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May 25 – 31

## Events

**Sunday, May 28**

**Wheelchair Lacrosse Try-it**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Centennial Activity Centre

**Wednesday, May 31**

**Zumba Sentao® (19+)**  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Glen Pine Pavilion

**Thursday, June 1**

**AccessAbility Resource Fair**  
4 – 6 p.m.  
Maillardville Community Centre

**Pickleball for Newcomers (19+)**

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Maillardville Community Centre  
*\*instructed in Farsi*

**Art for Positive Change**  
6 – 8:30 p.m.  
Glen Pine Pavilion

**Saturday, June 3**

**Boccia Try-its**  
6:30 – 7:15 p.m. (all ages)  
7:15 – 8 p.m. (11 – 17)  
8 – 8:45 p.m. (18+)  
Centennial Activity Centre

For information on these and other AccessAbility Week activities, visit [coquitlam.ca/AAW](https://coquitlam.ca/AAW).

## Accessibility a Year-round Priority for Coquitlam

With National AccessAbility Week beginning on Sunday, Coquitlam is showcasing the work it does year-round to ensure that people of all ages, abilities and means can access and enjoy City facilities and services.

Recognized across the country May 28 to June 3, National AccessAbility Week celebrates the contributions of Canadians with disabilities and highlights the work taking place to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion in workplaces and communities across the country.

In Coquitlam, National AccessAbility Week is a springboard for more than 30 free events and activities, and an opportunity to call attention to the importance of removing barriers to access – physical, financial, social and others.

## Reimagining Coquitlam's Transportation Future: A Conversation with Experts

As we update the City's Strategic Transportation Plan, accessibility is an important consideration. In fact, during public engagement last year we heard that physical ability, safety and cost were some of the top barriers to certain types of transportation.

Help us reimagine Coquitlam's transportation future by attending an upcoming discussion panel:

**When:**  
Wednesday, May 31, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:**  
Douglas College Coquitlam Campus

Register at [letstalkcoquitlam.ca/TransportationPlan](https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/TransportationPlan).

## Accessibility from the Ground up

Coquitlam's long-standing commitment to accessibility includes:

- The Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee launched in 2006 to review policies, programs, design plans and other civic matters for accessibility.
- Building road, pedestrian and transit infrastructure with people of all ages and abilities in mind.
- Adopting regulations to accommodate people of all abilities for parking and building access.
- Welcoming people of all abilities to recreation services with adapted equipment and supports.
- Providing recreation financial assistance, a variety of low cost or free programs, and free menstrual products at facilities.
- Ensuring events and functions are accessible through an Event Accessibility Checklist.
- Ensuring the City website meets globally-recognized Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

Visit [coquitlam.ca/accessibility](https://coquitlam.ca/accessibility) for more information about City programs, regulations and policies that promote accessibility. Programs specific to recreation access can be found at [coquitlam.ca/RecAccess](https://coquitlam.ca/RecAccess).

## Accessibility Integral to EDI Work

The City's commitment to accessibility has evolved into a broader focus on equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI), which works to break down barriers so that everyone is able to live, work and thrive in Coquitlam.

Other 2023 City achievements related to accessibility include:

- Earning a Rick Hansen Foundation grant to improve accessibility at three facilities and provide accessibility training to staff.
- Earning a grant for accessible programming from the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association's Reaching Each and Every One program.
- Being the first B.C. municipal government to support Crohn's and Colitis Canada's GoHere Washroom Access Program, adding 36 washrooms to the GoHere Washroom Locator App.



## Coquitlam's AccessAbility Resource Fair

The City will hold its first AccessAbility Resource Fair on June 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the new Maillardville Community Centre. Accessible by public transit, this event is fragrance-free and everyone is welcome. Learn about accessibility programs and services, provided by local groups and support agencies.

- Find out about the work of Coquitlam's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion program and the Universal AccessAbility Advisory Committee – [coquitlam.ca/UAAC](https://coquitlam.ca/UAAC).
- Provide input to inform the development of the City's new Strategic Transportation Plan – [letstalkcoquitlam.ca/TransportationPlan](https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/TransportationPlan).
- Try out various sport and fitness sessions for people of diverse abilities and languages.

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