

# Anmore Advisor

Summer 2024



## Council Update

- MAYOR JOHN McEWEN

### Fostering Connections in our Community Hub

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer season and spending quality time with friends and family. While we embrace the warmer weather and enjoy some well-deserved breaks, there is lots happening in our community.

The Anmore Community Hub has now been open for six months, and we've hosted Council Meetings, Committee Meetings and small events for Anmore community groups. This includes the recent open houses and workshops that the Village hosted as part of the review of the Anmore South Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Application and proposed Neighbourhood Plan development. It was extremely convenient and easy to host these events at our new Hub. I'd like to thank the many residents who took the time to attend these sessions to learn about the application and review process, and share their feedback. I encourage our community to continue to participate in engagement opportunities as we move through the planning process. *(See the Anmore South Update on pages 3 and 4 for more details.)*

I'm also happy to share that Council recently approved a facilities rental policy to broaden access for others to use this amazing new facility. Our policy introduces a gradual phase-in of programming, services and rentals, with plans to extend our hours and options in the future. We're excited to see what events take place as we open up the Hub as a venue for expanded opportunities to gather as a community!

### Planning for Anmore Firehall Replacement

The Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department's (SVFD) Fire Hall in Anmore is in urgent need of major upgrades due to its deteriorating condition. A 2019 assessment identified serious issues with the current Fire Hall, including non-compliance with seismic standards and an inadequate layout that fails to meet operational needs.



It also poses safety risks to SVFD members, lacking a proper decontamination area and failing to meet WorkSafe BC health and safety standards. This is completely unacceptable and our Council has voted unanimously to support the development of a new Fire Hall in Anmore as a priority for our community's safety and the safety of our dedicated volunteer firefighters.

Our volunteer firefighters, who risk their lives to ensure community safety, deserve a workplace that meets their needs in a safe environment. This issue has been a key topic of discussion for years, and we are finally seeing some progress towards replacing this key infrastructure. Anmore Council is committed to finding solutions to move the construction timeline forward, and we have expressed this commitment clearly to both SVFD and the Village of Belcarra.

Part of our commitment includes allocating funding to set up a temporary service area at Anmore's Public Works Yard to maintain fire services response while construction is underway. It's also worth noting that Anmore pays proportionally more for the operational costs for fire services to reflect our larger community, and we provide both the training facilities and the bulk of equipment storage space.

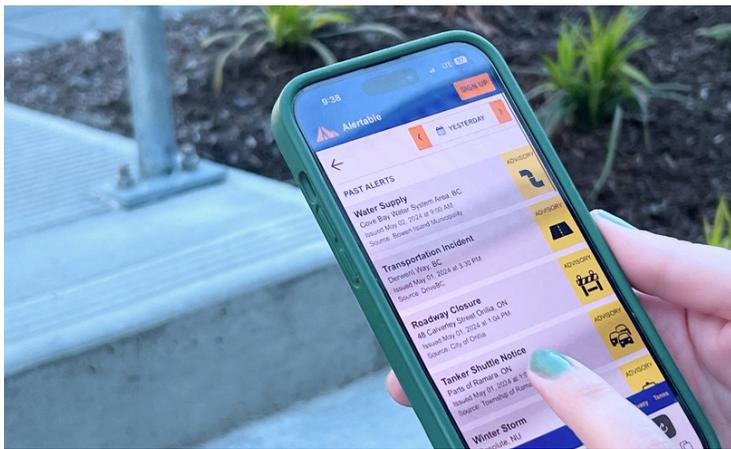
While our Council has unanimously expressed its support for replacing the Fire Hall, the decision to proceed with the replacement will ultimately be made by the SVFD Board of Trustees, comprising three Council members from Anmore and representatives from Belcarra. Trustees from both Anmore and Belcarra have already voted unanimously to advance this significant project, with an initial release of \$500,000 to kickstart the process.

## Introducing Alertable for Enhanced Public Safety

To further enhance safety in our community, the Village has launched Alertable, a free public notification system designed to enhance safety in our community. Alertable is used to send critical and advisory alerts for emergencies in Anmore, such as earthquakes, floods, wildfires or boil water notices, and advisory notifications for potential escalations like evacuation alerts to let residents know to prepare for a possible evacuation.

Alertable is a critical notification tool that gets the word out to residents quickly when there is an emergency. I encourage all of our residents to download the Alertable app and register with the Village. You can customize your alerts and choose your preferred method of contact, such as home phone, mobile phone, text message or directly through the app.

For more information and to sign up for this essential service, please visit [our Alertable page](#) or drop by the Hub to pick up an Alertable flyer with instructions and a QR code for easy download.



## Spirit Park & Ravenswood Improvements

As part of the improvements to our gathering spaces around the Hub, we will be reaching out to our community in the fall for input on our outdoor civic centre, which includes improvements to Spirit Park and the Ravenswood area across from the Hub. This is our opportunity to work together as a community to define what we'd like this outdoor gathering space to look like, and what amenities we would like to see developed.

To stay informed about these projects and other community updates, please sign up for email notifications, visit our website and follow us on Facebook. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to enhance the safety and well-being of our community. We hope everyone enjoys the rest of this warm summer season.



## Be Bear Aware

### HELP REDUCE WILDLIFE ATTRACTANTS

As we enjoy the summer months, we also see wildlife activity increase, making it a crucial time to be diligent in reducing wildlife attractants.

Bears and other animals are drawn to garbage, food scraps, and recycling. Residents must follow these bylaw requirements to prevent issues:

- Place collection carts curbside only after 5:30 a.m. on collection day and secure them by 10:00 p.m.
- Regularly clean carts to avoid odours and store them securely (e.g., garage/shed).
- Store garbage carts, green carts and recycling bins somewhere that's inaccessible to wildlife — If necessary, install a wildlife-resistant enclosure.
- If secure storage isn't possible, we recommend you keep food scraps in the freezer until collection day.
- Ensure cart lids and locks work properly; for repairs/replacement, email [village.hall@anmore.com](mailto:village.hall@anmore.com).
- Keep pet food inside your home.

We are fortunate to live in a community rich with natural beauty and diverse wildlife. As summer wraps up, let's remember the great responsibility that comes with this privilege. Respecting our relationship with our feathered and furry neighbors is essential to keeping everyone safe and maintaining the harmony of our shared environment.



## Thank you to everyone who participated in the first phase of community engagement for Anmore South.

The future of the 151 acres on this property, which is owned by icona Properties Ltd. (icona), is one of the most significant development initiatives being proposed for Anmore. We were happy to see members of our community and others in the region express their interest and provide their feedback about this proposed development.

As outlined in the Community Engagement Framework, the Village is leading the communication and community consultation related to the Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Application submitted by icona and the proposed elements of the Anmore South Neighbourhood Plan as per the Terms of Reference approved by Council. This first phase of engagement was held between April 20, 2024 and June 30, 2024. We connected with residents to share background information about the application and asked for feedback in a variety of ways.

Community input was compiled into an Engagement Summary Report, which has been presented to Council and is posted on [HaveYourSayAnmore.com/AnmoreSouth](https://HaveYourSayAnmore.com/AnmoreSouth) under Community Engagement Materials. The feedback from the community and the baseline technical studies will now be used by Placemark, the planning team for icona, to develop proposed land use scenarios.

### What we did:

In this first round of community engagement, we shared background information, responded to questions and gathered community input by providing the following in-person and online engagement opportunities:

### Open House:

We hosted an open house with four stations on the Planning Process & Framework, Anmore South Context, the OCP Amendment Application and the Neighbourhood Plan. The open house included comment cards and feedback boards inviting participants to share input on sticky notes. We also had note takers who documented input being shared by participants.

### Workshops:

At the workshops – one virtual and three in-person – there were facilitated discussions in small groups where residents received background information and discussed five topics: Planning Process & Sharing Perspectives on Anmore South, Housing Forms & Choices, Traffic & Transportation, Parks & Natural Areas, and Shops, Services & Facilities. In addition to the note takers at each table, participants were also given a feedback form in case they wanted to provide written input.

### Technical Open House:

This open house involved subject matter experts from the various professional companies who completed the studies. They provided an overview of the completed baseline studies and answered the community's questions. Participants also provided input, which was documented by note takers and there were comment cards available for written feedback.

### Have Your Say Anmore website:

This [engagement website](#) included a public board for the community to ask questions and provide comments. An online version of the workshop feedback form was also posted and open until June 30, 2024, which included background information and questions on the workshop discussion topics.

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## Ma Murray Day

Let's gather together and celebrate!

**September 8, 2024 at Spirit Park from 12-4 p.m.**

Enjoy a Market Fair, BBQ & Bar by Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department, live music, kids activities and more! We will also be presenting the Community Spirit Award and are accepting nominations until August 16.

Parking is available at Anmore Elementary School, with accessible parking at the upper parking lot of the Community Hub. Download the [Community Spirit nomination form](#) and the [Market Registration form](#) at our [Ma Murray Day event page](#).

## Key Process and Decision Points

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### What we learned:

The Engagement Summary Report includes key themes and summaries of public feedback and verbatim responses we received. Key topics of interest to the community include:

#### Housing forms and choices:

We heard support for both new housing options and a preference for maintaining RS1 or other zoning under a Rural designation. There were different ideas on building heights and concerns about how increased density could change the character of Anmore.

#### Traffic and transportation:

We heard concerns about safety and traffic congestion and the need for another road into Anmore, as well as interest in alternative transportation modes, including ideas to provide active transportation infrastructure and improved transit services.

#### Parks and natural areas:

We heard concerns about tree removal, light pollution and impacts to wildlife, as well as support for more parks, natural areas, trail preservation and maintaining the Village's rural feel.

### Shops, services and facilities:

We heard both support and opposition for a Village community centre, recreation facilities and more local amenities and shops.

### Perspectives on the future of Anmore South:

We heard both general support and opposition for the project overall.

### Next Steps:

We encourage our residents to read the Engagement Summary Report posted to learn more about what was shared by those who participated. It's important to remember that we are early in the planning process. In the fall, we will begin the next round of community engagement to discuss the proposed land use scenarios. We encourage residents to watch for updates and participate in the next round of community engagement as your input is an important part of this planning process.

Get the latest Anmore South updates by visiting our engagement website [haveyoursayanmore.com](https://haveyoursayanmore.com)

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