

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- PLACE: Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Urban Forest Management Plan (Presentation by the Urban Forestry and Parks Services Manager) 7:05 – 7:25 p.m. (20 minutes)
- **3.** E-Mobility Strategy (Presentation by the E-Mobility Manager) 7:25 – 7:45 p.m. (20 minutes)
- Active Transportation Projects (Presentation by the Planner 2 and Transportation Planning Specialist)
 7:45 – 8:05 p.m. (20 minutes)
- 5. Climate Action Plan Update (Presentation by the Environmental Sustainability Manager and Sustainability Programs Specialist)
 8:05 – 8:25 p.m. (20 minutes)
- Environmental Achievement Awards Selection Update (Presentation by the Environmental Education and Enforcement Manager) 8:25 – 8:35 p.m. (10 minutes)
- 7. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item) 8:35 – 9:00 p.m. (25 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, June 25, 2024

ADJOURNMENT



SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, February 27, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

| COMMITTEE MEMBERS: | Councillor Robert Mazzarolo, Chair (arrived at 7:07 p.m.) |
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| | Councillor Brent Asmundson, Vice Chair |
| | Mark Ashton, Citizen Representative |
| | Grayson Barke, Citizen Representative |
| | Reza Berry, Citizen Representative |
| | Linton Chokie, Citizen Representative |
| | Silvia Cojocaru, Citizen Representative |
| | Mohammad Darabi, Citizen Representative (arrived at 7:02 p.m.) |
| | Daryoush Mohammad Hassani, Citizen Representative |
| | Edward Lau, Citizen Representative |
| | Bonnie Razzaghi, Citizen Representative |
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STAFF: Caresse Selk, Manager Environment Jenny Tough, Environmental Education and Enforcement Manager Doron Fishman, Park Planning and Design Manager Leila Todd, Senior Project Manager Nichelle Cameron, Solid Waste Programs Specialist Karin Johnson, Sustainability Programs Specialist Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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Councillor Asmundson assumed the role of the Chair.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023

The Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

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2. Committee Welcome

The Committee Clerk provided introductory comments relative to the 2024 Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Schedule, Committee member attendance expectations, conflict of interest and evacuation procedures.

Mohammad Darabi arrived to the meeting at this time (7:02 p.m.).

Discussion ensued relative to the potential for a conflict of interest if a Committee member serves on other volunteer boards such as the School District No. 43 (SD43) School Board.

Councillor Mazzarolo arrived to the meeting and assumed the role of the Chair at this time (7:07 p.m.).

3. Review and Adoption of the 2024 Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan

The draft 2024 Work Plan was presented on-screen and the Manager Environment provided an overview of Work Plan items and the drafting process.

The Chair, Vice Chair and Manager Environment advised Committee members of the recent Provincial housing legislation, Bills 44, 46 and 47, and its impact on Coquitlam's 2024 Business Plan and 2024 SEAC Work Plan items.

Discussion ensued relative to Committee appreciation for the City's environmental sustainability efforts and initiatives despite the impact of recent Provincial housing legislation.

The Chair expressed appreciation for the Committee's understanding and willingness to be flexible regarding implementation of 2024 Work Plan items.

The Committee endorsed the 2024 Work Plan and a copy is attached hereto, and forms a part of, these minutes.

The Committee recommended:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the 2024 Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan.

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4. Fraser Mills Community Centre, Parks and Public Art

The Park Planning and Design Manager and Senior Project Manager provided a presentation entitled "Fraser Mills Public Amenities Update" that covered the following topics:

• Overview of the Fraser Mills Community Centre, Parks and Public Art Project (hereon "the Project"), including timeline, site plan and current status, amenities, environmental sustainability and climate change considerations, developer agreement, synergy with other City plans and policies, public engagement opportunities and staff desire for Committee feedback

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The Project, including Fraser Mills Neighbourhood plan with population projections, transit considerations, developer agreement duration, odour concerns from nearby United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre, possibility of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards for community centre, flood mitigation and sea-level rise preparations, partnerships with First Nations, childcare, restaurants, water amenities, public art, public engagement opportunities, extreme weather shelter designations and energy options such as solar panels or District Energy (DE)
- The Fraser River, including jurisdictional control and restrictions, potential for fishing and desire for the Fraser River shoreline to be publicly accessible
- The importance of tying development to environmental sustainability efforts and initiatives
- Recent Provincial housing legislation, Bills 44, 46 and 47, and implications for BC Step Code and other building codes

5. Waste and Single Use Item Reduction Programs

The Sustainability Programs Specialist and Solid Waste Programs Specialist provided a presentation entitled "Environment Division – Waste Reduction Initiatives Update" that covered the following topics:

- Overview of the City's Waste Reduction Initiatives, including rationale, events, education and services
- Overview of the City's Repair Café Program, including rationale, events, contribution agreement with Metro Vancouver, participation data, repaired items by type, staff desire for volunteers and Committee feedback, information dissemination mediums and possibility of local community groups partnering with the City to deliver the Program's events
- Overview of the City's Single-Use Item Reduction Program, including rationale, timeline, legislative regulations, synergy with senior levels of government and breakdown of restricted and prohibited items

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

• Legislative regulations regarding non-compostable ink on reusable shopping bags

• The City's Repair Café Program, including potential for a social media page to increase community awareness, a tool library, collaboration with other municipalities, universities and community groups, notice of upcoming event on April 27, 2024 at Dogwood Pavilion, challenges of finding volunteers and how the City will support community organizations who offer to run the Program's events

6. 2024 Environmental Volunteer Celebration – Potential Establishment of Event Planning Sub-Committee

The Environmental Education and Enforcement Manager provided introductory comments relative to an overview of the City's 2024 Environmental Achievement Awards and staff desire to establish a sub-committee.

Discussion ensued relative to the importance of recognizing volunteers and potential collaboration with local schools to raise awareness of City environmental volunteer opportunities.

The Committee formed a 2024 Environmental Achievement Awards Sub-Committee and the following members offered to serve: Mark Ashton, Grayson Barke, Reza Berry, Daryoush Mohammad Hassani and Bonnie Razzaghi.

7. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share information and emerging issues from their communities.

The following issues and concerns were shared:

- Metro Vancouver Coquitlam Water Main Project, including construction timeline and inquiry into whether a tree replacement/replanting agreement exists
- The City's Inspiration Garden at Town Centre Park being moved to temporary site at City Centre Aquatic Complex across from Lafarge Lake Skytrain station and rationale for cutting down trees at the site
- Possibility of the City creating a designated facility for cooking oil and grease disposal and the existing disposal service at the United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre
- Recent Provincial housing legislation, Bills 44, 46 and 47, including inquiry into whether the City has contacted the Province regarding impacts on municipal urban forest management and climate change initiatives and concern regarding the lack of consultation and unintended consequences

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, April 23, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Robert Mazzarolo, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

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2024 Work Plan

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee

Committee Mandate

The overall mandate of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee is to provide a local perspective and advice to Council with respect to achieving the City of Coquitlam's strategic goals and accompanying strategic directions. Specific responsibilities of the Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- To provide advice to Council on a wide range of existing and emerging environmental issues and trends including strategic planning initiatives, bylaws, and policy development;
- To provide a local perspective on the environment while giving due consideration to the balance between social, environmental and economic aspects;
- To identify and review opportunities for environmental protection and enhancement within the City and advise Council of the same;
- To advise Council on issues of environmental importance to stakeholder groups and to the community at large;
- To identify and advise on ways to build local environmental awareness, and promote environmental stewardship within the City; and
- To celebrate environmental volunteer involvement and leadership including supporting the annual Environmental Volunteer Celebration (and its biannual Environmental Achievement Awards component).

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| Sta | inding Items | | |
| 1. | Committee Welcome | Chair/Staff | Chair/Staff |
| 2. | Review and Approval of 2024 Work Plan | Staff Lead / Committee | Staff |
| 3. | SEAC Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item) | Committee | Committee |
| 4. | City Manager / Deputy City Manager – Committee input, as needed | CM / DCM | Staff |
| 5. | 2024 Year-End Review | E&PW (Staff Lead) / Committee | Staff |
| 6. | 2025 Work Plan | E&PW (Staff Lead) / Committee | Staff |
| SEAC Members' Requested Items | | | |
| 7. | Environmental Impacts of Bills 44, 46 and 47 | E&PW / P&D | Requested by Committee members at end of 2023 |

2024 Work Plan Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee

| WORK PLAN ITEMS | DEPARTMENT AND/OR PRESENTER | COMMENTS (i.e. initiated by, Priority Assignment A, B, C) |
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| Educational Awareness Presentations | | |
| 8. Urban Wildlife Management | E&PW | Committee |
| 9. Waste Management and Recycling | E&PW | Committee |
| Engineering and Public Works Initiative as needed, including: | 2S: | |
| 10. Climate Action Plan - Draft Strategy Consultation | Environment | Priority Item A |
| 11. Environmental Bylaw Updates: Stream and Drainage System Protection Bylaw Amendment | Environment | Staff |
| 12. Single Use Item Reduction Program | Environment | Staff |
| 13. Strategic Transportation Plan | Transportation | Priority Item A |
| 14. E-Mobility Strategy | Transportation | Staff |
| 15. Joint Flood Mitigation Program | Utilities | Staff |
| 16. Stormwater Treatment Facility and I&I Update | Utilities | Staff |
| Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilitie | s Initiatives: | 1 |
| as needed, including: | | |
| 17. Urban Forest Management Plan | Urban Forestry | Priority Item C and |
| | | Committee request |
| 18. Northeast Community Centre and Park Design | Parks Planning | Priority Item A |
| 19. Blue Mountain Park Master Plan | Parks Planning | Priority Item B |
| 20. Glen Park Phase 3 Planning | Parks Planning | Priority Item C |
| Planning and Development : as needed, including: | | |
| 21. Hazel-Coy Neighbourhood Plan | Community Planning | Priority Item B – postponed from 2023 |
| 22. Construction Sites Impact Mitigation | Planning, Bylaws and E&PW (Environment) | Priority Item B |
| Environmental Achievement Awards 20 |)24: | |
| 23. Review of Environmental Achievement Award Nominations | Environment | Staff |
| 24. Awards Event | Committee/Environment | Staff |

City of Coquitlam Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities

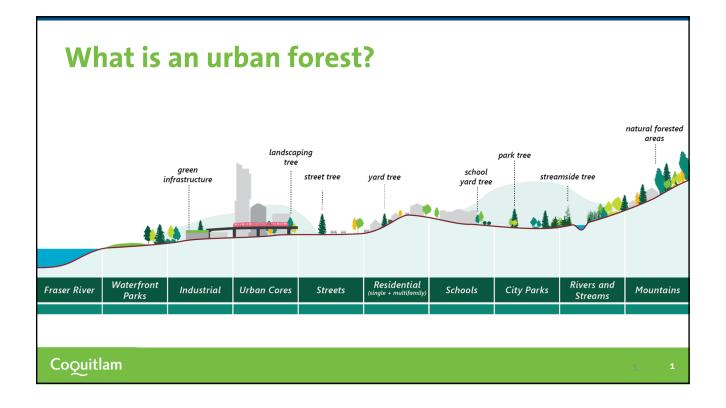
Urban Forest Management Strategy

Sustainability & Environmental Advisory Committee

April 23, 2024

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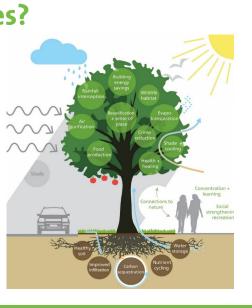




Why do we need trees in cities?

When healthy and well-managed, trees benefit our community with:

- Connection to place, history and culture
- Connection to nature
- Health and well-being benefits
- Economic benefits
- Wildlife habitat
- Climate regulation



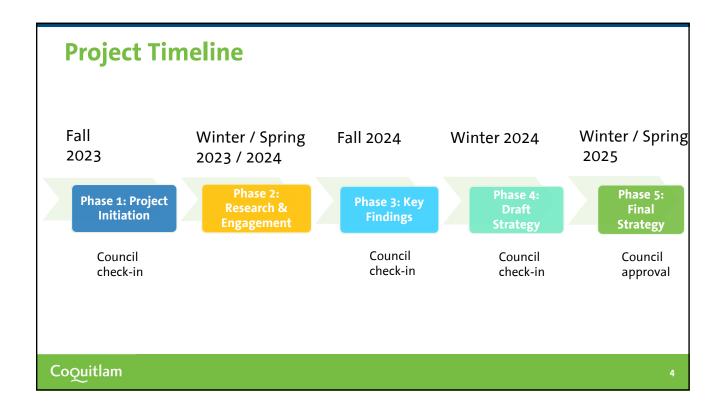
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What will the Strategy do?

- Understand the current condition of the urban forest
- Develop a vision for the future
- Establish objectives and targets
- Provide guidelines for how we get there



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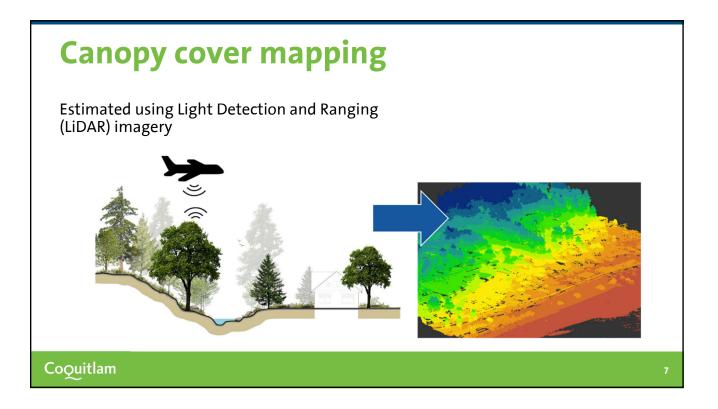
Upcoming Phase 1 Engagement

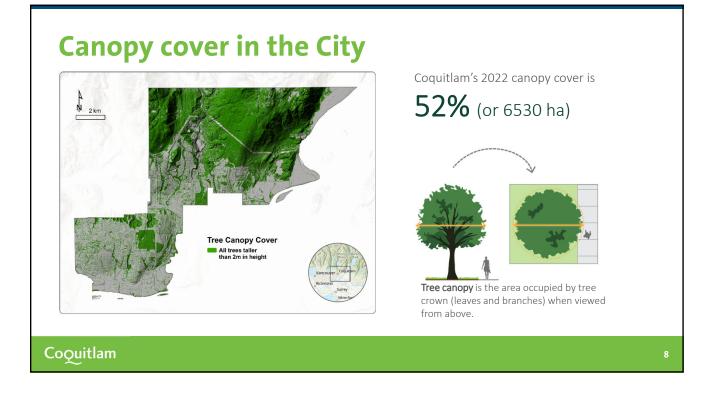
- Project page: <u>https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/UrbanForest</u>
- Community survey
- Pop-up events

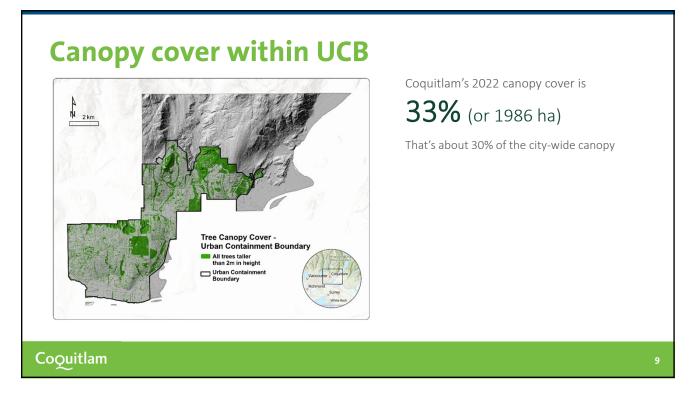


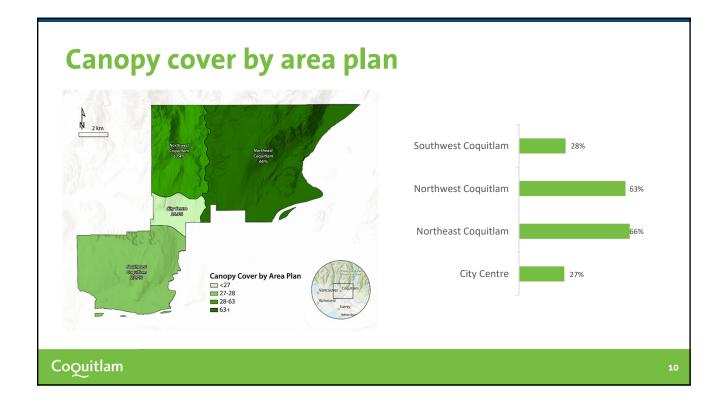


Coquitlam's Urban Forest Context

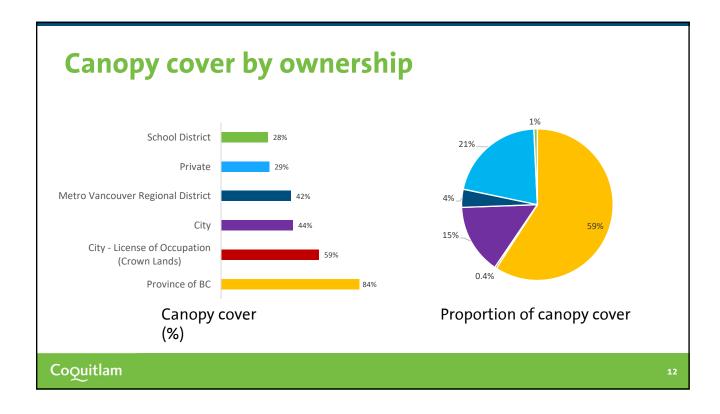




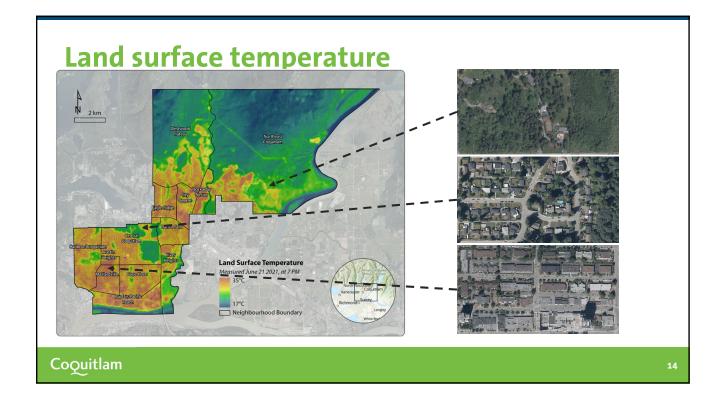








| l ree Equ | ity Score | | |
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| A N 2km | | | ower tree equity score = a greater iority for increasing tree canopy |
| | Den hel | Factors | Description |
| | | Climate | Average land surface temperature, as measured from remote sensing data |
| | | Income | Percentage of people living on incomes below 200% of the federally defined poverty line (< \$40,000) |
| ATTEN STOR | | Age | Percentage of seniors (age 65+) and children (0-14) |
| | | Race and | Percentage of people who belong to visible minority |
| | Overall Priority Index by Census Dissemination Area Lower priority | Vancouver o Copular | groups, as defined by the Employment Equity Act and, so, the visible minority group to which the person belongs |
| | Higher priority | Surrey White Sort | Percentage of the labour force that does not have a job but are available and willing |



Please share your thoughts with us!

Participate in survey, drop by pop-ups and other events.

More information will be released on <u>https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/</u> <u>UrbanForest</u>



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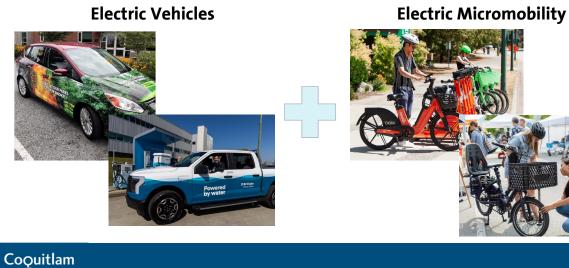
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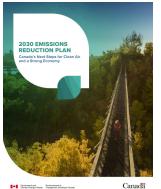


What is E-Mobility

Electric Vehicles



Coquitlam's Existing E-Mobility Policies





BC Hydro's Electrification Plan A clean future d by water SEPTEMBER 2021

BC Hydro 🚔 | cleanBC



Transportation Strategy

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Federal, Provincial and Regional Plans

- Coquitlam Zoning Bylaw (2018)
- Tri Cities Zero • **Emissions Mobility** Plan: 2023
- Electric Kick Scooter ٠ Pilot (2023-24)
- Coquitlam Green Fleet ٠ Strategic Plan (2024)
- BC Hydro E-Mobility ٠ Manager

Requirements Guide This handout provides information on meeting electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure requirements

Electric Vehicle

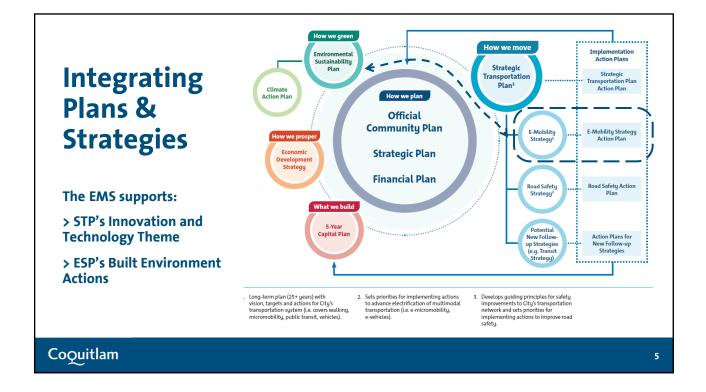
Charging Infrastructure





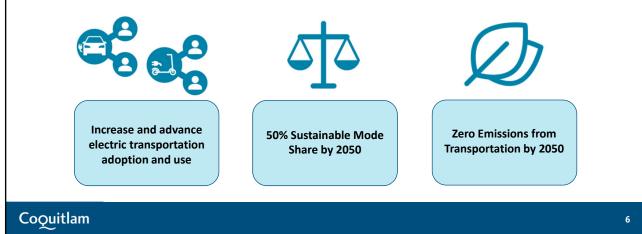
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E-Mobility Strategy Goals

To provide a flexible framework and promotes practices that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transportation by increasing electrified sustainable options and electrifying remaining vehicle trips.

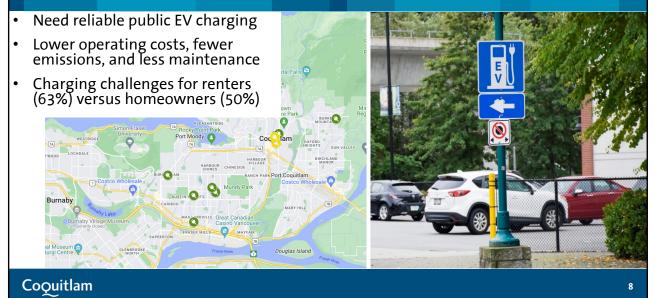


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Public Engagement Highlights



Electric Vehicle Highlights



E-Micromobility Highlights

Survey results from STP Phase 3 engagement

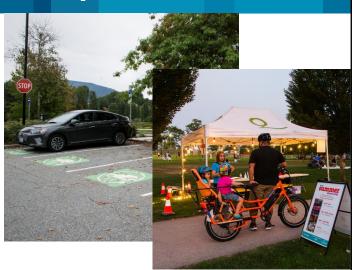
- Benefits
 - Faster travel
 - Congestion avoidance
- Cost and emissions reduction
- Versatile riding
- Challenges
 - Device theft (77%)
 - Sharing space with drivers (70%)
 - Inclement weather (53%)

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#1 Vehicle & Device Adoption

- 1. Supporting e-bike adoption
- 2. Requiring car-share and Ride Hail to be EV
- 3. Lead by example and replace fleet with EV
- 4. Support providing separated facilities for medium speed users



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#2: Charging & Parking Infrastructure

1. Identify locations for City provided EV Charging

2. Provide more secure e-micromobility parking

3. Refresh EV Ready Infrastructure Requirements in Zoning Bylaw

4. Support processing and barrier removal of rentals and strata conversions



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#3: Culture and Education

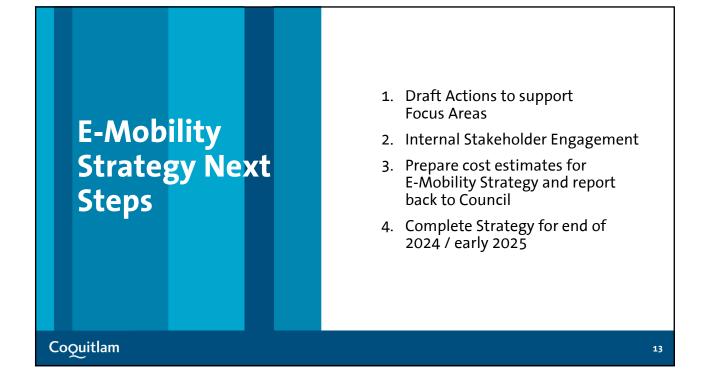
1. Conduct and partner on campaigns

2. Provide EV charging in locations to all demographics

3. Integrate education programs with schools



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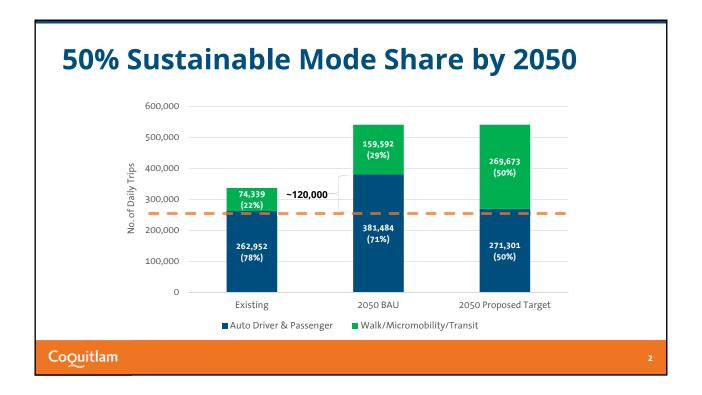


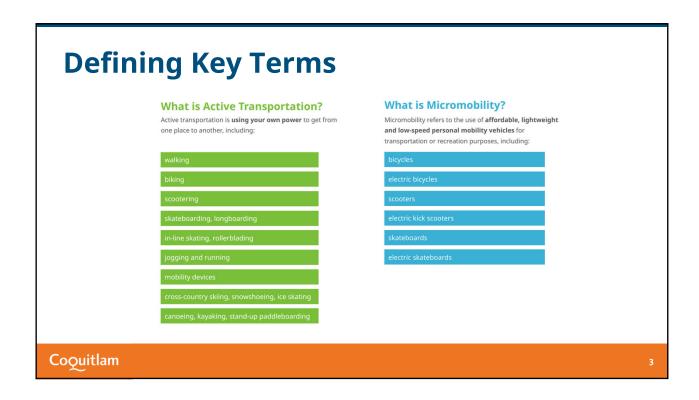
Active Transportation Improvement Projects

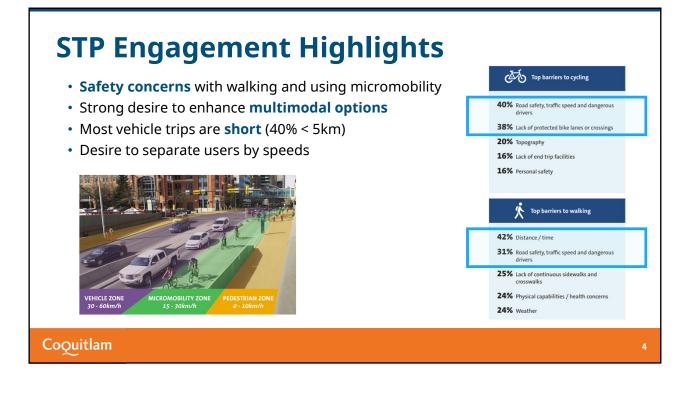
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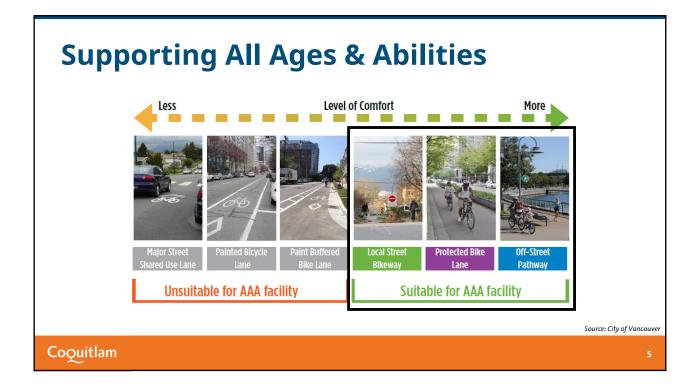


















Nelson Street Active Transportation Improvements

Provide safe and comfortable walking and micromobility facilities to better support residents of the growing **Austin Heights** and **Maillardville** neighbourhoods

- 1.7km local street
- 2025 Frontage Works Program

Timing

- Conceptual Design Completed
- Public Engagement Analysis underway
- Detailed Design Spring / Summer 2024

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Nelson Street Active Transportation Improvements

Lacking Elements

- Active transportation infrastructure that meets British Columbia Active Transportation Design Guide
- Accessible wheelchair ramps
- Curb and gutters
- Lighting
- Street trees and landscaping



Nelson Street Active Transportation Improvements

Recommended Design

- Continuous sidewalks
- ✓ Space to bike or scooter
- ✓ Wheelchair ramps
- Curb and gutters
- Lighting
- Street trees and landscaping



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Smith & Regan Ave Active Transportation Improvements

Provide safe and comfortable walking and micromobility facilities from **Burquitlam SkyTrain Station and YMCA** to four **schools**, four **parks** and two **commercial centres**

Timing

- Conceptual Design In Progress
- Public engagement Fall 2024
- Detailed Design Winter 2025



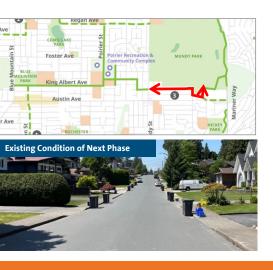
King Albert Ave Active Transportation Improvements

Complete earlier phases of the project to connect multiple **schools**, Poirier **recreation** and community complexes, Coquitlam **Library** Poirier Branch and other amenities from Blue Mountain Park to Mundy Park and Mariner Way

Timing

- Conceptual Design Summer 2024
- Public engagement TBD
- Detailed Design TBD





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Thermal Drive Active Transportation Improvements

Provide safe and comfortable walking and micromobility facilities from **Como Lake Ave** to the **City of Port Moody** and the nearby **Inlet Centre SkyTrain Station** via Moray Street

Timing

- Conceptual Design 2025
- Public engagement TBD
- Detailed Design TBD



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Guildford Way Greenway & Safety Improvements

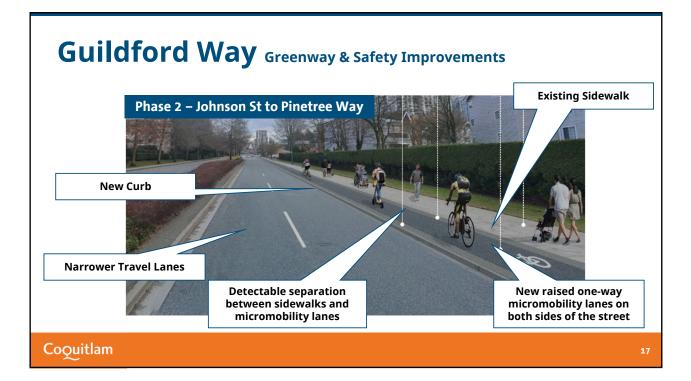
Phase 1 – Port Moody border to Johnson St

Painted bike lanes were replaced with on-street micromobility lanes separated by concrete curbs

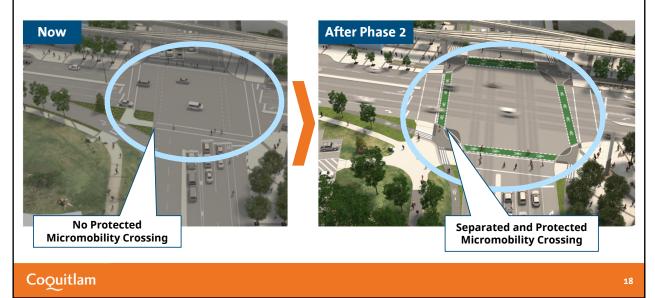




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Guildford Way Greenway & Safety Improvements



| Stay Informed | |
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| Southwest Coquitlam Active Transportation | |
| LetsTalkCoquitlam.ca/SWActiveTransportation | |
| Nelson Street | |
| LetsTalkCoquitlam.ca/NelsonStreet | |
| Guildford Greenway | |
| Coquitlam.ca/GuildfordGreenway | |
| Strategic Transportation Plan | |
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Glen Chua, Transportation Planning Specialist Payvand Razaghizad, Transportation Planner 2

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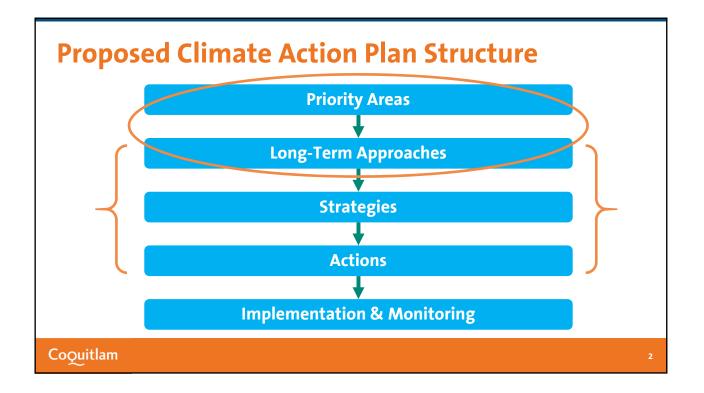
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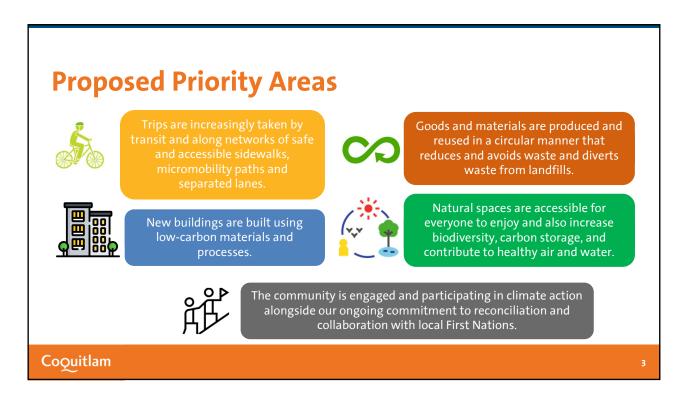
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Climate Action Plan Phase 3 Project Update & Engagement Highlights Coouitlam





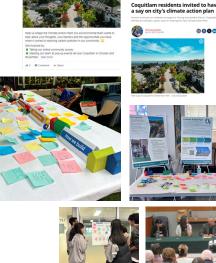




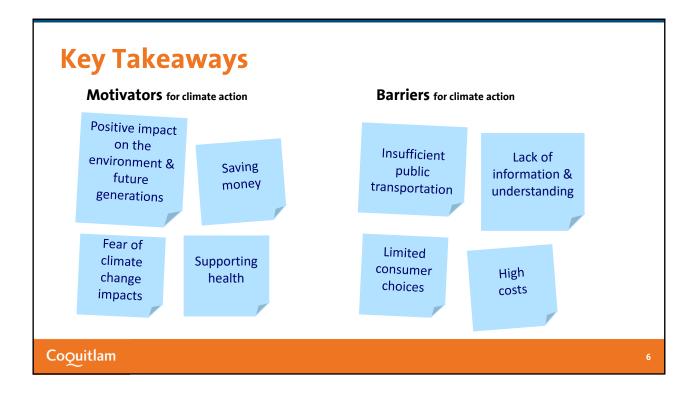
Engagement Highlights

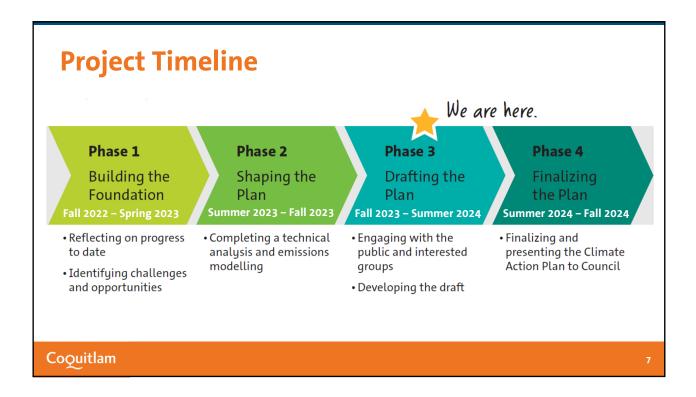
- 435 survey responses
- 2 online information sessions
- 7 pop-up events
- 2 public event presentations
- Meetings with key groups
 - 5 Community Groups
 - 4 Council Advisory Committees
 - 3 Youth-focused events
 - 1 Urban Development Institute

1,100+ people directly engaged in Fall 2023!









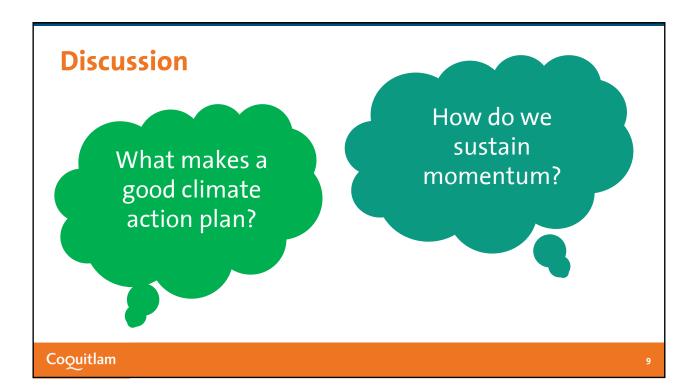
Next Steps

- Refine long-term approaches and strategies
- Work with k^wik^wəλəm First Nation;
- Draft actions informed by community engagement with input from;
- Develop action details with costing and funding options;
- Complete GHG pathway modelling; and
- Draft the Climate Action Plan.

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City of Coquitlam Engineering and Public Works

Environmental Achievement Awards 2024

Winners Announcement

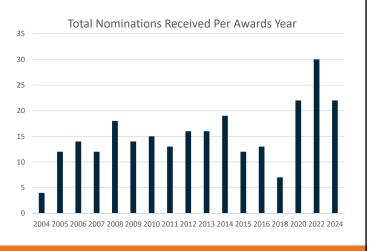


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Environmental Achievement Awards

Received 22 Nominations for 2024

1x Green Sprouts 3-12
2x Individual – Youth 13-18
12x Individual – Adult 19+
1x Group – Youth
4x Group – Adult
1x Teacher/Educator
1x Lifetime Achievement



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| 2024 Award Winners | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Green Sprout (3-12) | The Whittles – Thomas & Daniel |
| Individual Youth (13-18) | Thomas Kempin |
| Individual (19+) x 2 | Carla Parr Pearson & Josephine Tsen |
| Teacher or Educator | Lynn Troung |
| Youth Group | Gleneagle Secondary Green Team |
| Adult Group | Web of Life – Carl Ronka |
| Lifetime Achievement | Joanne Peressin |
| Special Recognition | Derio Urbani |
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