

Small Business Week

Oct. 16 – 23

Small businesses have always been the heart of our community, providing jobs, goods and services that benefit everyone in Coquitlam. Small businesses play a critical role in providing safe spaces for people to connect and to access essential products and services close to home, and are an important part of a complete community.

Coquitlam has more than 7,000 businesses, many of which are small enterprises run by people who live, raise families, support local fundraisers and volunteer in this community. As a result, the money we spend at Coquitlam's small businesses stays in the community and provides local residents with a livelihood.



CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct. 23

Salmon Come Home

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

1250 Pinetree Way

coquitlam.ca

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Monday, Oct. 24

Council-in-Committee

2 p.m.

Regular Council

7 p.m.

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Economic Development Strategy

The City of Coquitlam is currently working on updating its Economic Development Strategy (EDS) through extensive research, analysis and public engagement. It will build upon Coquitlam's strengths and assets while identifying challenges and future opportunities.

Once complete, the new EDS will support Coquitlam's efforts to build a responsible future with shared prosperity. As the backbone of local entrepreneurship and economic vitality, local businesses and residents are foundational to the City's success and livability. The draft Vision document, as well as an infographic summarizing the feedback from the public survey, is available at letstalkcoquitlam.ca/ecdev.

Get Business Updates Right to Your Inbox

Stay in the know by signing up for the Coquitlam Business E-News, the City's quarterly email providing important City information, news and opportunities of interest to local businesses. Packaged and emailed in a user-friendly format, the E-News delivers relevant, concise articles on topics related to the various City services used by businesses, as well as news from external agencies, programs and governments. It's a simple and convenient way to find out what's new and to stay up-to-date on changes that affect businesses. Subscribe today at coquitlam.ca/businessnews.

Other Support and Resources

The City's Economic Development team is available to support local businesses. Contact **604-927-3905** or economicdevelopment@coquitlam.ca for information about resources and opportunities, or visit coquitlam.ca/ecdev.

In addition, businesses can promote themselves online for free by emailing tourism@coquitlam.ca to be included in the retail or restaurant listings on the Tourism Coquitlam website, visitcoquitlam.ca.

Link Up with Business LinQ

Need guidance about City permits or business licensing? Coquitlam's Business LinQ resource centre is open at City Hall Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for drop-in visits and appointments. The free service is a one-stop-shop for information on City programs and services for businesses, requirements for starting and operating a business in Coquitlam, and one-on-one help navigating City permitting and regulatory processes. To ensure someone is available to help you, schedule an appointment at **604-927-3975** or email at businesslinq@coquitlam.ca.

Learn more at coquitlam.ca/businesslinq.

Burke Mountain Discovery Centre and Ibex Café + Kitchen Opens

There is a new gathering place at the heart of Coquitlam's northeast with the recent opening of the much-anticipated Burke Mountain Discovery Centre at 3537 Princeton Ave.

This City facility provides a space to come together, socialize and learn about the future Burke Mountain Village, the planned social and commercial hub of the neighbourhood which will feature more than 120,000 square feet of retail as well as the state-of-the-art community centre, public plaza and neighbourhood park.

Anchoring the Discovery Centre is the highly anticipated Ibex Café + Kitchen – the first café to open in Northeast Coquitlam – featuring an assortment of freshly baked goods, sandwiches, specialty coffee, wine and beer. For more information about the café, visit cafeibex.ca. To learn more about the Discovery Centre, visit burkevillage.ca

