

## Calendar

**Thursday, June 29**

**Community Safety**

**Advisory Committee**

7 – 9 p.m.

City Hall – Council

Committee Room

[coquitlam.ca/registration](https://coquitlam.ca/registration)

**Saturday, July 1**

**Canada Day**

Noon – 10:30 p.m.

Tow Centre Park

[coquitlam.ca/CanadaDay](https://coquitlam.ca/CanadaDay)

**Public Hearing Details**

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### What's New?

#### Property Taxes Due Next Week

Residential and commercial property owners have a few more days to pay property taxes and avoid penalty before the July 4 deadline. Funding close to half of Coquitlam's total budget, tax revenue pays for essential services that improve the quality of life for Coquitlam residents such as police protection, fire/rescue response, road maintenance, recreation, culture services programs and events, parks and trails, and more. For more information about Coquitlam property taxes visit [coquitlam.ca/PropertyTaxes](https://coquitlam.ca/PropertyTaxes).

### Our Reconciliation Journey

#### kʷikʷəłəm Day July 1

kʷikʷəłəm First Nation have a big milestone to celebrate on July 1, as they mark two years since their membership ratified their Land Code. In recognition of this significant event, the kʷikʷəłəm have reclaimed July 1 as Swelk'xwtn (swale-muh-welk-teh-muk), which means "This is our land!" The passing of their Land Code enshrines the laws they have created regarding the protection, development, use, possession and management of their reserve lands and natural resources. This allows the Nation to reclaim their right to honour their responsibility to preserve, protect and enhance kʷikʷəłəm land, waters, resources, heritage, language and culture. Find out more about Land Code and the significance of this event in by visiting [kwikwetlem.com/land-code.htm](https://kwikwetlem.com/land-code.htm)



**Canada Day in Coquitlam returns to Town Centre Park**



This free, family-friendly event will have music, games, food and so much more.

Tips for a fun time:

- Arrive early
- Bring a chair
- Dress for the weather
- Pack a water bottle
- Bike ride or take transit

Canada Day in Coquitlam is sensitive to the diverse range of community perspectives and includes multicultural performances and food, and opportunities to learn more about Canadian and pre-colonial Indigenous history.

For a full list of event details, schedules and maps, visit [coquitlam.ca/CanadaDay](https://coquitlam.ca/CanadaDay).

### Indigenous Cultural Safety in Emergency Management

The City of Coquitlam and kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation have taken an important step in improving Indigenous cultural safety in local emergency management as they confirm the appointment of Desiree Baker to lead a training program for City staff.

The implementation of an Indigenous Cultural Safety and Humility Training program for the City's emergency management teams builds on the Joint Mitigation Flood Initiative application in September 2022 (pending approval) to secure funding towards dike improvements and flood-prevention measures along the Coquitlam and Fraser rivers.

Desiree Baker, of the 'Namgis First Nation, has been selected by a steering committee comprised of representatives of both the City and the kʷikʷəłəm First Nation to develop and deliver training that fosters inclusivity and deepens City staff's understanding of the unique needs and perspectives of Indigenous Peoples with a focus on emergency management situations. Learn more about Coquitlam's commitment to reconciliation at [coquitlam.ca/reconciliation](https://coquitlam.ca/reconciliation).

### Looking Out for Our Environment

#### Be Mindful of Fire Safety While Doing Home Renos

Residents planning home renovations this summer can minimize the risk and impact of fires by following recommended safety guidelines. Using fire resistant-rated construction materials reduces the risk of fire and can act as a fire break, reducing a fire's spread and extending the amount of time it takes for a home to ignite and burn. Other recommendations include:

- Ensuring adequate fire protection during construction including hot-works safety practices during welding, roofing and plumbing installations. Construction fire safety plans are required.
- Using fire resistant-rated roof materials such as concrete tile, slate, metal and terra-cotta.
- Building decks with fire-resistant materials covered and solid surfaces.
- Ensuring outdoor structures have at least nine metres separation from the house or other structures.
- Relocating flammable debris such as building materials, solvents and lumber at least 10 metres away from the home.
- Not littering cigarette butts or do any outdoor burning.

All homeowners should consult registered covenants on the use of materials and design approaches prior to building construction. For more information, visit [coquitlam.ca/InterfaceFire](https://coquitlam.ca/InterfaceFire).

### Did You Know?

#### Insights from the Past Bloom in City Archives

Check out the Archives' newest online exhibit, *Archives in Bloom: The Organic Nature of the Fonds*. This fascinating exhibit illustrates the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society's efforts to preserve a historic horticultural collection that is still enjoyed today.

This latest exhibit describes the balance that must be maintained as archivists analyze, assess, weed through and organize the records while maintaining the integrity of the fonds. Like a garden, the fruit of this labour is a resource that anyone can freely use and appreciate, drawing connections between the past and future while firmly rooted in the now. The exhibit can be found at [coquitlam.ca/OrganicFonds](https://coquitlam.ca/OrganicFonds).