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Subject: Petition for naming Canada Way x Edmonds Street intersection as Edmonds Height.

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Honorable Mayor Mike Hurley and Councillors, City of Burnaby, BC

Honorable Raj Chouhan, MLA & Speaker Burnaby-Edmonds, BC

Honorable Julian Peter, MP, Burnaby East-New Westminster, BC

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing this petition to draw your attention for naming Canada Way x Edmonds Street intersection as **Edmonds Height**. I am a resident of Burnaby City and the leader of a team that created the [Burnaby Community Health profiles](#) available from BC Community Health Profile website of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA).

Whenever someone asks me what neighbourhood in Burnaby I live in, I have some difficulty explaining in one or few words. If I say "Edmonds", everyone thinks of neighbourhood around Edmonds Skytrain Station, which is at the south-western far end of 3.3 km long stretch of Edmonds Street (Exhibit 1). The neighbourhood around the north-eastern end of the street is where I live.

Typically, the neighbourhood can be recognized by the gateway public transit station. And, Edmonds may not necessarily always be my gateway Skytrain station depending upon where I am going. I pondered a bit about my neighbourhood area, and I have found some of its distinct characteristics that deserve a better recognition in Burnaby city as the following:

- 1) The whole area of Edmonds Street neighbourhoods enjoys the recognition as the most diverse neighbourhood in Metro Vancouver, and perhaps so even in Canada or the World (Exhibit 2). The Edmonds Street intersects two major arterial roads, Kingsway and Canada Way.
- 2) South-western parts of Edmonds community area can be described better by the namesake Edmonds Skytrain Station, Kingsway crossing and Highgate. However, there seems to be a lack of a suitable name for north-eastern part, especially the Canada Way and Edmonds Street intersection. Whereas this particular intersection is a characteristic location (if not unique one), from where people can ride a transit bus to any of four directions leading to one the three Skytrain stations- Edmonds, New West or Brentwood- all leading eventually to Vancouver downtown, if that is where one is heading to.

Exhibit 1

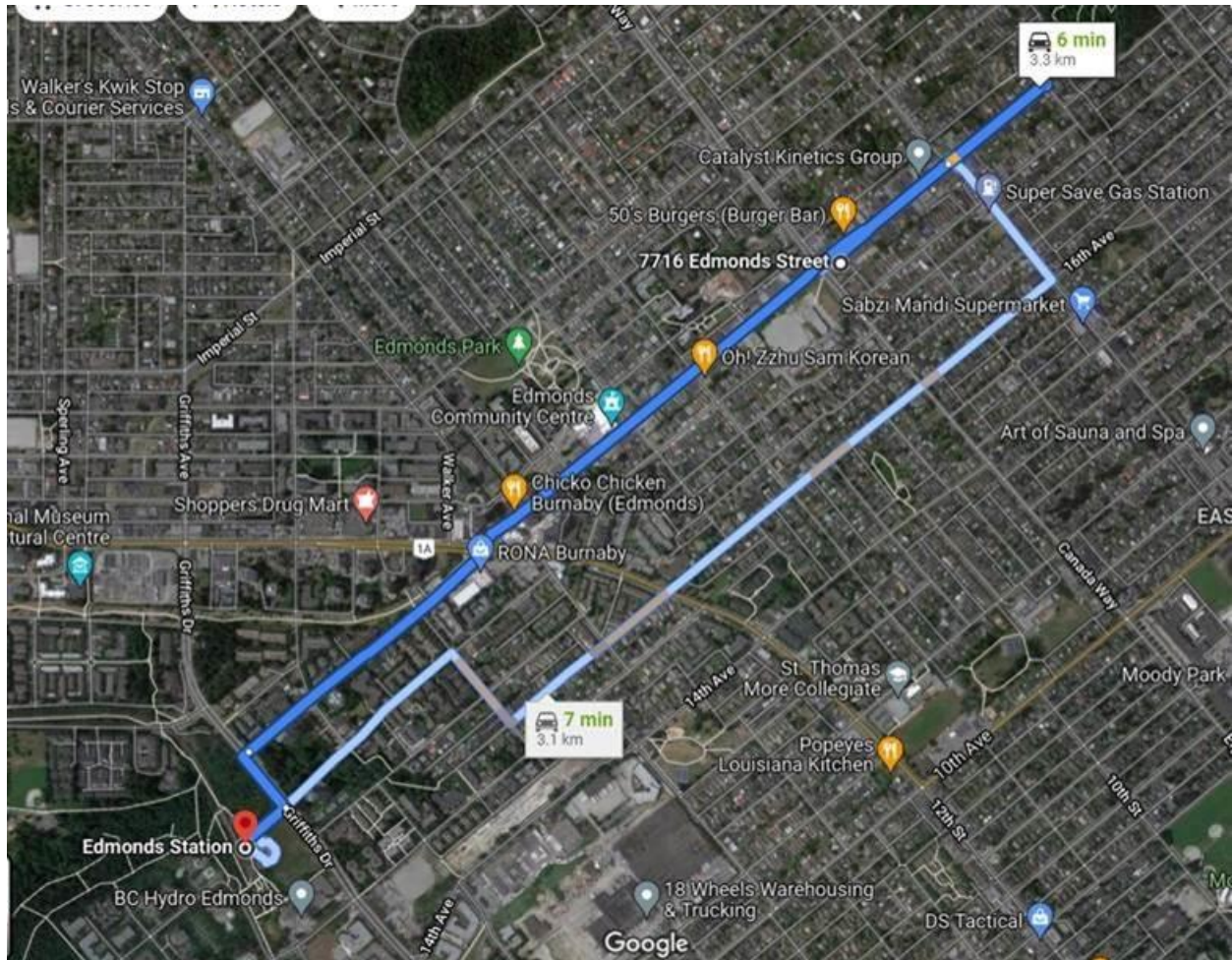


Exhibit 2

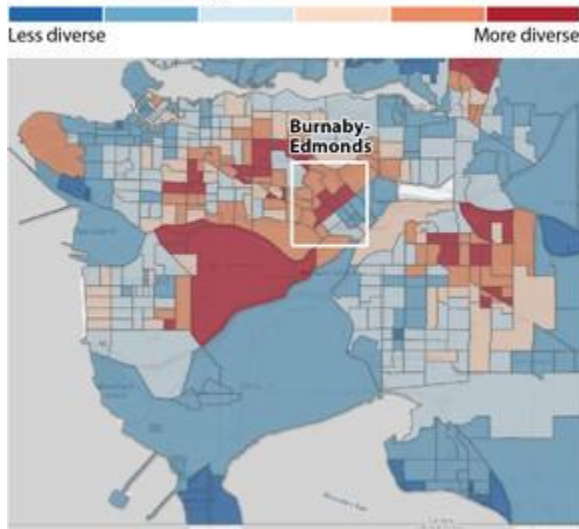
Vancouver Sun

[Does Burnaby have the world's most super-diverse neighbourhood? \(Part 2\)](#)

Author of the article: **Douglas Todd**

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Map shows the "diversity index" for each neighbourhood in Metro Vancouver: the chance that any two people, chosen at random, will be of a different ethnic background.



The Burnaby-Edmonds neighbourhood marked in red is the most super-diverse region of Metro Vancouver, possibly Canada, possibly the world.

Excerpts:

“Edmonds is arguably the most ethnically diverse neighbourhood in Metro Vancouver, perhaps in Canada and the world.”

“The sidewalks of the modest neighbourhood, which is ringed with truck rental outlets and muffler shops, are dotted with women wearing black chadors, long, loose garments that cover the whole body from hair to foot, yet with the face exposed.”

“While the clothing of the ethnically diverse males tends to be Western, some black women wear colourful Caribbean head-ties and South Asian women in saris sit at bus stops.”

Exhibit 3

MLA Canada News Wire, September 23, 2015

[NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE: EDMONDS, BURNABY](#)

Edmonds – The Place To Be In Burnaby

Edmonds Burnaby is one of the best-kept secrets in the Lower Mainland. With a strong sense of community and history, beautiful views, parks and trails, recreational amenities, and a thriving business district all within walking distance, this neighbourhood is the place to be.

Located in the southeastern quadrant of Burnaby, and anchored by Edmonds Town Centre, Edmonds is roughly delineated by Gilley Avenue to the west, Elwell Street to the north, Canada Way to the east, and 10th Avenue to the south.

Edmonds district was one of the first areas to be settled in Burnaby. Burnaby's first municipal hall was built in 1899 at Kingsway and Edmonds, conveniently located on the famed Interurban tram line, making it a connecting city between Vancouver and New Westminster. Fast-forward to today and Edmonds continues to be a transit-oriented community with the Expo Line's Edmonds SkyTrain Station centrally located within the neighbourhood.

Today, the area is undergoing a thoughtful transformation. HighGate Village, with its open space market and friendly shopping experience, adds an abundance of new shops and services. The recently opened Edmonds Community Centre brings brand new amenities including both a swimming and leisure pool, gymnasium, preschool and daycare, a youth lounge and more.

The City of Burnaby can be commended for its ongoing commitment to supporting and growing a vibrant parks and recreation system. The area of Edmonds is currently seeing an increased level of development that is following a similar pattern of growth to both Metrotown and Brentwood.

Within Edmonds, each new development site is typically located within a 1-2 block radius from a public park space or recreation centre. And there is something for everyone. From large development sites like the Cressey-owned **Kings Crossing at Kingsway and Edmonds**, Amacon's nearly sold out **RedBrick at 14th Avenue and Griffiths**, and Ledingham McAllister's Southgate Village site, a master planned community at 15th Street and 11th Avenue, there are small infill sites dotting the Edmonds community as well (such as **Otivo Development Group's Ivory Mews**). Coming soon is THIND Properties' mixed-use project, Pixel, at Kingsway and Gilley and many others along Canada Way, Royal Oak and Sixth Street.

With 1,000+ new homes coming to market in the next couple of years (and 7,500 more homes at the Southgate Village site in 15–20 years), Edmonds is a neighbourhood to keep on your radar!