a keen interest in vintage cars and motorcycles. He also loves travelling, especially to places he hasn't visited before. When he is at home he enjoys working around the house and exploring the many trails that make Anmore so unique.

The three words John uses to describe himself are "tall, friendly and dedicated." When we asked about what he thought most people may not know about him, but he wished they did, he shared: "I think most residents do not know that I was the Chair of Metro Vancouver Regional Parks for the past four years. Through my role, I was able to help establish a Green Way that will someday provide an uninterrupted trail connection from Science World in Vancouver to New Westminster for biking, running and walking." John was also successful in increasing funding to purchase more land for Regional Parks for future generations.

Looking ahead to the next four years, John says he is looking forward to tackling the challenges Anmore faces as an underfunded, small municipality that is steps away from urban centres. This includes looking at how to diversify the tax base and exploring ways to provide more housing options for young families. He is also excited about the new Community Hub as an opportunity to provide a venue for the community to meet and connect.

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Connect with John

If you have questions about Village activities or would just like to chat, please contact John directly to arrange a time to connect.



Councillor Polly Krier

In the six years since Polly and her family (husband Trevor and son Clayton) moved to Anmore, Polly has found multiple ways to be involved in the community. When she is not busy with her Council work, Polly leads initiatives to create housing options and supports for people who are homeless or do not have reliable housing through her work on the Tri-Cities Homelessness & Housing Task Group. She also ran her own business to plan large corporate and charity events (and was awarded a Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal for both managing the event and for her volunteer work!) When events came to a halt with the pandemic, she shifted to marketing and customer support for clients.

Polly practises yoga, reads, cooks and works in the garden – plus a bit of golf when she can fit it in. Polly enjoys travelling to Minneapolis and Palm Springs, plus the occasional big vacation like her recent vacation in Italy. At home, Polly loves relaxing on her back patio and hiking around Anmore.

When asked the top three words to describe herself, Polly says “open-minded, impatient and committed.” We also asked her what she thought most people did not know about her, but she wishes they did. Her reply: “I want them to know that I truly have the best interest of the Village in mind in the work I do on Council and that I work tirelessly to learn all perspectives and not judge others.”

As for what gets her most excited about serving on Council, Polly says it’s being part of Anmore’s future. “The next four years will be very exciting as we open the doors to our new Village Hub and make crucial decisions on new development,” adds Polly. “I’m particularly excited about growing community connectiveness and working with like-minded people to display the history of Anmore at the new Hub.”

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Councillor Doug Richardson

Doug has lived in Anmore for 21 years, and his favourite local activity is hiking with his dogs on the trails up in the hills and forest. With a bachelor degree in Engineering Physics and a master’s degree in Mechanical Engineering, Doug’s career has focused on product development in the technology industry. In his role as the CEO of General Fusion Inc. he raised tens of millions of dollars from both the private sector and government, and completed international agreements with companies and national labs. He is also an inventor with about 15 US patents and about 100 patents worldwide.

Doug enjoys doing a deep dive into documents and asking the right questions to understand intricate details, long-range goals and strategies, and then he likes to find solutions when none currently exist. In his downtime, he says road trips are his favourite type of travel, and he enjoys spending time with his dogs in nature, gardening, landscaping, and pursuing his interest in trains.

The top three words Doug uses to describe himself are “grateful, frugal, and practical” and he suspects that most Anmore residents would add the word “outspoken.” When asked what he thinks most residents do not know about him but he wishes they did, it’s that his goal is to be both their ears and voice on Council to get them answers to their questions – even if they don’t always like the answer.

Looking ahead to his first term on Council, Doug recognizes that Anmore will have some very significant choices to make regarding its future. He is excited to use his professional and personal life experiences to understand and communicate the options being considered. He wants to ensure that Anmore residents will be able to make informed decisions about the community’s future.

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Councillor Kim Trowbridge

Growing up in the Lower Mainland, Kim discovered the beauty of Anmore more than 50 years ago, spending his time camping, hiking and swimming in the area. He purchased his home in the community more than 20 years ago. His corporate responsibilities included managing a multi-billion-dollar retail operation with more than 2,000 employees as well as operating his own business.

Kim's priority is always his family, including his devotion to his wife Christena and her family, and his dedication to his parents and brother (and best friend). Kim was an avid golfer, mountain biker and skier, but his interests later shifted to motorsport, including spending 10 to 15 years road racing and instructing other drivers. He is also a serious boater and has moored at Reed Point for more than 35 years. Kim is likely most well-known for his car addiction, which started when he purchased his first car at 15 (even though he needed his older brother to drive him around).

Kim describes himself as "honest, passionate and caring" and says he wishes that people knew he is not all about business and financial concerns. "I care deeply about our village lifestyle and environment, but I also believe that it's important to take care of business first so we can afford to preserve the lifestyle we enjoy here. I am not pro-development, and I am also not anti-development. I am pro Anmore."

When discussing the next four years, Kim says he gets energized about preserving and enhancing Anmore's existing lifestyle while exploring and taking advantage of opportunities when they come. He's looking forward to making use of the new Hub, working with Council and hearing from residents to help ensure decisions reflect what the majority want for the community.

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Councillor Paul Weverink

Paul has lived in Anmore for more than 25 years with his wife Sandy and their two sons, who grew up in the community. In addition to his role on Council, Paul works as a manager at an engineering company. When he's home in the community, Paul enjoys driving around Anmore in his vintage MG or walking through the local trails. He also enjoys travelling, particularly to the Netherlands, Paris and Italy – or any place warm.

While he doesn't have a lot of spare time due to his work and Council commitments, Paul enjoys renovating and maintaining his 100-year-old house and spending time with friends and family.

When asked about the top three words he uses to describe himself, Paul shared that he is "friendly, reliable and responsible" and that most residents know he has always been involved in Anmore's community affairs as he cares deeply about the community he lives in. However, he wishes people also understood how hard it is to please everybody as a Council member. "My goal has always been to try and please the majority of residents."

As a returning Council member, Paul is excited about the opening of the new Community Hub as well as the outcomes of future Council decisions that benefit the community. "It's exciting to see the results of a Council decision. When a new road or trail is completed or other community improvements, it's very satisfying."

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A Bit About Bylaws

There are multiple bylaws in Anmore; however, some come up more frequently than others. The following is an overview of a few bylaws that residents ask about most often. Please note that these are just the highlights. For full information about bylaws and related requirements, please see Bylaws under Village Hall at anmore.com.

BYLAW NO. 554-2016: ANMORE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BYLAW (CONSOLIDATED)

Bylaw 554-2016 regulates how solid waste (garbage and recycling) is managed in Anmore. It outlines the collection services provided by the Village as well as the requirements and responsibilities that affect residents. This bylaw supports more sustainable waste management by diverting waste from the landfill and supporting recycling, as well as establishing measures to reduce wildlife attractants.

Under this bylaw, the Village provides the required bins and contracts the service to collect garbage, recyclables like paper, glass bottles/jars and containers, and green waste, including food scraps and yard trimmings.

Resident responsibilities include:

- separating waste into the appropriate collection carts;
- maintaining the carts in a clean and sanitary condition;
- placing carts out for collection no earlier than 5:30 a.m. and no later than 7:00 a.m. and ensuring bear locks are unlocked and that carts do not impede pedestrian traffic;
- returning carts to a storage area no later than 10:00 p.m. on collection day and ensuring that all bear locks are re-locked; and
- notifying the Village for repairs or replacement if cart lids and locks are damaged.

BYLAW NO. 587-2018: ANMORE TREE MANAGEMENT BYLAW

The Village values trees and considers it in the public interest to avoid clear cutting of land to preserve and protect trees, support slope stability, regulate tree cutting and removal and facilitate replanting. Under Bylaw 587-2018, trees cannot be cut down unless bylaw requirements are met and a permit is granted.

The bylaw outlines the tree cutting permit requirements. Here are some examples:

- The number of trees that can be removed varies according to different lot sizes. For example, if property owner must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the permit administrator that not less than 10% of the lot will be covered with existing or replanted trees following the tree cutting. For lots that are greater than a half-acre and less than or equal to one acre, the owner must demonstrate that 20% of the lot will be covered with existing or replanted trees following the tree cutting. For lots that are larger than one acre, the coverage requirement starts at 20% and increases by 5% for each additional acre to a maximum coverage of 75%.
- Some tree cutting permits also require property owners to replant three trees for every tree that is removed.
- When subdividing a property, after the Approving Officer has issued a Preliminary Layout Review, the property owner must submit a Tree and Natural Vegetation Management Plan relating to the proposed subdivision, prepared by a Qualified Environmental Professional such as a certified arborist or registered professional biologist at the owner's cost.
- When removing a dangerous tree, a permit is still required and there are specific criteria that must be met; however, the fees are waived. Every person who intends to cut down a dangerous tree must submit, along with an application for a permit, a report from a Certified Tree Risk Assessor, confirming that each tree to be cut down is a dangerous tree and outlining the reasons for its removal.
- There are also specific requirements for removing trees on steep land/slopes as part of protecting slope stability.

BYLAW NO. 308-2001: ANMORE PARKING REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT BYLAW (CONSOLIDATED)

Bylaw 308-2001 regulates where parking is permitted in Anmore to help ensure roads are accessible for fire response, provide for traffic and pedestrian safety, support snow clearing and to minimize nuisance parking and other negative impacts on residents, such as vehicles blocking their driveway or infringing on their property.

Parking is not permitted on the majority of streets in Anmore, including side streets near Buntzen Lake along Sunnyside Road. Parking is also not permitted on cul-de-sacs and any boulevard or pathway/walkway within Anmore at any time during the year. As well, Anmore's zoning and business licence bylaws do not permit the use of private land to sell parking. This type of parking impedes emergency response, blocks driveways, causes a nuisance for area residents and poses other safety concerns as the properties do not have properly prepared parking surfaces.

There are a couple streets in Anmore with designated parking: Ravenswood Drive and Elementary Road, and these parking areas are indicated by signage and require an Anmore Resident Vehicle Decal. As well, the Parking Regulation Bylaw allows for a Temporary Parking Permit to provide a short-term solution for residents who require additional parking for a temporary event.



How to submit a bylaw complaint:

Complete and submit a Bylaw Complaint Form available at anmore.com under Village Hall – Bylaws.

You can also call Bylaws at 604-828-4987. You will still need to submit a Bylaw Complaint Form as it forms an official record. Please note that the Bylaw Officer's shifts are currently Monday to Friday, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Messages left outside of these hours will be responded to during the next scheduled shift.

For noise complaints during off-hours, please call the RCMP Non-Emergency line at 604-945-1550.

HOW TO GET A RESIDENT VEHICLE DECAL

Anmore issues Resident Vehicle Decals to allow residents to park in designated residential parking areas. Please place decal on the front windshield of vehicle for easy visibility. Designated residential parking will be noted with parking signs and are assigned to the following streets:

- Half of available parking on Elementary Road
- Parking spaces on Sunnyside Road between Alder and Ludlow

The vehicle decals will also identify Anmore residents so that they continue to have full access to Anmore roads when traffic management crews are directing vehicles away from congested areas.

To apply for Resident Vehicle Decals:

Email decal requests to village.hall@anmore.com

Include the following information in the email:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Anmore street address
- Vehicle make
- Vehicle model
- Vehicle licence number

The Village will issue a decal for each vehicle registered to an Anmore household.

Please note: This is not a parking pass for all street parking, and it is only for the designated residential parking areas in Anmore.

Winter Weather Preparedness

As we head into the rain and snow season, Village crews implement multiple measures to keep the community safe.

To prepare for heavy rain, Village crews regularly maintain ditches and catch basins to keep them clear so water can drain effectively. Some ditches are cleared several times a year as there can be significant growth in a short period of time.

When it snows, the Village clears priority routes first to ensure that essential emergency response and transit routes are cleared first, followed by roads that have more traffic flow or are on steeper terrain. East Road and Sunnyside Road are cleared first. Once these routes are cleared, crews work on side roads. When both of these routes are clear, the crews complete clean up of cul-de-sacs. Reminder: when it snows, please avoid parking on the street if possible. Road crews also pro-actively spread salt when temperatures are forecasted to drop to 2 degrees or below.

Winter Preparedness Tips for Residents

- To help prevent flooding, please clear catch basins and ditches around your property.
- Keep gutters and downspouts clear.
- Do not blow or rake leaves onto the street.

Reporting Public Works Emergencies

Unlike larger municipalities, the Village does not have 24/7 public works crews; however, there are staff available after hours on an on-call basis for emergencies. Here are some examples of when to contact the Village after regular work hours:

- Water leaks or pooling that could cause property damage.
- Trees that have fallen and pose an immediate safety concern or are blocking the road. (Note: if the fallen tree is on powerlines, please contact BC Hydro.)
- Ditches that are overflowing and causing flooding on the road or potential property damage.
- Road concerns such as sinkholes or a safety issue such as a missing stop sign.



HOLIDAY SEASON HOURS

- Village Hall will be closed beginning Monday, December 26, 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.
- Garbage and recycling collection are not affected by statutory holidays this year – your usual collection days apply, and garbage and recycling will be picked up as scheduled (weather permitting).

Stay Informed

Visit anmore.com and the Village of Anmore Facebook page for the most reliable information about Village projects, initiatives and events, and sign up for our email notifications to be advised of all the latest news.