

Coquitlam Film Sector



With its diverse and friendly neighbourhoods, natural splendor and close proximity to downtown Vancouver, Coquitlam is “picture perfect” for filmmakers. Easy accessibility, unique locations and plentiful parking make it a welcoming place for filming productions. As one of the largest cities in Metro Vancouver, Coquitlam is always a top choice for popular TV series, features and student-led productions. On average, 120 film and television productions are shot each year in Coquitlam and nearly 1,700 people employed in the industry live within the city.

Film Office

Coquitlam provides a friendly, one-stop service to the film sector. In addition to processing all necessary applications and permits, the Film Liaison is a valuable and knowledgeable resource to find that perfect location for your production. The City of Coquitlam sustains its competitive advantage in the film sector by aiding the growth and development of local production facilities and other film-related businesses.

Feature Film Productions

- › Bad Times at the El Royale
- › Deadpool 2
- › Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- › War for the Planet of the Apes

TV Series

- › Batwoman
- › The Flash
- › The Good Doctor
- › Legends of Tomorrow
- › Man in the High Castle
- › Riverdale
- › Supergirl

Unique filming Locations

The spectacular natural beauty of Coquitlam lends itself to unique and diverse filming locations:

- › City Centre
- › City of Coquitlam Facilities
- › Eagle Mountain Park
- › Fraser River Industrial Area
- › Hoy Creek Tunnel
- › Maillardville Heritage Buildings
- › Riverview Lands
- › SIM North Bend Studio
- › Town Centre Park
- › Upper Coquitlam River Park

I have been working with the City of Coquitlam for over 14 years and have always found the Film Office to be friendly and professional. They go above and beyond to help production in any way they can.

Tammie Barker,
Assistant Location Manager

The Film Office has been outstanding in balancing productions creative-goals with wider community-interests. This focus has made Coquitlam a favoured destination for film-makers.

Ken Brooker,
Location Manager



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The British Columbia Advantage

“Hollywood North,” British Columbia’s lower mainland is the third largest motion production picture hub in North America accounting for over 40% of Canada’s productions. With over 100 world-class stages, BC is capable of servicing up to 50 productions simultaneously. This demonstrates BC’s resiliency and reflects its reputation as an enticing, cost-effective and dependable production centre for creative content. The sector includes a wide range of direct and indirect employment opportunities in pre- and post-production, costume design, set design, construction, catering, transportation and special effects.

British Columbia is proud of its international reputation and proven track record of more than 40 years’ experience in serving both domestic and international productions including feature films, TV pilots and series, TV movies and mini-series. BC is known for its outstanding infrastructure, spectacular and diverse locations that can replicate virtually any urban or rural setting in the world, experienced and stable labour force, and competitive tax incentives that provide exceptional value for the producer’s dollar.

Its mild climate makes BC suitable for year-round filming; and its strategic location on Canada’s west coast places it in the same time zone as studios in California making it easy to develop efficient relationships during business hours.

Incentives

Production companies benefit from tax credit programs for film, television and digital animation or visual effects.

BC Digital Animation Or Visual Effects (Dave) – provides a 16% tax credit on labour costs to production companies employing BC talent for post-production and sound. Creative BC also provides a wide range of services to assist film production in BC including maintaining its World of Looks digital library, preparing customized web location packages, scouting, surveys, community support and referral to pre- and post-production resources. creativebc.com

British Columbia Production Services Tax Credit – provides a 28% refundable corporate tax credit on eligible labour costs to production companies who produce film or video productions in BC.

Film Incentive BC Tax Credit – a labour-based tax credit of 35% to Canadian controlled production companies.

Canadian Film Or Video Production Tax Credit – provided by the Government of Canada to production companies with a permanent establishment in Canada.

For links and other related resources, visit coquitlam.ca/film

Coquitlam ... one place with so many looks to choose from!

Rico Mielnicki, Locations Department, Homefront Productions

What I like is the ease of the application process and the “bang for your buck. Vancouver gets overused a lot.

Russell Hamilton, Location Manager, Supernatural Films

The Film Office is prompt, and the process is simpler than some other jurisdictions.

Rob Amar – Assistant Location Manager, Zombie I Films

Coquitlam offers diverse, film-friendly sites often at more affordable rates, within a reasonable range of the city.

Kendrie Upton, DGC/BC Directors’ Guild



Based on data from Creative BC’s Impact Report for the fiscal year 2018-2019, BC supported over 450-plus BC-based producers and businesses, generating over \$3.2 billion in production expenditures to the provincial economy and creating over 71,140 direct and indirect jobs.

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