

## Calendar

**Monday, Mar. 20**

**Nowruz – First Day of Spring Luncheon**

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Course ID# 104701

Glen Pine Pavilion

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**Public Hearing Details**

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### What's New?

#### Draft Economic Development Strategy Aims for Shared Prosperity, Responsible Future

Staff recently presented to Council a draft Economic Development Strategy along with a proposed Implementation Plan. Intended as a forward-looking vision with policy guidance for the next five years, the document supports the development of a resilient local economy that works for everyone.

Coquitlam's draft Economic Development Strategy aligns with other approved City plans and strategies, and outlines a plan to create a vibrant regional and cultural hub north of the Fraser River. By coordinating resources, reducing barriers, and providing strategic alignment the Economic Development Strategy aims to make Coquitlam a more vibrant place to visit, live and do business.

The top five key action areas for the next two years include:

- Developing an Economic Development Competitiveness Study
- Creating new business promotional marketing materials
- Establishing direct business outreach programs and services, including employment space demand support and services for export-oriented businesses
- Working with partners to attract and accommodate major employers and institutions into Coquitlam's City Centre neighbourhood, as well as other commercial areas
- Supporting the establishment of new business improvement areas

The draft Economic Development Strategy and implementation plan are available to read at [coquitlam.ca/economicdevelopment](https://coquitlam.ca/economicdevelopment).

#### Building an Inclusive Community Grant Boosts Accessibility

Coquitlam's ongoing work to remove barriers and improve access to City facilities and services will be supported by a BC Accessibility Grant from the Rick Hansen Foundation. The City was one of eight municipalities in B.C. to be selected for the 2023 grant, which will provide staff training, up to \$82,500 for accessibility upgrades, and a Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification at the Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex, Dogwood Community Centre and the Town Centre Park Community Centre (Innovation Centre).

Learn more about what Coquitlam is doing to champion equity, diversity and inclusion in our community at [coquitlam.ca/EDI](https://coquitlam.ca/EDI).

### Fitness and Fun

#### Are your 2023 exercise goals on track?

Keep up with your plans to stay active this year by going on a hike, attending a drop-in session or registering for a program. Our Parks and Recreation team offers a number of ways to keep fitness fun and exciting.

Check out our Spring Program Guide for great ideas on how to keep those 2023 resolutions. Visit [coquitlam.ca/programguide](https://coquitlam.ca/programguide).

Looking for more info on events and activities in Coquitlam?

Check out [visitcoquitlam.ca](https://visitcoquitlam.ca)

### Neighbourhood News

#### Visit Us at the Tri-City Spring Home Show

Mark your calendar for the Tri-City Spring Home Show taking place March 24 – 26 at Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex (633 Poirier St.).

Stop by the City of Coquitlam booth where we'll have staff available to answer questions and provide information about many of our environmental programs. For example, learn about the City's new heat pump top-up rebates, how to manage wildlife attractants, reducing waste, conserving water and how to prepare your home in case of emergency. You can even enter to win a cool environmental prize – see you there!

### Did You Know?

#### Spirit of Coquitlam Grant Deadline is March 31

A reminder to local not-for-profit organizations that the application deadline for the Spirit of Coquitlam Grant is coming up. Applications are due March 31 by 11:59 p.m. The grant supports Coquitlam's local not-for-profit organizations in different ways and eligible groups can apply for funding.

Learn more about the grant, eligibility guidelines and apply online at [coquitlam.ca/spiritgrant](https://coquitlam.ca/spiritgrant).



### Spring Break Activities

Are you looking for something fun to do with your family during Spring Break? We have a variety of activities available, including swimming, skating, movie times, try-it programs and more!

Poirier Community Centre (630 Poirier St.) has a variety of 'Try-It' programs for ages 2 – 11 years.

- Creative Dance (course ID#s 118716)
- Young Scientists (course ID#s 118741 and 118745)
- Adventures in Art (course ID#s 118748 and 118750)

Glen Pine Pavilion (1200 Glen Pine Crt.) and Dogwood Pavilion (1655 Winslow Ave.) are offering Spring Break family-friendly movie times:

- March 16 – Detective Pikachu (course ID# 116259)
- March 16 – Wonder Park (course ID# 116396)
- March 17 – The Secret of Roan Inish (course ID# 115418)
- March 20 – The Call of the Wild (course ID# 115342)

To sign up online, go to [coquitlam.ca/registration](https://coquitlam.ca/registration) and click Register for Programs. In the keyword search bar, type the course ID# for details and to sign up, or call 604-927-4386.