

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 4**City of Coquitlam
Recreation Job Fair**
12 – 4 p.m.Glen Pine Pavilion
coquitlam.ca/careers**Monday, March 6****Council-in-Committee**
2 p.m.**Regular Council**
7 p.m.coquitlam.ca/council
coquitlam.ca/agendas**Council Meeting
Details**
See page 31coquitlam.ca/calendar**What's New?****Coquitlam First City in BC to Support GoHere Washroom Access**

In support of the Crohn's and Colitis Canada's Washroom Access Program, 36 municipal washroom facilities have been added to the GoHere App. Coquitlam is the first city in B.C. to participate in the program offering washrooms in parks, recreation centres and other City-owned facilities.

Coquitlam's participation in the GoHere Access Washroom Program reflects the City's commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) – a top priority in the corporate Business Plan – and the work of the City's Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee, which helps keep accessibility at the forefront of City services as it delivers facilities, infrastructure, neighbourhood plans and programs for people of all ages and abilities.

You can find out more information at coquitlam.ca/gohere.

Coquitlam Recognized as One of World's Smart21 Communities

The Intelligent Community Forum has named Coquitlam as one of the world's Smart21 Communities of 2023. As a Smart21 Community, Coquitlam uses technology to enhance community life and City services across a wide spectrum of operations ranging from a variety of online services to free Wi-Fi access in City parks and facilities. Coquitlam's efforts to be a 'smart' community focus on technology solutions that increase community awareness of City programs and services, improve resident experiences, transform outdated processes and foster civic engagement. Coquitlam is the only community in B.C. and one of only six Canadian municipalities to be named a Smart21 Community in 2023.

For more info on the many tech initiatives that make Coquitlam a Smart City, visit coquitlam.ca/smart.

Fitness and Fun**Glen Pine Live Presents: Ralph2Riches**

Get ready for a toe-tapping musical performance that will have you dancing and singing. Join local band Ralph2Riches for an evening of fun rock and popular music through the ages on Friday, March 24 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Glen Pine Pavilion (1200 Glen Pine Crt.). Come hungry – chicken and ribs, roasted potatoes, salad and dessert are on the menu. Special thanks to our Presenting Partner, Aspira Retirement Living (Astoria and Mayfair Terrace). Register at coquitlam.ca/registration and click Register for Programs. In the online registration system, search course ID# 106488, or call 604-927-4386.

Looking Out for Our Environment**Bird Nesting Window in Effect**

The bird nesting window is now in effect until Aug. 31. If you're planning on trimming your trees, shrubs or hedges, be mindful that birds may be nesting in them and nests are often well hidden and not visible from the ground. Nests and trees with nests of eagles, peregrine falcons, gyrfalcons, osprey, herons and burrowing owls are protected year-round, regardless of activity.

Curious how to proceed with caution? Visit

coquitlam.ca/birdnesting for more information and to make sure you're not disturbing any of our flighty neighbours.

Did You Know?**Coquitlam Making Progress on Housing Affordability**

Coquitlam continued to deliver on its Housing Affordability Strategy in 2022 bringing more rental housing, support for the homeless and housing grants to the community. Key highlights include:

- 460 new rental units completed in 2022 and more than 11,300 dedicated rental units in the development process.
- Progress on affordable housing projects on City-owned land at 1348 Coast Meridian Rd. project (in partnership with Habitat for Humanity), as well as Sydney Avenue and Cartier Avenue (both affordable housing for seniors).
- \$3.3 million granted from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund to support 164 units of non-market rental.
- Support for 20-bed overnight winter shelter program in partnership with the Tri-Cities Homelessness and Housing Task Group.

An infographic summarizing these achievements, as well as more information about the Housing Affordability Strategy is available at coquitlam.ca/housing.

Strategy Improving Child Care Access in Coquitlam

The first year of Coquitlam's award-winning Child Care Partnership Strategy is demonstrating that the right plan can make progress and bring more child care spaces to the community.

In 2022 Council approved two key pieces of supporting policy: the Child Care Incentive Policy and the Child Care Partnership Reserve Fund. These policies are instrumental in facilitating new child care through development, and further make financial contributions in order to leverage Provincial funding.

Four 2022 development applications included child care facilities which, combined, propose 405 new child care spaces in the community. Additionally, 12 development applications proposed cash-in-lieu in 2022, contributing an estimated \$1.9 million to the Child Care Partnership Reserve Fund.

Learn more about the Child Care Partnership Strategy and the 2022 highlights at coquitlam.ca/childcare.

Looking for more info on
events and activities in
Coquitlam?

Check out
visitcoquitlam.ca

Senior's Spring Program Guide Now Available

Learn about the programs, activities and services available to the 50+ community in the Senior's Spring Program Guide.

Hard copies of the guide are available at the front desk of Dogwood Pavilion (1655 Winslow Ave.), Glen Pine Pavilion (1200 Glen Pine Crt.), and Maillardville Community Centre (1200 Cartier Ave.). Copies are available while supplies last.

To view the digital Senior's Program guide and the full Program Guide, visit coquitlam.ca/programguide.

