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Efforts to revitalize all of our communities through investment into new and existing infrastructure, public safety, bylaw enforcement, landscaping and the addition of street banners and signage are ongoing in Delta.

At last night's Council meeting held in North Delta, Delta staff took the opportunity to highlight the projects and civic investment initiatives specific to North Delta over the last eleven years, including a [proposed expansion of the North Delta Recreation Centre](#).

[The presentation](#), in conjunction with the [Scott Road Development Incentives Study Council Report](#), recommended that Mayor Jackson establish an "Invest North Delta" Standing Committee to ensure the long-term vibrancy and attractiveness of North Delta. The Committee will operate in conjunction with the North Delta Area Plan review process, developing economic incentives to promote investment along the Scott Road corridor and existing residential neighbourhoods.

According to the [Scott Road Development Incentives Study](#), prepared by G.P. Rollo & Associates, Land Economists, it is an opportune time to take advantage of current market conditions to stimulate the revitalization of the Scott Road corridor. In the coming years population growth will create many opportunities both for new retail space and re-development of existing underperforming retail space.

Mayor Lois E. Jackson and Delta Council are confident that North Delta will continue to attract investment and development, revitalizing the community one step at a time, as evidenced by the Delsom Estates Development project currently underway. A number of Council members, who are long-time North Delta residents, noted the community remains a great place to live and is in a transition stage as pockets of housing stock continues to be replaced.

Since 2000, Delta has invested more than \$110 million in capital projects in North Delta and also established a Delta-wide Bylaw Enforcement division. In terms of property value, housing prices have continued to climb in Delta, with the average house assessment increasing in North Delta by 81.1% since 2004; this is consistent with the average house assessment increases for Ladner (81.0%) and Tsawwassen (79.9%) over the same time period.

"It is critical that we continually strive to better each and every one of our unique communities into something we are proud of and, as the consultants have pointed out, now is the time to focus on the Scott Road corridor and surrounding area," said Mayor Lois E. Jackson. "From infrastructure investments, neighbourhood revitalizations and enhancements to Delta's public safety, we continue to see the benefits of Delta's investment in the community over the last several years first hand."

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