

November 21, 2018

Honourable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Room 112 Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

VIA EMAIL: env.minister@gov.bc.ca

Re: Ministerial Order - Request to Rescind

Dear Minister Heyman:

In your Ministerial Order issued on August 17, 2018 you gave the Village a deadline of November 30, 2018 to develop a full Liquid Waste Management Plan. In other words you gave us three and half months to develop a full plan, including the required public consultation. This was an unreasonable and unrealistic timeline, yet the Village has tried to advance a solution to the ongoing issues of sewerage treatment at Anmore Green Estates.

We asked for additional information that was critical to our efforts to resolve this prior to the issuance of the Ministerial Order. This request was made in writing on July 18, 2018. We heard nothing back through the summer and received assurances from you at our meeting on September 13 at the 2018 UBCM Convention that you would work with your staff to provide the information. We received a two page brush off from the Ministry on October 31, 2018 – three and half months after our request. The Ministry takes three and half months to not answer our simple request for further information yet orders the Village to undertake a full Liquid Waste Management Plan in the same amount of time.

Despite this, Council in good faith passed a resolution at its meeting on October 16, 2018 to begin the process of resolving this matter and in that resolution we requested that you rescind the order. This resolution was provided to the Ministry on October 19. To date, we have heard no response.

Again, Council took responsibility to take the only available action to the Village to resolve this matter and honour the deadline you imposed by passing another



motion at a special Council meeting on November 7, 2018. This motion was provided to the Ministry on November 8. To date, we have heard no response.

The Village is trying to do its best to resolve the situation at Anmore Green Estates but we can't do this if you will not communicate or work with us. The Village has regrettably been forced into a position to request an extension to the deadline that the Ministry imposed on us because of an absence of effort on the Ministry's part.

The Village's preference is for the Ministry to acknowledge the efforts the Village is making to resolve this matter, given the Village's limited capacity and jurisdiction with regards to this matter, by rescinding the Ministerial Order as requested in our motion of October 16. If you are not willing to rescind the Ministerial Order, then the Village requests that you extend the deadline for the completion of a Plan to a reasonable time line to complete a Liquid Waste Management Plan in accordance with your guidelines. Please be advised that if you choose to maintain the Ministerial Order than the Village will cease its efforts to consider membership in the GVS&DD until such time as the Liquid Waste Management Plan is complete.

At the Closed Council meeting held on November 20, 2018, Council passed and released the following resolution:

"If the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy is not willing to rescind the Ministerial Order issued to the Village, that Council request an extension of the imposed November 30, 2018 deadline to create a Liquid Waste Management Plan as per the Ministerial Order dated August 16, 2018 to the Village of Anmore and that staff forward such request to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy immediately.

Further, should the Ministerial Order remain in place, Council directs staff to cease efforts to pursue membership in the GVS&DD and focus the limited resources of the Village on complying with the Ministerial Order."

Finally, the Village would still like to be provided answers to the questions we asked in our July 18, 2018 letter. Answers to these questions will be essential if we are to move forward with either a Liquid Waste Management Plan or an Official Community Plan amendment to enable GVS&DD membership.



Yours sincerely,

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