



PROJECT UPDATE NO. 4 – June 2010

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## Environmental Assessment Certificate Application: Public Comment Period

The Evergreen Line Project has submitted its Environmental Assessment Certificate Application. The Public Comment Period will be from June 30 to August 29, 2010.



Rendering of Evergreen Line train on Pinetree Way, Coquitlam

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Public Comment Period on the Environmental Assessment Certificate Application: June 30 – August 29, 2010

Date	Community	Time	Location
Tuesday, July 6	Coquitlam	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Coquitlam City Hall (3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam)
Wednesday, July 7	Burnaby/Burquitlam	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Cameron Recreation Centre (9523 Cameron Street, Burnaby)
Thursday, July 8	Port Moody	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Inlet Theatre & Galleria (100 Newport Drive, Port Moody)

## Environmental Assessment Process

The Evergreen Line is subject to an environmental assessment review under the British Columbia *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Environmental Assessment includes a full review of potential project-related impacts and proposed mitigation measures. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure must obtain an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) before construction begins.

- **May 2009** – Evergreen Line Project Description Report filed.
- **September–October 2009** – 30-day Public Comment Period on the Evergreen Line Draft Application Information Requirements, which specified the studies to be conducted.
- **May 2010** – Environmental Assessment Certificate Application and supporting studies submitted to the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) for internal review.
- **June 2010** – Environmental Assessment Certificate Application and supporting studies released.
- **June 30–August 29, 2010** – 60-day Public Comment Period on the Evergreen Line Environmental Assessment Certificate Application. The public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the results of the studies and proposed mitigation measures.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD JUNE 30 – AUGUST 29, 2010

#### How to Comment:

- **Online:** Comments can be made by completing the online form available on the BC EAO website: [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca).
- **Written submissions:** Comments can be submitted to the EAO by mail: Brian Murphy, Project Assessment Director, Environmental Assessment Office, PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9V1 or by fax: 250-356-6448.
- **In person:** Open houses with information about the EA process and the Evergreen Line EAC Application will be held on July 6, 7 and 8.

#### More Information – Available as of June 30, 2010:

A copy of the complete EAC Application will be available at [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca).

Copies of the complete application will also be available at:

- Burnaby City Hall
- Coquitlam City Hall
- Port Moody City Hall

Fact Sheets summarizing the studies completed as part of the Application, including key findings, will be available at [www.evergreenline.gov.bc.ca](http://www.evergreenline.gov.bc.ca) on June 30, 2010.

Display Boards with information about the Evergreen Line Project, the EA process and the EAC Application will be on display in July and August at Port Moody City Hall and Coquitlam City Hall.

## Environmental Management Program

The Environmental Assessment Certificate Application will describe the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's approach to environmental management, monitoring and inspection during project implementation.

The Environmental Management Program will consist of a Construction Environmental Management Plan and an Operation and Maintenance Environmental Management Plan. The application will also outline the Ministry's program for verifying the accuracy of the project's environmental assessment and for determining the effectiveness of mitigation measures used to avoid or minimize adverse impacts during construction and operation.

# Environmental Assessment Studies

Studies completed as part of the Evergreen Line Environmental Assessment Certificate Application:

<b>BIOPHYSICAL ASSESSMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation and Wildlife</li> <li>• Fisheries and Aquatics</li> <li>• Arboriculture</li> </ul>	<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socio-Economics</li> <li>• Socio-Community</li> <li>• Archaeology and Heritage</li> </ul>
<b>SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Quality</li> <li>• Noise and Vibration</li> <li>• Screening Level Contaminated Sites</li> <li>• Electric and Magnetic Fields Assessment</li> </ul>	<b>OTHER ASSESSMENTS &amp; SUPPORTING WORK</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Health Effects Assessment</li> <li>• Public Consultation/First Nations Consultation</li> <li>• Effects of the Environment on the Project</li> <li>• Cumulative Effects Assessment</li> <li>• Accidents and Malfunctions</li> </ul>

## Upcoming Station Area Design Consultation

Station Area Design Consultation is scheduled for fall 2010. The following are being considered in station area planning and design:

- ✓ Maximize passenger comfort and safety
- ✓ Ensure stations are easily accessible, including passenger pick-up and drop off areas, parking, bus connections and pedestrian access
- ✓ Ensure easy, convenient and safe movement within the station
- ✓ Provide clear information and direction within the station
- ✓ Establish a common look and feel for the overall identity of the SkyTrain system

- ✓ Reflect community aspirations for local identity with unique elements at stations
- ✓ Provide durable and easily maintained stations

To be notified about Station Area Design Consultation, please send an email to [info@evergreenline.gov.bc.ca](mailto:info@evergreenline.gov.bc.ca) or call the Evergreen Line Project Office at 604-927-4452.

Route Selection Consultation with Mayors and Council in the Northeast Sector	<b>Environmental Assessment</b> 30-Day Public Comment Period on the Draft Application Information Requirements	Preliminary Design Consultation	<b>Environmental Assessment</b> Public Comment Period on the Environmental Assessment Certificate Application	Station Area Design Consultation
MAY 2008	SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2009	OCTOBER–NOVEMBER 2009	JULY–AUGUST 2010	OCTOBER–NOVEMBER 2010





Evergreen Line Project Office, Coquitlam

## About the Evergreen Line Project

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 13 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.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to learn more about the Evergreen Line Project or have your name added to the Evergreen Line Project information update list, please contact us:

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### FAST FACTS

**Length:** 11 km

**Number of Proposed Stations:** 6

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

**Travel Time:** About 13 minutes from Coquitlam Town Centre to Lougheed Town Centre and about 40 minutes from Coquitlam City Centre to downtown Vancouver

**Speed:** Maximum operating speed of 80 km/h

**Fully Integrated:** Connecting without transfer to the current SkyTrain network

**Estimated Cost:** \$1.4 billion

**Anticipated Construction Start:** Early 2011

