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September 28, 2018

LMS 3080 Anmore Green Estates c/o Quay Pacific Property Management 535 Front St New Westminster, BC V2L 1A4

Brandie Roberts Vice- President, Anmore Green Estates Strata Council

Dear Ms. Roberts:

Thank you for your September 19 2018 letter to Dr. Victoria Lee, requesting Fraser Health engagement and action regarding sewage from Anmore Green Estates (AGE) causing pollution (daylighting) on the Eagle Mountain Middle School grounds.

Fraser Health has been involved directly or indirectly with the AGE system since it came to our attention, in the form of complaint back in 2013. Since then our staff have been onsite on several occasions and have been in contact with their counterparts at the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MOE) regarding the sewage disposal system.

Fraser Health appreciates AGE's challenges and supports the expeditious implementation of a reliable long term solution to this ongoing problem. However, Fraser Health is not the direct regulator of this system. Our role is to assess the situation to determine if a health hazard (as defined in the Public Health Act as endangering or likely to endanger public health) exists, the likelihood of site conditions resulting in human exposure and to advise the school on the management of health and safety risks.

As a follow up to your letter Fraser Health staff contacted the MOE to review the mitigation measures currently in place and to see if additional safe guards had been implemented. MOE has informed us that plans are in place for Associated Environmental staff to perform monthly sampling & for AGE to continue monitoring the fencing and signs. In addition AGE has been authorized to stop using the problematic western disposal field and will exclusively use the eastern disposal field effective October 1st. It is our understanding that the eastern field has better soil and drainage and is further removed from the school property. Furthermore, MOE has stated that they will visit the site a couple of times during the winter months to inspect against the order.

Based on the information provided by the MOE, Fraser Health believes that the mitigation measures recommended are sufficient to minimize exposure and are being adequately monitored and enforced by MOE to the extent of their legal responsibilities. Fraser Health will continue to monitor the events and be in communication with the MOE. Should the onsite conditions change we will re-evaluate our involvement at that time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ingrid Tyler

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Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority

Cc: Victoria Lee, Fraser Health Authority