

Presentation of Petitions to Council – February 15, 2022

[Why a petition for a referendum on an Anmore South redesignation?](#)

The Save Anmore Coalition is a united force of residents protecting and preserving the Village's long-standing semi-rural community from high-density urban development.

We believe this petition represents a broad lack of resident support for Anmore's April 2021 - OCP Amendment Discussion Guide: "Our Future, Our Way" and Anmore's Strategic Plan vision which includes the desire and quotation: "unleash great development on the community".

Despite Anmore residents being in the depths of the pandemic at this time, we came together with a petition to demonstrate to Council that they are accountable to their constituents. And because of this, Council should abide by results of a democratic majority of residents on this critical issue that will affect Anmore's future.

[Petition for Referendum](#)

In alignment with the spirit of provincial Assent Voting guidelines, the residents of Anmore petition that a survey or referendum be conducted for all residents of Anmore prior to any public hearing relating to an OCP amendment and land use designation change for Anmore South.

For the benefits of residents listening to the You Tube broadcast the petition is written as follows:

"I am submitting this as a formal petition to request that during the next civic election held for the residents of Amore there be conducted a referendum asking the residents of Anmore the following question or a substantially similar question:"

"Do you, as a resident of Anmore, support the redesignation of the Anmore South lands from Rural to Urban? YES or NO."

[Significant Petition Responses Warrants Action by Council for a Referendum](#)

On this slide I am presenting the petition results that total 902 individuals responding to the Save Anmore petition. The breakdown of the petition respondents is:

322 Anmore resident signed hard copy petitions

78 Anmore resident online petition respondents

502 non-resident online petition respondents

So that is 400 Anmore residents and 502 non-residents.

For some further context, the **400 Anmore resident petitions represent 48% of the 2018 Anmore election participants of 827**. This a considerable proportion of Anmore voters.

[Comprehensive Community Engagement Example: Lions Bay](#)

The Save Anmore petition for a referendum or survey on such a critical potential change to the Village is not unique.

For example, in 2021 The Village of Lions Bay conducted a resident survey asking whether the community believes they are urban or rural.

535 responses were received and 91% of respondents were in favour of a rural designation for Lions Bay.

Lions Bay Council listened to their residents, and it is expected applying to Metro Vancouver to leave the urban containment boundary.

Anmore residents deserve the same level of respect to be heard in an inclusive and unbiased manner.

Timing is Critical

It is critical the Village of Anmore conduct a referendum or survey prior to any OCP amendment proceedings are initiated by Council

It would be logical and efficient that any OCP amendment proceedings are deferred till after the 2022 Municipal election such that a referendum can be held in conjunction with election day.

If Council's timeline for amending the OCP is sooner than the 2022 election, then a referendum or survey should be conducted prior.

In conclusion, the petition results highlight a credibility gap between the Council's vision of Anmore South and a consensus of residents.

Conducting a referendum or survey is an opportunity to for Council to close this credibility gap and truly act in the best interests of Anmore's resident majority.