

### CALENDAR

#### Thursday, Sept. 29

##### Maillardville Community Centre Opening

5 – 7 p.m.  
1200 Cartier Ave.,  
Coquitlam  
[coquitlam.ca/mcc](http://coquitlam.ca/mcc)

##### Coquitlam Mayor and Council All-Candidates Meeting

Northeast Coquitlam Ratepayers Association  
7 – 9 p.m.  
Victoria Hall  
(3435 Victoria Dr.)

#### Monday, Oct. 3

##### Council-in-Committee

2 p.m.  
Regular Council  
7 p.m.  
[coquitlam.ca/council](http://coquitlam.ca/council)  
[coquitlam.ca/agendas](http://coquitlam.ca/agendas)

#### Monday, Oct. 3 & Wednesday, Oct. 5

##### Advance Voting Opportunity

8 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Innovation Centre  
(1207 Pinetree Way)  
[coquitlam.ca/vote](http://coquitlam.ca/vote)

#### COUNCIL MEETING DETAILS

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### CULTURE DAYS

#### Celebrate Culture Days in Coquitlam

Enjoy a captivating arts and culture experience at Pinetree Community Centre (1260 Pinetree Way) on Oct. 1 with free admission, Indigenous and cultural education, interactive workshops and more. Join Xaayda (Haida), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) First Nations storyteller, Kung Jaadee, as she shares her traditions through storytelling and drumming (1 – 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 – 3 p.m.). Or participate in an interactive marimba workshop with Robin Layne (1:45 – 2:15 p.m. and 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.). Pre-registration is required to attend these free activities. Learn more and sign up at [coquitlam.ca/culturedays](http://coquitlam.ca/culturedays) or call 604-927-4386.

#### WHAT'S NEW

##### Coquitlam's Bettie Allard YMCA Nears Completion

In a Sept. 26 update to Coquitlam City Council, representatives for the YMCA of Greater Vancouver and City staff shared that the Bettie Allard YMCA, as well as the other associated civic amenities, will receive occupancy this fall.

Opening events, tours, and YMCA membership purchases will take place through the fall as well. All facilities will be open to the public toward the end of 2022 with full operation beginning in January 2023.

This unique project, made possible through an innovative partnership, brings a range of services to the heart of the Burquitlam neighbourhood. This includes a 55,000 square foot YMCA (with an indoor pool), a 3,700 square foot Community Police Station, 222 stalls of underground parking, including dedicated park-and-ride spaces, 2.55 acres of new parkland, transportation improvements and residential rental and strata towers developed by Concert Properties with 100 non-market rental suites operated in partnership with 43 Housing Society. Learn more at [coquitlam.ca/ymca](http://coquitlam.ca/ymca).

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

##### Economic Development Strategy Making Progress

Coquitlam's Economic Development Strategy (EDS) is starting to take shape with the completion of the community engagement and the data gathering process.

Two foundational documents – a draft Vision and an Employment Lands and Economy Review – were presented to Council-in-Committee on Monday afternoon. These two documents will shape the development of the draft EDS, which will provide a strategic vision and implementation plan for a local economy that works for everyone. They will also help the project team continue to draft the EDS, as well as an Implementation Plan and Strategic Investment Plan. The final EDS is anticipated to be finished early in 2023 for implementation beginning the same year.

The draft Vision and Employment Lands and Economy Review documents, as well as an infographic summarizing the feedback from the public survey is available at [letstalkcoquitlam.ca/ecdev](http://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/ecdev).

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

##### Thanksgiving Lunch at Glen Pine Pavilion

Join us Thursday, Oct. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the annual Thanksgiving lunch.

Enjoy a turkey meal with all the fixings, including a slice of pumpkin pie. Musical entertainment is provided. Event is \$18 and open to adults 19+. Pre-registration is required (Course ID 97964).

For those who prefer their meal to go, a \$12 take out option is available for pickup at Glen Pine from 2 to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required (Course ID 103472)

To register, call 604-927-4386 or visit [coquitlam.ca/registration](http://coquitlam.ca/registration) and use the Course ID number as the "keyword" in the registration system's search feature.

#### LOOKING OUT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

##### Secure Attractants as Bears Prepare to Den for Winter

As the weather cools and days grow shorter, bears begin to actively seek out easy and plentiful food sources to help them prepare for winter denning. This increase in feeding activity is called hyperphagia and helps bears survive without food for months in their den. Coquitlam is asking residents and businesses to make sure their property isn't a source of food for bears. If you see a bear accessing attractants, please call 604-927-3500 or email [urbanwildlife@coquitlam.ca](mailto:urbanwildlife@coquitlam.ca). For tips on how to secure your attractants, visit [coquitlam.ca/bearsmart](http://coquitlam.ca/bearsmart).

#### DID YOU KNOW?

##### Maillardville Community Centre (MCC) Now Open

The City's newest recreation facility, located at 1200 Cartier Ave., opened its doors last week with initial offerings of sports drop-ins and try-it classes. Today, Sept. 29, is the official opening ceremony and all-ages carnival night from 5 to 7 p.m. with free activities, refreshments, a magician, a bouncy castle, balloon animals, games and more.

Operated by the City of Coquitlam, the new 22,000 sq. ft. facility has a number of accessible features and doubles the size of the previous community centre. Amenities include the City's first dedicated gymnasium, children's program area with large covered outdoor space, multipurpose rooms, teaching kitchen, sprung-floor fitness studio and much more. The community can look forward to a full range of recreation opportunities, including fitness classes, cooking classes, social activities and other educational programs starting in October.

Learn more about hours of operation, accessible features, programming and how to sign up for facility programs at [coquitlam.ca/mcc](http://coquitlam.ca/mcc).

Looking for more info on events and activities in Coquitlam?

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