

## CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 2 Mascot Parade at Lights at Lafarge 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Town Centre Park coquitlam.ca/parkspark

Friday, Feb. 3 Frozen Night at Lights at Lafarge 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Town Centre Park coquitlam.ca/parkspark

Saturday, Feb. 4 Light It Up Sports Night at Lights at Lafarge 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Town Centre Park coquitlam.ca/parkspark

#### Monday, Feb. 6

**Council-in-Committee** 2 p.m.

Regular Council 7 p.m. coquitlam.ca/council coquitlam.ca/agendas

Tuesday, Feb. 7 Disco Night at Lights at

Lafarge 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Town Centre Park coquitlam.ca/parkspark

Wednesday, Feb. 8 Pollinator Power Night at Lights at Lafarge 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Town Centre Park coquitlam.ca/parkspark

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#### What's New Coquitlam Bettie Allard YMCA Officially Opens

The new Coquitlam Bettie Allard YMCA officially opened its doors to the public on Jan.17. In addition to the 55,000-squarefoot community centre, the project provides a number of other community amenities in the heart of the Burquitlam neighbourhood including a Community Police Station, park-and-ride, expanded park land, transportation improvements and dedicated rental housing. The project was made possible through a partnership between the City, the YMCA of Greater Vancouver and Concert Properties.

Drop by the facility for a guided tour and to learn more about the amenities, programs and membership options offered, including the Coquitlam Resident Access Rate. Learn more at **BettieAllardYMCA.ca**.

#### Keeping Our Community Safe Coquitlam RCMP Exchange Zone

A new buy and sell exchange zone has been designated outside the Coquitlam RCMP main detachment, located at 2986 Guildford Way, Coquitlam. This area allows residents to complete online transactions or transfer children between parents and/or guardians, in a safe, known location.

The Exchange Zone is under video surveillance 24/7, however, we recommend that residents arrange exchanges when the detachment is open during regular business hours. You can find more safety tips at coquitlam.rcmp.ca.

#### Looking Out for the Environment Secure Attractants to Keep Urban Wildlife Safe

With recent bear and cougar sightings in Coquitlam, residents and businesses are asked to take proactive measures to ensure their property is not a source of food for wildlife.

Take these simple steps to keep animals safe and prevent human-wildlife conflict, including:

- Store garbage, food waste and recycling in a secure area that is inaccessible to wildlife, such as in a garage or shed.
- Only place carts and bins at the curb after 5:30 a.m. on collection day—not the night before.
- Keep carts and bins odour-free by freezing smelly garbage and food waste until collection day and regularly cleaning them.

To report wildlife attractants, improper storage of attractants or wildlife accessing attractants, call the City at 604-927-3500 or email urbanwildlife@coquitlam.ca.

#### Looking for a Furever Home Coquitlam Dogs, Train Your Human!

If a dog poops in the forest and no one sees it, do you have to pick it up? Yes! Being a responsible dog owner means cleaning up after your pet. Even if the bag says "biodegradable" or "compostable", it won't break down in the bushes. Please throw all dog waste into the garbage can. Learn more at coquitlam.ca/TrainYourHuman.



### Registration Now Open for Skating and Swimming



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Spring 2023 skating and swimming programs are now available for registration. Sign up online at **coquitlam.ca/registration**. Phone-in registration is available at 604-927-4386, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except for statutory holidays) and weekends 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Heads up! Coquitlam has transitioned from the Canadian Red Cross Swim Kids program to the Lifesaving Society's Swim for Life program. A lesson conversion chart is available to view and download at **coquitlam.ca/aquatics**. If you have questions about this transition, please call 604-927-4386 or email prcs\_info@coquitlam.ca.

#### **General Recreation and Fitness Programs**

- Programs can be viewed online as of Monday, Feb. 13 at 8:30 a.m.
- Registration opens online, phone-in and in-person on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 8:30 a.m

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