



COMMUNITY UPDATE NO. 13 – November 2016

# Opening December 2

## EVERGREEN TO OPEN ON DECEMBER 2, 2016

Major construction on the Evergreen Line Project began in early 2013, and we're excited to announce that Evergreen will be in service on December 2, 2016! In the last few weeks you have seen test trains along the line and final station plaza work being completed. Over the coming weeks, TransLink will be hard at work on the finishing touches.

Final testing and commissioning is now taking place; trains are running from Lougheed all the way to the terminus station at Lafarge Lake Douglas Station. This final testing period ensures the ride is smooth from start to finish and that communications systems are working.

For a view from the train, check out the test train video on the [Evergreen Facebook Page](#).

Over the coming weeks, we'll share more information regarding opening day with you via [TransLink's Facebook Page](#) and [translink.ca/evergreen](http://translink.ca/evergreen).



Moody Centre Station

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## GET TO KNOW TRANSLINK: OPERATORS OF THE EVERGREEN EXTENSION

TransLink is getting ready behind the scenes!

TransLink's integrated transit network has seen a lot of changes over the years. On December 2, 2016, the Evergreen Extension will extend the Millennium Line to Coquitlam through Burnaby and Port Moody. To get customers ready, TransLink introduced changes to how you ride the SkyTrain well in advance of opening day.

### What are the key changes?

#### 1. The Expo Line has two routes.

- One route travels between Waterfront Station and King George Station.
- A second runs between Waterfront Station and Production Way–University Station.

#### 2. The Millennium Line no longer travels to/from Waterfront Station. Instead, it runs between VCC–Clark Station and Lafarge Lake–Douglas Station.

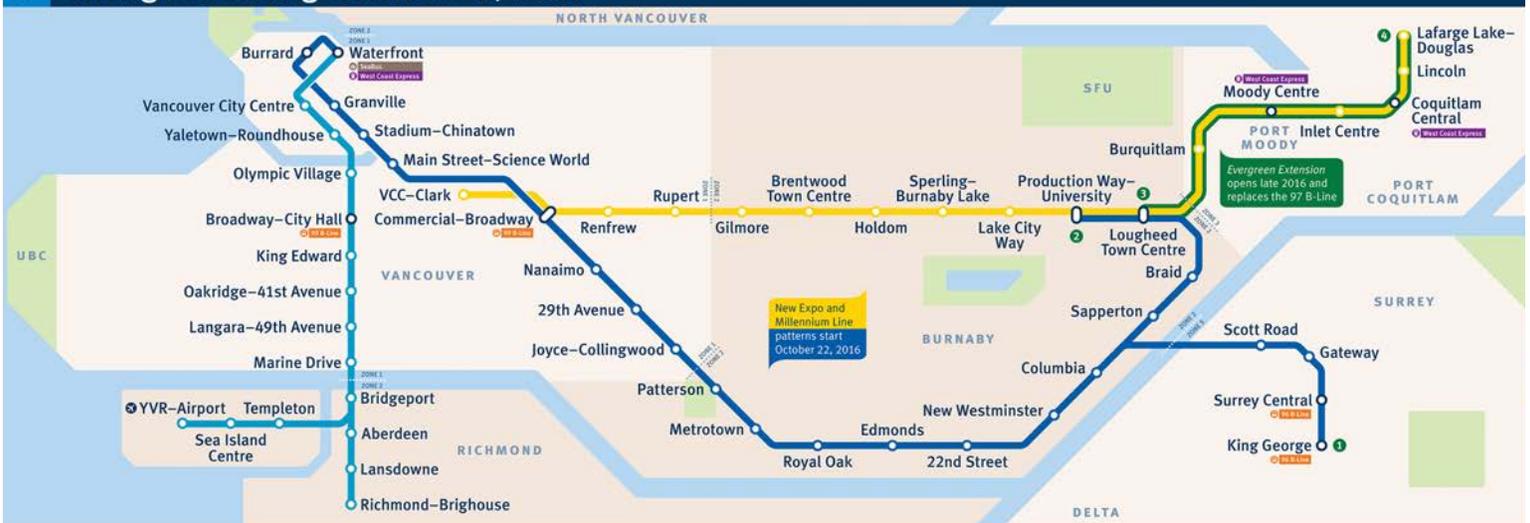
More details on how to ride the SkyTrain network can be found at [translink.ca/skytrainchanges](http://translink.ca/skytrainchanges).

For everything Evergreen, please visit [translink.ca/evergreen](http://translink.ca/evergreen).

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## PROJECT TEAM PROFILES: NASIR KURJI, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER



A construction manager is crucial for every project no matter what the scale: from road improvements, to master planned communities to large infrastructure projects. Every project has a different set of challenges that need to be solved. Meet Nasir Kurji, Construction Manager for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project. Nasir has a background in engineering and experience across the private and public sectors. As we sat down with Nasir to discuss project highlights and celebrate the opening, he provided some insight on what a typical day looks like.

The first thing we learned is that there is no such thing as a typical day.

### **Q: What is the role of a construction manager on a large infrastructure project?**

My role was to oversee the construction quality, review schedules, manage potential issues, meet with stakeholders and the contractor to address concerns and monitor the overall contract requirements.

### **Q: What does a typical day look like for you?**

An average day starts early; crews are onsite by 7:00 am. Some days start onsite, which is one of my favourite ways to start the day. It is hard to know what a day would look like as each one was different. But one thing that happens each and every day is there is a problem to solve. As a Construction Manager, you have to be ready

for that. You have to be prepared to work with the contractor and support the project team to resolve issues. An average day includes technical briefings, communications with key stakeholders and meetings with subject area experts.

### **Q: What is your educational background?**

I hold a P.Eng in civil engineering from the University of Alberta.

### **Q: What is the best part of your job?**

The best part of the job is the variety in my role. I also love to problem solve and work with subject area experts to address technical challenges.

### **Q: What is your favourite city for urban transportation?**

That's an easy one: Vancouver. We live in a city with a world-class rapid transit system that will be even better when Evergreen opens.

## 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT EVERGREEN

As we move towards opening day, here are 10 things to know about Evergreen:

1. You do not need to transfer at Lougheed Town Centre Station to travel onto the Evergreen Extension.
2. The Evergreen Extension is a continuation of the Millennium Line.
3. Bike racks and lockers are available at each of the new stations.
4. Accessibility is a top priority and there are up and down escalators and elevators at every station.
5. Once the Evergreen Extension is operational, Metro Vancouver will have the longest, fully-automated, driverless, rapid-transit system in the world.
6. Want to get to the Expo Line from Evergreen? Not a problem: transfer to the Expo line at Commercial–Broadway, Lougheed or Production Way stations.
7. Moody Centre Station and Coquitlam Centre Station integrate with the West Coast Express and the regional bus network.
8. Looking to park and ride? Parking spaces are available at Moody Centre, Coquitlam Central, and Lafarge Lake – Douglas stations. Coquitlam Central has the largest lot.
9. Regular hours of operation for the Millennium Line will apply once the Evergreen Extension opens.
10. Evergreen is opening on December 2, 2016, just in time for holiday shopping.

## A LOOK BACK AT EVERGREEN CONSTRUCTION

Major construction on the Evergreen Line Project started in early 2013. We've come a long way in just under four years, and we appreciate the patience and support of the community during construction. We're almost done, and look forward to seeing you riding the line on December 2!



August 2013

A guideway column is erected in Burquitlam.



November 2013

Inlet Centre Station construction under Barnet Highway.



March 2015

The last guideway segment is lifted into place on Pinetree Way.



November 2015

Alice, the tunnel boring machine, breaks through in Coquitlam.



June 2016

A test train pulls into Burquitlam Station.

### 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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