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Subject: 232434: Anmore/Port Moody/SD43 sewer issues

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Date: Fri, Jan 19, 2018 at 8:53 AM  
Subject: 232434: Anmore/Port Moody/SD43 sewer issues  
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Dear Mr. Boies:

Thank you for your email regarding sewer issues in the Village of Anmore.

I appreciate your efforts to work with the City of Port Moody, the Village and the Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District (GVSD) Board in an attempt to resolve this matter. The information that you have provided has helped me understand the steps you have taken. It seems that the sewage concerns for this area have been a long-standing strata issue for a number of years and that this must be incredibly frustrating for you and your neighbours.

Under the Community Charter, municipalities have the authority to determine and provide services that the council considers necessary or desirable -- this would include the establishment of a municipal sewage service. I note from your correspondence that the Village Council has adopted a policy under the Official Community Plan that indicates the Village will not be developing a municipal-wide sewer system. At this time, it appears that the Village does not intend to provide this service. Should Council change this position, they have the authority to do so under the legislation.

Your correspondence also indicates that the Board will not be considering private connections to the sewage system without Village membership in the GVSD. Under the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Act, the Board is not required to provide sewage services outside of its member municipalities' boundaries. Therefore, the Board is not compelled to provide services to strata located within the Village because it is not a member of the GVSD. As you have pointed out, the strata is outside the urban containment boundary, a tool used by Metro Vancouver to encourage development and growth in specific areas.

Regarding your request that I intervene, I am not able to do so given that the authority to address the issue rests with the local government and I do not have a role in reviewing or reversing decisions made or actions taken by local governments. The Province of British Columbia recognizes that democratic and accountable local governments depend on elected officials, who have the legal authority and responsibility to make decisions on behalf of their communities.

Given your concerns about ongoing health and safety issues with respect to the septic field, I suggest that you continue to work with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, the Health Authority and the Village to determine approaches to such concerns.

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson

Minister of Municipal Affairs  
and Housing

From: Robert Boies

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 6:21 PM

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Minister S Robinson;

Further to my previous email and our detailed conversation on Monday December 18, 2017.

Please find attached the historical summary as it relates to this very serious environmental, health and public safety issue.

As previously communicated, the owners of the septic field have proposed a "no cost solution" to the Village of Anmore, the City of Port Moody, School District 43, Metro Board Chair Greg Moore & the Metro Board. Just today, we paid SD43 \$11,000 just to place fencing on SD43 & Port Moody's property. The installation of protective fencing and the placement of Bio hazard signage will hopefully offer some limited protection to 2500 school children and 1000's of recreational field users. The placement of signage and fencing will allow us to meet one of three clearly defined requirements detailed within the MOE Abatement order (November 23, 2017).

The owners of LMS 3080- Anmore Green Estates have agreed to pay all connection costs, all remediation costs, plus a 20% surcharge for all "flow based" discharge into the GVS&DD system.

The City of Port Moody has offered a clear solution to this issue.

I welcome our Provincial governments assistance and anticipate a common sense resolution to this serious health and safety issue.

Regards;

Robert Boies