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Mayor George Harvie puts forward a letter to have Senior BC officials appear to Delta Council to answer questions regarding Massey Tunnel replacement

At a council meeting on June 29th, in North Delta, Mayor Harvie put forward a letter to council requesting that Senior B.C. Government officials from the Ministry of Transport and Transit and project representatives, related to the George Massey Tunnel replacement, appear before Delta Council in a regular council meeting. The purpose of their attendance would be to answer questions regarding the current tunnel's safety as the new tunnel is built, which were concerns raised by Delta Construction firm JJM's founder and CEO John J. Miller.

"The comments by Mr. Miller in the Vancouver Sun June 16th edition have caused severe unrest in our City," said Mayor Harvie in his letter to B.C.'s Minister of Transportation and Transit, Mike Farnworth.

"Mr. Miller indicated that individuals connected to the dismissed consortium suggested project costs could escalate significantly, driven by substantial, unresolved technical challenges such as reported seismic design difficulties stemming from the proposed immersed-tube structure's extreme depth and close proximity to the existing tunnel," explained Mayor Harvie.

In the letter, Mayor Harvie clarified that his request of their appearance would be because, "Mr. Miller's comments were not available at the June 15th 2026 Regular Council Meeting that resolved to request the Honourable Mike Farnworth MLA, Minister of Transportation and Transit conduct an Independent Review of the Fraser River Tunnel Project."

"As you are aware, the George Massey Tunnel corridor is the single most vital transportation link serving South of the Fraser communities, underpinning the economic success of Delta, the region, and British Columbia. It handles crucial goods movement through the Tilbury industrial area, provides access to Deltaport, supports agricultural logistics, and serves as a lifeline for emergency services and regional transit," said Mayor Harvie reiterating the importance of the project.

Mayor Harvie ended the letter emphasizing the gravity of the project and the reason why Delta and other local governments need transparency regarding the risks, technical issues and costs associated with the project.

"The continued, unhindered operation of the current tunnel throughout construction is non-negotiable for the regional economy. Our stakeholders deserve absolute clarity, fiscal accountability, and confidence in the Province's execution strategy. Delta Council is requesting that senior Ministry Officials and project representatives attend a Regular Meeting of Council at the earliest opportunity to provide a comprehensive response on all engineering assessments and formal confirmation that construction will proceed without risking damage to, or causing operational disruptions, on the current tunnel."

The next Delta City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13 at Delta City Hall.

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