

# DISTRICT OF COQUITLAM

## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 1974

COQUITLAM MUNICIPAL HALL, 1111 BRUNETTE AVENUE, COQUITLAM, B.C.



*The Golden Ears as seen from Burke Mountain*



*Booming Grounds - Fraser River*

### Grants Received For Program In Maillardville

The Municipality has received senior government grants to start work on a Neighbourhood Improvement area around the Laval Square area in Maillardville.

The area was selected for the program following a detailed planning study, "Plan Maillardville", financed by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The Municipality has been allocated about \$500,000 in Federal and Provincial funds, under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program, to help rehabilitate the area. The program funds can be used for such things as storm sewers, street improvements, recreation facilities and tree planting and acquiring and clearing land for low density housing for people of low and medium income. A public meeting to discuss the concept plan and budget is planned for early October.

Under another senior government program - Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program - loans of up to \$5,000 are available to homeowners with income of up to \$11,000. Under the program a portion of the loan is forgiven and the interest rate on the balance is 8-5/8 percent. Persons within the N.I.P. area should contact the Planning Department if interested.

### Local Elections November 16

This year's municipal elections will be held on Saturday, November 16. Eligible Coquitlam voters will elect three Aldermen to Municipal Council and two Trustees to the School Board. There is a possibility that a money referendum for roads improvement will be submitted to voters with the elections. If there is a referendum it will be fully publicized.

There is no voting for the office of Mayor this year.

### Ice Annex

The new ice annex being added to the Coquitlam Sports Centre is expected to be under construction before the end of the year and in use in 1975.

The 85 x 200 foot addition is being built with funds from the parks and recreation referendum approved by ratepayers a year ago.

It is designed so that the ice can be used throughout the year, including summer programs.

### Ditch Elimination Given Priority

Because of the increased cost to property owners, a planned \$1.3 million local improvement program for the upgrading of residential streets has been scaled down considerably.

The program for residential streets - in which the cost of work is shared by the municipality and affected property owners - includes installation of curbs, pavement widening, elimination of ditches by use of storm sewers and general boulevard improvement.

As a result of the substantial cost increase to property owners, due to the higher cost of materials and labor, Coquitlam Council has directed the staff to prepare a program that would give priority to the elimination of roadside ditches, by installing storm sewers.

The revised program could go into effect next year, depending on the staff report and decisions made by Council.

### New Firehall

Working drawings are being prepared for a new firehall, to serve the north-east sector of the Municipality. Property for the hall, which will be Coquitlam's sixth firehall, has been acquired at Highland Drive and Coast Meridian Road.



# 1974 COQUITLAM COUNCIL

Mayor J.L. Tonn

Ald. L.A. Bewley      Ald. J.W. Gilmore  
Ald. C.J. Filiatrault    Ald. S.W. Hofseth  
Ald. L. Garrison      Ald. R.B. Stibbs

## MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager      R.A. LeClair  
Municipal Clerk      F.L. Pobst  
Treasurer and Collector      V.A. Dong  
Municipal Engineer      A. Phillips  
Assessor      A.R.C. Wyatt  
Fire Chief      B.H. Falcon  
Medical Health Officer      Dr. J.D. Munroe  
Parks and Recreation Director      D.L. Cunnings  
Planning Director      D.M. Buchanan  
RCMP Officer in Charge      Insp. M.A. Young  
Social Welfare Administrator      J.B. Thomson  
Solicitor      H.G. Castillou

## This Year's District Budget

Coquitlam's total budget for 1974 — general purposes, schools and hospitals — is \$16 million, up \$2.6 million over last year. The increase is due to a number of factors, notably a rise of \$1.1 million, or 22.9%, in school costs. Police and fire department budgets are up largely because of additional personnel. Four constables have been added to the RCMP detachment, to provide a ratio of roughly 1 constable per 1,000 people. Eight firefighters have been added to provide proper staffing at the municipality's five halls.

Municipal welfare costs are down because the Government reduced the local share from 15% to 10% and there has been a significant decrease in the public works budget.

### Millrate

The total millrate is 75.8715 mills — 37.85 for schools, 36.53 for general purposes, .70 for regional hospitals, .0175 for the Municipal Finance Authority of B.C. and for the Greater Vancouver Regional District, .7740.

### Late Payment of Taxes

The deadlines for payment of taxes has now passed. Accordingly a

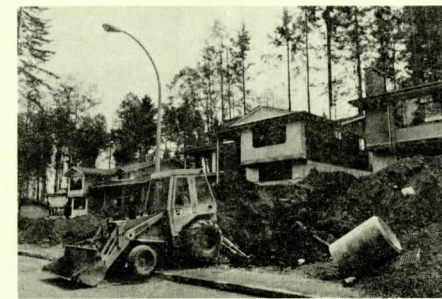
penalty of 7% was added to current taxes unpaid as at July 19, 1974. A further cumulative 3% penalty was added to current taxes remaining unpaid as at August 16, 1974.

### Provincial Grants

The basic 1974 Provincial Homeowners Grant is \$200. In addition, persons 65 years of age and over, who are eligible for the basic Homeowner Grant are assisted by an additional grant of \$50. However, the maximum Provincial Homeowner Grant entitlement is allowed only where total taxes exceed it by \$1.

For those eligible for the Provincial Homeowner Grant, the new School Tax Removal and Resource Grant provides for reimbursement of school taxation liability ranging from \$30 to \$40 depending on the extent of the school taxation liability.

To obtain these Provincial grants it is necessary to complete in full the application on the reverse side of your municipal tax statement on or before December 31, 1974. For additional information please telephone 526-3611 tax department.



Harbour Village-  
Stage 5 under construction

## Parks, Recreation Input Sought

The parks and recreation department has initiated a program to obtain public input into the planning and operation of its many programs.

Two public meetings have so far been held to obtain the views of interested citizens and others are planned. One will be held September 25 at Millside Elementary School and another at Glen Elementary School on November 20.

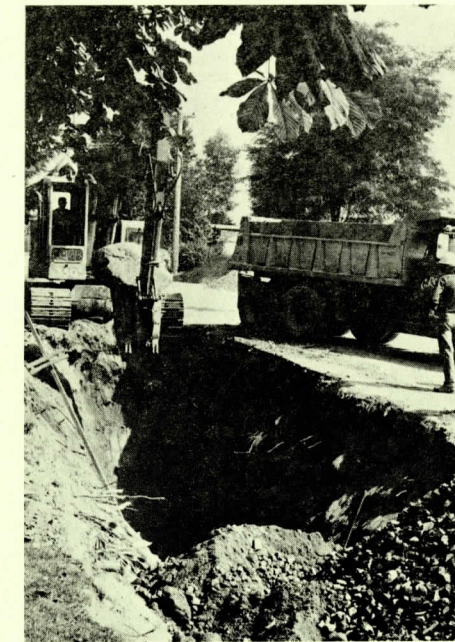
It is hoped the public will take advantage of these meetings to learn more about the services provided by the department and to offer advice as to the direction the department should be taking in meeting the needs and interests of Coquitlam residents. Questions, comments or concerns about services and programs are welcome anytime. They can be phoned directly to the department at 936-3481.

## Performing Arts Study Underway

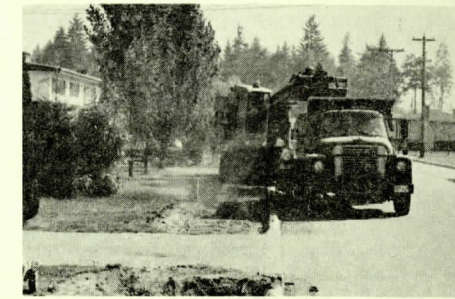
A feasibility study is being carried out in Coquitlam and Surrounding communities to determine if there is need for a centre for the performing arts.

Half the cost of the \$7,500 study is being contributed by the Coquitlam School Board and the balance is being shared by the Coquitlam, Port Moody and Port Coquitlam municipal councils and the residents of loco-Anmore.

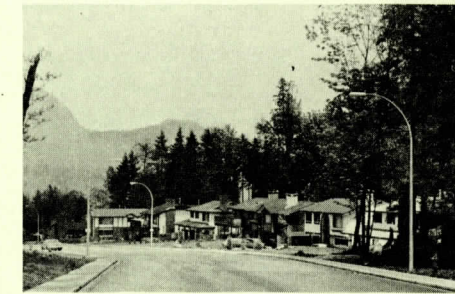
The study, which will be completed before the end of the year, will recommend whether a centre is needed and, if it is, where it should be located, its size and cost.



Storm Sewer Installation



Sidewalk Construction



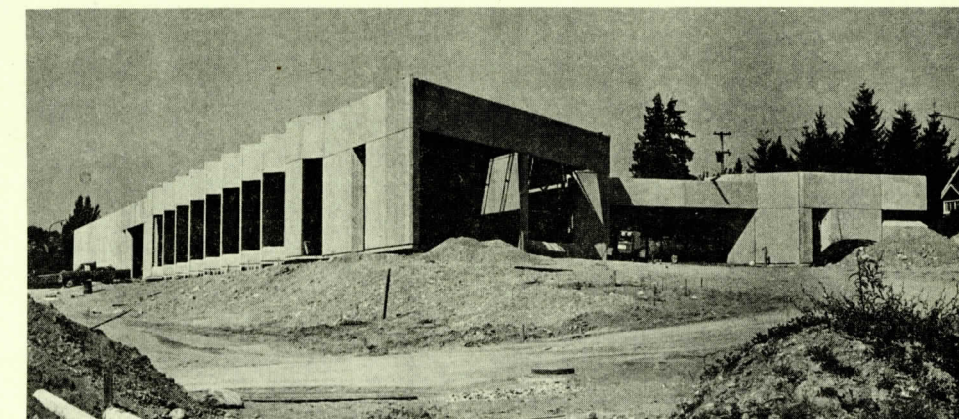
New Housing — Harbour Village

## Industrial Park

Plans for development of a 275-acre, privately-owned industrial park adjacent to the Port Mann Bridge are being reviewed by the Municipality.

Coquitlam's objective is to encourage economic and orderly industrial development that will augment the municipality's tax base and provide jobs for residents. This particular project — 'Mayfair Industrial Park' — will have both rail and highway access. Its development is expected to be underway within the next two years.

A major water supply main has been installed to service the area.



ICBC Claims Centre

## Subdivision

The Municipality is developing a 29-lot residential subdivision at Poirier and Foster. The provision of services — roads, sewers, storm drains, underground wiring, street lighting, sanitary sewers and sidewalks — will be completed by the end of the year.

## Foster Parents

If you are interested in becoming Foster Parents, or learning what it involves, please phone Mrs. Isabel Pratt, 939-9242. There is a real need for more Foster Parents.

## REVENUE

	1973 Actual	%	1974 Annual Budget	%
<b>Taxes:</b>				
Single Family Homes	3,179,801	23.84	3,342,600	20.95
Apartments	415,958	3.12	380,900	2.39
Commercial and Industrial	775,897	5.82	1,277,393	8.01
Other	139,212	1.04	613,081	3.84
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	245,351	1.84	249,327	1.56
Sale of Services	379,411	2.84	424,560	2.66
Services Provided to Other Governments	98,898	.74	120,265	.75
Permits and Licences	526,351	3.95	560,650	3.52
Misc. Revenue from Own Sources	403,890	3.03	311,500	1.95
Grants from Other Governments	1,860,411	13.95	1,912,752	11.99
<b>Collections for Other Governments</b>				
Schools	4,889,703	36.66	6,010,379	37.68
Hospitals	97,746	.73	107,515	.67
Finance Authority	1,833	.01	2,688	.02
Greater Vancouver Regional District	-		118,732	.74
Appropriations from General Revenue Reserves / Surplus	324,780	2.43	521,137	3.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,339,242</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>15,953,479</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## EXPENDITURES

	1973 Actual	%	1974 Annual Budget	%
<b>General Government</b>	<b>985,118</b>	<b>7.38</b>	<b>1,124,064</b>	<b>7.05</b>
<b>Protective Services</b>				
Police	972,464	7.29	1,095,410	6.87
Fire	652,027	4.89	953,206	5.97
Other	151,457	1.14	182,049	1.14
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>831,820</b>	<b>6.24</b>	<b>779,296</b>	<b>4.88</b>
<b>Garbage &amp; Waste Collection</b>	<b>384,610</b>	<b>2.88</b>	<b>446,639</b>	<b>2.80</b>
<b>Public Health &amp; Welfare Services</b>	<b>973,010</b>	<b>7.29</b>	<b>895,586</b>	<b>5.61</b>
<b>Environmental Development Services (Planning Department)</b>	<b>104,993</b>	<b>.79</b>	<b>111,310</b>	<b>.70</b>
<b>Recreational &amp; Cultural Services</b>	<b>1,119,261</b>	<b>8.39</b>	<b>1,242,819</b>	<b>7.79</b>
<b>Fiscal Services — Debt Charges</b>	<b>466,351</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>854,769</b>	<b>5.36</b>
<b>Transfers to Own Accounts</b>	<b>1,109,668</b>	<b>8.32</b>	<b>1,412,897</b>	<b>8.86</b>
<b>Transfers to Other Governments</b>	<b>111,007</b>	<b>.83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Transmission of Taxes Collected for Other Governments</b>				
School	4,890,900	36.67	6,010,379	37.68
Hospital	97,766	.73	107,515	.67
Finance Authority	1,833	.01	2,688	.02
Greater Vancouver Regional District	-		118,732	.74
<b>Surplus/Contingencies</b>	<b>486,957</b>	<b>3.65</b>	<b>616,120</b>	<b>3.86</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,339,242</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>15,953,479</b>	<b>100.00</b>





Centennial School Community Library

## Branch Library To Open Soon

The Coquitlam public library system is being expanded with the opening of a branch in the Westwood Mall. It is expected to be in full operation by the end of the year.

The branch, required to meet the growing demand for library services, will initially contain 8,000 books and include a children's section.

Centennial Community Library, located in Centennial School, will continue as the municipality's central library with over 60,000 books. A popular new service is a collection of automobile repair manuals. And a wide selection of records — rocks, the classics, opera, jazz, folk and spoken word — is now available for loan.

Centennial library hours are: Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Water Rebate

The Municipal Council has passed a bylaw enabling an estimated 1,000 Coquitlam senior citizens to be eligible for a 50 percent rebate on their 1974 water rate.

In order to receive the rebate, application must be made to the Municipal Hall. Please phone 526-3611 Tax Department for additional information.

## Views Sought From Residents

Municipal Council is seeking the views of Ranch Park residents on plans to allow a small commercial centre between Mariner Way and Spuraway, west of Ranch Park School.

The centre could include a convenience grocery store, beauty parlour, barber shop, service station and perhaps some medical or real estate offices. Total size would be about one-quarter that of the existing Como Lake Village

Residents are requested to express their views on the proposal by writing the Planning Department.

## Storm Sewers

The 1974 program of installing major trunk storm sewers includes installations on Marmont Street, the Canyon Court area, Cartier Avenue, Foster Avenue and Hailey Street area, Mundy Street (below Paradise Avenue), Pasture Crescent and North of Foster Avenue, between Poirier and Linton.

The works, costing an estimated \$500,000, are part of an annual municipal program.

## New Number

Coquitlam's parks and recreation department has a new central switchboard, and a new phone number, , , , 936-3481. Information on programs and services relating to the department can be obtained by calling this number.



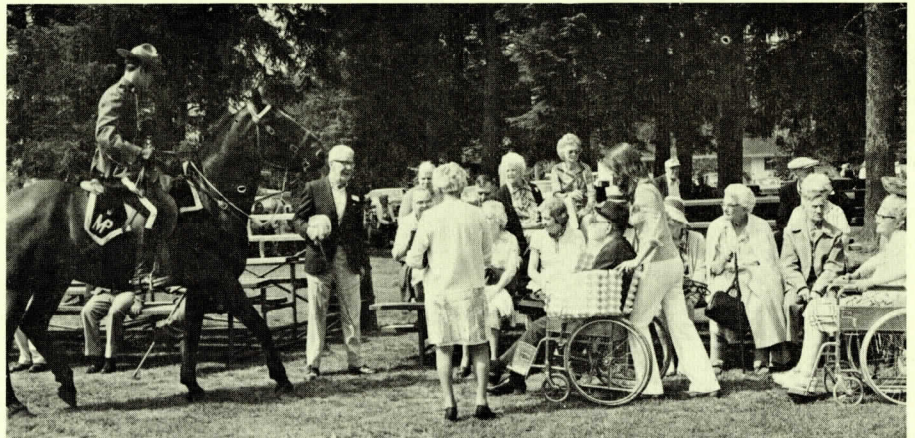
Place des Arts

## Arts Centre Offers Courses

Coquitlam's Community Arts Centre - 'Place des Arts' - offers a wide variety of courses for teens, adults and children (from three years old). They include painting, spinning, weaving, pottery, dancing, music and stained glass art and there are also free programs for the Golden Age Club, Young Women's Art Club, delinquent children and Retarded Young Adults Club.

The Centre is at 166 King Edward Street, across from the Municipal Hall.

Works of local artists and craftsmen are displayed and sold at the Centre. The Centre is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.



RCMP Sponsored Senior Citizens' Picnic — Mundy Park