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February 1, 2024

Via email:

Village of Anmore  
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Re: Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing as a follow up to our letter dated October 5, 2023, enquiring as to whether Anmore Council is interested in moving forward with discussing the modernization of the governance, cost apportionment and recovery structures, and administration of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department service (established by Supplementary Letters Patent dated January 10, 1980, as a service of Metro Vancouver).

Since its establishment, the SVFD has served our communities well. However, while much has changed in our communities over the past 43 years, the governance, cost apportionment and recovery structures, and administration of Metro Vancouver's service have not been updated to recognize those changes, resulting in inequities for both Belcarra and Anmore.

An example of an inequity created by the historical governance, cost apportionment and recovery structures, and administration, of Metro Vancouver's service is shown in the below table:

Year	Operation Costs (Apportioned on Relative Assessment)				Capital Costs (Apportioned in Equal Shares)				Capital Costs (Apportioned on Relative Assessment)			
	Belcarra	%	Anmore	%	Belcarra	%	Anmore	%	Belcarra	%	Anmore	%
2023	\$ 114,621.00	28.58%	\$ 286,448.00	71.42%	\$ 220,146.00	50.00%	\$ 220,146.00	50.00%	\$ 125,835.45	28.58%	\$ 314,456.55	71.42%
2022	\$ 83,165.00	27.87%	\$ 215,194.00	72.13%	\$ 179,970.00	50.00%	\$ 179,970.00	50.00%	\$ 100,315.28	27.87%	\$ 259,624.72	72.13%
2021	\$ 71,965.00	27.25%	\$ 192,089.00	72.75%	\$ 129,750.00	50.00%	\$ 129,750.00	50.00%	\$ 70,713.75	27.25%	\$ 188,786.25	72.75%
2020	\$ 66,291.00	27.43%	\$ 175,398.00	72.57%	\$ 46,050.00	50.00%	\$ 46,050.00	50.00%	\$ 25,263.03	27.43%	\$ 66,836.97	72.57%
2019	\$ 67,998.00	28.71%	\$ 168,830.00	71.29%	\$ 46,050.00	50.00%	\$ 46,050.00	50.00%	\$ 26,441.91	28.71%	\$ 65,658.09	71.29%
2018	\$ 69,386.00	30.29%	\$ 159,671.00	69.71%	\$ 46,050.00	50.00%	\$ 46,050.00	50.00%	\$ 27,897.09	30.29%	\$ 64,202.91	69.71%
2017	\$ 76,175.00	31.33%	\$ 166,958.00	68.67%	\$ 41,050.00	50.00%	\$ 41,050.00	50.00%	\$ 25,721.93	31.33%	\$ 56,378.07	68.67%
2016	\$ 65,244.00	31.06%	\$ 144,802.00	68.94%	\$ 33,550.00	50.00%	\$ 33,550.00	50.00%	\$ 20,841.26	31.06%	\$ 46,258.74	68.94%
2015	\$ 62,135.00	33.17%	\$ 125,201.00	66.83%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 18,906.90	33.17%	\$ 38,093.10	66.83%
2014	\$ 66,717.00	33.14%	\$ 134,608.00	66.86%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 18,889.80	33.14%	\$ 38,110.20	66.86%
2013	\$ 55,376.00	31.34%	\$ 121,312.00	68.66%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 17,863.80	31.34%	\$ 39,136.20	68.66%
2012	\$ 51,472.00	32.99%	\$ 104,545.00	67.01%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 18,804.30	32.99%	\$ 38,195.70	67.01%
2011	\$ 55,066.00	33.54%	\$ 109,128.00	66.46%	\$ 15,900.00	50.00%	\$ 15,900.00	50.00%	\$ 10,665.72	33.54%	\$ 21,134.28	66.46%
2010	\$ 45,523.00	33.71%	\$ 89,507.00	66.29%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 19,214.70	33.71%	\$ 37,785.30	66.29%
2009	\$ 42,312.00	33.71%	\$ 88,211.00	66.29%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 19,214.70	33.71%	\$ 37,785.30	66.29%
2008	\$ 41,129.00	32.42%	\$ 83,778.00	67.58%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 18,479.40	32.42%	\$ 38,520.60	67.58%
2007	\$ 40,218.00	33.68%	\$ 79,195.00	66.32%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 28,500.00	50.00%	\$ 19,197.60	33.68%	\$ 37,802.40	66.32%
2006	\$ 44,109.00	35.73%	\$ 79,335.00	64.27%	\$ 28,903.00	50.00%	\$ 28,903.00	50.00%	\$ 20,654.08	35.73%	\$ 37,151.92	64.27%
2005	\$ 46,267.00	38.50%	\$ 73,917.00	61.50%	\$ 28,750.00	50.00%	\$ 28,750.00	50.00%	\$ 22,137.50	38.50%	\$ 35,362.50	61.50%
2004	\$ 39,572.00	39.11%	\$ 61,612.00	60.89%	\$ 33,500.00	50.00%	\$ 33,500.00	50.00%	\$ 26,203.70	39.11%	\$ 40,796.30	60.89%
	\$ 1,204,741.00		\$ 2,659,739.00		\$ 1,077,669.00	50.00%	\$ 1,077,669.00	50.00%	\$ 653,261.91		\$ 1,502,076.09	

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As you can see from this table, over the years, the relative assessment between Belcarra and Anmore has changed from approximately 39.1%:60.9% in 2004 to approximately 28.6%:71.4% in 2023. In this context, the apportionment of capital costs on an equal basis (as opposed to on relative assessment) has resulted in an overall approximately 19.7% subsidization of capital costs by Belcarra residents in favour of Anmore residents.

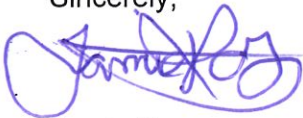
Belcarra Council believes that it is only fair and appropriate for Belcarra and Anmore to discuss the governance, cost apportionment and recovery structures, and administration of Metro Vancouver's service with a view to updating it to better reflect our current communities needs, and resolving the inequities created by continuing with the historical structure as those inequities will only be exacerbated in the future. Belcarra Council is agreeable to having these discussions facilitated by Metro Vancouver or another qualified entity or individual.

Belcarra Council would appreciate hearing by February 9, 2024, as to whether Anmore Council is interested in moving forward with a discussion of modernizing the governance, cost apportionment and recovery structures, and administration of Metro Vancouver's service.

Please be advised that, in the event that Anmore Council advises that it does not wish to move forward with a discussion of modernizing the governance, cost apportionment and recovery structures, and administration of Metro Vancouver's service or Anmore Council does not respond by February 9, 2024, Belcarra Council may initiate a formal service review under Division 6 of Part 10 of the *Local Government Act*.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Jamie Ross  
Mayor

cc: Belcarra Council  
Anmore Council  
Metro Vancouver