

# Anmore Advisor

WINTER 2024

VILLAGE OF  
ANMORE



## Council Update

- MAYOR JOHN McEWEN

### AN INCREDIBLE START TO THE NEW YEAR!

We launched the new year with an amazing celebration of the grand opening of the new Anmore Community Hub. The 3,500 square foot community room was packed, as hundreds of residents and other guests gathered with Council and staff to celebrate this milestone moment together.

My thanks go to everyone who was able to attend, and we hope you had fun. I also encourage those of you who missed the opening to drop by to see this fabulous new facility. On behalf of Council, I also want to extend my thanks to the project team, who built this building for us on budget – a truly impressive accomplishment with current inflation and unprecedented cost increases in the construction market. Well done all around.

Now that the Hub is open and we've moved the Village Hall into the new building, our next focus will be on completing the improvements to Spirit Park that are already underway. We will also be considering options for an overall park plan for the area around the Hub, including the empty lot on Ravenswood where trees were in poor condition and



an arborist advised that they must be removed as they posed a significant safety risk. Part of this review involves an engineering assessment to confirm feasibility of realigning Ravenswood. Those of you who drive on Ravenswood regularly know how difficult it can be when two large vehicles are on that stretch of road at the same time – it's very tight. A straighter road alignment would be safer for traffic and pedestrians. I'm also looking forward to engaging the community to hear from residents on what they would like to see in a park plan for this area, which would include the Ravenswood realignment being considered.

### Looking Ahead: Fire Hall and Works Yard

While the Hub is our first purpose-built building, we also have two other key municipal buildings that are failing and require replacement and other improvements. The Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department's (SVFD) Fire Hall in Anmore is deteriorating, and an assessment completed in 2019 identified several serious issues.



**Help test the new website:** Our website is undergoing a major revamp, and we'd love to have residents participate in the process. We've already gathered valuable input from the community on how to enhance the user experience, and we're now in the final stages of development.

Our team is seeking volunteers from the community to take part in previewing and testing our new website before it's launched. Your input will be extremely valuable as we complete the final stages.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email [karla.shannon@anmore.com](mailto:karla.shannon@anmore.com) no later than February 20, 2024.

The building does not meet minimum standards related to seismic activity and the current layout is not consistent with operational needs. We are also aware of safety risks to SVFD members as the current building does not meet WorkSafeBC health and safety minimum standards, including a proper decontamination area.

Council has expressed its unanimous support for replacing the Fire Hall as we value the essential emergency response service that SVFD members provide to the Anmore and Belcarra communities. However, it's important to note that the decision to move forward is made through the SVFD Board of Trustees, which includes three members of our Council as well as representatives from Belcarra. While Metro Vancouver oversees the administration functions of the SVFD, the Board of Trustees makes decisions related to expenditures, budgeting and appointing a Fire Chief. These meetings are generally open to the public, and the Village will be posting the 2024 meeting schedule in the events calendar on Anmore's website.

Council is also looking at how to address the failing infrastructure at the Village Works Yard. As an interim measure, the Public Works team is now using the Atco trailer that the Village owns and used for its Administration office. We will be undertaking a needs assessment, and Council has allocated \$1 million from the Growing Communities Fund to dedicate to this project. Next steps will include completing the planning for critical improvements.

### Staying Informed

With the Official Community Plan amendment application submitted by icona Properties Ltd., the future opportunities for the Hub as a place to work, gather and celebrate, continued improvements to Spirit Park and the other major infrastructure projects to consider, there's a lot happening in Anmore this year. I encourage our residents to stay informed by signing up for our email notifications, visiting the Village website and following us on Facebook. I'm also happy to connect in person to chat with residents and answer questions. I'm available by email and phone, but I'm also planning to start hosting Coffee with the Mayor sessions again in the coming months so that there are regular opportunities to drop by and meet with me in person. We will let you know when these sessions will be starting, and we will post the schedule on the events calendar on our website.



## Celebrating the Hub

**OUR PLACE TO WORK, GATHER AND CELEBRATE.**

We gathered as a community to celebrate the grand opening of the Anmore Community Hub on January 7, 2024, and officially opened the doors for business on January 8, 2024.

The highly anticipated opening of the Hub marks a significant step forward for Anmore by providing us with a versatile community facility that will meet the needs of our community today and into the future. It's our Village Hall. It's an indoor event space where we can celebrate together. It's a community space that can be rented out for activities and programs. It also features a commercial space that can be leased to provide a local service, such as a coffee shop or juice bar.





## HUB HIGHLIGHTS

### Main Floor:

- The large lobby area features a front desk to connect with staff as well as art and historic mementos from the community.
- A 3,500 sq. ft. multi-purpose Community Room serves as our Council Chambers but also features a large outdoor deck overlooking Spirit Park and is equipped with a Servedy to support catering needs, making it the perfect space for hosting a variety of events.
- A main floor Board Room is set up for Village and community meetings, but also acts as an Emergency Operations Centre if needed.
- A dedicated administrative area provides work space for Council and Village staff.

### Lower Level:

- A sitting area commemorates Ma Murray, preserving some of the wood paneling from her home, which was used as the Village Hall from 1988-2018.

- A gallery wall features photos of Anmore, captured by our talented community members.
- The Community Events Room is available for food and drink service for indoor and outdoor events.
- Washroom facilities provide indoor and outdoor access.
- The Commercial Lease Space has roughed in plumbing and electrical to allow for customized servicing as needed.

Visitor parking is available on both the upper and lower levels, including electrical vehicle charging stations and accessible parking in the upper lot.

### Looking Ahead:

In the coming months, the Village will be working on the policies required to offer rental opportunities in our community spaces, and there will be continued work for improvements at Spirit Park and the area surrounding the Hub.

We encourage you to drop by to check out new Hub—a place where we can come together to work, gather, and celebrate!



# Community Updates

## WINTER WEATHER RESPONSE

To help prevent flooding during heavy rain, the five-person Public Works team clears ditches and catch basins as part of regular maintenance so that water can drain effectively.

When temperatures drop below freezing, our team applies salt to the roads, which often requires overnight shifts by our crews to ensure a safe morning commute. When clearing roads, emergency response and transit routes like East Road and Sunnyside Road are the first priority. Next, our team moves on to the higher traffic flow or steeper terrain roads, followed by side roads, cul-de-sacs, and all other areas.

### Winter Preparedness Tips for Residents

- To avoid flooding in your area, please clear catch basins and ditches near your property.
- Keep gutters and downspouts clear.
- Avoid parking on the street after a snowfall.
- Contact Public Works to report:
  - overflowing ditches resulting in flooding on the roads or property;
  - fallen trees that pose an immediate safety risk; and
  - road safety issues like sink holes or missing stop signs.



## NEW GFL TRUCKS

Managing waste is a team effort. The Village, Recycle BC and GFL Environmental (GFL) work together to make it happen. When the Village expressed concerns about trucks breaking down, causing collection delays, GFL purchased new trucks to serve our community. Here's how we work together each week:

- The Village has a contract with GFL to collect garbage and organic waste pick-up, and charges utility fees for this service.
- Recycle BC is responsible for household recycling in B.C., which includes paper, glass, and plastic packaging materials, and they contract GFL to collect these materials in Anmore.
- To make it convenient for residents, GFL has scheduled its collection for both contracts on Fridays.
- For any collection inquiries, including missed collections, please call GFL at 604-529-4030 or visit the GFL website.

Visit [mvrecycles.org](http://mvrecycles.org) for drop-off of additional recyclable items at Metro Vancouver recycling depots and other locations.

For more information about garbage and recycling, including tips to reduce wildlife attractants, visit [anmore.com](http://anmore.com).



## ANMORE SOUTH UPDATE COMING SOON

Watch your mailbox for an update on the Anmore South Official Community Plan amendment application coming later this month. To stay informed, we encourage you to follow the Village on Facebook and sign up for email notifications.

### Stay Informed

Visit [anmore.com](http://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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