

# DISTRICT OF COQUITLAM NEWS

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## District of Coquitlam expanding services, programs

Residents of the District of Coquitlam are benefiting from expanded services and programs.

In recent months, a number of services have been expanded and new programs introduced.

From the introduction of a district-wide curbside recycling program to a sophisticated traffic signal integration system, Coquitlam is making every effort to improve the quality of life for its residents.

### *Curbside recycling program*

The curbside recycling program for single-family residences commenced October 30 and is operated by International Paper Industries Ltd.

Homeowners receive a reusable blue bag for newspaper and a blue box for storage of other recyclable materials. In addition to newsprint, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, plastic milk jugs and pop bottles are being collected.

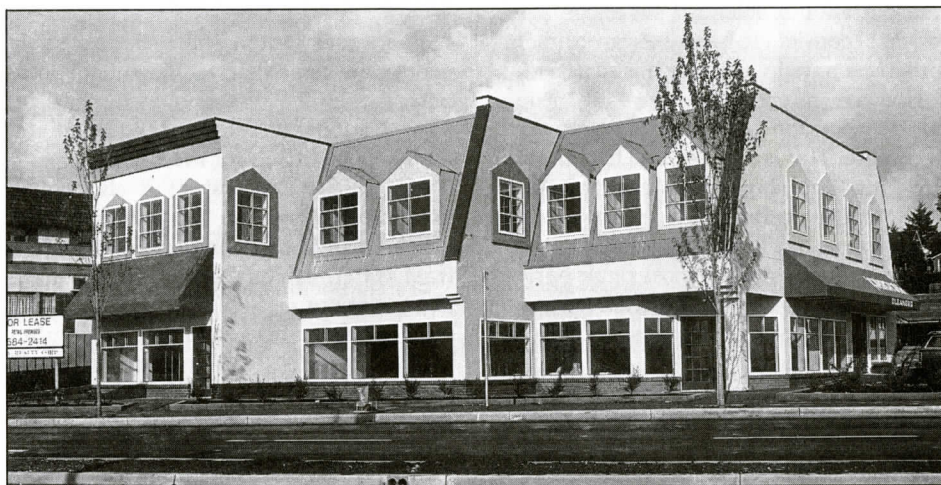
The program is being introduced area by area with collection on regular garbage days.

A brochure outlining program details is being distributed prior to the program's commencement. For further information on the program, contact International Paper Industries at 525-8810.

Council hopes to expand the collection program to multi-family residences at a later date.

It is estimated that approximately 20 per cent of Coquitlam's residential waste can be recycled if all residents participate. The average residence produces approximately 2200 lbs. of refuse a year (one metric tonne).

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*Maillardville revitalization . . . even business premises have a bright, new look*

## Coquitlam awarded 1991 B.C. Summer Games

The District of Coquitlam will host the 1991 B.C. Summer Games as the feature event in its 100th anniversary celebration.

Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture Minister Rita Johnston made the announcement in a recent address to Coquitlam Council.

'The representations we received from the District of Coquitlam were very detailed and reflected a great deal of community interest and support for the Games,' said the Minister.

The 1991 B.C. Summer Games will be held July 25-28, opening exactly 100 years to the day Coquitlam was incorporated.

'I can assure you we have the resources, the people and the will to stage the best summer games ever,' Mayor Lou Sekora told Mrs. Johnston.



*Hon. Rita Johnston announces awarding of 1991 B.C. Summer Games to Coquitlam during address to Council*



## Message from the Mayor

While our area continues to face mounting transportation problems, I am encouraged by what I consider to be serious government initiatives to help alleviate this situation.

However, progress in regard to solving our transportation problems has been slow in coming. This is why I intend to continue speaking out about our transportation needs and to push for the earliest possible extension of SkyTrain to Coquitlam.

SkyTrain remains the most viable option and the sooner the government lives up to its commitment to extend the service to our area the better.

With B.C.'s largest housing project—Westwood Plateau—coming on board, Coquitlam needs and deserves a better people-moving system.

Overall, Coquitlam's outlook is extremely bright as we prepare to enter the 1990s.

In 1991, we will celebrate our 100th anniversary. Our Centennial Committee is already hard at work planning for this special celebration.

The fact that we will be hosting both the B.C. Seniors Games and B.C. Summer Games during our centennial year presents us with a real challenge.

I am confident we can not only meet this challenge but present the best ever Games in both categories.

Indeed, 1991 promises to be a year for all Coquitlam residents—past and present—to remember.

Louis Sekora  
Mayor

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### Traffic signal integration

The traffic signal integration system for major arterial routes, similar to successful U.S. systems, is expected to go into effect early next year.

Once operational, the system will reduce the number of stops required along specific routes when a vehicle is travelling at a constant speed just below the posted speed limit. With traffic flowing more smoothly, traffic accidents, speeding and traffic congestion should decrease.

The system will include the installation of 18 new traffic signals and six new pedestrian signals.

Council decided to implement such a system in addressing traffic congestion problems resulting from unprecedented growth in Coquitlam.

The six major arterial routes to which the new system will apply are Austin Avenue, Blue Mountain Street, Como Lake Avenue, Brunette Avenue, North Road and Mariner Way.

The signal system will include audible pedestrian signals at 14 Coquitlam locations, the result of discussions with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Dogwood Club for the Blind.

Meanwhile, the District is also implementing new systems to centralize mapping data and field operational information from water, sanitary sewer and drainage pump stations.

When fully operational, a computer-based geographical information system will enable mapping and related data to be stored in one central location from which it can be retrieved quickly and accurately. Data to be stored will include base maps and utility maps, with the new system allowing engineering and planning staff to not only retrieve maps but to reproduce them at any scale.

Meanwhile, the installation of a radio control system will allow Coquitlam to centralize utility information in the municipal service centre. System operators will be able

to monitor water, sewer and drainage station performance and activate emergency procedures from one central location.

### Maillardville revitalization

Maillardville has taken on a bright new look as the result of a recent area revitalization program.

And there's more to come.

Not only will Maillardville take on the appearance of a small village with a French Canadian design theme, but it will feature a Gateway Plaza at Brunette and Lougheed to increase the area's visibility.

The intention is for Maillardville's main street to have a distinctly urban character from Blue Mountain to Marmont.

To date, Brunette Avenue has been widened, unsightly overhead wiring has been removed, parking has been increased and a more hospitable, clustered environment created for shoppers.

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Coquitlam recycles . . . The District of Coquitlam is in the process of introducing a curbside recycling program for single-family residences. Municipal employee Rena Thillman, co-ordinator of Coquitlam's recycling program, shows Mayor Lou Sekora the program's 'tools'

### Coquitlam Council 1989

- Mayor Louis Sekora
- Alderman Jon Kingsbury
- Alderman Bill LeClair
- Alderman Walter Ohirko
- Alderman Eunice Parker
- Alderman Brian Robinson
- Alderman Dave White

### Officials

- Municipal Manager: Jim Tonn
- Municipal Clerk: Ted Klassen
- Planning Director: Don Buchanan
- Municipal Engineer: Neil Nyberg
- Parks & Recreation Director: Don Cummings
- Municipal Treasurer: Val Dong
- Fire Chief: Doug Johnson
- Municipal Solicitor: Henry Castillou
- Personnel Director: Fred Klewchuk
- Director of Permits & Licences: Richard White



Town Centre Stadium, playing fields taking shape

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### Road improvement program

Brunette is just one of a number of streets included in a \$1.4 million 1989 Coquitlam road improvement program.

Some of the streets included in the 1989 program undertaken on a priority basis, were Decaire from Brunette to Austin; Starlight Way from Spuraway to Ranch Park Way; Smith Avenue from North Road to Robinson; North Road from Como Lake to Jefferson; Ridge Court and Chine Crescent, Cape Horn Avenue north of Dawes Hill and Pipeline Road.

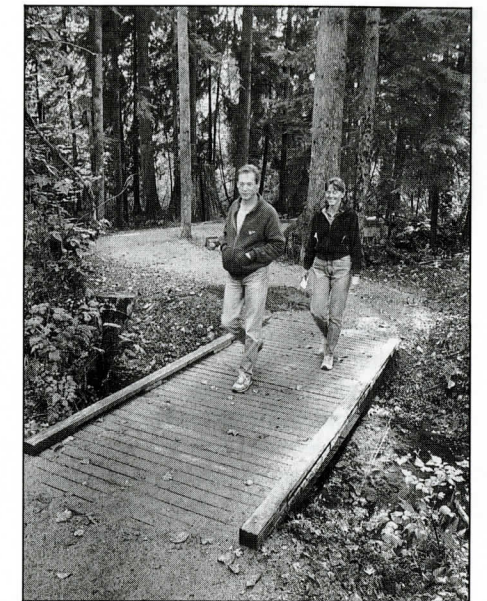
The upgrading of Westwood Street to an arterial standard from the Lougheed High-

way intersection at Chilco and Como Lake to Christmas Way will take place in two phases, commencing this month. The upgraded road will provide an alternative to a heavily-travelled section of Lougheed Highway.

### Ditch elimination continues

Coquitlam's 1989 Ditch Elimination Program is nearing completion.

The 1990 program will commence next April and provide for the elimination of another 6500 metres of ditches at a cost of



Hoy Creek Trail . . . a pleasant walk through natural surroundings

\$1.4 million.

Work includes the cleaning of ditches, installing storm sewers and catchbasins, services to individual lots and the installation of gravelled and grassed boulevards.

The program will continue until 1998 when the last of the ditches in the road rights-of-way have been eliminated.

Council has approved approximately \$1 million a year for the elimination of ditches. In addition, the program receives the interest off the District land sale fund for a total program budget of about \$1.4 million a year.

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Lawn bowling will soon be a popular addition to the busy Dogwood Pavilion schedule of events. Here, Harry DeJong, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Regional Development, shows good practice form after presenting a \$150,000 government grant toward the Dogwood facility expansion. Looking on is Dogwood representative Maxine Vollans



Maillardville revitalization . . . unsightly overhead wires removed, Brunette Avenue widened, parking added

# Municipal briefs

## *No elections this year*

There will be no municipal Council or School District 43 elections in the District of Coquitlam this year.

Instead, all elected Council and School Board positions will be placed before voters in municipal elections next fall. Each position will carry a three-year term of office.

As of next fall, all B.C. municipalites will vote in the same year and at approximately the same time.

## *Another record building year*

The District of Coquitlam is headed for another record building year.

At the end of September, the value of 912 building permits issued in Coquitlam this year totalled \$125.2 million. Total value of permits issued in the same period last year was \$86.9 million.

Permits issued for single-family and multiple family dwellings accounted for 84 per cent of the 1989 total to September 30.

## *Newsletter printed on recycled paper*

In supporting the Greater Vancouver Regional District's policy of promoting the use of recycled products, the District of Coquitlam has had this issue of its municipal newsletter printed on recycled paper.

The District's intention is to have future editions of this newsletter also printed on recycled paper.

## *Municipal lots sell quickly*

It took only one hour and 40 minutes for 67 prime, serviced Coquitlam subdivision lots — bounded by LeClair Drive and Sorrento Drive — to sell in a recent municipal land sale.

Over 700 people crowded into the Centennial Secondary gym for the municipal sale.

Coquitlam realized \$6,871,500 as a result of the sale. And the purchasers went away happy to have had the opportunity to purchase a building lot in Coquitlam.



*New Town Centre Recreation facility*

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## *New recreation facilities*

The District of Coquitlam will provide new and improved recreation facilities when it hosts the 1991 B.C. Seniors Games.

Included in a multi-purpose project underway at Dogwood Pavilion are lawn bowling greens, six horseshoe pitches, a field house, a patio and rose garden, pedestrian walkways, lighting, off-street service improvements to Winslow Avenue and a 77-stall parking extension to the existing parking lot.

The Dogwood Pavilion project is just one of a number of improvements and additions to Coquitlam's parks and recreation system.

## *Town Centre facility*

Another is the recent opening of a 5000 square foot leisure facility in Town Centre Park.

The temporary facility, located adjacent to the rapidly developing Town Centre Stadium complex will serve area residents until a major Town Centre recreation facility can be constructed.

Effective immediately, residents can register for winter recreation programs offered through the new facility.

At the same time, development of the Town Centre Park complex continues with the preparation of two large playing fields for use in Coquitlam's hosting of the 1991 B.C. Summer Games.

## *Hoy Creek Trail open*

One of the more popular additions to Coquitlam's recreational services is the Hoy Creek Trail officially opened in October.

By entering off Guildford Way, or Lasalle Place, residents and visitors alike can enjoy a pleasant walk among natural surroundings. Chum and coho salmon will be spawning in the creek throughout November.

Future trail connections are planned.

In total, 18 parks and recreation projects have been funded in 1989 — some still in the design stage while others such as a unique nine-hole disc toss course at Mundy Park are complete.