



North Vancouver, August 6, 2025

**To: Members of the District of North Vancouver District Council
and Susie Chant, MLA**

Dear Mayor Little, District of North Vancouver Council Members, Susie Chant, MLA

Re: North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant

As the Blueridge Community Association, we represent approximately 1500 households in Blueridge and Seymour Heights in the District of North Vancouver. We usually abstain from taking political positions in an attempt to represent all members of our Association, but in this case we all have a vital interest in the subject facility and its financial impact on the costs of governance in our community, and the costs for all DNV taxpayers.

We believe that unless the Treatment Plant project is fully understood, we are at risk of further waste of taxpayer resources. Since there are several hundred projects under the control and management of the Metro Vancouver Board, we are seeking explanations for the enormous overrun in the subject project and the implications for overall good governance of the Metro Vancouver region.

Whereas the Metro Vancouver Board has avoided by a myriad of means to agree to an independent inquiry, we are asking for a full public review of all aspects of this project, including the actions or inactions, legal or illegal, ethical or unethical of the unelected Board of Metro Vancouver. Such a review can only take place under the auspices of the Government of BC utilizing the provisions of Section 764 of the Local Government Act, which can only be invoked by the Inspector of Municipalities with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Hence, we are asking all addressees of this letter to individually and collectively demand from the Government of BC that such a review be ordered and summarily carried out. A refusal or delay by the Inspector would constitute a major dereliction of duty on his or her part.

The Blueridge Community Association is not alone in its dismay concerning the lack of follow through for a public inquiry. Reference can be made to the North Shore News editorial on December 4 2024 and its opinion poll conducted at the same time. The result of the poll, which included over 3600 responses, generated 87% support for the conduct of a public inquiry. This editorial and poll was preceded by a formal request from the North Shore Neighbourhoods Alliance in July 2024 to the Inspector of Municipalities to initiate an inquiry, a request that was



ignored by the Inspector and all the government cabinet officials who received a copy of that formal request.

It should also be noted that the DNV Council, in early November, 2024, unanimously asked the province to initiate a public inquiry pursuant to the LGA. It is incumbent on the Council to follow up on this demand as often and as frequently as required until the demand is met. Has any follow-up been made since the request was uttered in November?

The over-riding concern motivating us, and presumably others who have demanded a full and independent inquiry, is the issue of TRUST. It is difficult to accept that everyone who has the authority to investigate this matter and has refused to take the necessary steps to do so has been acting in the good faith that citizens deserve and expect from their elected officials. This situation has done much to erode public confidence that the officials in power at this time can be trusted to put the interests of the public who elected them at the forefront of their actions and motivations.

It is impossible to over-emphasize the urgency of this review. The refusal of the Metro Vancouver Board to initiate a public inquiry and the aggressive use of delaying tactics invoked by said Board raises doubts of a serious nature concerning the goodwill and honesty of individual Board members and other involved parties. It is essential that the requested public inquiry begin immediately and under the control and management of an individual who is recognized as a competent and independent authority by a broad spectrum of the public.

Yours sincerely,

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