

MULTICULTURALISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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 Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Climate Action Plan Engagement (Presentation by the Environmental Sustainability Manager and Sustainability Program Specialist)

7:05 – 7:35 p.m. (30 minutes)

3. Cultural Understanding Project Sub-Committee Update (Presentation by the Sub-Committee Lead)

7:35 – 8:05 p.m. (30 minutes)

4. 2023 Year-End Review/Identify Potential Items for Draft 2024 Work Plan (Introductory Comments by the Community Social Development Manager)

8:05 – 8:35 p.m. (30 minutes)

5. Committee Members' Roundtable/Multicultural Communities and Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)

8:35 – 9:00 p.m. (25 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD (2024)

ADJOURNMENT

MULTICULTURALISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Brent Asmundson, Chair
Councillor Robert Mazzarolo, Vice Chair
Shannon Alves, Citizen Representative
Silvia Luigia Camolese, Citizen Representative
Honore Gbedze, Citizen Representative
Arun Ghag, Citizen Representative
Nikki Kasravi, Citizen Representative
Bitra Rezaei, Citizen Representative
Lucie Wee, Citizen Representative

REGRETS: Simin Ahmadian, Citizen Representative
Carolina Echeverri, Citizen Representative
Ann Johannes, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Zeralynne Te, Community Social Development Manager
Natasha Lock, Planner 3
Ryan Klemencic, Planner – Analyst
Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF MINUTES****1. Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

The Minutes of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS**2. Review Framework for Developer Initiated Art on Private Property**

The Planner 3 provided a presentation entitled “Review Framework for Developer Initiated Public Art on Private Property” that covered the following topics:

- Background and overview of the Review Framework Project (hereon “the Project”)

- The importance and benefits of public art
- Toronto Metropolitan University Study
- City Centre and Burquitlam Area Plans
- The City's Public Art Policy & Project Plan (2010)
- Conceptual sketch of "Gateways", public art pieces that are defining entry points for buildings and communities
- The necessity of establishing formal criteria and procedures for public art in community spaces
- Possible amendments to Coquitlam's Citywide Official Community Plan and Public Art Policy
- The potential to install public art on private properties with public access such as a plaza
- Timing and expectations for public art application process
- Public engagement opportunities and collaboration with local non-profit organizations

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Northstar Gateway at North Road and Gatineau Place and potential future gateway sites across the city
- The desire for multicultural public art to celebrate the Trinidadian and Tobagonian steelpan musical instrument
- Possibility of surveying Town Centre Park visitors for a more in-depth multicultural picture of their origin
- The possibility of installing activated and interactive public art
- The importance of installing public art created by artists from different ethnic backgrounds
- The importance of public art representing the multicultural community and people from different ethnic backgrounds
- The importance of community member involvement in public art design process
- The purpose of the Project's formal criteria and procedures for developer initiated public art
- Involvement of citizens and staff in the Project
- The City not being a judge of what constitutes acceptable developer initiated public art

3. Cultural Understanding Project Sub-Committee Update

The Cultural Understanding Project Sub-Committee Lead provided a presentation entitled "Cultural Understanding Project" that covered the following topics:

- Background and overview of the Cultural Understanding Project (hereon "the Project")
- Limited resources being a hindrance to the Project's work
- The necessity for a needs assessment by collaborating with existing community groups such as Coquitlam Public Library
- Acquiring community cultural data and devising actionable items for the Project

- Guiding questions and considerations for the Project's proposed community survey (hereon "the Survey")
- The desire for Committee feedback on the Survey's guiding questions
- Sub-Committee budget request of \$5,000 for the Project's work

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Challenges of open-ended questions and the possibility of refining questions with specific examples to draw out key themes for the Survey
- Language barriers as a possible detractor to the Survey results and responses
- Coquitlam Heritage Society's exhibit displaying traditional cultural attire
- Possibility of the Project providing the broader community with a traditional cultural attire display to foster cultural understanding
- Concern regarding community members not hearing about local cultural events
- Survey details, including storage of collected data, timelines and surveyors' commitment considerations
- The Project's funding sources, including the possibility of using community grants as one source
- The process for making formal recommendations to Council to secure funding for the Project
- The importance of presenting a refined proposal at a future meeting prior to requesting funding from Council
- Committee support for the Project's proposed budget request of \$5,000

The Chair advised that a refined proposal should be presented at a future meeting prior to the Committee formulating a motion to request a \$5,000 budget from Council.

4. Committee Members' Roundtable / Multicultural Communities and Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share details regarding upcoming events and emerging issues in the community.

There were no comments from the Committee.

The Community Social Development Manager advised the Committee of the 2023 Welcome to Coquitlam event's cancellation and the rationale for its cancellation.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, November 15, 2023

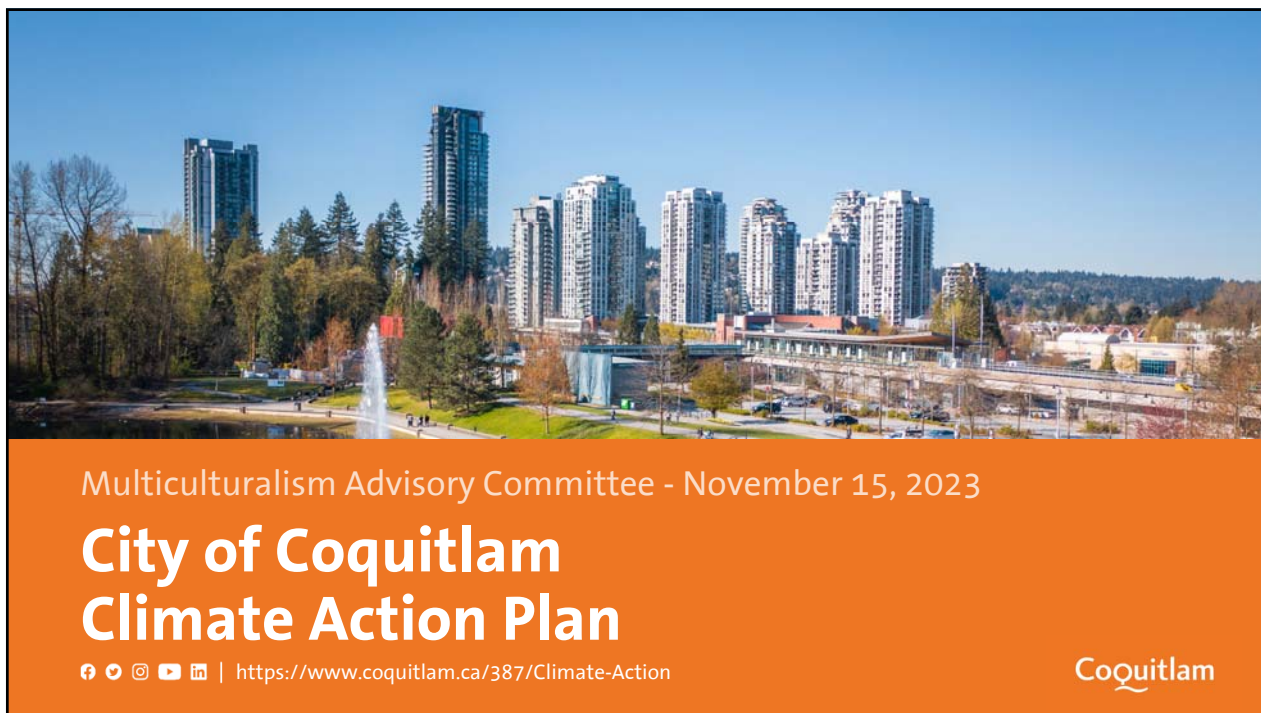
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Brent Asmundson, Chair

Caley Amundsen, Committee Clerk



Today

- Why We Need a Climate Action Plan
- Priority Areas
- Discussion
- Next Steps



Meet the Team!



Caresse Selk
Manager, Environment



Laura Sampliner
Environmental Sustainability
Manager



Karin Johnson
Sustainability Programs Specialist



Laura Beattie
Sustainability Programs Specialist



Ryan Voon
Climate & Energy Manager

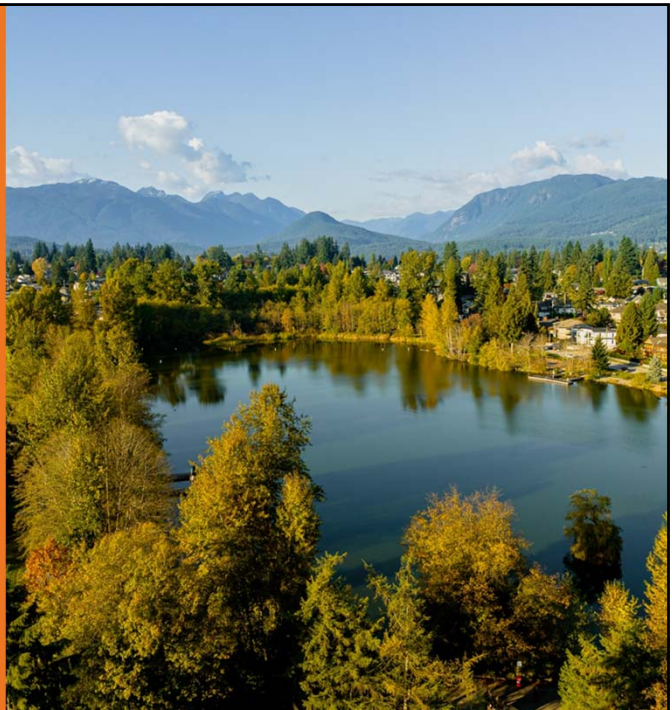
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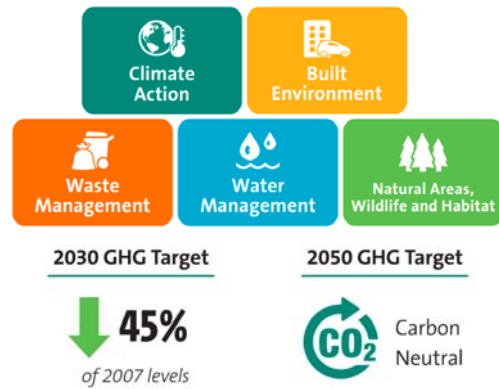
Why Do We Need a Climate Action Plan?



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Environmental Sustainability Plan

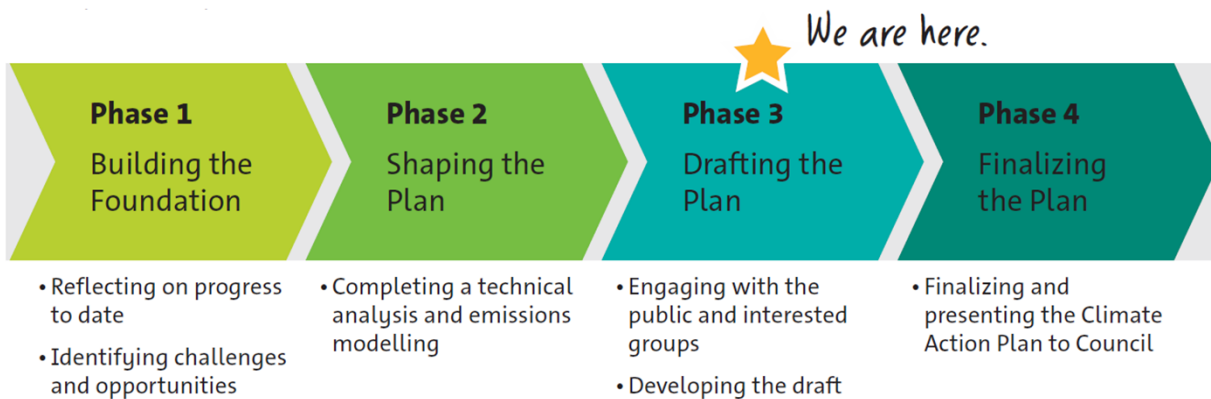


Why Coquitlam needs a Climate Action Plan

- We're experiencing the impacts of climate change
- Our community is growing
- A plan will help us reach our targets
- Access to opportunities (e.g., funding, partnerships, new technology)
- Other positive outcomes!
- We're part of the global community



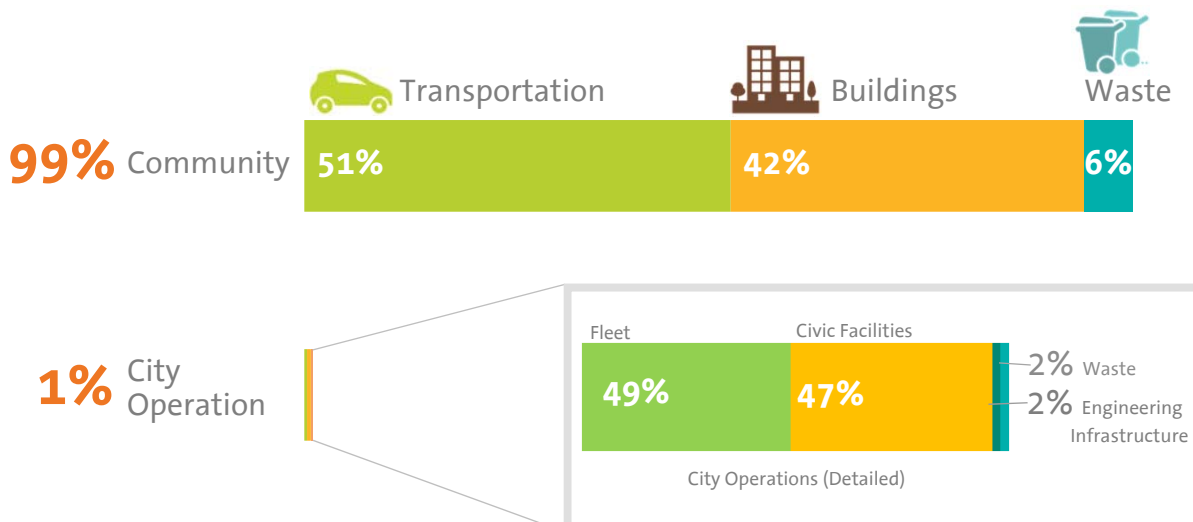
Climate Action Plan Timeline



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Coquitlam's Carbon Pollution



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Priority Areas



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How we build



How we consume



How we move



How we steward

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How we build

- Includes all **homes and buildings** in a community
- Most carbon pollution in this area comes from the **use of fossil fuels** (e.g., natural gas)
- Reducing carbon pollution means **switching from fossil fuels** (e.g., natural gas) to **low carbon energy** (e.g., electric) and **adopting energy efficient behaviours**



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How we move

- Includes **all of the ways we get around**
- Most carbon pollution in this area comes from **the combustion of fossil fuels** (e.g., gasoline and diesel)
- Reducing carbon pollution means switching away from fossil fuel-burning vehicles to **zero-emissions vehicles and other forms of transportation**



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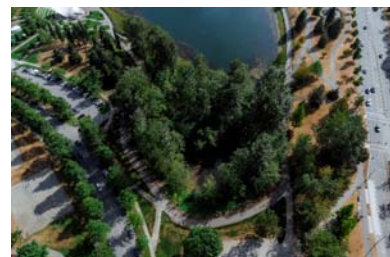
How we consume

- Includes **all the products we buy and the waste** that comes from it
- Most carbon pollution in this area comes from the **collection and disposal of waste** in landfills
- Reducing carbon pollution means making sure that goods and materials are **produced and reused in a circular manner** that reduces and avoids waste



How we steward

- Includes **ecosystems and green spaces**
- These systems **support biodiversity, enhance air and water quality**, and provide **recreational opportunities**
- It is important to **steward** the land, prioritizing **conservation and restoration** efforts



We Want to Hear From You

Your feedback is valuable!

- Helps us to better understand what challenges you face and what inspires you to take action
- Contributes to more meaningful actions that reflect your needs and priorities

How will it be used?

- Summarized and shared publicly with Council in a *What We Heard* Report
- Used by City staff to develop specific deliverables and actionable items



Discussion

Next Steps

- **Community Engagement**
 - Survey
 - Pop-up events
 - Online information sessions
 - Conversations with key groups
- **Drafting the plan**



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Thank you!

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Multiculturalism Advisory Committee

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2023 Summary

- Sub-Committee: Cultural Understanding Project
- Census/demographic presentation
- Territorial Land Acknowledgement
- 2024-2027 Strategic Renewal Plan
- Canada Day 2023 MAC booth
- 2023 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Update
- Glen Park – Phase 3
- Developer Initiated Public Art on Private Property Project
- Climate Action Plan

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MAC Mandate

Provide local perspective and advice to Council in support of achieving the City's strategic goals and accompanying strategic directions.

Objectives:

Foster awareness and understanding of the City's multicultural population and diversity,
 Initiate and facilitate discussion around existing and emerging multiculturalism issues,
 Identify barriers relative to citizen involvement in the community,
 Review and provide input to Council regarding the City of Coquitlam's Multiculturalism policy,
 Assist in the development of a multiculturalism policy implementation strategy for the City of Coquitlam,
 Identify opportunities for public education and discussion regarding multiculturalism in the City,
 Provide input into the development and implementation of programs and services that enhance the culture of the community and create educational opportunities, and
 Review and provide input on other items and matters as directed by Council.

2024 Work Plan

- Orientation
- Approval of 2024 Work Plan
- Multicultural Communities and Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)
- City initiatives (planning, engineering, parks, etc)
- Canada Day
- Welcome to Coquitlam
- Census/Demographic presentation(s)
- Tri-Cities Local Immigration Partnership presentation
- Coquitlam Public Library presentation
- 2024 year-end review and 2025 Work Plan discussion