

## NORTH ROAD

When New Westminster was chosen as the site for the first capital city of British Columbia in 1859, Colonel R.C. Moody, a Royal Engineer, developed a plan to defend the city from American attack. A primary concern was maintaining access to the ocean, should the Fraser River be blocked by ice during the winter. Moody immediately ordered the survey and construction of North Road to connect the capital with Burrard Inlet. At the end of the road, land was reserved for a proposed dock and Blockhouse with supplies and ammunition.

Fortunately, the feared assault never came and North Road was used primarily by Royal City residents who wished to picnic at the beach. In the 1880's the road was used more often as a route to the inlet where travellers could board a ferry for the City of Port Moody. Later the village of "Aliceville" developed at the end of the road with a railway station, two hotels and several summer cottages. The road's route over the mountain remained in use until the 1960's, when this section was closed to traffic. North Road today is a historic trail and the oldest road in the Lower Mainland.

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