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Port welcomes public input

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Port Metro Vancouver - Dear Editor: The North Shore News' recent editorial Island Trust misrepresents Port Metro Vancouver, the Low Level Road project in North Vancouver and our commitment to the community.

The Low Level Road project was a joint initiative that included the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia, Port Metro Vancouver, TransLink, the City and District of North Vancouver and port industry partners. Significant community engagement was a priority in the decisionmaking process around the project, which involved the participation of stakeholders throughout the community.

The project is not only designed to facilitate the expansion of rail and improve port operations to meet growing international trade demands, but also a means to satisfy longstanding community needs. This includes elevating and realigning the existing road, reducing train whistling and addressing slope stability and road safety, all while working to accelerate the completion of the city's Spirit Trail master plan - something of particular interest to the North Vancouver community. Continuing the Spirit Trail through Moodyville Park and over East Third Street furthers the City of North Vancouver's vision to have a multi-use and fully accessible greenway across the North Shore. The entire project will be complete and ready for the enjoyment of the community in the fall.

Port Metro Vancouver also actively participates in the North Shore Waterfront Liaison Committee, which brings together North Shore municipal, First Nations, industry, port and community interests to discuss developments, identify concerns, provide suggestions, and facilitate two-way communication among respective constituencies about port transportation and operational issues on the North Shore.

Our commitment to public input is woven into the culture at Port Metro Vancouver. We are proud to continue to invest in projects in the City of North Vancouver, and are particularly proud to act as presenting sponsor of this year's Shipyards Night Market.

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