Mayor and Council,

I am writing in response to a recent question regarding the closure of a section of the Trans Canada Trail east of New Brighton Park. I can confirm that the City recently closed that segment of the trail to ensure public safety due to deteriorating conditions of the slope and an aging wooden structure.

The wooden structure is a remnant of the original Second Narrows Bridge approach, which was buried during construction of the new bridge. The structure was uncovered in 2013, after which time the City began monitoring the structure and stability of the slope.

The area is located near Iron Worker’s Memorial Bridge and crosses various jurisdictions, including the City of Burnaby, Metro Vancouver, and the Province. The closure is in effect with fencing and gates, and has been coordinated with the City of Burnaby and Metro Vancouver.

A trail detour will be in place until approximately fall 2019. The closure is in effect from Bridgeway Street and North Skeena Street, and progresses into the City of Burnaby.

The City is advancing initial improvements to this area of the trail, which will include replacing the supporting structure and partially repaving the pathway. Construction for these improvements is anticipated to begin this summer and would be underway for about two months.

Discussions are also underway with the Ministry of Transportation regarding the deteriorating condition of the slope above the trail.

I hope the foregoing information is helpful. If you have any further questions, please contact Jerry Dobrovolny.

Best,
Paul