



COMMUNITY UPDATE NO. 2 – MARCH 2012

EVERGREEN LINE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



The installation of new underground BC Hydro power lines will be one of the first in a series of construction activities, taking place between January and June 2012, to prepare the way for the Evergreen Line. The new underground power lines will ultimately supply power for the operation of the Evergreen Line. In Port Moody, work will begin on Douglas Street and continue eastward along Spring Street to Electronic Avenue and then along St. Johns Street. In Coquitlam, work will take place at the southwest corner of the intersection of Lougheed Highway and Barnet Highway, and along Como Lake Avenue from North Road through the Clarke Road intersection.

Additional construction works include widening roads and realigning railway tracks, which will occur over the next several months. North Road will be widened on the west side between Lougheed Highway and Cottonwood Avenue to prepare for the construction of the Evergreen Line guideway, which will run up the middle of North Road. The additional lane will help keep traffic moving during construction of the guideway. Approximately 400 metres of CPR track in Port Moody will be shifted to accommodate the Evergreen Line guideway that will run alongside the rail tracks.

The Evergreen Line will be in service in the summer of 2016, and the project will create 8,000 direct and indirect jobs during construction.



Evergreen Line Route and Stations

WHAT IS THE EVERGREEN LINE?

The Evergreen Line is a new rapid transit line that will connect Coquitlam to Vancouver via Port Moody and Burnaby. The Evergreen Line will be a fast, frequent and convenient SkyTrain service, connecting Coquitlam City Centre through Port Moody to Lougheed Town Centre in approximately 15 minutes. It will connect without transfer to the current SkyTrain network at Lougheed Town Centre Station and will integrate with regional bus and West Coast Express networks.

FAST FACTS

Length: 11 km

Number of Stations: 6

Linking Major Population Centres: Coquitlam, Port Moody, Burnaby and Vancouver

Travel Time: About 15 minutes from Coquitlam City Centre to Lougheed Town Centre and about 40 minutes from Coquitlam City Centre to Vancouver

Speed: Maximum operating speed 80 km/h

Estimated Capital Cost: \$1.4 billion

Construction: Construction began in January 2012 and the Evergreen Line will be in service in summer 2016.

A COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN THAT PUTS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES AT THE FOREFRONT

Ensuring residents and businesses are informed about a major project in their community is integral to its success says Tracy Cooper, a senior project manager of the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project.



“The Evergreen Line will be an integral part of local communities for the next four years of construction,” Tracy Cooper says. “We want to establish a relationship of trust with our stakeholders by providing accurate and timely information about what is happening on the project and what potential impacts it might have on the community.”

The project has started an extensive community outreach program, with members of the community relations team meeting with local community groups as well as going door-to-door along the route. A business liaison program is in place to facilitate two-way communication between the local businesses and the project team.

To ensure information reaches the most people, especially the large number of Korean businesses located in the North Road area of Coquitlam and Burnaby, the project is providing some translated materials in Korean and traditional Chinese.

“Our community relations team has been in the field talking to residents, business owners and community organizations long before construction started, collecting contact information and finding out what is the best way to communicate with our stakeholders,” Cooper says.

It is important to have an understanding of what the project will mean to people who live and work right next to Evergreen Line construction, Cooper says, and for commuters who travel along the Evergreen Line corridor.

PROJECT MILESTONES

**ONGOING/
UPCOMING**

	Timing	Activities
COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CONSULTATION	Ongoing	Business Liaison Community Relations Public Inquiry Response Project Information Distribution
	January 2012 onwards	Ongoing, regular communication about construction activity and traffic management
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION	Timing	Activities
	January 2012	Start of construction
	Summer 2016	Evergreen Line In Service

EVERGREEN LINE TRAFFIC COMMUNICATIONS

An important goal of the project is to generate clear, consistent and accessible construction and traffic information for stakeholders, the public and traffic media. Every effort will be taken to minimize disruption and maximize traffic flow and predictability for travellers.

The Evergreen Line Project will use a variety of communication tools to maximize predictability for travellers, including:

TRAFFIC PHONE LINE:

- 604-927-2080
- available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide up to date information to residents, businesses and commuters

EMAIL:

- info@evergreenline.gov.bc.ca
- subscribers will receive Traffic Alerts from this email address

PROJECT WEBSITE:

- www.evergreenline.gov.bc.ca

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to learn more about the Evergreen Line Project or have your name added to the information email subscription list, please visit the Project Office (2900 Barnet Highway, Coquitlam) weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or contact us:

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