

Anmore Advisor

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VILLAGE OF
ANMORE



Council Update

- MAYOR JOHN McEWEN

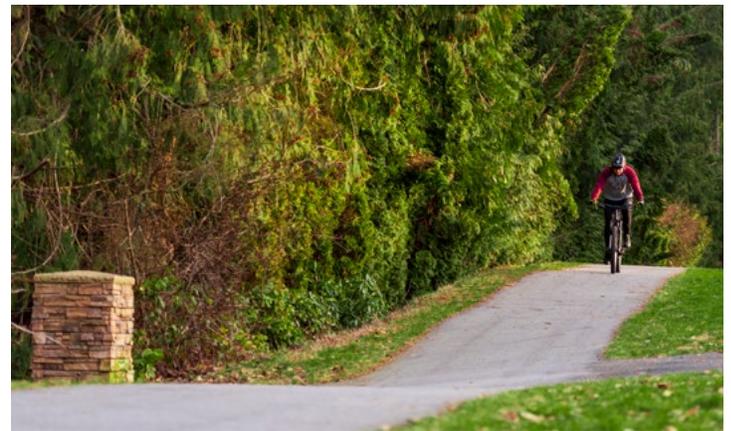
KUDOS TO ANMORE TEAM

With winter over and spring finally kicking into gear, it's an ideal time to reflect on the great work our crews did to keep our roads clear and safe this past winter, and to highlight a few recent success stories thanks to Anmore's dedicated team.

Anmore's Public Works crew did a fantastic job again this past winter, working long hours to clear snow and salt our roads and public pathways to make it safer for us to move around the community. When freezing temperatures and snow are forecasted, our five Public Works staff work overtime to prepare our roads for motorists, especially morning commuters. It's easy to forget that all of the work is being done by a small number of staff, who all share a responsibility for operating and maintaining a mix of equipment.

I have to say, I was incredibly proud to see Anmore's roads were cleared promptly after every snowfall – often ahead of other communities in our area. It was also nice to see the kudos for the crews shared by community members, who took the time to thank the crews and share appreciation on social media.

With climate change, we're continuing to see harsher winters in terms of colder temperatures and increased snowfall. We're fortunate to have a great team to help keep our community safe. We'll soon have a new Community Hub where we can gather to meet and celebrate together indoors in the winter months.



LEVERAGING GRANTS

As a small community, every bit of extra funding helps take the financial pressure off our residents.

I'm very pleased to share that we have recently been awarded \$2.23 million in grants: a \$500,000 Active Transportation Grant and a \$1.73 million Growing Communities Fund Grant.

The Active Transportation Grant will be used to extend the multi-use pathway along Sunnyside Road, which is designed for a mix of uses including cycling, rollerblading, strollers, wheelchairs and pedestrian access. It's a great way for people to move around the community for fun, exercise or just to avoid using a car.

The Growing Communities Fund provides one-time grants for local governments to address their community's unique infrastructure and amenities requirements. Council will be working with staff to assess our infrastructure needs and determine how we can best leverage this funding for the maximum benefit of our community.

Council and staff will continue to pursue funding opportunities to offset costs for new projects that benefit our residents.



Community Reminder

Utility bills are due May 19, 2023. Please note that you can now pay your Utility Bill with a credit card via OptionPay (Note: OptionPay charges a fee of up to 2.4% per transaction.) For a full list of payment options visit anmore.com, click on Finance Department and select Payment Options in the dropdown box.

LOOKING AHEAD: COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES

At the start of each Council term, we review our Strategic Plan and update it to reflect the current Council's goals and priorities. The Strategic Plan includes Council's vision – the aspirational outcome we are working towards – and the goals that define how we will work towards our vision.

Our vision remains the same as the previous Strategic Plan: The Village of Anmore is an independent and fiscally responsible community that values the environment, a social conscience, quality of life and being close to nature.

To help achieve this vision, Council has identified four goals:

- We have an engaged community that is immensely proud of Anmore.
- Through collaborative relationships with government and stakeholder partners, we seek to ensure that Anmore is self-sufficient in the future.
- We provide efficient services and strive for sustainable infrastructure to support a safe, healthy and vibrant community.
- We unleash the potential for great development that advances the interests of the community.

To learn more about the objectives/strategic priorities that we have identified as focus areas to support each goal, please visit anmore.com.

As a Council, we look forward to working together with staff and our community as we focus on our goals and continue to see new initiatives and projects implemented to benefit our community.



Behind the Scenes

WINTER RESPONSE IN ANMORE

While most people hunker down with a hot drink and a cozy blanket when temperatures drop and winter conditions are in the forecast, Anmore's Public Works crew jumps into action.

Even when there is no snow, work is still needed to keep roads safe. The five-member Village crew works together to salt the roads when freezing temperatures are in the forecast to help prevent icy road conditions. This usually requires overnight shifts to ensure the roads are salted and ready for the morning commute. The Village has also invested in new technology and equipment that will enable crews to use brine instead of salt next winter. Brine is more effective for melting ice as well as less expensive and better for the environment.

When the first snowfall hit this past winter, it was fast and furious. The Public Works crew worked around the clock to make sure roads were cleared as quickly as possible, with a focus on main routes like East Road and Sunnyside, followed by side roads and then cul-de-sacs. During a heavy snowfall, all vehicles and equipment are mobilized and ready to go. This includes two F550 trucks with snow plow blades and a salt hopper to spread salt, a single axle freightliner, a Kubota RTV for clearing trails and public sidewalks, and a backhoe, which is used for loading the salt hoppers. Before and after each snowfall, all equipment is cleaned, maintained and repaired if needed.

As crews work to keep roads clear and safe over the winter months, residents also have a role to play. As part of preparing for heavy rainfall, it's critical to clear catchbasins to help prevent water pooling and flooding. When it snows, it's important to avoid street parking, and residents are responsible for clearing the sidewalks that border their property.

The Village also extends thanks and appreciation to the many residents who take the initiative to help their neighbours clear their driveways and sidewalks whenever it snows.

For more information about winter snow response, visit anmore.com/services/public-works.



Expanded Recycling

RECYCLE BC ACCEPTING MORE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

You can now recycle more items both in your curbside collection and at local recycling centres a part of Recycle BC's updated program.

New items accepted in your Blue Box:

- Plastic straws, utensils and stir sticks*
- Plastic food storage containers
- Aluminium foil trays and pie plates
- Plastic and paper cups, plates and bowls*
- Metal storage containers e.g. for candy
- Plastic hangers
- Plastic plant pots

* To help reduce waste, please choose reusable options whenever possible.



New items accepted in your Mixed Paper Recycling Bag:

- Paper party decorations
- Moving and storage boxes
- Paper gift boxes
- Paper gift bags
- Paper lunch bags



New flexible plastic items accepted at recycling centres:

- Sandwich and freezer bags
- Plastic reusable shopping bags
- Plastic drop sheets or covering
- Squishy cushion packaging
- Plastic recycling bags
- Plastic wrap



For more information about where to recycle household items, visit <https://recycling.metrovancouver.org>.

Be Bear Aware

HELP REDUCE WILDLIFE ATTRACTANTS

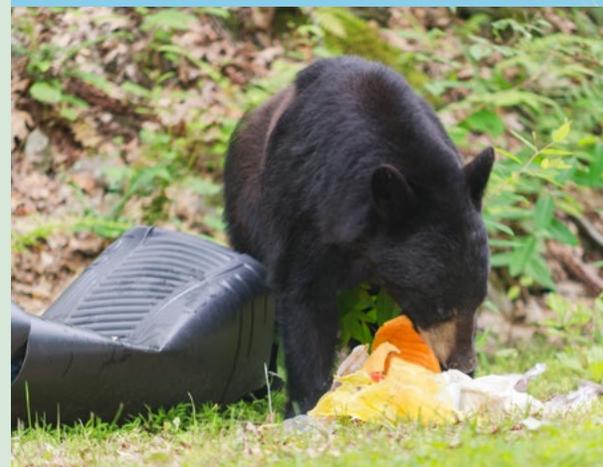
The bears and other wildlife are growing more active as we head into spring, so it's a good time to be extra diligent about reducing wildlife attractants.

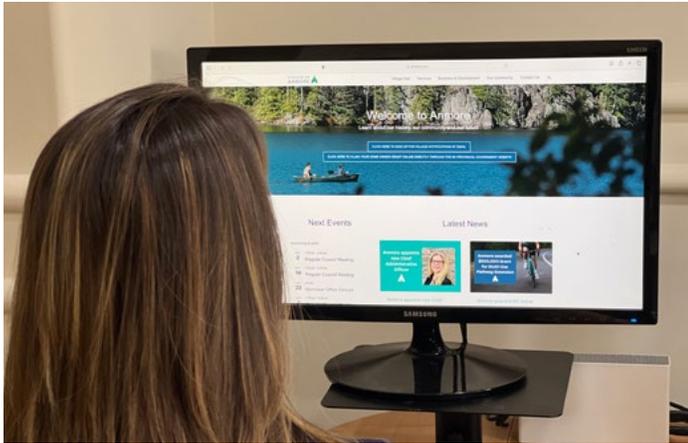
Garbage, food scraps and recycling are major attractants for bears and other wildlife, and residents are responsible for following bylaw requirements to help make sure bins are not creating problems.

Please adhere to the following requirements.

- Do not place collection carts at the curbside until 5:30 a.m. on collection day, and lock and store carts by 10:00 p.m.
- Clean collection carts regularly to prevent odours and store them in a secure location (e.g. garage/shed).
- Cart lids and locks must function properly – for repairs/replacement email village.hall@anmore.com.
- If carts cannot be stored securely, keep attractants like food scraps in the freezer until collection day.

For more tips on how to reduce wildlife attractants, please visit anmore.com.





VILLAGE WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

To help address technical problems and improve the overall user experience, the Village is updating its website.

The project team is currently using input from the recent online community survey to develop the top and second level navigation, implement improved functionality and refresh the design of the website. The Web Survey Summary Report highlighting the input from residents is posted at anmore.com.

When the initial navigation and design are in place, the Village project team will be looking for volunteers who would like to help test the navigation and functionality of the site. If you would like to volunteer, please email brooke.hovey@anmore.com.

ANMORE COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

The Anmore Community Hub construction schedule was affected by a six-week delay due to BC Hydro infrastructure requirements that are outside of the control of the Village. During this delay, the team pivoted to deal with other work required for the project to help lessen the overall impact on the schedule. This included installing underground utilities and preparing the ground for the new Ma Murray Road alignment.

The Hub construction work is now underway again and no further impacts to the schedule are expected. The roof framework is up and in the next few weeks, the roof installation will continue, and the exterior walls will go up soon after.

Please note there will be limited use of Spirit Park in the next few months as crews will be making modifications in the park to support the Hub construction, including installing a new septic system on the lower field.

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.



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