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#TBT – Throwback Thursday
A Year in Review - 2016
On Jan. 7, 1911, the Corporation of the District of Coquitlam signed an agreement with the Western Canada Power Company to “supply the inhabitants of the Municipality with electric energy for lighting, heating, power.” This would have made it possible for Essondale to have electric lights like those found in the lounge, ca. 1915. The photograph is part of the Riverview Hospital Historical Society collection at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
January 14th, 2016

Winter activities haven’t changed all that much in the past century. This photograph is part of a family scrapbook put together by a young woman living at the construction camp for the second phase of the Coquitlam Dam. It shows residents of the camp skating on Coquitlam Lake in the winter of 1912. The scrapbook is part of the collection at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
January 21st, 2016

With the Scotties Women’s Curling Championship in full swing at the Coquitlam Curling Club, today we throwback to the Ladies Valentines Spiel held on February 14, 1979. This photograph of the winning team is from the Enterprise Newspaper fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
This photograph shows the original Minnekhada Ranch house during the winter of 1920. The photograph can be found in the Coquitlam 100 Years book, available at www.coquitlam.ca/archives
February 4th, 2016

On Feb. 1, 1993 Coquitlam residents got to meet a hockey hero - Trevor Linden, current Canucks President. He autographed posters for hundreds of fans in the Coquitlam Safeway Superstore. The photograph was taken for the Coquitlam Now by staff photographer, Paul vanPeenen, who donated his photographs to the City of Coquitlam Archives in 2015.
On Feb. 11, 2010, the Olympic Flame came to Coquitlam. The Coquitlam Now featured an entire section dedicated to the Torch Relay and reported the following day that it was the biggest crowd ever assembled in Coquitlam. Bound copies of the Tri-Cities Now and its precursor, the Coquitlam Now, are available at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
The Fraser Mills Post Office was robbed on Feb. 14, 1934. The robbers got away with approximately $532.00. The report of the incident is preserved in the Post Office Department fonds at Library and Archives Canada. This clip is from RG3, Vol. 1745, File 1745-6.
February 25th, 2016

On Feb. 26, 1912, the first Our Lady of Lourdes Church was destroyed by fire. A temporary church was built to replace it, which is now St. Anne’s Hall. The current church, under construction in this image from the Coquitlam Heritage Society collection, was built in the late 1930s.
March 3rd, 2016

Students dancing to traditional music performed by the band Bourque, Bernard and LePage, at the opening of Festival du Bois on March 1st, 1999. The photograph was taken by Paul vanPeenen, and was published in the Now newspaper, which donated thirty years’ of newspapers to the Coquitlam Archives in 2015.
March 10th, 2016

The opening ceremonies for the Chimo Aquatic & Fitness Centre were held on March 9, 2008. This photograph shows the original Chimo Pool when it first opened in the early 1970s. This photograph is part of the Don Cunnings fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
March 17th, 2016

This photograph from the City of Vancouver Archives shows the Female Chronic Building at Essondale under construction on March 14, 1929. The building opened in 1930 and is now known as East Lawn, part of the Riverview Hospital lands.
March 19th, 2015

Emmanuel “Manny” Gueho was the head greenskeeper at the Vancouver Golf Club for 45 years and was instrumental in starting May Day in the District. He headed the May Day committee for 23 years and was honoured with the Coquitlam Board of Trade’s Citizen of the Year award at a ceremony on March 23, 1961. This photograph is from the Columbian Company fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
March 31st, 2016

In 1985, Council authorized the creation of a master plan for Town Centre Park. This photograph shows Don Cunnings (Parks and Recreation Director) presenting the plans to provincial and municipal politicians in March, 1986. The photo is part of the Don Cunnings fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
April 7th, 2016

Jana Jorgenson became Miss Teen Canada on April 6, 1970. The Centennial High School student then toured more than 40 Canadian cities and was presented with a key to the District of Coquitlam. This photograph shows Jorgenson at Vancouver airport, being welcomed by Coquitlam’s Mayor and a host of well-wishers. The photograph is from the Columbian Company fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
April 14th, 2016

Ralph Booth, pioneer, farmer, and District of Coquitlam Reeve, passed away on April 6, 1921. This photograph shows the Booth Farm when it served as a working dairy farm that supplied the District. This photograph is part of the Coquitlam Heritage Society collection at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
April 21st, 2016

On April 20, 1966, Reeve Christmas officially opened the Canadian Centennial Celebrations in Coquitlam by planting a centennial tree (a flowering Japanese crabapple) on the front lawn of the Municipal Hall. The tree was later to be transplanted at the new recreation complex on Poirier Avenue. This photograph shows Christmas and his wife in their garden in 1959. It was taken by Seamus Smith and is part of the Columbian Company fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
April 28th, 2016

Fraser Mills was renamed the Canadian Western Lumber Company Ltd. on April 26, 1910, though it continued to be known colloquially as Fraser Mills. This photograph of the mill is from the Coquitlam Heritage Society collection at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
May 5th, 2016

On May 8th, 1912 the Coquitlam Star published a special colour edition to highlight the Coquitlam area, which was experiencing significant land speculation and growth. The Coquitlam Star is available on microfilm at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
Town Centre Park Stadium Track was officially opened on May 12, 1989. This aerial photograph shows the track in September, 1988. It is from the Don Cunnings fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
May 19th, 2016

May Day was first celebrated in Coquitlam in 1940. Subsequent May Days featured a car parade from the Municipal Hall on Brunette Avenue up to Blue Mountain Park. This photograph of the car parade in 1941 is from the Coquitlam Heritage Society collection at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
On May 24, 1987, Coquitlam welcomed Rick Hansen on his Man in Motion Tour. He had quite a challenge on the Thermal Drive hill climb! This photograph is from the Coquitlam 100 Years book available at www.coquitlam.ca/archives.
June 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2016

British Columbia’s first provincial botanist, John Davidson, established a botanical garden on the grounds of Essondale from 1911. The garden was moved to its present location at UBC in 1916. This photograph of the garden is from the City of Vancouver Archives (AM505-S1-: CVA 660-699).
June 9th, 2016

Happy #International Archives Day! At the City of Coquitlam Archives, every day is #TBT. Search our holdings by visiting our search portal Quest: [http://search archives.coquitlam.ca/atom/index.php/](http://search archives.coquitlam.ca/atom/index.php/)
On June 14, 2008, the opening celebrations were held for the new fishing pier at Lafarge Lake. The lake has long been a popular fishing spot for Coquitlam residents, and over the years it has been stocked with fish such as trout, as can be seen in this photograph from 1993. The photograph is part of the collection at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
June 23rd, 2016

Will you be spending any time at Como Lake this summer? An air mattress and a wooden stick made for a boating adventure on the lake back in 1972. This photograph was taken by Don Whistler and is part of the Columbian Company fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
June 30th, 2016

Coquitlam is celebrating Canada Day in a big way this year at Town Centre Park. Here we throwback to a smaller celebration at Mackin Park in 2000. The photograph was taken by photographer Simone Ponne for the Tri-City News. It is part of the Black Press fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
The Under-19 Men’s Lacrosse World Championships start today in Coquitlam! Coquitlam has long been a lacrosse capital. This week’s #TBT features a ticket to a lacrosse game at the Coquitlam Sports Centre. It is part of the Don Cunnings fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
July 14th, 2016

We throwback to the Can-Am Motorcycle Championships held at Westwood Racing Circuit in July 1980. This photograph was taken by Tom Braid, and is part of the Columbian Company fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
On July 24, 1941, a Great Northern train collided head on with a Canadian National Railway train about half a mile west of the cut under North Road. In the Coquitlam 100 Years book, Harry Caddy, who lived on Rochester Road, recalls being one of the first on scene. This photograph of the wreckage is from the City of Vancouver Archives (CVA 371-2175).
July 28th, 2016

Will you be camping this long weekend? Imagine all of the gear that the British Columbia Forest Service had to pack into its boats in the early 20th century. This photograph of Coquitlam Lake is from the BC Archives’ Forest Service photographs series (image NA-12785).
Father Maillard, namesake of Maillardville, passed away in France on Aug. 3, 1966. Father Maillard was instrumental in forming the strong religious connections that strengthened the early Maillardville community. This photograph was published in *Coquitlam 100 Years*, and can be found in the collection of the Société Francophone Historique de Columbie-Britannique.
On Aug. 14, 1979, The Bay offered customers the ability to shop before the Coquitlam Centre officially opened two days later and pledged to donate ten percent of proceeds to the Eagle Ridge Hospital. This photograph, taken by Basil King, shows the cheque presentation of over $21,000. Part of the Columbian Company fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
This photograph shows early concept drawings of the Coquitlam Centre, with developer Ira Young posing in front. Young’s massive development officially opened on Aug. 16, 1979. The Coquitlam Centre was an impressive complex boasting over 130 retail establishments. The photograph was taken by Craig Hodge and is part of the Columbian Company fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
August 25th, 2016

The Eleanor Ward Bridge was dedicated on Aug. 26, 2006. Ward was a tremendous advocate for Northeast Coquitlam and served as President of the Northeast Coquitlam Ratepayers’ Association (NECRA). This photograph from the Coquitlam Now (Aug. 30, 2006) shows the first crossing of the new bridge. The City of Coquitlam Archives holds the records of the Ratepayers’ Association as well as the back issues of the Coquitlam Now.
The Maillardville post office, housed in G.H. Proulx’s store opened on Sept. 1, 1912. Proulx acted as Postmaster until his resignation on July 14, 1924. This postal card is from the Post Office Department fonds held by Library and Archives Canada.
September 8th, 2016

It’s back to school time! Order-in-Council 125 established the first school district in the Coquitlam area in 1891. Junction School District covered a portion of the current Town Centre area and most of present-day Port Coquitlam. The portions of the Order-in-Council shown here are from the Queen’s Printer BC. Search OICs here: http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/content/arch_oic/arch_oic/?xsl=/templates/browse.xsl
September 15th, 2016

Today we throwback to Mayor Jim Tonn urging his team forward during the Great Bed Race for the Coquitlam Hospital Society’s September Frolic on Sept. 12, 1972.
The Coquitlam Star reported on Sept. 25, 1912, that the Burquitlam Agricultural Society had opened a new hall. In his speech at the opening, MPP Manson remarked that this was “no other municipality in British Columbia showing such a spirit of enterprise and progress.” The clipping is from the Coquitlam Star, available on microfilm at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
Sept. 28, 1975 was designated “Family Health and Fitness Day.” Poirier Arena was officially opened by Premier Dave Barrett and Mayor Jim Tonn. The clipping is part of the Columbian Company fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
October 6th, 2016

Happy Thanksgiving from the City of Coquitlam Archives and Gordie Gobbler. Gordie was last seen at the Minnekhada Turkey Trek on October 13th, 1991. This photograph is part of the Tri-Cities Now fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
Typhoon Frieda destroyed over 1,500 trees on the Vancouver Golf Club grounds on Oct. 12, 1962. The Vancouver Golf Club has been a staple in Coquitlam since the first nine holes opened in 1911. This copy of a photograph showing the second green is from the Don Cunnings fonds. The City of Coquitlam Archives would like to track down the original.
The earliest record held by the City of Coquitlam Archives is an expenses journal from 1891. Using this record, we can learn about the cost of managing the municipality. In this photograph, you can see the entry for October 29th, 1891 indicates that it cost $6.50 to advertise a new bylaw in the BC Gazette.
October 27th, 2016

The first Riverview Festival of Trees (later called Treefest) was hosted by the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society and the City of Coquitlam on Oct. 30, 1994. The magnificently diverse trees on the Riverview grounds were planted by John Davidson as part of the arboretum and botanical gardens started in 1911. This photograph from the City of Vancouver Archives shows the trees in their infancy (CVA-660-702).
The first annual Salmon Come Home Festival was held on Nov. 1, 1993. This photograph shows salmon jumping near the Coquitlam Dam. The photograph is part of a family scrapbook that chronicles the construction of the second phase of the Coquitlam Dam in 1912. The same photograph can be found in a similar family scrapbook held by the BC Hydro Archives.
November 10th, 2016

Tomorrow we remember all of the Coquitlam soldiers who lost their lives in battle. One such soldier was Benjamin Winter, who was killed in action on Aug. 24th, 1943 when his plane was shot down in the Far East. This photograph from Coquitlam 100 Years, shows a young Benjamin with his sister Elsie in 1929 outside their home in what is now the Harbour Chines neighbourhood.
November 17th, 2016

The Crease Clinic of Psychological Medicine at Essondale opened on Nov. 16, 1949. The building, originally the Veteran’s unit, was named in honour of Dr. Arthur Crease, who served as the Director of Mental Hygiene and Psychiatry until his retirement in 1950. This photograph shows the clinic ca. 1949. It was taken by the Audio Visual Department, Mental Health Services at Essondale, part of the Riverview Hospital lands, and is part of the Don Cunnings fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
In November, 1930, the three prominent store owners along Brunette St. (Pett, Filiatrault, and Thrift) applied to be the new Postmaster for Maillardville. On Nov. 28, 1930, Henry James Collin Thrift was appointed as Postmaster for Maillardville. This photograph shows the Thrift Meat Market, which was at 1301 Brunette St. on the corner of Brunette Avenue and Laval Street.
Place des Arts was officially opened on Dec. 1, 1972 by then Premier Dave Barrett. Leonore Peyton founded Place des Arts in partnership with Fern Bouvier, and served as the Administrator for over 17 years. She was awarded the Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce and Freedom of the City in 2004. This photograph is part of the Columbian Company fonds at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
Construction on the new City Hall began in 1996. Here we see the building taking shape in December, 1997. The first Council meeting was held in the new City Hall on July 20, 1998. This photograph is from the collection at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
L.J. (Jimmy) Christmas was first elected Reeve on Dec. 15, 1945. He served in the position until his death in 1969. He is Coquitlam’s longest serving Mayor. This portrait is from the collection at the City of Coquitlam Archives.
On Dec. 22, 2014 more than 500 people gathered at Lafarge Lake to be part of a record-setting attempt for a group of people singing Jingle Bells together. The carolers were successful – recordsetter.com verified and approved the record in January 2015.
December 29th, 2016

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