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HARVIE AND ACHIEVING FOR DELTA PLEDGE TO PUT “DELTA AT THE TABLE” ON MAJOR PROJECTS

New Delta Future Forum will give residents a stronger voice as major transportation, port, industrial, agricultural and infrastructure decisions reshape Delta

DELTA, B.C. — September 8, 2026 — Mayor George Harvie and the Achieving for Delta team today announced **Delta at the Table**, a major campaign commitment to give Delta residents a stronger voice in the major projects and government decisions that could shape the community for generations.

Central to the commitment will be the creation of a **Delta Future Forum**, providing residents, community organizations and stakeholders with a structured opportunity to raise concerns, identify opportunities and discuss the potential impacts of major projects being proposed by senior governments, regional agencies, authorities and other proponents.

“Delta is entering a period of unprecedented change,” said Harvie. “Some enormously important decisions are going to be made about transportation, our port, industrial development, agricultural land, the environment and public infrastructure. Many of those decisions will not be made at Delta City Hall, but their impacts will be felt by the people who live here.”

“Our commitment is simple: **if others are making decisions that affect Delta, Delta deserves a seat at the table.**”

Listen at Home. Advocate at the Table.

The Delta Future Forum will allow Mayor and Council to hear directly from residents and community stakeholders about the potential benefits and consequences of major projects.

Potential participants could include representatives from Delta’s business and agricultural communities, major employers, community associations, environmental organizations,

transportation and logistics interests, labour organizations and residents from North Delta, Ladner and Tsawwassen.

The information and perspectives gathered through the Forum would then help inform Delta's advocacy with provincial and federal governments, regional authorities, agencies and project proponents.

"Before we speak for the community, we need to understand what the community is saying," Harvie said.

"That's what we mean when we say **listen at home and advocate at the table**. We want to hear the concerns of Delta residents and then take those concerns directly to the people making the decisions."

The initiative builds on Achieving for Delta's broader commitment to improve public engagement and become better listeners when residents raise concerns about development and changes affecting their neighbourhoods.

"Public engagement needs to happen early enough for people's input to actually matter," Harvie said. "And listening is only meaningful if something happens with what we hear."

Understanding the Cumulative Impact

Among the issues the Delta Future Forum could examine are the impacts of the new Fraser River tunnel, Highway 99 and Highway 17 improvements, transit, Roberts Bank Terminal 2, port and industrial expansion, truck and rail traffic, ferry service, agricultural land pressures, environmental impacts and health-care infrastructure.

Harvie said one of the most important objectives will be to understand how multiple projects could affect Delta when considered together.

"Major projects are usually planned and evaluated individually, but Delta experiences their impacts collectively," Harvie said.

"A transportation project can affect development. Port and industrial expansion can affect truck and rail traffic. Growth can put additional pressure on roads, transit and public services. Development can create jobs and economic opportunity while also placing pressure on agricultural land and the environment."

"So we need to ask not only what each project means for Delta, but **what happens when all of these projects are considered together?**"

Harvie emphasized that Delta at the Table is not an anti-development initiative.

“Delta welcomes investment, good jobs, better transportation and responsible economic development,” he said. “Our responsibility is to make sure we understand both the benefits and the potential negative impacts and advocate for solutions that protect the qualities that make Delta unique.”

No New City Department

The initiative does not propose creating a new municipal department or adding another layer of City administration.

Instead, a re-elected Harvie and Achieving for Delta Council will make better use of existing municipal leadership and City resources to identify major external projects affecting Delta, understand their potential consequences, engage residents and take Delta’s interests directly to decision-makers.

“Taxpayers expect us to control costs while providing strong leadership,” Harvie said. “We don’t need to build another bureaucracy to give Delta a stronger voice. We need to listen, understand the issues, build the right relationships and make sure we are in the room when decisions affecting our community are being made.”

Four Commitments to Delta

Delta at the Table will be built around four commitments:

LISTEN — Hear directly from residents, community organizations and stakeholders about the opportunities and concerns associated with major projects.

UNDERSTAND — Evaluate the potential benefits, consequences and cumulative impacts those projects may have on Delta.

ADVOCATE — Take Delta’s priorities directly to senior governments, regional authorities, agencies and project proponents.

REPORT — Keep residents informed about the issues affecting their community, the positions Delta has taken and the responses received.

Harvie said the initiative ultimately creates a direct connection between community engagement and municipal advocacy.

“Residents speak. Delta listens. Delta advocates.”

“Delta cannot control every decision made in Victoria, Ottawa or by regional authorities and other proponents,” Harvie said.

“But we can make sure Delta isn’t standing on the sidelines while those decisions are being made.”

“We will listen to Delta. We will understand the impacts. We will advocate for our community. And we will make sure Delta is at the table.”

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