



CALENDAR

**Friday, March 22
– Sunday, March 24**

Festival du Bois
festivaldubois.ca

Saturday, March 23

Ready, Set, PLAY!
3-5 p.m.

Pinetree Community Centre
coquitlam.ca/pinetree

**Wednesday,
March 27**

Spring Break WIBIT Wars

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
City Centre Aquatic Complex
coquitlam.ca/ccac

WHAT'S NEW?

City to Complete Year Two of LED Street Light Conversion Program

Coquitlam is embarking on the second year of a five-year plan to convert City-owned street lights to a light emitting diode (LED) source. The area to be completed is south of Austin within the City limits. Whiter, brighter LED street lighting allows drivers to see pedestrians and signs better and improves drivers' abilities to assess distance more accurately. LED light can be directed more precisely compared to conventional lighting. LED lighting also lasts longer and uses substantially less energy reducing operational and maintenance costs and our consumption of electricity as a City. Streetlights on wooden poles are rented from BC Hydro and their conversion are not part of the City's plan.

Facts

- ❖ Approximately 1,700 street light fixtures will be changed out in 2019.
- ❖ The City could achieve between 35-50% reduction in electricity use by switching to LED street lighting.
- ❖ Annual electricity savings between 2.7 and 3.5 million kWh are enough to power more than 300 BC households for one year and could render annual costs savings up to \$450,000.
- ❖ Converting all City street lights will reduce GHG emission by between 25 and 35 tonnes per year.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Lougheed Hwy Greenway & Road Improvement

The City will begin work on some pedestrian, bike and road safety improvements along Lougheed Highway, between the Coquitlam Central Exchange and Orchid Drive. Construction is scheduled to begin late March with completion in the fall 2019. Improvements include:

- ❖ New multi-use pathway along the west side of Lougheed Hwy from the Coquitlam Central Exchange through Dewdney Trunk Road to Burton Court and from Chilko Drive to Orchid Drive;
- ❖ New pedestrian/cycling bridge will be constructed across Scott Creek;
- ❖ New street and pathway lighting;
- ❖ Raised centre road median;
- ❖ Intersection modifications and improvements; and
- ❖ New street trees and restoration work.

coquitlam.ca/roadwork

FITNESS & FUN

Take a Meditation Break at Dogwood Pavilion

Attendees will practice mindful meditation to experience the power of being free from stress. Enjoy group meditation with an experienced teacher as a powerful aid for your meditative practice. Program fee is \$18.30. Register at coquitlam.ca/dogwood.

LOOKING OUT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

MyCoquitlam E-Billing Reduces Paper Waste

We have a convenient online tool, MyCoquitlam, that gives you access to review and pay your City bills at your convenience. Sign up for e-billing and you can:

- ❖ receive your utility and property tax notices directly to your inbox,
- ❖ check out your City accounts including dog licences online, and
- ❖ get helpful payment reminders.

Reduce paper waste, go to coquitlam.ca/mycoquitlam and sign up today!

DID YOU KNOW?

Spirit Grants Application Deadline is March 31

Non-profit community organizations have until March 31 to apply for funding through the City's Spirit Grant program. The City awards Spirit of Coquitlam Grants twice a year to help local organizations host events, purchase equipment and complete initiatives or capital projects that benefit Coquitlam residents. The applications from this intake will be for projects or events from July 2019 through to the spring of 2020. To be eligible, projects must take place in Coquitlam, primarily benefit Coquitlam residents, be sustainable beyond the grant funding and have outcomes that align with the City's strategic goals. Applicants must also be in good financial standing with the City. Details and application package can be found at coquitlam.ca/spiritgrant.



RECREATION FEATURE

Sports Fit

Test out your skills with Sports Fit. This program focuses on fitness, skill development, participation and sportsmanship, using a variety of sports – including soccer, basketball, hockey and badminton. Open to all levels, this program will get youth active through learning and playing a new sport each week, while also putting a spotlight on the importance of playing by the rules and being a good sport.

coquitlam.ca/featuredprograms

Dates: Wednesdays,
April 3 - May 1
Time: 7:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Location: Centennial
Activity Centre
Ages: 11-15 years old
Cost: \$29 (six sessions)

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