

PETITION LEAD

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- PETITION AGAINST BC HYDRO -

Anmore opposes "BC Hydro Metro North Transmission Project", AND, demands that high-powered transmission lines go safely underground.

To: Patrick Wruck, British Columbia Utilities Commission

cc: Federal Cabinet Ministers, BC Premier /Ministers /MLA's, Anmore Council and Media

Dear British Columbia Utilities Commission (Att. Patrick Wruck),

Please find attached a copy of our comprehensive online Petition-Package, including (i) the petition's outlining facts, (ii) all related signatures and (iii) the many related comments from our community. You can also see the petition online:

<https://www.change.org/p/british-columbia-utility-commission-anmore-opposes-bc-hydro-s-metro-north-transmission-project-and-demands-that-bc-hydro-s-high-powered-transmission-lines-go-underground>

BC Hydro is unethically using its power as a crown corporation, unethically proceeds with new projects, lies to people and presents misleading and wrong data.

BC Hydro made its final decision, ignoring all communities inputs, comments and concerns raised over the past 1-2 years, and stick to their original and unchanged plans to construct additional overhead high-powered lines through private 1-acre properties in Anmore and through Parklands in Belcarra starting in 2018.

Anmore residents have quickly learned to be very cautious and critical of BC Hydro's project planning and realization and misleading data strategies! BC Hydro hasn't been upfront with their plans and technical data to Anmore residents, and furthermore Anmore residents are extremely opposed and upset!

BC Hydro is continuously pushing ahead its project with hiding data, misleading the public, presenting wrong data in the wrong context, in order to cover up health risks and financial losses in affected property values.

BC Hydro is further ignoring:

- *the facts of various health risks and serious concerns of affected residents;*
- *the fact that one child recently died of child-leukemia, who has been living adjacent to the power lines in Anmore;*
- *the fact that at least 2 adults were diagnosed with cancer and some others suffer major health*

- issues, also living adjacent to the power lines in Anmore;*
- *the facts of up to 30% losses in individual property values adjacent to high-powered lines according to the Wall Street Journal, affecting up to 144 homes in Anmore alone;*
 - *the fact that BC Hydro is obsessively insisting in their outdated Right-of-Way (RoW) through Anmore, which was established 60 years ago and bought for \$1 without any council's approval, at a time when we had no personal computers, cell phones, Wi-Fi nor modern jet passenger planes;*
 - *the fact that BC Hydro is overloading its current RoW and illegally expanding from contracted 66m to 75+m without mentioning to the public and property owners;*
 - *the fact that BC Hydro will place new large Monopoles within septic fields and within a distance of 20m to people's living room on 1-acre private properties;*
 - *the fact that the new larger 40m Monopoles are designed to have a weak point to tilt in case of an earthquake and falling on people's homes 20m away, killing them instantly - such projects in earthquake country are considered in other countries as a criminal act;*
 - *the fact that BC Hydro does not indicate any responsibility for the causing potential health issues and property losses.*

In addition, Anmore residents were voting and requesting a safe underground line at the last "failed" Open-House with BC Hydro, another fact that is simply ignored, since BC Hydro recently announced going forward with their original plan of new over-head lines through Anmore, but not underground!

Moreover, BC Hydro's new upgrade through Anmore, Belcarra and Burnaby into Vancouver has to be diverted across the inlet because the new 12-stream lines needs to be separate from the existing 12-stream ones, and crossing through Parklands in Belcarra among others.

Moreover, BC Hydro had some issues in Tsawassen in the past and was directed to buy an entire strip of homes and resell at lower price.

See also our community's website with further information:

www.protectanmore.com

We hope that you carefully review our comprehensive petition package and act accordingly in the best interest of our most concerned community at large.

Sincerely,
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