

CULTURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2026
TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Committee Room
Coquitlam City Hall
3000 Guildford Way
Coquitlam, BC

CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, April 16, 2026**
Recommendation:
That the Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 be approved.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Fraser Mills Development Update (Presentation by Leila Todd, Senior Project Manager Facilities Planning)**
7:05 - 7:30 p.m. (25 minutes)
- 3. Streetscape Enhancement Program Update (Presentation by Hilary Letwin, Manager Cultural Services)**
7:30 - 7:55 p.m. (25 minutes)
- 4. Results of the Subcommittee Meeting for Music in the Streets and Streetscape Enhancement Program on May 21 (Introductory Comments by Hilary Letwin, Manager Cultural Services)**
7:55 - 8:00 p.m. (5 minutes)

5. **2026 Year-End Review / 2027 Work Plan Development (Introductory Comments by Hilary Letwin, Manager Cultural Services)**
8:00 - 8:20 p.m. (20 minutes)
6. **Scheduling of Public Art Tour, City Centre (Introductory Comments by Hilary Letwin, Manager Cultural Services)**
8:20 - 8:25 p.m. (5 minutes)
7. **Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**
8:25 - 8:45 p.m. (20 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE - TBD

ADJOURNMENT

CULTURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 16, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Culture Services Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

** Indicates virtual attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Teri Towner, Chair
Councillor Robert Mazzarolo, Vice Chair
Silvia Camolese, Citizen Representative
Gina Chong, Festival Planners Network
Dana Ebtakar, Citizen Representative*
Marwa Elziny, Citizen Representative*
Markus Fahrner, Coquitlam Heritage Society
Anthea Goffe, Coquitlam Public Library Board
Philip Hartwick, Evergreen Cultural Centre Society
Andrea Jensen, Artistic Community Representative
Clinton Pope, Citizen Representative
Matthew Sebastiani, Place Des Arts

ABSENT: Rob Bottos, Citizen Representative (regrets)
Jaylene Liu, Citizen Representative (regrets)

GUESTS: Representatives of the Coquitlam Youth Council
Representatives of the School District 43 Student Arts Council
Jewelless Smith, ArtsConnect Board Member

STAFF: Hilary Letwin, Manager Cultural Services
Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

The Committee Clerk reported that Jaylene Liu has regretfully resigned from the Culture Services Advisory Committee.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, February 5, 2026**

The Minutes of the Culture Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, February 5, 2026 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Delegation from the City of Coquitlam Youth Council**

The representatives of the City of Coquitlam Youth Council gave a presentation entitled “City of Coquitlam Youth Council Delegation” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Preferences amongst youth to receive programmed arts instruction as well as access self-directed arts facilities, with affordability as a key factor.
- Clarification of the purpose and activities of the Youth Council to provide Council and staff with youth perspectives on programs and policies City-wide through bi-weekly meetings in City Hall and various community centres.
- Clarification of potential implementation of ideas such as “Coquitlam’s Got Talent” and a “Chalk Art Festival”.
- Offers from the City’s cultural partner organizations to discuss support and opportunities for young artists.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the representatives for the presentation.

3. **Delegation from the SD43 Student Arts Council**

The representative of the School District 43 Student Arts Council gave a presentation entitled “SD43 Student Arts Council Delegation” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Clarification of the Student Arts Council organization and activities, which consists of eight executive members and approximately thirty-four members recruited for projects and typically meets online.
- Appreciation of presentation of the mural completed in a location selected by a subcommittee of the Cultural Services Advisory Committee in a previous year.
- Understanding of funding and supports for the mural projects, including sponsorship from Dulux Canada over the past two years.

In response to Committee discussion, staff noted the following:

- The Student Arts Council has representatives from all secondary schools in the district, which provides connections to all the student bodies.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the representative for the presentation.

4. Delegation from ArtsConnect

The representative of ArtsConnect gave a presentation entitled “Re-Invigorating ArtsConnect” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Clarification of participation in the organization, which has an affordable membership fee and approximately 300 newsletter subscribers.
- Consideration of the diversity of accessibility needs related to arts venues and events.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the representative for the presentation.

5. Music in the Streets and Streetscape Enhancement Program Selections

The Manager Culture Services gave a verbal update related to the need to form a subcommittee to make selections for the Music in the Streets and Streetscape Enhancement Program.

MOVED

AND SECONDED

That the Committee establish a sub-committee for the purposes of adjudicating applications to the Music in the Street and Streetscape Enhancement programs; and appoint Silvia Camolese, Dana Ebtakar, Andrea Jensen, and Clinton Pope as members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Cultural Services Updates

The Manager Cultural Services gave a presentation entitled “Cultural Services Update” and referred to slides found in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to suggestions to expand the Music in the Streets program by including more non-programmed activity with designated busking stations open to any performer and by having the program run year-round.

In response to Committee discussion, staff noted that the Music in the Streets program was established with an intentional approach that ensures performers commit to times and locations that can be promoted and shared with local businesses. Enhancements have been incorporated in the second year and more can be considered in the future.

7. Committee Members’ Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)

The Chair invited Committee members to share emerging issues and information regarding events occurring in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Report that the Dumpling Festival will be held again in August notwithstanding sponsorship challenges, and artists are being sought for an expanded art zone that will include educational activities.
- Report of activities at the Evergreen Cultural Centre including the launch of a theatre subscription program, a new exhibit in the art gallery, an artist call for an open-air concert series; and an ArtsConnect social.
- Report of activities by the Coquitlam Heritage Society including a new community outreach partnership with the Coquitlam Grill.
- Report of activities at the Coquitlam Public Library including open applications for a juried art exhibit, a recent after-hours poetry night, a Spanish language and culture event, rescheduling of the Writer’s Fest to November with new partners, and a science expo in partnership with Douglas College.
- Report of activities at Place des Art including registrations for summer camps, a youth Stitch-a-Charm event, an awards gala with scholarships to be awarded, a new community art exhibition, a year-end dance recital, year-end theatre program shows, performing arts programming in the summer, and a potential partnership with the City to place a public piano in Brunette Interim Park.
- Report that Guildford Park Secondary students will perform poems at the Coquitlam Public Library City Centre Branch in preparation for a competition at the University of British Columbia.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, July 9, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Councillor Teri Towner, Chair

Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk

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Parks and Capital Projects

Fraser Mills Community Centre Update

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Fraser Mills Overview

Waterfront Neighborhood Plan and
Fraser Mills Development
Agreement approved by Council in
2022.

Development Agreement:

- 6.7 hectare (16.6 acres) Parks and Open Spaces;
- 4,645 sq. m. (50,000 sq. ft.) Community Centre;
- 1,226 sq. m. (13, 200 sq. ft.) Retail; and
- 5,000 sq. m. (53,800 sq. ft.) Urban Plaza.



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Engagement Tools

What We Did



300+ public survey submissions



10 targeted small group discussions with **60+** participants



3 in-person pop-ups engaging **200+** people



2 in-person open houses with **130** attendees



Almost **2,000** visits to LetsTalkCoquitlam.ca/FraserMills



56,000+ people reached via the City's social media channels (Facebook, Instagram and X)

Engagement Outcome – Community Centre

Key Insights

- Strong interest in **aquatic programming**, with some preference for family/leisure swim over other aquatic activities.
- Support for multi-purpose spaces for **social events and informal meetings/gatherings**, as well as fitness space and programming.
- Interest in **connection to nature** through sustainable building design (i.e., natural materials such as wood, natural light, energy efficiency, etc.) as well as integration with the outdoor green spaces and natural landscape surrounding the facility.

Top ways the building's character is envisioned



41%
Transparent and light

40%
Colourful, playful, and warm

40%
Unique and inspirational



Fun was recognized as a central theme in all the discussions and input. Future Fraser Mills Community Centre users are most excited about having fun, getting fit, and learning.

Fraser Mills – Facing Northwest



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Fraser Mills – Facing East



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Fraser Mills – Facing Southwest



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Fraser Mills – Rehabilitated Wharf



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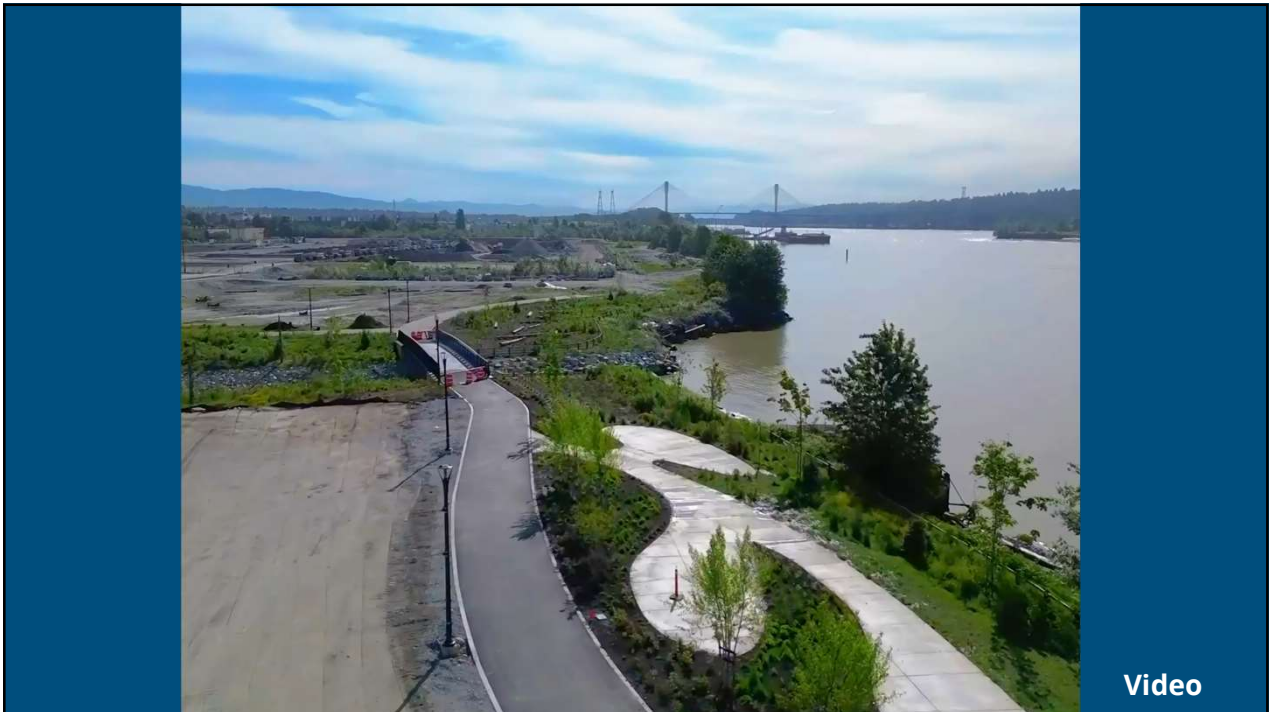
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Fraser Mills – Restored Shoreline and MUP



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Streetscape Enhancement Program – 2026 and 2027 Initiatives

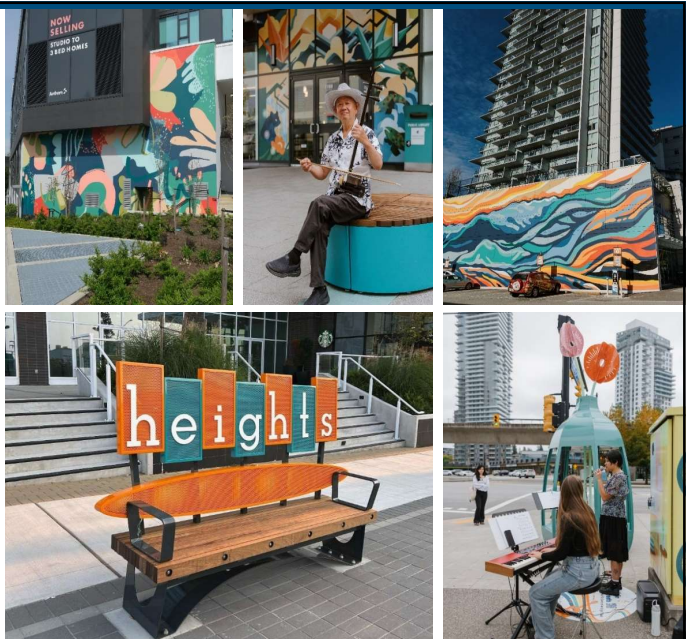
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2025 Projects

- *Pathways and Passages*, Sarah Delaney
- *All in a Dream*, Diversified Brush Collective
- *Flora Lounge*, Studio Huizegna
- Austin Heights Benches
- Lighting in City Centre
- Hobbis Way and Clarke Road
- City Centre Branch, Coquitlam Public Library



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David Avenue Water Pump Station

3311 David Avenue

Austin Heights *Ridgeway Avenue and Nelson Street*



Meadowbrook Crossing

Lougheed Highway



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Barnet Highway

2565 Barnet Highway



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Plateau Village

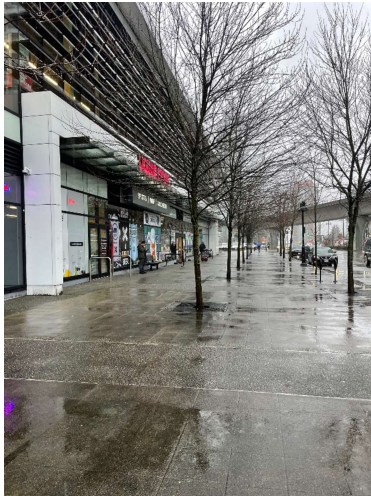
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Burquitlam Tree Lighting



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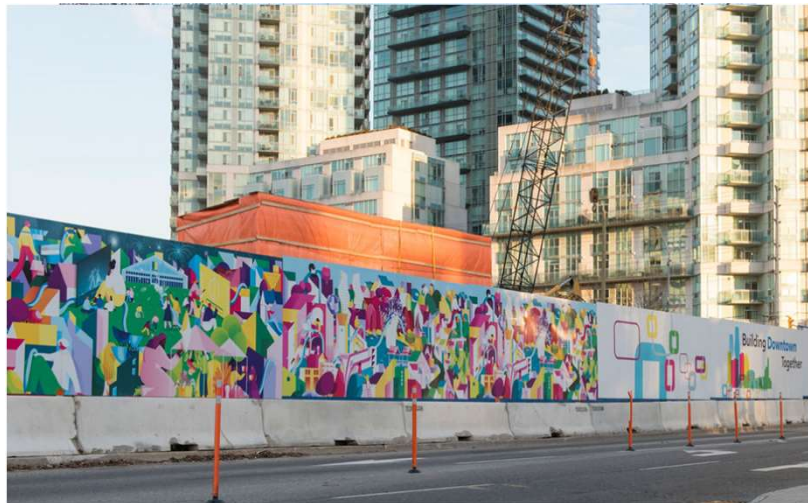
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Construction Fencing and Hoarding



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Music in the Streets



- Ahshi Duo
- Neo Harmonia Duo
- Amanda and Marta Jazz Duo
- Nkwali
- Natasha Kozak
- Paula Pazos
- Steven Marriott
- Ranj Singh
- Lenny & Pete



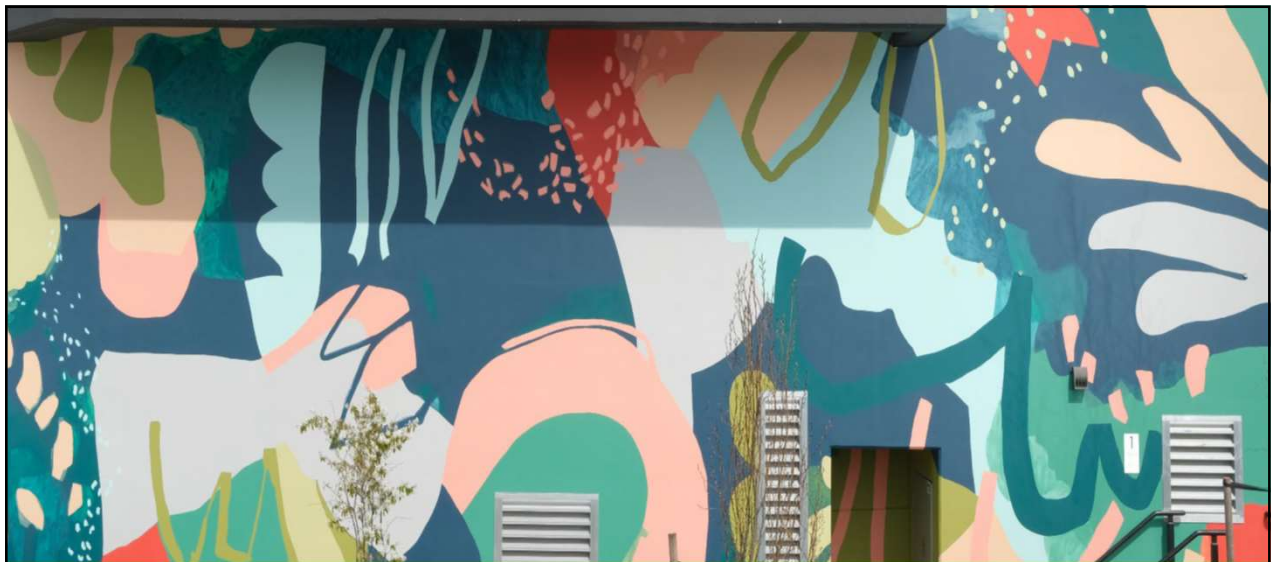
Future Opportunities



- Maillardville Gateway
- Como Lake Village
- North Road, south of Austin Ave
- Austin Heights, along Austin Ave

Next Steps

- Proceed with 2026 and 2027 work plan initiatives
- Activate enhanced spaces with programming, such as Music in the Streets busking program
- Develop Burquitlam Self-Guided Public Art Tour



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Cultural Services Work Plan

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2026

Item	Winter	Spring	Summer
Roundtable	Yes	Yes	Yes
Culture Update	Yes	Yes	
Art in Public Spaces	Yes		
Festivals and Events	Yes		
BMCC Update			Yes
FMCC Update			
Public Art Selection	Yes	Yes	Yes

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2026 Continued

Item	Winter	Spring	Summer
Youth Council Update		Yes	
ArtsConnect Update		Yes	
Public Art Walking Tours			Yes
Streetscapes		Yes	Yes
Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategic Plan	Yes		
EDI Update			

2027

Item	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Roundtable	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Culture Update	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Art in Public Spaces	Yes		Yes	
Streetscape	Yes			
BMCC Update		Yes		
FMCC Update			Yes	
Public Art Selection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Festivals and Events	Yes			

Thank you

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