

# DISTRICT OF COQUITLAM

## YOUR COUNCIL REPORTS

JULY, 1973

COQUITLAM MUNICIPAL HALL

1111 BRUNETTE AVENUE

COQUITLAM, B.C.



FAMILY STROLL IN MUNDY PARK

## Water Meters Abolished

Effective August 1, water meters in residential areas of Coquitlam are being abolished, in favor of a flat, annual charge.

Industrial and commercial properties, as well as schools, churches and senior citizen's complexes, will continue to be metered. The new system is expected to result in lower water rates for about 40% of Coquitlam residents. Single family homes, duplexes and triplexes will be charged a flat \$45 annually, per dwelling unit.

Instead of billing quarterly for water, the municipality will in future send out one bill, in January, for flat rate users. Apts. & mobile home parks will pay a flat \$40 annual charge per unit or space.

## Population Increase

Coquitlam's population has increased 10% in the last four years and is expected to increase about 25% in the next four. The population in 1969 was 50,000; it is 55,000 today and the forecast for 1976 is 69,000.

## Building Permits

The value of building permits issued in the municipality last year was \$15.2 million, a decrease of \$1 million from 1971.

## Bus Service for Coquitlam ...at last !

It's behind schedule, but at least it's on its way. Bus service, that is.

It's due to arrive in Coquitlam September 7 when B.C. Hydro will put express lines into operation. Local service within the municipality will start in late October.

One express line will operate from Port Coquitlam along the Lougheed Highway to Vancouver. It will make several stops in Coquitlam. A second express will operate from Port Moody to Vancouver, via the Barnett Highway. There will also be direct service from Lougheed Mall to Simon Fraser University.

In late October five local routes will go into operation. All will connect at the Coquitlam recreation complex. Three routes will run from the Lougheed Mall, fanning out to serve different areas of the municipality. Two other routes will replace the present Brunette service, covering a wider area and providing better frequency.

It is expected that service will be half hourly in the daytime, though in areas where routes overlap there will be 15 minute service.

Details of the routes will be widely publicized before service begins.

## River Study

A joint Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam study will be carried out on the Coquitlam, River with emphasis on its recreational potential. Coquitlam will contribute \$3,500 toward the study.

# 1973 COQUITLAM COUNCIL

Mayor J.L. Tonn

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# THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT BUDGET

Coquitlam's total budget for 1973 - general purposes, schools and hospitals - is \$14.8 million, up \$1.4 million over last year. The overall increase, which is less than in most metropolitan area municipalities, is due to a number of factors. Expenditures for schools are up by \$585,165 (13.6%) and there are increases in the police, fire and recreation department budgets to cover, in part, additional personnel. Where expenditures have risen it is generally to cover unavoidable costs like higher salaries and wages or to provide an improved service wanted by citizens.

## Millrate

The total millrate is 77.905 mills - 38.530 for general purposes, 38.560 for schools, .80 for regional hospitals and .015 for the Municipal Finance Authority of B.C.

## Other Local Services

On your tax notice the heading 'Other Local Services' refers to charges such as for sewers (\$47 if installed by the Municipality, \$18 if installed privately) and any local improvement taxes for road paving, sidewalks or storm drainage and regional district levies.

## Tax Payments

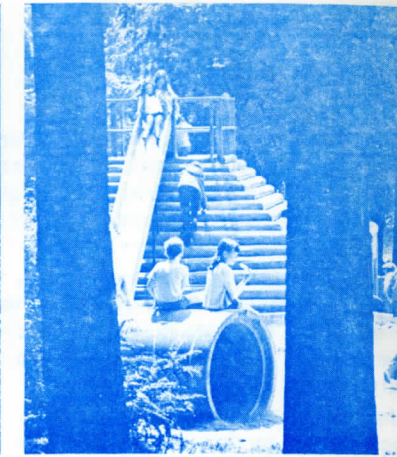
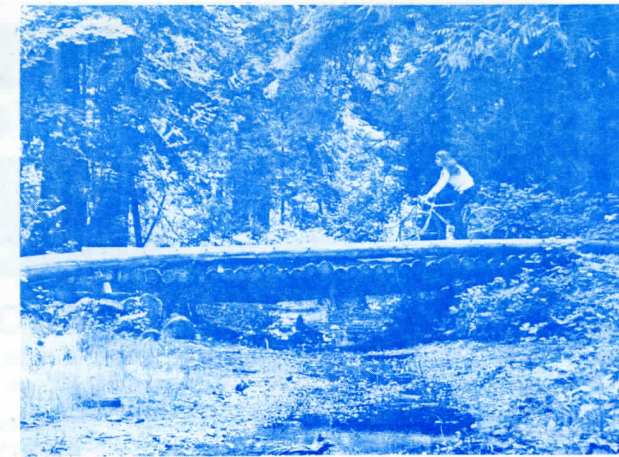
Payments may be made at the Tax Office, Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, or at any chartered bank in Coquitlam. For information regarding payments, please phone the Tax Office at 526-3611.

## Late Payment

A penalty of 7% is added to current taxes unpaid at the close of business July 20, 1973. A further cumulative 3% penalty will be added to current taxes unpaid at close of business August 17, 1973.

## Home-Owner Grant

The basic 1973 Home-Owner Grant is up to \$200. An owner for the basic grant who is 65 years of age or over is entitled to an additional grant of up to \$50. To obtain the Home-Owner Grant, complete the application form printed on the reverse side of your tax statement and return it to your mortgage company or the municipality, as required. Approval of the Grant is not dependent upon whether the taxes due are paid, therefore you should make application for it as soon as possible and in any case no later than December 31st, 1973.



PARKS and RECREATION FACILITIES ARE BEING EXPANDED

## Parks And Recreation

Coquitlam continues its program to significantly upgrade and expand its parks and recreation system.

**TENNIS** - five new lighted tennis courts will open on the Poirier Street Sports Centre Complex in July.

**ATHLETIC FIELD** - in May, the first fully-lighted, regulation baseball and soccer-football field went into operation at Mundy Park.

**TRAIL WALKWAY SYSTEMS** - expanded cycling, jogging and walking trails now exist within the 435 acre Mundy Park, around the shore of Como Lake and in the treed ravines of Miller Park.

**LACROSSE BOX** - the 1973 Minor Lacrosse season opened with a new outdoor lacrosse box, sited on the grounds of Rochester Elementary School.

**EQUESTRIAN PARK** - in recognition of the increasing use of the horse in the suburban dwellers' leisure time pursuits Coquitlam has established an "Equestrian Park" overlooking the Coquitlam River. **KIN-VENTURE** - with the financial assis-

tance of the Coquitlam Kinsmen Club, Como Lake Park is now equipped with a new and exciting "Adventure Playground". Similar play equipment has also recently been installed in Mackin and Miller Parks for children to enjoy; and it is hoped that other parks will soon be equipped as well.

## WHAT'S THERE TO DO THIS SUMMER IN COQUITLAM?

Plan to discover a number of Coquitlam parks; visit one of the eight heated swimming pools; tour the Place des Arts across from the Municipal Hall; take in a lacrosse game at the Sports Centre or any of the three outdoor lacrosse boxes; take the whole family to the indoor Chimo Pool; make up a party and go ice skating this summer, or roller skating, at the Sports Centre; learn to swim; expose your children to the supervised playground programs in a number of parks; drive to the Coquitlam & District Hunting & Fishing Club's facilities on the lower reaches of Burke Mountain and take in the one Canada Summer Games rifle event that is being staged in Coquitlam.

## Maillardville Rehabilitation

**"PLAN MAILLARDVILLE"**  
That's the name given to a unique program that involves local citizens in the planning and eventual rehabilitation of old Maillardville.

The program is being financed by a \$32,700 grant awarded jointly to the Coquitlam Planning Department and the Maillardville Habitat Co-Operative Society by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

An information and planning centre has been opened at 946 Brunette Avenue and is operated under the supervision of a

representative body called the Maillardville Joint Committee (Comite conjoint de Maillardville). It is open to the public and input from interested citizens is invited.

Purpose of the program is to involve residents in the gathering of information and preparation of plans for future development of the community. A report on the program will be submitted to municipal council in January.

Construction of new apartments in the area is not being encouraged while the study is proceeding.

## Height Limit on Apartments

Municipal Council has approved a bylaw placing an 8 storey height limit on new apartment blocks constructed in Coquitlam.

The restriction was imposed for reasons of fire safety. The fire department has limited equipment and facilities for combating fires in high-rises.

The bylaw also requires that elevators in apartment blocks be designed so they can handle stretchers and all units within a block must be connected to an outside intercom system.

## Mosquito Control

Coquitlam, like other municipalities, has had problems with mosquitoes. Householders can reduce the number of possible mosquito breeding sites around homes by following these precautions:

1. Empty and place under cover items that hold water, like containers, barrels, children's toys, old tires.
2. Regularly cleaning and maintaining things like bird baths, ornamental pools, ditches and eavestroughs.
3. Add top feeding fish to water bodies, like ornamental pools, to prevent larvae from further development.
4. In rural areas, empty and refill watering troughs at least once a week.

Where breeding sites cannot be controlled because it is not practical or the area is too large, an insecticide can be used to kill larvae. The application can be made by ground crews except in particularly large or inaccessible areas, where spraying from the air could be required.

For information about mosquito control, please contact the Simon Fraser Health Unit, 936-3441.

## REVENUE

	1972 Actual	%	1973 Annual Budget	%
Taxes				
Single Family Homes	\$ 2,931,324	21.9	\$ 3,161,285	21.4
Apartments	314,070	2.3	415,958	2.8
Commercial and Industrial	837,521	6.3	915,109	6.2
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	238,556	1.8	243,759	1.6
Services Provided to Other Governments	45,712	.3	78,094	.5
Permits, Licences	337,189	2.5	411,334	2.8
Misc. Revenue from Own Sources	492,176	3.7	692,900	4.7
Grants from other Governments	2,979,443	22.3	3,354,780	22.7
Collections for other Governments				
Schools	4,304,600	32.2	4,890,900	33.0
Hospitals and Municipal Finance Authority	96,647	.7	99,599	.7
Appropriations from General Revenue Reserves / Surplus	803,713	6.0	535,658	3.6
	<u>\$13,380,951</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$14,799,376</u>	<u>100</u>

## EXPENDITURES

General Government Services	\$ 936,228	7.0	\$ 1,054,215	7.1
Protective Services - Police	782,506	5.8	1,026,745	6.9
- Fire	525,681	3.9	686,288	4.6
- Other	127,108	1.0	138,416	.9
Public Works	755,985	5.6	829,187	5.6
Garbage & Waste Collection	315,548	2.4	407,087	2.8
Public Health and Welfare Services	2,053,215	15.3	2,508,381	16.9
Environmental Development Services	100,353	.8	97,904	.7
Recreational and Cultural Services	906,684	6.8	1,178,706	8.0
Fiscal Services				
Debt Charges	516,652	3.9	476,000	3.2
Transfers to other Governments	91,664	.7	111,007	.8
Transfers to own Accounts	1,328,252	9.9	1,269,941	8.6
Transmission of Taxes Collected for Other Governments				
Schools	4,305,735	32.2	4,890,900	33.0
Hospitals and Municipal Finance Authority	96,668	.7	99,599	.7
Surplus / Contingencies	538,672	4.0	25,000	.2
	<u>\$13,380,951</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>\$14,799,376</u>	<u>100</u>

# Election Date November 17

This year's municipal election for Mayor, Aldermen, School Trustees and representatives to the Greater Vancouver Regional District, will be held Saturday, November 17.

In the past, local elections in B.C. have been held in December. However, recent amendments to the Municipal Act included a change in the election day, to the third Saturday in November.

The earlier election date means that registration for the Voters List has also been advanced. Resident and Tenant Electors must now register before 5:00 p.m., August 31, 1973.

Notices are being mailed to all Resident and Tenant Electors who were on the 1972 Voters List. They are being sent out during July and must be returned by the August 31st deadline.

It is not necessary for property owners to register because their names are automatically placed on the Voters List. Anyone not sure if they are on the List should contact the Municipal Clerk's office, 526-3611, for information on or before August 31, 1973.

Another of the recent changes in the Municipal Act gives Council the authority to hold elections every two years, with the entire council being elected at the same time. At present, half the council is elected each year. Vancouver is the only municipality in B.C. that now elects its entire council at one time

## 90% on Sewers

About 90% of all properties in Coquitlam are now on the municipal sewer system. Virtually all urban areas are covered. Most of the unsewered sections are large rural tracts and many of them likely will not be connected to the system for some time because it is not necessary.

Installation of sanitary sewers in the Cape Horn, Norman Avenue, Selkirk Crescent and Canyon Court areas has been completed, at a cost of \$1.1 million. Installation of a system in the area of Sherwood and Tupper Avenues, east of Blue Mountain Street, is also completed. Construction will start in the fall on a \$560,000 program to extend trunk sewers into the area of Westwood Street, Pipeline Road, Dunkirk Avenue and the Coquitlam River.

## Water Supply

Construction is planned to start late this year on a program that will improve water supply to the Cape Horn Industrial Area. Another project, to extend service in the upper Coast Meridian Road area to Zone 4 and provide improvements in Zone 3, is in the design stage.



## RCMP Patrol Boat

The Coquitlam RCMP Detachment now has a high-speed boat for patrolling waters in the area and carrying out rescue operations.

The vessel will be used to patrol Pitt Lake, Pitt River and the Fraser River, from New Westminster to Mission. It will be available for rescue operations throughout the area. One of its duties

will be to enforce Small Vessels Regulations and log salvage regulations.

Powered by a 225 horsepower engine connected to a 3 stage jet, the 18'6" vessel is capable of speeds up to 45 miles an hour. The jet makes it possible to manoeuvre in very shallow water. Cost of the boat was \$9,000.

## Two Major Roads Projects

Two major road projects will be completed in Coquitlam within the next few weeks.

The reconstruction of Clarke Road, from Cottonwood Avenue to Como Lake Avenue, is being done at a cost of \$650,000. The work will result in four paved traffic lanes, a special lane for left-turns into existing business establishments, elimination of open ditches with storm sewers, installation of ornamental street lighting and provision of sidewalks.

The second major project is the construction of a major arterial road extending from the Barnet Highway near Crabbe Avenue to intersect with Pipeline Road, near Pathan Avenue. It will be used by trucks operating to and from the Coquitlam River Valley. Cost of the road is \$400,000.

## FIRE PRECAUTIONS

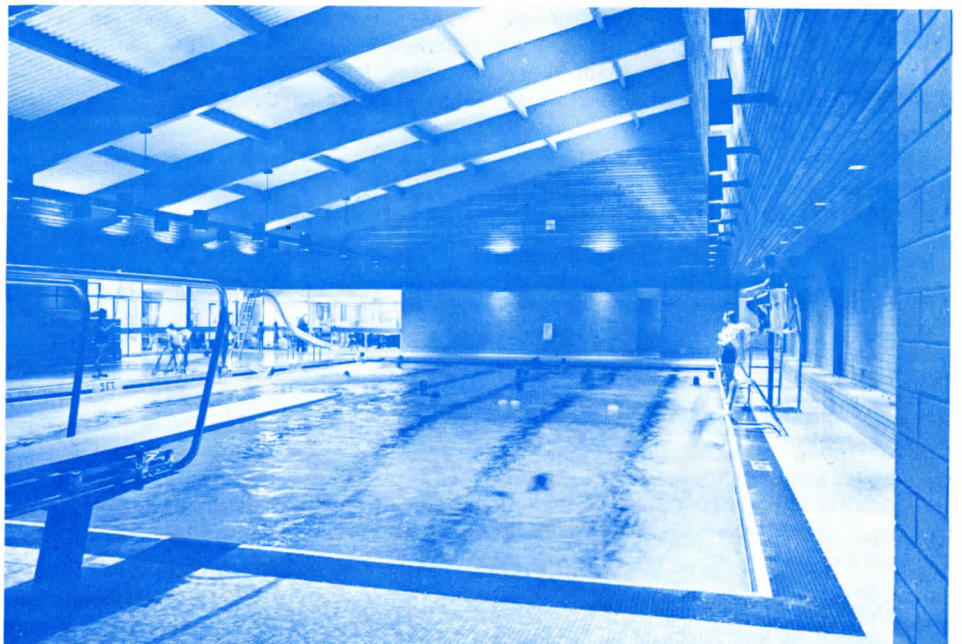
Don't leave articles like brooms and mops too close to natural gas hot water tanks . . . they are a fire hazard!

Gas hot water tanks occasionally back-fire and can ignite nearby inflammable articles. It is not an uncommon cause of fire in Coquitlam.

Another cause is carelessness in working in the basement on gas-driven lawn mowers and motorbikes.

## DAY CARE

More homes for family day care are needed in Coquitlam. Present day care facilities in the municipality are scarce and those that do exist are all full. If you are interested in finding out more about family day care, please contact Mrs. Brown at the Simon Fraser Health Unit, 936-3441



NEW CHIMO POOL