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Good morning Mayor and Council,

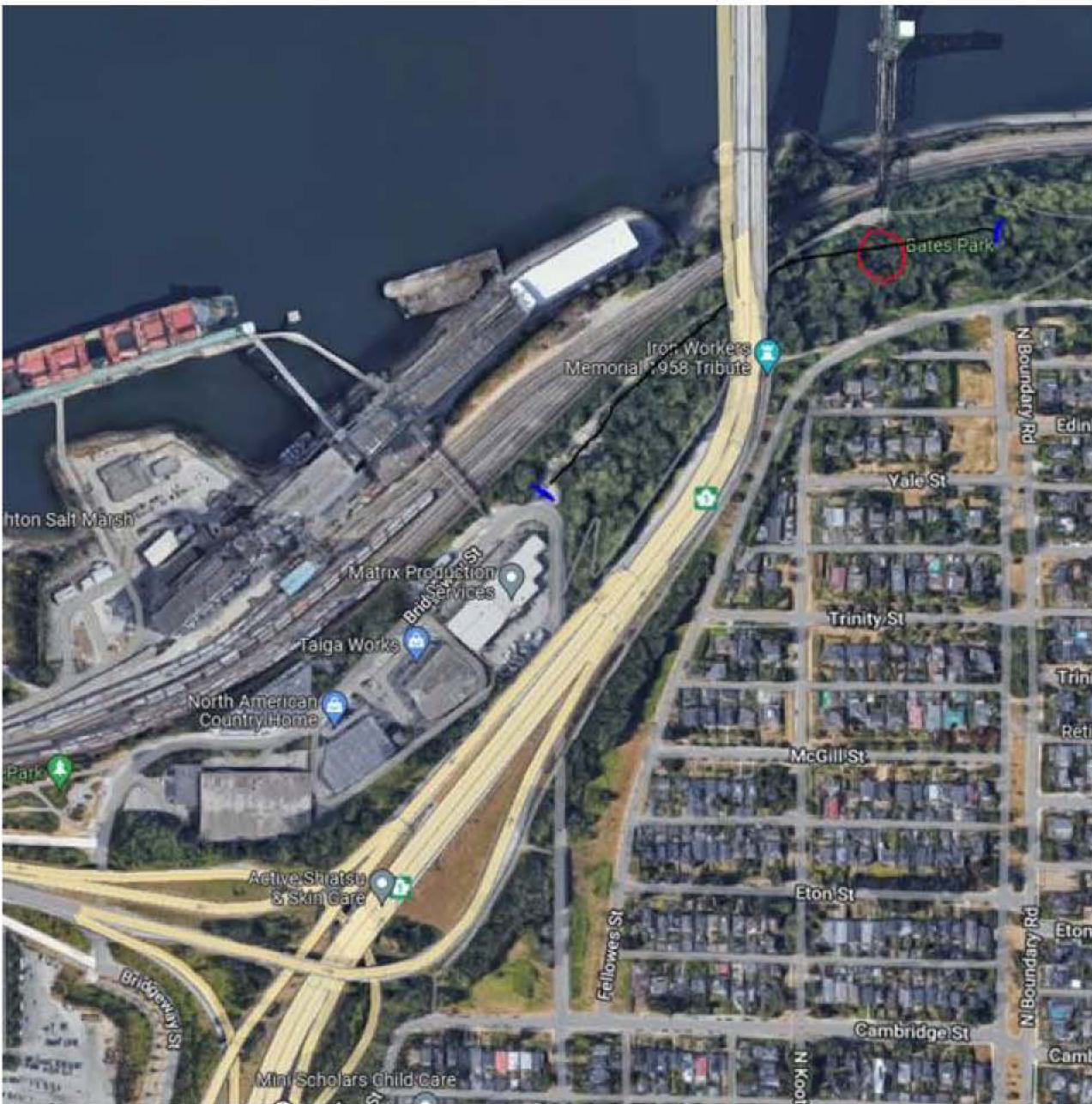
I am writing on to advise that our Engineering team has closed the Trans-Canada Trail below the Second Narrows bridge today. The closure is in response to identified public safety risks.

The City was alerted of slope failure on CN's lands directly above the trail and directly next to an existing pedestrian structure (called Trans-Canada Trail Pedestrian Overpass). Additional assessments are required to confirm the stability of the trail and structure are not compromised due to the slope failure and debris accumulation. Heavy rains are in the forecast which may further deteriorate the slope

We have informed CN of their responsibilities to assess/repair the slope and have advised Burnaby of the pending closure. Staff have been working on messaging and signage to communicate the closure to the public.

This section of the trail was recently reopened in 2022 after completion of the Bridgeway Replacement Project. The previous closure was the subject of some concern for trail users and we anticipate there may be concern in this instance as well.

Figure below shows area of concern (in red), approximate location of the trail (in black), and approximate location for the trail closure (in blue).



Please do not hesitate to let Lon or me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,  
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