

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project

Invitation to Comment and Notice of Open Houses

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (Proponent) is proposing to develop the Evergreen Line, a new rapid transit line to connect Coquitlam with Burnaby via Port Moody (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Proponent must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any work can be undertaken on the Proposed Project. However, prior to submission of an application for a certificate (Application) by the Proponent, the Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) must first approve Application Information Requirements.

The Application Information Requirements will specify the studies to be conducted and the detailed information to be provided by the Proponent in its Application. The EAO has now received draft Application Information Requirements from the Proponent and now invites comments on this draft. In order to provide information about the Application Information Requirements, and to receive comments from the public, the EAO invites the public to attend an **Open House**. There will be three open houses, to be held as follows:

at: **Coquitlam Aquatic Centre, 1210 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam**

on: **September 22, 2009**

at: **Executive Plaza Hotel, 405 North Road, Burnaby**

on: **September 23, 2009**

at: **Old Orchard Hall, 636 Bentley Road, Port Moody**

on: **September 24, 2009**

All open houses will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At **6:30 p.m.** there will be a presentation by the EAO on the process with an opportunity for questions. A second presentation will also be given by the Proponent regarding the Proposed Project.

If you are unable to attend an Open House, you may still wish to make a written submission. There are **30 days** for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the draft Application Information Requirements.

The comment period will begin on **September 16, 2009** and end at midnight on **October 16, 2009**. All comments received during this comment period in relation to the Application Information Requirements will be considered.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects — environmental, economic, social, heritage and health — that might result from the Proposed Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. At this stage of the process, the primary intent is to receive feedback about the studies or information required for a comprehensive environmental assessment.

After taking public comments into account, the EAO will finalize the Application Information Requirements and issue them to the Proponent.

Please submit your comments at the Open House or send your comments to:

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Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 9V1
Fax: 250 356-6448

Comments by e-mail may be directed to eaoinfo@gov.bc.ca

If you are unable to participate at this time, there will be an additional comment period during the Application review stage when you will also be able to provide comments to the EAO on the Proposed Project.

An electronic copy of the Application Information Requirements and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. Copies of the Application Information Requirements may also be viewed during regular business hours at:

Coquitlam Municipal Hall
3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam

Port Moody Municipal Hall
100 Newport Drive, Port Moody

Burnaby Municipal Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby

All submissions received by the EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website. If you do not want to have your name posted to the EAO website, please indicate this with your submission and your comments will be kept confidential.