

Anmore Advisor

Winter 2025



Council Update

- MAYOR JOHN McEWEN

Reflecting on a Year of Growth and Connection

As we settle into 2025, it's an ideal moment to reflect on the remarkable progress we made throughout 2024.

Looking back, it's hard to believe how much we accomplished. Last year was marked by significant milestones, starting with the grand opening of the Anmore Community Hub—a pivotal milestone that laid the groundwork for growth and connection in our community.

Since its opening, the Hub has become central to Anmore. From hosting Council and Committee meetings to local events, its usage has steadily grown as we refined our policies and introduced new programs. Our gradual phase-in of rentals, programs and services has proven successful, enabling us to extend our hours and diversify our offerings. We were also proud to have the Hub serve as a voting location during the provincial election, reinforcing our commitment to making it a valuable community asset. We are looking forward to continuing to expand the opportunities for our community to use this amazing facility in the coming year.

We were also excited to bring back some of our beloved community events in 2024. We hosted the Halloween Fireworks, our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Ma Murray Day, and concluded the year with our festive Light Up the Season event. A standout moment was the special dedication ceremony to rename Spirit Park in honour of Dr. Hal Weinberg, Anmore's first Mayor. The ceremony, attended by Dr. Weinberg's family and friends, was a beautiful tribute to his lasting legacy in Anmore.

Spotlight on Development and Engagement

The Hub has also played a crucial role in fostering community engagement. Throughout the year, we hosted open houses and workshops related to the Anmore South Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Application and proposed Neighbourhood Plan development. The convenience of having these discussions in the Hub made it easier for residents to participate and share their feedback.



We will continue to offer engagement opportunities in the coming months as we advance into the results of Phase 3's technical studies—please join us! For more details, please see the Community Updates on page 3.

Streamlining Governance with New Procedures

I am pleased to share that the Village has updated its Procedure Bylaw to improve clarity and apply consistent procedures that support productive and efficient meetings. The revised bylaw was adopted during our Regular Council Meeting on February 4, 2025. We encourage our residents to review the changes, particularly those that relate specifically to engaging with Council at meetings as we recognize that this is an important platform for our community to connect with us. These changes reflect our ongoing commitment to improving governance by making it more efficient, transparent, and accessible. To learn more, please read about the New Anmore Procedure Bylaw on page 4.

Strengthening Emergency Preparedness

Wildfire preparedness remains a top priority for us. I'm thrilled to announce that the Village has been awarded \$32,000 through the 2024 Community Resiliency Investment program to develop a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan. This funding will enable us to engage a consultant to identify strategies to reduce the risk of wildfires and enhance our emergency response capabilities.

On top of this exciting news, the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) Board of Trustees is making progress towards replacing the SVFD fire halls, which do not meet WorkSafe BC standards. In late 2024, conceptual designs for two new fire halls—one in Belcarra and one in Anmore—were presented.

The proposed Anmore Fire Hall is projected to feature double drive-through bays, dorm areas, a training room, and more. We are committed to providing our valued firefighters with a safe workplace while ensuring essential emergency response services for our community. We encourage residents to attend the public SVFD meetings, where important updates and plans are shared. For details about these meetings, please visit the community safety section of our website.

Shaping the Future

Last November, we invited community members to the Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the Five-Year Financial Plan and gather input. The plan outlines the Village's budget, detailing expected revenues, planned expenditures, and investments in services and infrastructure over the next five years, along with estimated tax implications.

It's important to note that as a small community, we prioritize responsible financial planning. Based on resident feedback, we structured the long-term debt for the Anmore Community Hub to ensure that future residents contribute to the costs of this essential facility. When setting the budget, we aim to allocate every dollar thoughtfully to maintain services, invest in key infrastructure, and support long-term sustainability, including assessing potential developments and their impact on Anmore.

The Five-Year Financial Plan will be reviewed at an upcoming Regular Council Meeting. While the meeting date is still to be confirmed, we encourage residents to attend to learn more. Please check our website for updates on additional opportunities to stay informed and provide feedback. Your input is vital in shaping Anmore's financial future.

Spirit Park and Ravenswood

As we continue into 2025, we're eager to focus on enhancing the outdoor gathering spaces near the Hub. This year, we plan to seek your input on upgrades to Spirit Park and the Ravenswood area. These spaces are key for fostering our sense of community, and we look forward to collaborating with residents to create a shared vision. Whether it's new amenities, landscaping or seating areas, we want to hear your ideas.

Building a Bright Future Together

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to improve Anmore. I anticipate another year of progress and community building, and I wish everyone a healthy and fulfilling year. Stay connected and engaged—we have much more to come!

Winter Weather Response

NEW ANTI-ICING BRINE TRUCK

With winter here, it's essential to ensure our homes and community are ready to face the challenges that come with colder weather. This season, we are excited to share that our Public Works Department has added a new state-of-the-art anti-icing brine truck to our winter maintenance arsenal. This innovative vehicle will help us proactively combat icy road conditions, enhancing safety for all residents.

The anti-icing brine is a mixture of crystal salt and water, and is applied to road surfaces before snowfall or frost. This preventative measure allows the brine to stick to the pavement, creating an early snow melting effect and reducing the likelihood of ice formation. This technique is widely used across municipalities in North America and Europe, and our staff has conducted trials to ensure we are utilizing the best practices in winter maintenance. Residents have likely seen it already on the roads, helping us combat the colder weather!

Residents can take proactive measures to prepare for winter. Here are some important safety tips:

- **Maintain Drainage Systems:** Clear debris from catch basins and ditches to prevent flooding.
- **Avoid Street Parking After Snowfall:** This aids in snow removal and reduces accident risks.
- **Report Emergencies to Public Works:** Notify our team about overflowing ditches, fallen trees, or road issues like sinkholes and missing stop signs.

By following these tips, we can ensure a safer community during winter!



Community Development Updates

Anmore South Engagement

We are excited to share that the Village is moving forward to Phase 3 of the review process for the Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment application and Neighbourhood Plan for Anmore South. This phase includes comprehensive technical studies, such as traffic and transportation impact assessments, financial analyses, and servicing requirements assessments, which will evaluate the potential effects of the preferred land use scenario on our community.

During the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 29, 2024, Council reviewed three land use options and considered community feedback before choosing their preferred scenario for Anmore South. They selected the third option with the lowest population density, suggesting minor adjustments to enhance housing availability while still ensuring plenty of park space and maintaining Anmore's unique character. It's important to note that the preferred land use scenario may change based on findings from the Phase 3 studies and ongoing community engagement.

Council identified several benefits of this land use approach, including diverse housing options for families and seniors, improved transit access, and infrastructure development for water and sewer connections to support future growth. Additionally, the plan will create more parks and recreational opportunities, potentially in partnership with School District 43, and enhance access to essential commercial services. The proposal also includes a new street connection to Crystal Creek Drive and a landscaped 15-meter tree buffer to separate existing neighborhoods from new developments.

As we move into Phase 3 of the Anmore South project, we encourage you to stay engaged. We will share the results of the technical studies and assessments that are based on the preferred land use plan that had been discussed in Phase 2. Your feedback is essential in guiding our future decisions.

For updates and to contribute your thoughts, please visit HaveYourSayAnmore.com/anmore-south.

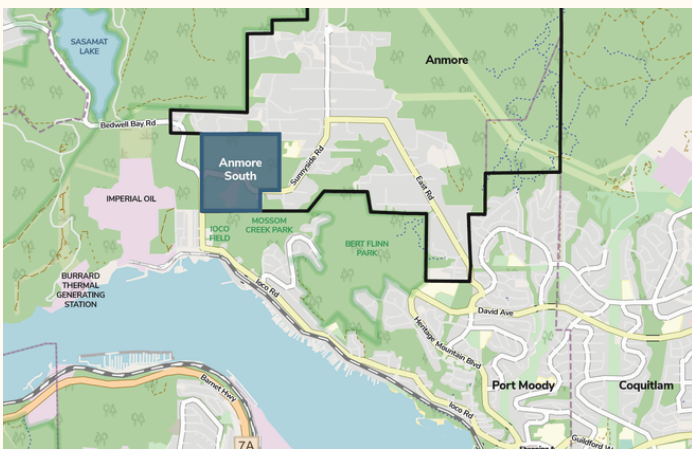
Pinnacle Ridge



In addition to the Anmore South initiatives, we are currently reviewing a rezoning application for Pinnacle Ridge. Submitted in July 2024, this application proposes to rezone approximately 75 acres of land to accommodate 269 new dwelling units, including a mix of townhomes and smaller single-detached homes. The proposal is under discussion with the Advisory Planning Commission and Committee of the Whole, and updates will be shared on the Village website.

We encourage residents to attend upcoming Advisory Planning Commission meetings or relevant Council meetings to learn more about the proposed plans. While we are committed to keeping the community informed, please be aware that formal community consultations cannot occur at this time due to new provincial legislation under Bill 44.

We look forward to your continued involvement as we shape Anmore's future together!



Adoption of the New Anmore Procedure Bylaw

Timeline



Council Proposes Review of Bylaw

Staff directed to review Anmore Procedure Bylaw (created in 2016, last updated in 2021).

March 19, 2024



Committee of the Whole Meeting

Council reviewed staff recommendations for updates and guided staff on next steps.

October 22, 2024



Report Presented at Council Meeting

Proposed changes for Council review; updated bylaw received 3 readings before adoption.

December 3, 2024



Bylaw Presented for Adoption

Bylaw adoption postponed for further revisions and to be reviewed at the next Regular Council meeting.

January 21, 2025



Adoption of Updated Bylaw

Updated Bylaw with applied revisions is adopted at the Regular Council meeting.

February 4, 2025

Adoption of Anmore Procedure Bylaw 704-2024

In an effort to streamline and improve Council procedures and the effectiveness of meetings, the Village recently proposed updates to the Anmore Procedure Bylaw, which were adopted by Council during the Regular Council Meeting on February 4, 2025.

The Procedure Bylaw governs how meetings are conducted in Anmore, and the previous version had been in place since 2016. Recognizing the need for modernization, Council initiated a review in March 2024, which included public discussions and extensive communication through the Village website, notice board, email notifications, and social media (see timeline above). The goal was to ensure that the Village's processes remain transparent, clear, and compliant with current legislative requirements.

Key changes to the bylaw include clarifying meeting language and structure, revising outdated regulations and enhancing adaptability for emergency situations. Additionally, the updates aim to establish clearer guidelines for public participation at Council and Committee meetings. Adding clarity to these guidelines provides for consistency and fairness to support productive discussions. These improvements are essential for streamlining processes, making meetings more efficient and modernizing public participation criteria.

To facilitate community engagement, Council has implemented a structured approach for public input, allowing a 15-minute window for comments and questions, with the option to extend this time frame as necessary.

Committee of the Whole meetings will be structured to allow Council opportunities for deeper exploration of topics as these meetings are meant to provide Council with time to discuss topics in more depth and interact with subject matter experts to gain insight into projects and other initiatives, there is no public engagement at these sessions. However, it is important to note that no decisions are made at these meetings. All decisions will be made at future Council meetings where the public can share any feedback or ask questions.

These updates reflect the Village's commitment to effective governance and community involvement as outlined in the 2022-2026 Council Strategic Plan. Residents are encouraged to participate in upcoming meetings to share their thoughts and feedback. For more details about the changes, please visit our FAQ page on the Village website. Together, we can build a more engaged and informed community in Anmore.



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