

**North Shore Neighbourhoods Alliance**

**News Release**

**Are North Shore Taxpayers "Sh\*t out of Luck"?**

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North Vancouver, BC - Today, the North Shore Neighbourhoods Alliance ("NSNA"), a coalition of seven North Shore community associations, announced its formation in response to the shocking rise in the estimated capital cost of Metro Vancouver's North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant ("the Project") and the recent decision of Metro directors to saddle North Shore utility rate and property tax payers with a grossly disproportionate share of the total financial responsibility for the Project.

"We have two objectives," said Daniel Anderson, official spokesperson for the NSNA, "Firstly, to seek a commitment to a greater financial contribution toward the capital costs of the Project from each senior level of government and, secondly, to add our voices to the demand for a fully independent public inquiry into what has led to this extraordinary increase in the financial burden on North Shore property tax and utility rate-payers."

"In reply to an enquiry from NSNA, Metro advised that the current capital cost estimate does not include costs associated with the decommissioning and demolition of the existing Lions Gate Sewage Treatment Plant, as well as any soil remediation to the site which may be required," said Anderson, "Clearly, this massive and growing financial burden requires each of the federal and provincial governments to increase their respective commitment to at least one-third of whatever the final capital cost of the completed Project may prove to be."

In the upcoming weeks, NSNA representatives plan to meet with North Shore federal and provincial elected officials, as well as candidates for office, to press the case for greater financial assistance. The responses received, or lack thereof, will be made public.

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