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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, COQUITLAM & COQUITLAM MALL OWNERS FUND NEW EVERGREEN LINE STATION



Artist rendering of Lincoln Station at Pinetree Way and Lincoln Avenue

An additional station will be included on opening day of the Evergreen Line in the summer of 2016. Lincoln Station is being funded through a unique partnership between the Government of Canada, the City of Coquitlam and the owners of Coquitlam Centre Mall. The new station at Pinetree Way and Lincoln Avenue will result in a total of 7 stations to be built by the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project.

Located in the heart of a growing commercial and residential area, Lincoln Station will serve Coquitlam Centre Mall and more than a dozen existing and planned residential and retail developments located within a short walk of the station. The new station supports the planning goals outlined in the City of Coquitlam’s Official Community Plan for the City Centre to become a sustainable, high-density, urban core.

EVERGREEN LINE FAST FACTS

Length: 11 km

Number of Stations: 7

Linking Major Population Centres: Coquitlam, Port Moody, Burnaby and Vancouver

Travel Time: About 15 minutes from Coquitlam City Centre to Lougheed Town Centre and about 40 minutes from Coquitlam City Centre to Vancouver

Speed: Maximum operating speed 80 km/h

Estimated Capital Cost: \$1.4 billion

In Service: Summer 2016

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

An enhanced community relations program is underway and will continue to be a key part of this project right through construction. The Evergreen Line Project wants to involve the community and businesses by keeping them informed of the project’s progress and being here to listen to any potential concerns.

Michael Hind, Executive Director of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, is pleased with the community relations efforts of the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project. Hind says the Evergreen Line community relations program has been very proactive in engaging the business community.

“It seems to have done the job, as I’ve gotten zero complaints from businesses in the area that they don’t know what’s going on,” Hind says. “I’m not hearing any feedback from the business community that there have been problems due to construction. I think the communications tools the project are using – the business liaison committees and the door-to-door engagement – has really helped.”

In Port Moody, business owner Dave MacRitchie was initially concerned that his automotive repair shop on Spring Street would be impacted by construction to install power supply lines, required to operate the Evergreen Line and the tunnel



WHAT IS THE EVERGREEN LINE?

The Evergreen Line is a new rapid transit line that will connect Coquitlam to Vancouver via Port Moody and Burnaby. The Evergreen Line will be a fast, frequent and convenient SkyTrain service, connecting Coquitlam City Centre through Port Moody to Lougheed Town Centre in approximately 15 minutes. It will connect without transfer to the current SkyTrain network at Lougheed Town Centre Station and will integrate with regional bus and West Coast Express networks.

boring machine. The work was scheduled to take place right outside the front door of MacRitchie Automotive. The community relations team visited MacRitchie several times before the work began to ensure he was aware of what type of activity would be taking place. However, he admits he was still nervous that he would lose business when a trench for the underground line would be dug in front of the only entrance to his garage.

“I was concerned about whether or not we were going to be able get in and out but they moved so quickly, and they were so efficient it wasn’t an issue,” He says. “I found it painless. They were very accommodating, and when we needed in and out, they were there to put a plate down to get us in and out.”

MacRitchie described the flag people hired by the contractor as fantastic.

“They were organized and knew what they were doing and they were courteous,” he says. “I have no complaints whatsoever.”

EARLY WORKS CONSTRUCTION LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR MAJOR CONSTRUCTION

AND KEEPS THE SCHEDULE ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION OF THE EVERGREEN LINE IN THE SUMMER OF 2016



The installation of power supply lines in Port Moody, Coquitlam and Burnaby is nearing completion and work is now focused on widening North Road.

North Road is being widened to prepare for construction of the Evergreen Line guideway along the centre of North Road. An additional lane is being built on the west side of North Road (Burnaby side) to help minimize disruption to the travelling public and commercial vehicles during construction of the guideway.

Once the guideway is completed, the new lane on North Road will replace the lane that is taken up by the guideway. Jennifer Locke, a project manager with the Evergreen Line Project Team, says access to North Road businesses will be maintained during the widening project and the road work will be managed to maximize traffic flow during peak traffic periods.

The North Road widening work also includes relocating underground utility lines, including a Fortis Gas line and a BC

Hydro power supply upgrade. The power supply will power the operation of the Evergreen Line. This work is expected to be complete by the late fall.

In Coquitlam, BC Hydro will be replacing existing hydro poles at the northwest corner of the Como Lake Avenue and Clarke Road intersection. Higher poles will be installed temporarily to allow for the construction of the Evergreen Line underneath and then lowered to 90 feet once guideway construction is completed. Power lines on the south side of Como Lake Avenue will be placed underground and no new power lines will be added.

In Port Moody, CP Rail will move its tracks slightly to the north, allowing the Evergreen Line to run between the CPR tracks and Clarke Street without reducing the capacity of Clarke Street. Construction is expected to be complete by late spring 2013.

EVERGREEN LINE ENGAGES COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

The Evergreen Line Project is using social media to engage stakeholders and the general public who are curious about the progress of the new rapid transit line.

Launched in September 2011, the Evergreen Line Facebook page includes photos, links to videos and interesting facts and information about the project.

“Social media allows us to listen to the public and have a two-way conversation to build relationships, become better aware of transportation issues, provide accurate information and increase our online presence,” says Russel Lolacher, Director of Social Media, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Join the conversation on the Evergreen Line Facebook page at www.facebook.com/evergreenline.



EVERGREEN LINE TRAFFIC COMMUNICATIONS

An important goal of the project is to generate clear, consistent and accessible construction and traffic information for stakeholders, the public and traffic media. Every effort will be taken to minimize disruption and maximize traffic flow and predictability for travellers.

The Evergreen Line Project is using a variety of communication tools to maximize predictability for travellers, including:

TRAFFIC PHONE LINE:

- 604-927-2080
- available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide up to date information to residents, businesses and commuters

EMAIL:

- info@evergreenline.gov.bc.ca
- subscribers will receive Traffic Alerts from this email address

PROJECT WEBSITE:

- www.evergreenline.gov.bc.ca

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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