



Coquitlam's Future Crystal Treasure

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Coquitlam is a fun place and a boomtown, which means the population is growing, so eventually Coquitlam will need more bridges so people can get there. In Coquitlam now, you can do exciting things every day just by stepping outside your door! You can go shopping at Coquitlam Centre and fish for fresh salmon and other fish in a nearby lake. You can go to festivals and events galore, and go to farmer's markets to buy fresh picked fruits and vegetables.

Imagine if someone invented a time machine and we had permission to use it! I would set it to fast forward so that

we could travel through time and go to the year 3333. In Coquitlam in 3333, the population will have grown even more, and at that time, engineers will be designing and building more and more bridges. They will also have found stronger construction materials that can withstand more weight, heavy winds, earthquakes, and other forces.

If I could design a bridge for Coquitlam, I would design one that is made out of the world's stiffest crystal; crystal that would be impossible to break. The foundation of the bridge would be twisty, but the roads would be flat. The crystal bridge would have the ability to change to all the colours of the rainbow. Every day it would change to a different colour. It would be named Bridge Samism. Bridge Samism would be world famous for the cool, artistic twisty and wavy designs on it. It would be functional as well as beautiful. It would also be famous for how the colours beautifully react when the sun hits it, as well as how much weight and traffic it can support!

- *Story and illustration by Ivan Sun*

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