



Press Release

EVERGREEN TO COMPLEMENT PORT COQUITLAM TRANSPORTATION EFFORTS

Port Coquitlam, BC – Feb. 24, 2009... The Evergreen Line rapid transit extension will complement the City of Port Coquitlam's ongoing efforts to improve access and mobility, Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore says.

"Our citizens consistently place transportation at the top of their priority list, and rapid transit is a critical piece of an effective transportation system," Mayor Moore said. "It's wonderful this long-awaited and much-needed project is finally happening. Our City is particularly excited to see that the design plans include a future link to Port Coquitlam."

Announced by Premier Gordon Campbell at last week's Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the Evergreen Line extension will bring rapid transit as far east as Coquitlam Town Centre, making it accessible to Port Coquitlam residents via transit or park-and-ride.

"Combined with the City's transportation projects – such as the Coast Meridian Overpass – this rapid transit extension will significantly improve how our citizens move around the region," Mayor Moore said.

"Ultimately, it's the partnership between all levels of government that is responsible for making the Evergreen Line happen. The City of Port Coquitlam believes strongly in this project and will continue to work with all the partners to see those rails extend to Coquitlam – and eventually, to our own community."

Other local transportation initiatives include:

- marked bicycle lanes on Dominion Avenue from Lougheed Highway to the Pitt River,
- bicycle/pedestrian-activated signals at Wellington Street and Prairie Avenue, and at Kingsway Avenue at the Port Coquitlam Transit Centre,
- planning for future improvements through the Shaughnessy Prairie Area Transportation Plan, and
- collecting public input on transit services (www.portcoquitlam.ca/transitplan).

"We're looking forward to the day our citizens can walk to a rapid transit station down the street," Moore said. "And in the meantime, we'll continue to work hard to improve how our citizens and businesses get around our community."

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