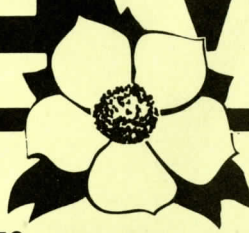


DISTRICT OF COQUITLAM NEWS



SUMMER 1988

More Police, Firemen for Coquitlam

The District of Coquitlam has increased police and fire protection services for its residents while at the same time holding the 1988 municipal tax increase to just 3.65 per cent.

Funding for six additional police officers will come from the District's RCMP contract while 14 new firemen are among 27 additional municipal staff members provided for in the 1988 budget.

New police and fire facilities are plan-

ned, including an extension to Coquitlam RCMP headquarters and new fire stations on Mariner and at Austin and Nelson.

Also being undertaken in 1988 are projects such as a \$2.6 million central library on Poirier Street (see story page 2) and improvements to recreation and leisure facilities and services. These include installing a wheelchair lift at the rear of the Coquitlam Sports Centre and making Blue Mountain Park wheelchair accessible. The

budget also includes \$25,000 to fund a Block Watch program aimed at reducing residential break-ins in the Coquitlam area.

A 911 emergency telephone system which brings Coquitlam in line with other Greater Vancouver Regional District areas is provided for in the new budget.

For residential homeowners, 1988 municipal taxes increase \$21.34 on \$100,000 assessment. This figure excludes other taxing authorities.

Property Taxes Due July 4

District of Coquitlam property taxes must be paid on or before Monday, July 4, 1988.

If for some reason you have not received your tax bill, please contact the municipal office at 526-3611. It is the responsibility of the property owner to pay taxes by the due date in order to avoid penalty, whether or not a tax bill has been received.

Late Payment Penalties: A 10% penalty will be added to current taxes outstanding at the end of July 4. The above penalty is also applicable to the Home-owner grant portion of your taxes if you do not apply for the grant on or before the penalty date.

Home-owner Grant: This grant may be claimed without paying taxes. To avoid penalty on the grant amount, (the basic grant is \$380), application must be signed by the home owner and received by the Tax Office by July 4.

If you are eligible for the Home-owner Grant but will be away between May and July 4, to avoid penalties due to late grant applications, you may appoint, in writing, a relative or friend to act as your attorney and to sign the grant application on your behalf.

On or before the July 4th due date the appointed person should:



Coquitlam's newest park was officially opened last month. Westwood Summit Park is located on the upper reaches of Eagle Ridge in the Westwood Plateau subdivision. The park contains playground equipment selected for its design, safety and colourful appeal. Pleasant-side Developments Ltd. and Bel Construction assisted Coquitlam in developing the park and joined municipal officials for the opening.

1. Complete the grant application on the back of your tax statement and sign it as your attorney. For example, "John Smith, Attorney for John Doe." (If your attorney cannot pick up the tax statement at your residence, he may obtain a copy from the Tax Office.)

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NEW LIBRARY, FIRE HALL UNDERWAY

By early next year, Coquitlam residents will have the use of a new 24,000-square foot main public library branch.

The \$2.6 million project, which will result in closure of the Ridgeway and Burquitlam branches of the Coquitlam Public Library, is under construction with completion scheduled for Dec. 31.

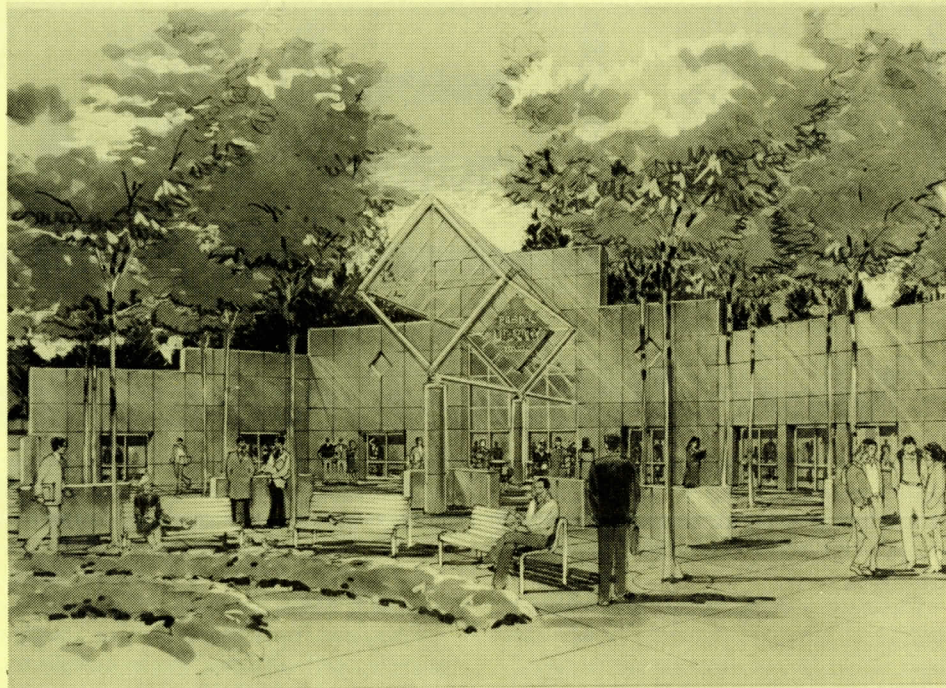
General contractor is Pillar Construction Ltd. of Burnaby.

Meanwhile, construction is expected to be completed by January, 1989, on a 16,000-square foot fire hall at Austin and Nelson. The \$1.6 million facility will be similar in appearance to the larger central fire station opened in the Town Centre area late last year.

Containing four drive-through bays, the new fire hall will lead to phasing out of the Alderson, and Como Lake and Foster halls.

General contractor for the Austin/Nelson hall is DGS Construction Co. Ltd. of Surrey.

Architect of both new projects is Richard White, M.E.des., who serves as Coquitlam's Director of Permits and Licences.



Above is an artist's impression of the new Poirier Street main public library branch scheduled for completion at the end of this year.



Message from The Mayor

COQUITLAM COUNCIL 1988

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Richard White

That the District of Coquitlam has been able to increase services, particularly in the important areas of police and fire protection, while holding the 1988 municipal tax increase to only 3.65 per cent has not happened by accident.

Council and staff expended a great deal of time and effort in arriving at a 1988 budget that suits our municipality's growing needs. At the same time, we believe the budget reflects the fiscal responsibility that is so necessary today.

As Mayor, I am proud to say that Coquitlam has always been and continues to be a quality, attractive and most affordable

urban area in which to live or do business.

Coquitlam experienced a record growth year in 1987 and the prospects for 1988 are even more encouraging.

I look ahead with anticipation to Coquitlam's centennial celebration in 1991. To our neighbours, the City of Port Moody and the City of Port Coquitlam, I offer my sincere congratulations on this year of their 75th anniversaries.

We hope all of District 43 will join us in our celebration.

Louis Sekora
Mayor



The installation of new floodlights has made evening activities at Blue Mountain Park much more enjoyable for participants and spectators alike.

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2. Deliver the fully completed grant application with the letter to the Tax Office. (If the letter and grant are sent separately, the grant may be rejected and penalties may apply.)

You may be eligible for the additional grant of up to \$250.00.

If you are or will be 65 years of age during this calendar year; if you are receiving Handicapped Persons' Income Assistance under the G.A.I.N. Act; if you are receiving the War Veterans' Allowance or Civilian War Allowance; if you are physically handicapped with a permanent disability and are likely to require physical assistance or costly environmental modifications to your home; if you have a handicapped spouse or relative who resides permanently with you.

If your taxes are paid by a mortgage company, you must still apply for the grant, if eligible, by July 4 to avoid penalty. Contact your mortgage company for instructions on whether to send your completed grant application to your mortgage company or directly to Coquitlam.

Tax Deferments: If you are 65 or over, a widow or widower, or handicapped as defined in the Guaranteed Available Income for Need Act, and residing in your home, you may apply to have your taxes deferred. Tax deferrals are applied after the grant has been deducted and do not apply to water rates and taxes on any rented portion of the house.

Payment of Taxes: For convenience, taxes may be paid at most chartered banks or credit unions or at the Municipal Offices at 1111 Brunette Avenue, Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may deposit your payment and/or grant application in the after hours letter drop located at the Accounting entrance doors of the Municipal Hall.

If mailing payment, mail early for arrival at the Municipal Hall on or before July 4 to avoid penalties. **Warning:** Mail lost or delayed by the Post Office will be subject to penalties.

Receipts: To help reduce cost, receipts are not issued for taxes paid. Your cancelled cheque is your receipt. However, if you require a receipt tax statement, send in your entire tax statement with a note attached requesting a receipt.

If you require further information concerning your tax account, please phone the Tax Office at 526-3611.

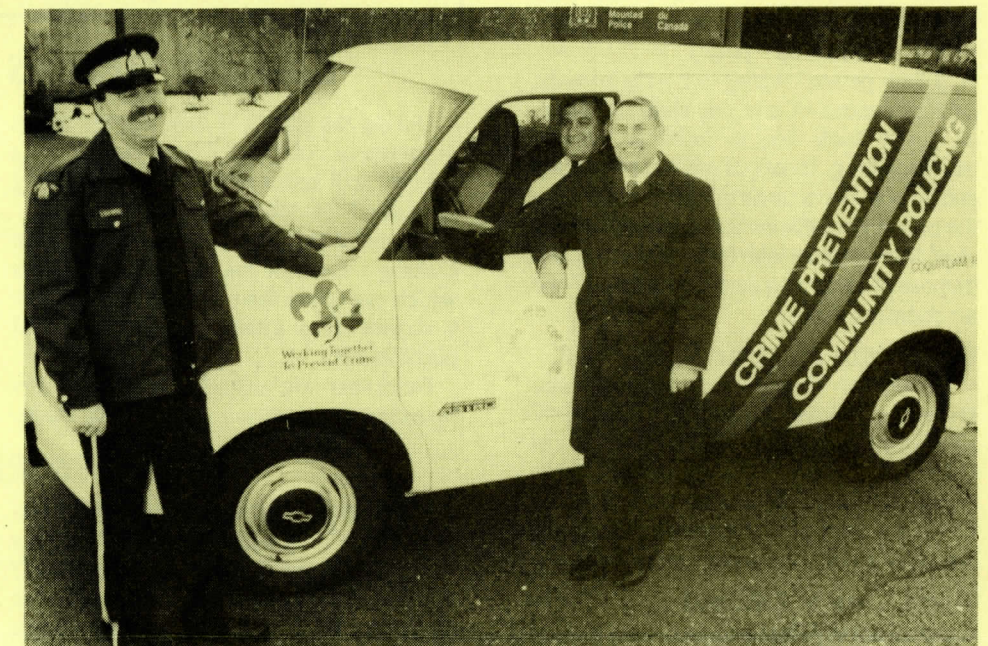
COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM PLANNED

A community Block Watch program aimed at reducing residential break-ins in the Coquitlam area will go into effect this fall.

Funding for the program, modelled after the highly successful Seattle program, has been provided by the District of Coquitlam. The program will be implemented by the Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam Crime Prevention Committee in conjunction with the Coquitlam RCMP detachment.

Thrust of the program is in raising public awareness and thereby reducing break-ins. Constant liaison between the participants and police, the co-operation of residents in making their homes more secure and careful property identification are the keys to a successful Block Watch program.

Further information about this and other crime prevention programs in your community may be obtained from the Coquitlam RCMP Crime Prevention Unit (464-3461, local 216/7).



CRIME PREVENTION VAN—The Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam crime prevention program has an attractive new van at its disposal. Displaying the new van are Constable Rob Smith of the Coquitlam RCMP, Mayor Lou Sekora at the wheel, and Crime Prevention Committee chairman Les Keen.

Health Unit Offers New Resources, Service

As part of the Ministry of Health's initiative to strengthen families, the Simon Fraser Health Unit has a variety of resources available to the public.

A video and brochure on adoption and three brochures on decision making and sexual behaviour are all available from your local health unit at 644 Poirier Street.

Also available are an information video on "Aids, the new epidemic" and "Aids in the workplace", educational materials for workers and employers encouraging fairness, understanding and safety in the workplace.

New vaccine available at the Simon Fraser Health Unit should help prevent the most common cause of bacterial meningitis in children under five years of age.

Parents of children aged 18 months to five years are urged to call 939-9261 to make an appointment for Hib Meningitis vaccine.

Hib Meningitis is fatal in five per cent of all cases while up to 45 per cent of cases have significant and sometimes permanent damage. Other serious infections apart from meningitis are also caused by this dangerous bacteria.

Rapid Growth Continues

Building activity in the District of Coquitlam continues at a record pace.

A 30 per cent increase in residential housing starts was the major factor as the value of building permits issued in Coquitlam in 1987 reached a record \$106.5 million.

The previous record high of \$98.1 million was achieved in 1986.

Value of 1,201 residential housing starts in Coquitlam last year was \$87,978,429.

Municipal Notes

Committee for the Disabled

Coquitlam Council has appointed a Committee for the Disabled with Ald. Eunice Parker serving as Chairman. Vice-Chairman is Ald. Mae Reid.

The committee has been formed to address issues facing the disabled that fall within the responsibility or interest of local government. Meeting once a month, the committee can be reached by contacting Ald. Parker at 936-4467 (home) or 255-7346 (business) or Ald. Reid at 936-0422 (home) or 936-4306 (business).

National Awareness Week for the Handicapped was held May 29 - June 4.

Pound Law Strengthened

The District of Coquitlam has strengthened its Pound Bylaw to incorporate a "clean-up" policy.

"Every person owning or having custody, care or control of any dog shall not allow or suffer such dog to leave or deposit manure, dung, faeces or excrement on any public place or private property other than the property of the owner unless the owner shall immediately take steps to remove and dispose of same in a sanitary manner," the amendment reads.

Coquitlam Nuclear Free Zone

Coquitlam Council has declared the District a Nuclear Free Zone, joining 57 similarly designated municipalities in British Columbia. Two provinces have designated themselves nuclear free while there are over 3,774 nuclear free communities in 24 countries world-wide.

Town Centre Official Community Plan

Council for the District of Coquitlam has officially adopted the Southwest Coquitlam-Town Centre Official Community Plan. The document incorporates existing policies and community plan designations and puts them into the form of an official community plan.

Pumping Station Now Open

The new River Heights Pump station designed to eliminate water shortages in southwest Coquitlam is now in operation.

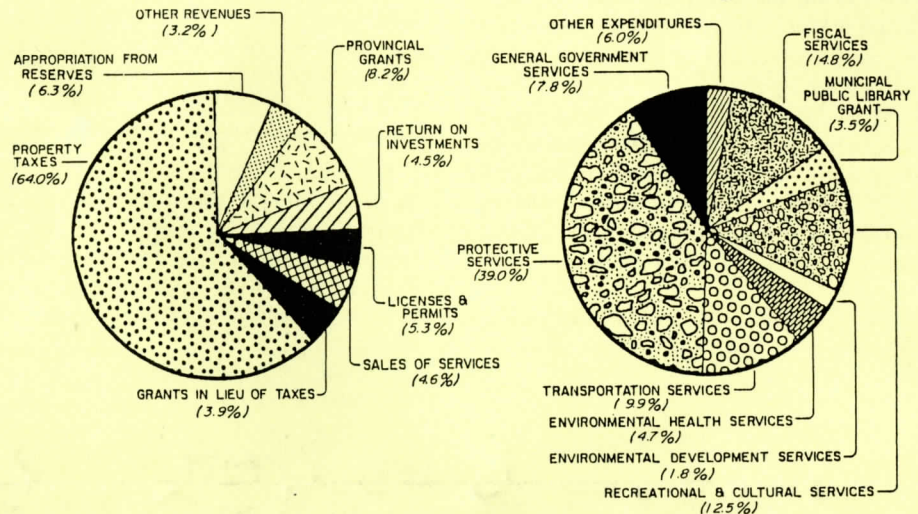
Using the Greater Vancouver Water District's Cape Horn reservoir, the station can pump 525 litres per second or about 35 tons of water a minute. A standby diesel generator provides emergency power during electrical disruptions.

Projected final cost of the facility, financed entirely from water rates, is \$870,000—slightly under budget.

The Budget Dollar—Fiscal Year '88

where it comes from

where it goes to



1988 BUDGET REVENUES/EXPENDITURES \$33,463,322

LIBRARY OFFERS SUMMER PROGRAM

During the month of July, the children's department of the Coquitlam Public Library will sponsor a "Summer Reading Program" for school age children.

Theme of this year's program is "Gone Fishing". Each of the four separate parts which comprise the program will include a puppet show guaranteed to delight all participants.

Programs are scheduled at all three branches of the library (Burquitlam Plaza,

526 Clarke Road, telephone 931-5211; Ridgeway, 1063 Ridgeway Avenue, telephone 937-7121; and Lincoln, 3020 Lincoln Avenue, telephone 464-1112. Program brochures are available at all three branches.

Meanwhile, the Ridgeway Branch will present a pre-school storytime each Wednesday in July at 10:30 a.m. The drop-in program presented free of charge, will feature stories, songs, puppet shows and other activities.

SUMMER RECREATION

Are you ready for the excitement of "Summer Craze", "Challenge '88", "Kiddies Kamp", and the Spani Pool "Carnival"? GET WET at one of the outdoor pools or put on your blades for the hockey school. These are just a few of the many summer

recreational opportunities outlined in the summer Leisure Guide, which has now been delivered to residents. REGISTER NOW! Coquitlam Parks and Recreation; 936-3481.

DITCH ELIMINATION PROGRAM ACCELERATED

The District of Coquitlam has expanded and accelerated its ditch elimination program.

Under the new schedule, the program will provide enclosed street drainage to 7,500 lots in southwest Coquitlam within 10 years. The original program, aimed at improving public safety and convenience for pedestrians and motorists, was to cover a period of 28 years.

The revised program format was recommended by Council's Drainage Committee chaired by Ald. Bill LeClair. Ald. Brian Robinson and Ald. Dave White are other members of the committee.

The Ditch Elimination Program, which operates under the direction of the

Drainage Committee, is financed by proceeds from a \$6 million Drainage Reserve Fund.

Public response to completed projects has been extremely positive.

To date, 9,660 metres of ditch have been enclosed in Ranch Park, Harbour Chines, Clarke Road and Dunlop Street/Richard Street. The 1987 program enclosed 1,880 metres of ditch in nine locations at an average cost of \$170 per metre while the 1988 program will complete another 2,114 metres.

In 1989, the first year of the expanded program, 6,600 metres of open ditch will be enclosed.