



CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 25

*Council-in-Committee
2 p.m.*

*Regular Council
7 p.m.*

coquitlam.ca/agendas

Wednesday, Feb. 27

*Pink Shirt Day Skate
7:45 – 9 p.m.*

coquitlam.ca/featuredprograms

WHAT'S NEW

Spirit of Coquitlam

Are you a non-profit, community-based organization looking for a boost with funding? Apply for a Spirit of Coquitlam Grant from March 1-31. The grant's intent is to build community spirit by providing funds for projects that align with Coquitlam's strategic goals. There was new criteria established in 2018, so please visit coquitlam.ca/spiritgrant for eligibility requirements, FAQs, and to get an application form. Since 2002, the City has awarded \$8.59 million derived from the Casino Host Agreement revenue to more than 200 organizations.



FITNESS & FUN

Pink Shirt Day Toonie Skate

On Thursday, Feb. 27, the City will mark National Anti-Bullying Day with a Pink Shirt Day Toonie Skate at Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex, 7:45 p.m. – 9 p.m. Pink Shirt Day was created in 2007 by Nova Scotia high school students to show support for a Grade 9 boy who was bullied for wearing pink. The friends gave pink shirts to other students to wear as a show of solidarity with the bullied teen. In 2008, Feb. 27 was proclaimed anti-bullying day in B.C. and adopted by the rest of the country. Take a stand against bullying at our Pink Shirt Day Skate.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Traffic Signals Give Fire Trucks Priority

Did you know Coquitlam's traffic signals are equipped to give priority to responding fire trucks? These vehicles are large and their ability to respond in a safe and timely manner is a life-safety issue. All emergency vehicles are permitted to proceed through red lights but they must first ensure it is safe to do so and slowing or stopping can increase their response time. There is also risk in this case that other motorists or pedestrians may not see or hear them approaching. The ideal situation is if a fire truck gets a green light, hence, Coquitlam's traffic signal system is equipped with receivers and 22 fire trucks are equipped with transmitters that communicate to traffic signals to grant green. The traffic signals give priority to the fire trucks at the intersection and will continue to hold green for a short while in case a second truck is responding before it returns to normal operation. Here are some facts:

- ❖ 91% of Coquitlam's 152 traffic signals are equipped with fire pre-emption receivers programmed to respond to fire trucks.
- ❖ On a typical day, there are 185 pre-emption events where responding fire trucks activate the emergency vehicle pre-emption system.
- ❖ More than 67,000 incidents occur in a year where the system has improved the speed and safety for fire response vehicles.

Remember to safely pull over to the right and stop for emergency vehicles sounding sirens and flashing lights.



LOOKING OUT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Tree Management

The City is exploring a new approach to tree management within and next to Streamside Protection and Enhancement Areas (SPEAs) to improve public safety and refine the management of these areas. Implementation would involve amendments to the Citywide Official Community Plan, the Zoning Bylaw, and adoption of a new City Policy. Visit coquitlam.ca/spea to learn more. Please provide your feedback by Sunday, Feb. 24.

DID YOU KNOW?

MyCoquitlam E-Billing

We have a convenient online tool, MyCoquitlam, that gives you access to review and pay your City bills. 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,
- ❖ get helpful payment reminders, and
- ❖ reduce paper waste!

Go to coquitlam.ca/mycoquitlam and sign up.

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RECREATION FEATURE

Spring Break Painting Workshop for Teens

Looking for ideas of how to spend upcoming Spring Break? This is a unique and affordable opportunity for young artists to work with a local senior artist to learn master painting techniques and receive mentorship in developing a personal creative style. Open to teens 13 – 18 years old.

Thursday & Friday, March 21 & 22

1 – 3:30 p.m.

Dogwood Pavilion

\$10.00

Barcode 635422

Register at coquitlam.ca/signmeup



coquitlam.ca/connect

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