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Film Sector

TOP 10 FILMING LOCATIONS

The spectacular natural beauty of Coquitlam lends itself to great filming locations:

- ❖ Riverview Lands
- ❖ Hoy Creek Tunnel
- ❖ Upper Coquitlam River Park
- ❖ Eagle Mountain Park
- ❖ Mundy Park
- ❖ Maillardville Heritage Buildings
- ❖ Widgeon Slough Marsh
- ❖ Fraser River Industrial Area
- ❖ City of Coquitlam Facilities
- ❖ City Centre

The film sector is one of British Columbia's fastest-growing industries. In 2014, film and television production activity was actively robust, demonstrating BC's resiliency and reflecting its reputation as an enticing, cost-effective and dependable centre for the production of creative content. The sector includes a wide range of direct and indirect employment opportunities in areas such as pre- and post-production, costume design, set design, construction, catering, transportation and special effects.

Coquitlam

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 more welcoming place for filming productions. From City Centre to Maillardville's heritage site and Riverview's iconic buildings, Coquitlam has been a choice for many popular TV series, features and student-led productions. On average, 90 film and television productions are shot each year in Coquitlam and nearly 1,000 people employed in the industry live within the City.

One-Stop Service

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

RECENT FEATURE FILMS

- ❖ *Monster Trucks*
- ❖ *Night at the Museum 3*
- ❖ *Tomorrowland*
- ❖ *Warcraft*

RECENT TV SERIES

- ❖ *Arrow*
- ❖ *Bates Motel*
- ❖ *Falling Skies*
- ❖ *Once Upon A Time*
- ❖ *The Killing*

"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; when we go into different municipalities they enjoy the filming, it's unique to them ... and it's a unique look as well."

Russell Hamilton, Location Manager, Supernatural Films

The British Columbia Advantage

BC is the largest service production centre in Canada with 60 world-class stages capable of servicing up to 40 productions simultaneously. BC is proud of its international reputation and proven track record of more than 30 years' experience in serving both domestic and international productions including feature films, TV pilot series, movies of the week and mini-series. We are known for our outstanding infrastructure, spectacular and diverse locations that can replicate virtually any urban or rural setting in the world, experienced and stable labour force, quality crews and competitive tax incentives that provide exceptional value for the producer's dollar.

BC provides easy access to a wide range of services and facilities in all aspects of film production from pre- to post-production. Its mild climate makes it 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.

Based on data from Creative BC from April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014, BC supported over 248 productions, and contributed over \$1.4 billion in direct production expenditures to the provincial economy. Of this amount, television series productions generated \$703 million and feature films provided \$559 million. Other television and animation projects accounted for \$185 million.

Tax Credits and Resources

Production companies benefit from tax credit programs for film, television and digital animation or visual effects which help to attract crews to British Columbia. Provincial tax credit programs, which are administered by Creative BC (creativebc.com), include the highly competitive British Columbia Production Services Tax Credit (PSTC) program. The PSTC program provides a refundable corporate income tax credit to accredited domestic and foreign production companies who produce film or video productions in BC. Additional provincial tax credit programs include the Film Incentive BC (FIBC) for productions that have qualifying levels of Canadian content and the Digital Animation or Visual Effects (DAVE) tax credit. There are also federal tax credits for film and video production which are administered by the Canadian Audio-Visual Certification Office (CAVCO).

Creative BC also provide 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.

"My experiences filming in Coquitlam have all been very positive. Coquitlam offers diverse, film-friendly sites often at more affordable rates, within a reasonable range of the city. Whether working at Riverview, on a private site, in parks or on city-owned property the process is streamlined and effective. The City of Coquitlam is very supportive of film and it really shows."

Kendrie Upton – DGC/BC Directors' Guild

"Coquitlam offers much diversity to film locations. Coquitlam parks, neighborhoods, local business and industrial parks have appeared in the spotlight of many feature films, commercials and Television series, local and abroad. Everyone involved is always welcoming us back!"

*Cheryl Uphill
Location Manger*

"Filming in Coquitlam is always a smooth process with City Hall, whether it's contained to the Riverview grounds or elsewhere in the municipality. The Film Office is prompt, and the process is simpler than some other jurisdictions."

Rob Amar – Assistant Location Manager, Zombie I Films

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