

## SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Council Committee Room  
Coquitlam City Hall  
3000 Guildford Way  
Coquitlam, BC

### CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**1. Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025**

*Recommendation:*

That the Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 be approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

**2. Committee Orientation Review (Presentation by Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk)**

7:05 – 7:10 p.m. (5 minutes)

**3. 2026 Work Plan (Presentation by Caresse Selk, Senior Manager Environment)**

7:10 - 7:25 p.m. (15 minutes)

*Recommendation:*

That the Committee recommend to Council to approve the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee 2026 Work Plan.

**4. Bringing Coquitlam Parks Alive: Volunteer Opportunities (Presentation by Sara Yastremski, Manager Park Services and Mohammad Asadian, Parks Partner Program Supervisor)**

7:25 - 7:55 p.m. (30 minutes)



5. **Environmental Achievement Awards 2026 (Presentation by Madeleine Lemaire, Solid Waste Programs Specialist)**  
7:55 - 8:10 p.m. (15 minutes)  
*Recommendation:*  
That the Committee establish and appoint six or fewer members to a Sub-committee for the purposes of adjudicating the Environmental Achievement Awards 2026.
6. **Climate Action Plan Update (Presentation by Caresse Selk, Senior Manager Environment)**  
8:10 - 8:25 p.m. (15 minutes)
7. **Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**  
8:25 - 8:45 p.m. (20 minutes)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**ADJOURNMENT**

### SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE Tuesday, November 25, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

*\* Indicates Virtual Attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Brent Asmundson, Chair  
Councillor Steve Kim, Vice-Chair  
Mark Ashton, Citizen Representative  
Grayson Barke, Citizen Representative  
Reza Berry, Citizen Representative\*  
Craig Busch, Citizen Representative  
Linton Chokie, Citizen Representative  
Daryoush M. Hassani, Citizen Representative  
Hasina Razafimahefa, Citizen Representative  
Nadia Springle, Citizen Representative  
Azar Varasteh, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Sarah Ramji, Citizen Representative (Regrets)

STAFF: Kathleen Reinheimer, Senior Manager Parks  
Caresse Selk, Senior Manager Environment  
Julie Kanya, Manager Environmental Education and Enforcement  
Juan Martinez, Sustainability Program Specialist  
Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk

#### CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

##### 1. Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025

The Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 were approved.

Craig Busch and Linton Chokie entered the meeting at this point (7:05 p.m.)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Urban Forest Management Strategy**

The Senior Manager Parks gave a presentation entitled "Urban Forest Management Plan" and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Concern about unintended costs arising from planting impacts on the structural integrity of buildings.
- Appreciation of tree replacement requirements for development, and a desire to understand the replacement ratio performance versus goal.
- Suggestion that use of more appropriate tree and plant species could improve outcomes in, for example, parking lots, and that those species might be made available by the City growing them directly, through a regional approach, or with provincial incentives for industry.
- Desire for alignment between urban forestry and storm water management.
- Desire for alignment with Climate Adaptation Strategic Plan recognizing that trees are necessary as temperatures rise in hot spots like parking lots and high-rise towers.
- Suggestion to undertake mapping to support tree selection that integrates heat inequity and site permeability, as done in the City of Surrey.
- Suggestion to develop a list of opportunities for partnerships and for planting on provincial lands so that citizens can support asks of the regional and provincial governments.
- Suggestion to investigate and select climate-resilient tree species.

In response to Committee discussion, staff noted the following:

- A goal to increase substantially the citywide canopy cover with current rates of development would be unachievable for many decades, so the Strategy proposes incremental targets and performance indicators for each implementation action.
- Specific neighbourhoods have greater potential for planting, and the Strategy will ensure preparation to take advantage of opportunities

The Senior Manager Parks left the meeting at this point and did not return (7:45 p.m.)

### **3. Climate Action Plan**

The Senior Manager Environment and the Sustainability Program Specialist gave a presentation entitled “Climate Action Plan” and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation of the development of the Plan following multiple years of engagement with the Committee.
- Suggestion that the public awareness and buy-in are built best in relation to the stewardship and leadership focus areas.
- Suggestions to increase public awareness through an online Climate Action Plan dashboard or signboards in City facilities to highlight the climate-related features of the facility.
- Suggestions to collaborate with the school district and Public Library to educate and engage youth in the Plan; for example, by creating a Climate Lab or a Climate Hack-a-thon.
- Suggestion to implement a Climate Ambassadors or Champions program in schools, neighbourhoods, and business, with gamified approaches to encourage action.
- Suggestion that messaging on climate action should use eco-positivity, make abstract concepts tangible, and highlight personal benefits of action.
- Suggestion to make use of social media for youth engagement.
- Suggestion to investigate the creation of a district energy system using heat exchange from the sewer system.
- Concern that political and economic circumstances will create challenges with provincial and federal funding for public transportation.

### **4. 2025 Year-End Review / 2026 Work Plan Development**

The Senior Manager Environment gave a presentation entitled “SEAC 2025 Year-End Review and 2026 Work Planning” and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Appreciation of Grayson Barke’s presentation as a Committee member.
- Appreciation of learning about wide range of City programming and action.
- Appreciation that Work Plan items reflect Committee input over the years.
- Appreciation of the variety of items, which reflects a holistic conception of sustainability.

- Desire to meet in person for subcommittees where the work demands it; for example, in determining awards.
- Suggestion to limit time on presentations to facilitate more discussion and feedback given that agenda packages are distributed in advance for review.
- Suggestion that presentations have specific prompts to consider in the advance and that they be tailored to this Committee.
- Suggestion to limit agendas to two to three presentation items to avoid rushing consideration and limiting discussion and feedback.
- Desire to give project feedback on-site where appropriate.
- Suggestions for items in the 2026 Work Plan including land use management topics such as Transit-Oriented Areas, Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing, and Neighbourhood Plans; development of a riparian and wildlife corridor plan; policy on pollinator gardens in City projects; Cedar Drive Upgrade Project updates; Joint Flood Mitigation Program updates; circular economy actions; Climate Action Plan updates; Urban Forestry Management Strategy updates; and investigation of stream base flow.

**5. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**

The Chair invited Committee members to share emerging sustainability and environmental issues and events in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to a workshop to be held by a group of community organizations on November 29, 2025 entitled “Building an Affordable, Green, and Climate-Ready City”.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – 2026**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Councillor Brent Asmundson, Chair

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Alex McLellan, Committee Clerk



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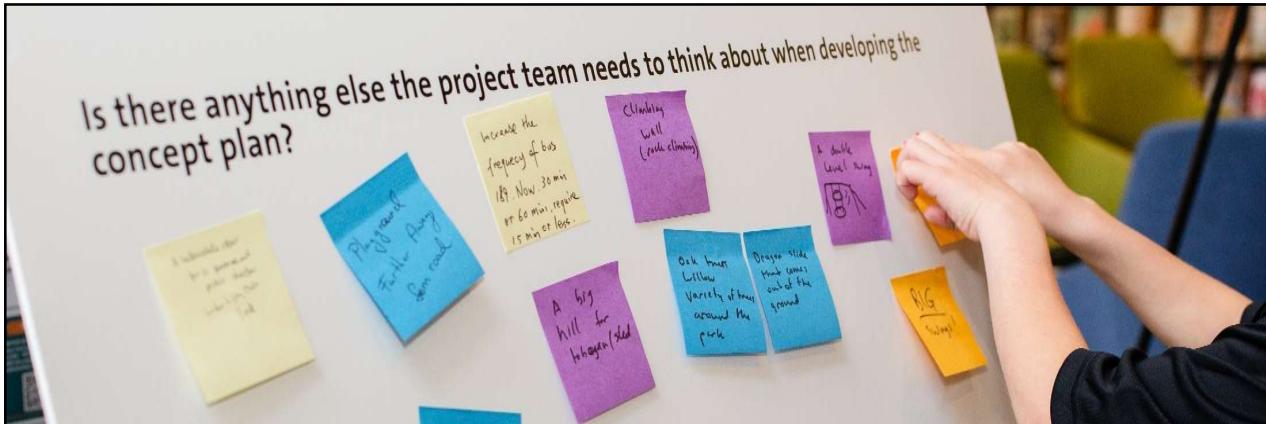
### Agenda: Our Work

1. What
  1. Purpose
  2. Plans and Mandate
  3. Roles and Responsibilities
2. How
  1. Meetings
  2. Other Activities
3. When
  1. 2026 Meeting Schedule
4. Where
  1. Access
  2. Facilities
  3. Safety



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## What

## Purpose | Plans and Mandates | Roles and Responsibilities

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# Purpose

- Established by Council as **dedicated stakeholder groups**
- An organized forum for community **engagement** in the City's **planning** process
- **Mandates** are established by Council to **direct** the **topics** brought forward
- Provide **perspectives, advice** and **recommendations** to Council



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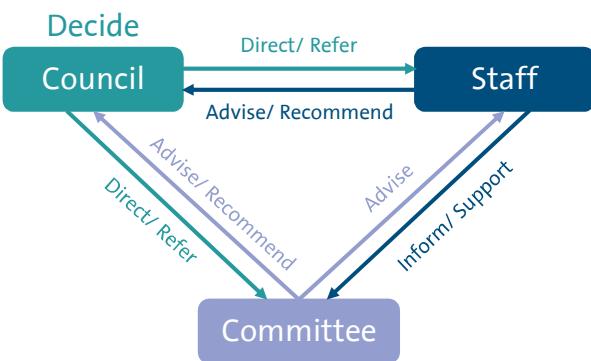
# Plans and Mandate



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# Roles and Responsibilities



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# Roles and Responsibilities

## Committee Members

- Review agendas in advance
- RSVP and regularly attend meetings
- Observe rules of debate
- Consider public interest above all
- Treat others with respect
- Adhere to standards of ethics

## Chair and Vice Chair

- Approve agendas
- Lead meetings (focus and time)
- Maintain rules of/ supports debate
- Seek engagement and consensus
- Provide and encourage respect
- Maintain standards of ethics

# Roles and Responsibilities

## Staff Liaison(s)

- Prepare agenda items/ activities
- Provides information/ advice
- Manages Work Plan progress
- Manages Committee advice and recommendations

## Committee Clerk

- Prepares/ distributes agenda package
- Supports process/ procedure
- Manages/ communicates meeting logistics, attendance, administration
- Records Committee minutes



## How

### Meetings | Other Activities

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## Meetings

- Public
  - **Schedule** and **agendas** are posted
  - Public may **observe** not participate
    - Chair may allow to speak, but not to make motions or to vote
    - Must sit in gallery; only Committee members or invited speakers may sit at the table
  - **Streamed** by Zoom Webinar
  - **Minutes** are posted



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# Meetings

- Agendas and Attendance
  - Packages distributed one week in advance for your **review**
  - Confirm your attendance by **RSVP**
  - **Quorum** required to hold a meeting
- Minutes
  - **Official record** of previous meeting
  - In agenda package for your **review** and **feedback**



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# Meetings

- Electronic Participation (Zoom)
  - **Exceptional** option to be used only when in-person attendance is not possible
  - Indicate need for electronic participation in **RSVP** or **ASAP** in unforeseen circumstances
  - A **Panelist link** will be provided to join the Zoom Webinar
  - Ensure you have an **appropriate space** and **audio** equipment to listen and be heard clearly



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# Meetings

- Decorum and Debate
  - Council **Procedures Bylaw** and Roberts **Rules of Order**
  - **Guidance** of Chair and Committee Clerk
- Decisions
  - **Advice** given through **discussion** – may be incorporated in staff recommendations
  - **Recommendations** must be made by making and voting on a formal “**motion**”



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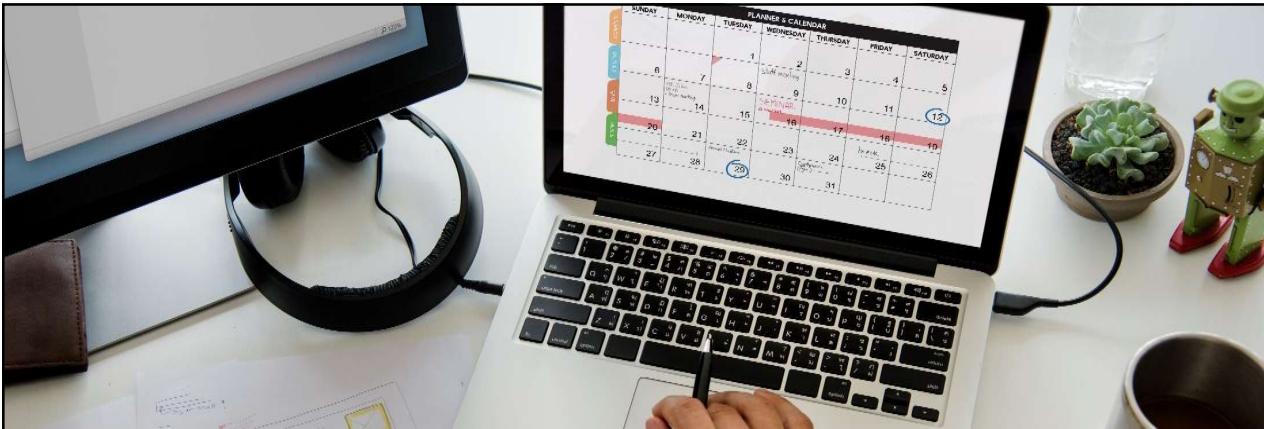
# Other Activities

- Special Meetings
  - May be called by the Chair, Mayor, or Council
- Sub-Committees
  - May be established by the Committee to undertake investigation, research, or project planning for Committee consideration
- Events
  - Requests for volunteers may be made by staff
- Site Visits
  - May be organized to provide in-person understanding of a facility or program



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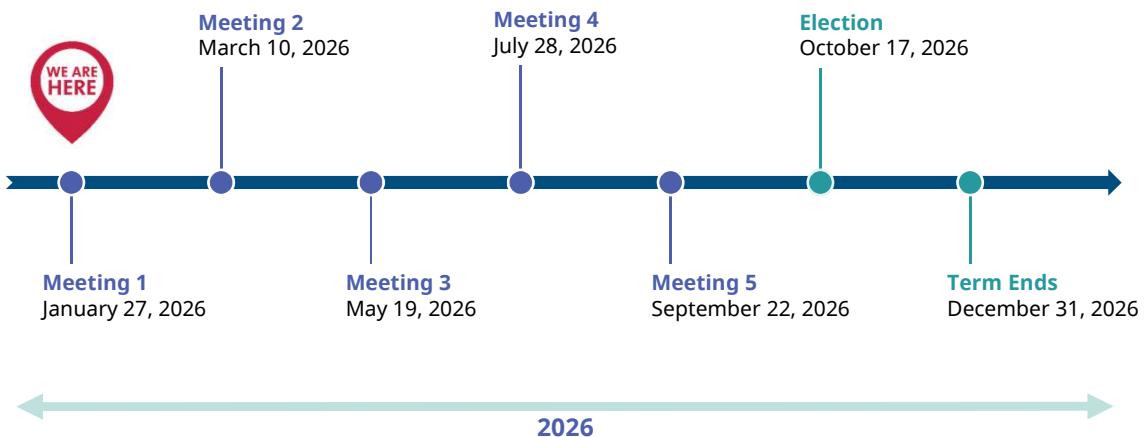
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# 2026 Schedule

All meetings are held in the Council Committee Room



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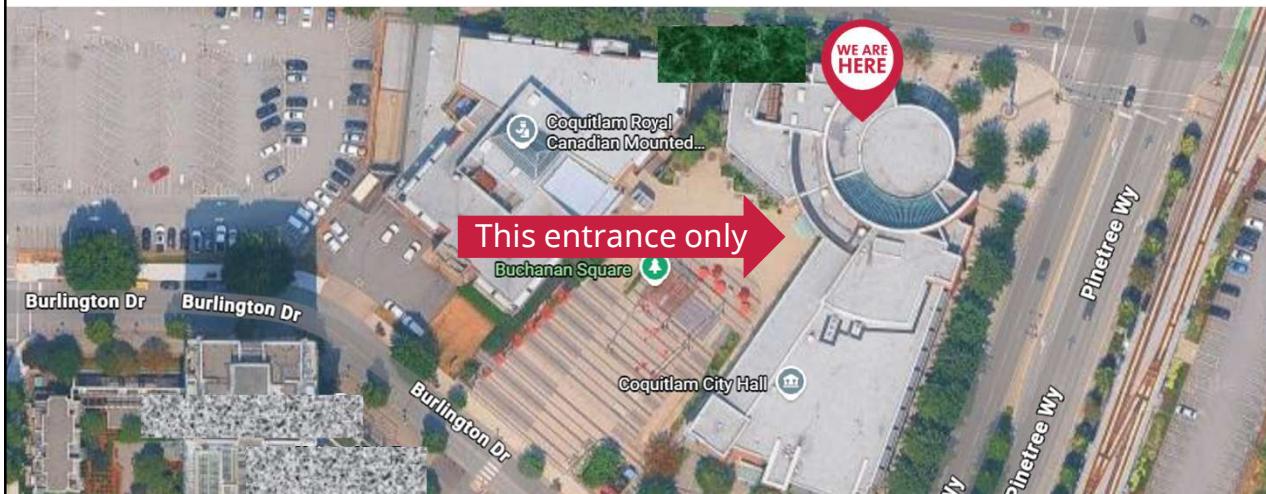
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## Access

One point of access after business hours



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# Facility

Contact the Committee Clerk regarding any accessibility requirements/ concerns



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# Safety

In case of an emergency, follow the directions of the Committee Clerk



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# Questions?

**Alex McLellan**

Committee Clerk

[committeeclerk@coquitlam.ca](mailto:committeeclerk@coquitlam.ca)

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### 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).

ITEM	DEPARTMENT / LEAD	INITIATOR / RATIONALE
<b>Standing Items</b>		
1) Committee Welcome	Legislative Services / Clerk	Staff / Administrative
2) Review and Approve 2026 Work Plan	EPW / Staff Lead	Staff / Terms of Reference
3) 2026 Year-end Review / Identify potential items for the 2027 Work Plan – Committee feedback/input	EPW / Staff Lead	Staff / Terms of Reference
4) Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues ( <b>Standing Agenda Item</b> )	Committee / Chair	Committee / __

# 2026 Work Plan

## Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee

ITEM	DEPARTMENT / LEAD	INITIATOR / RATIONALE
<b>Environmental Achievement Awards Celebration 2026</b>		
5) 2026 Environmental Volunteer Celebration Planning sub-committee	EPW / _	Committee / Terms of Reference
<b>Engineering and Public Works Initiatives</b> as needed, including:		
6) Transportation Plan Update	EPW / _	_ / 2026 Priority B
7) Joint Flood Mitigation Program	EPW / _	Staff / _
8) District Energy Update	EPW / _	Staff / _
9) Climate Action Plan	EPW / _	_ / 2025 Priority A
10) Creek Water Quality Program Update	EPW / _	Staff / _
<b>Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities Initiatives:</b> as needed, including:		
11) Blue Mountain Park Master Plan	PRCF / _	_ / 2026 Priority C
12) Burke Mountain Community Centre and Park Design and Construction	PRCF / _	_ / 2026 Priority A
13) Glen Park Renewal	PRCF / _	_ / 2026 Priority C
14) Urban Forest Management Strategy	PRCF / _	_ / 2026 Priority B
<b>Educational Awareness Presentations:</b>		
15) Urban Wildlife Management <i>optional</i>	EPW / _	Committee / _
16) Waste Management and Recycling <i>optional</i>	EPW / _	Committee / _

**2026 Work Plan**  
**Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee**

ITEM	DEPARTMENT / LEAD	INITIATOR / RATIONALE
17) Park Spark -Environmental Initiatives <i>optional</i>	PRC / __	Staff / __

**DRAFT**



## Bring Coquitlam Parks Alive!

Volunteer opportunities to connect people to their parks .... and to each other!

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## Welcome Activity

- Opportunities to connect with new community members
- Introduce new fun and engaging topics to the Coquitlam community
- Identify potential content experts, presenters, and partners for future *Park Spark* initiatives



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# Agenda

- An overview of the Park Spark program
- Examples of past Park Spark successes
- Nature, and gardening-focused opportunities
- Education and outreach components
- Questions and discussion



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## Park Spark Objectives

- Offer accessible, flexible volunteer opportunities for all skill levels
- Connect the community to nature through hands-on learning and participation
- Encourage stewardship and shared ownership of local park spaces
- Build awareness and develop skills
- Empower residents to make a meaningful, lasting difference in their community

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## Who Participates? Residents



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## Who Participates? Businesses



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## Who Participates? Community Organizations and Schools



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## Recent Park Spark Successes



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## Recent Park Spark Successes



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# Inspiration Garden

- **250** Educational Workshops
- **100** School/Family Tours
- **250+** Volunteers
- **60+ dedicated** Youth volunteers



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Tree Spree



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## Tree Spree

- **101** Educational Workshops
- **40** Nature Tours
- **20** School Programs & **1200** Students
- **2500+** Trees Given Away since 2022
- **10,000+** planted since 2022
- **50+** Trees Planted with SD43



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## Bad Seed

- **60** Educational Workshops
- **50+** Weed Pulls
- **700+** Bad Seed Participants and Volunteers.
- Engaged with **10+** schools



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## Park Spark



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## Park Spark

- **250+** Adopt-a-Park Volunteers
- **1200+** Light Brigade Volunteers
- **20+** Park Clean-ups for 2025
- **250+** Participants Coquitlam in Bloom Proud to Grow Here 2025
- **15+** Community Plantings for 2025
- **1000** poppies painted at Coquitlam Remembers with the Community



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## How to get Involved!



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### What does Park Spark Offer?

- Opportunities for all ages and abilities
- Community-focused initiatives and events
- Build awareness and skills by connecting the community to nature through hands-on learning

### Benefits of Volunteering:

- Get involved in the community
- Take ownership of shared spaces
- Knowledge share with community members
- Develop new skills and hand-on exercise

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# Looking Forward...



- Support a healthy, active, environmentally engaged community
- Build stewardship through hands-on action and education
- Increase awareness of the long-term value of Coquitlam's green spaces and urban forests
- Offer accessible workshops that encourage participation and stewardship
- Grow sustainable, long-term initiatives through community partnerships

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# Thank you! Questions?

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# 2026 Environmental Achievement Awards

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## Environmental Achievement Awards and Celebration

To recognize and celebrate the contribution made by community environmental  
volunteers and stewards



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## Event Details and Planning

- **Location:**
  - To be determined
- **Date:**
  - Saturday, June 13, 2026
- **What to expect:**
  - Music
  - Food
  - Activities
  - Award Ceremony
  - Socializing
  - Fun!



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## Nomination Awards Categories



Individual Green Sprout – ages 3-12

Individual – ages 13-18

Individual – 19 and over

Teacher or Educator

Youth Group – School or Club

Adult Group – Organization, Service Club, and the like

Lifetime Achievement – 20 years or more of volunteer experience

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# Eligible Projects and Activities

Environmental education/public awareness

Environmental conservation/protection

Habitat enhancement or rehabilitation

## Sustainability

- waste reduction and recycling
- climate action
- water conservation
- food security/gardening
- sustainable transportation



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## Timeline

**January**  
• Set the date.  
• Campaign launch.



**Late March**  
1<sup>ST</sup> Subcommittee meeting to review and adjudicate nominations.

**February**  
Nominations accepted.  
Preliminary screening.

**Ongoing event planning, coordination & promotion by City Staff**

**April**  
Event invites go out and recognition board development.

**June 13, 2026**  
Event day.

**Early May**  
2<sup>ND</sup> Subcommittee meeting to provide updates and discuss event needs.

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# Call for volunteers



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# Thank you!



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Engineering and Public  
Works**

## **Climate Action Plan Update**

Sustainability and Environmental Advisory  
Committee Presentation

January 27, 2026



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# **Climate Action Plan**



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## **Purpose of Presentation**

- 1. Provide an update** on adoption of the Climate Action Plan.
- 2. Recap** how Committee's feedback was incorporated.
- 3. Present the Plan** and highlight some of its key features.
- 4. Identify next steps.**

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# Climate Action Plan Timeline

**Phase 1 –  
Building the  
Foundation**  
(Fall 2022 –  
Spring 2023)

**Phase 2 –  
Shaping the  
Plan**  
(Summer 2023 –  
Fall 2023)

**Phase 3 –  
Drafting the  
Plan**  
(Fall 2023 –  
Winter 2025)

**Phase 4 –  
Finalizing the  
Plan**  
(January 12, 2026  
CAP approved)

**Fall 2023**  
1st SEAC  
engagement

**Spring 2024**  
2<sup>nd</sup> SEAC  
engagement

**Winter 2025**  
3<sup>rd</sup> SEAC  
engagement

**January 2026**  
Final update  
to SEAC

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## Incorporating Your Feedback

**Your committee's feedback has helped:**

- ✓ Shape the strategies and actions.
- ✓ Identify key motivators and barriers in each focus area.
- ✓ Identify tools, partners and strategies to support successful implementation.

**Climate Action Plan**



**What We Heard**

Based on the feedback received across all engagement activities, the following insights and considerations will help inform the draft Climate Action Plan:

- Strong support for climate action and proposed approach to priority areas – Overall, there is strong support from participants that the City should take action on climate mitigation and climate change. Each long-term approach identified has merit and participants have a preference for the approach of “Plan & Implement”.
- Motivation for climate action – Community members are already taking action to reduce GHG emissions, and knowledge that efforts have a positive impact on the environment and future generations was identified as a top motivator across all priority areas. Other top motivators included: caring more for our environment, future impacts of climate change, and personal health.
- Barriers to climate action – There are still many barriers and challenges for community members to take action on climate change. Top barriers across the priority areas included: high costs, lack of sufficient public transportation, limited accessible choices for sustainable goods and services, and lack of information or understanding of climate change and how to take action.
- Opportunities for climate action – In order to support climate related needs, marginalized and vulnerable community members are disproportionately impacted by climate change. Feedback from youth, in particular, showed a strong interest in climate action, but reported being worried about current and future impacts of climate change and feeling they have the ability to influence and create action. It will be important to continue to bring an equity-focused approach throughout plan implementation.



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# Climate Action Plan



## Climate Action Plan

Designed to be a clear, accessible, visual plan with action highlights across each of the five focus areas

## Full Strategy and Action List

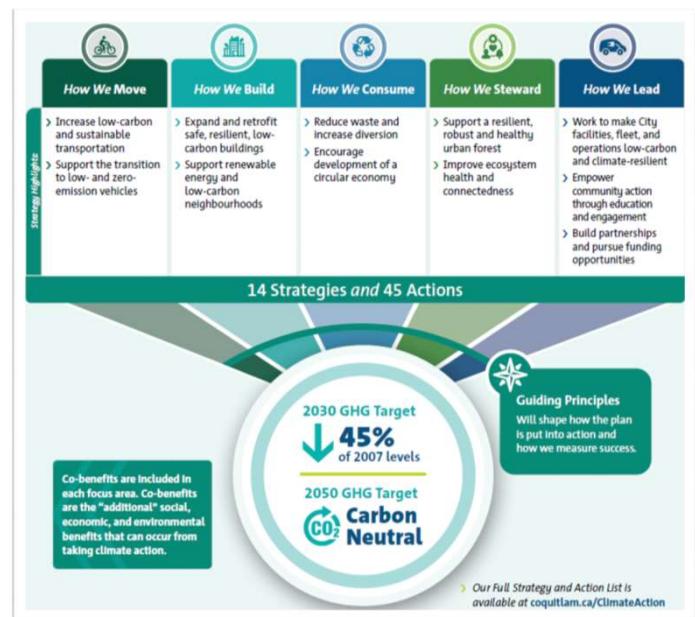
Companion document that includes all strategies and actions along with timelines, anticipated costs, and potential funding opportunities

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## Plan Structure:

- Five focus areas with strategies and actions
- Guiding principles inform implementation
- Progress towards our GHG targets with a focus on realizing co-benefits along the way



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# Key Feature: 5 Focus Areas

- How We Move
- How We Build
- How We Consume
- How We Steward
- How We Lead

**Focus Area:**

# How We Consume

Since it began in 2014, Cogutitan's waste minimization has helped facilitate the relocation of residential waste from the landfill to being diverted to recycling and reuse of materials from the landfill.

**How We Buy, Use, and Dispose of materials, products, and resources shapes the amount of waste we create and the emissions we end up in the landfill. The City is the third-largest contributor to Cogutitan's emissions.**

The journey of many items begins with energy intensive extraction, such as long-distance transportation, and often ends in landfills. Along the way, each stage of an item's life uses energy and creates greenhouse gases. These add up and are significant when we consider the materials and products we use across our community.

Community members have found that reducing waste and supporting a circular economy is a priority. The City is taking action in many ways including, but not limited to, waste diversion, taking steps to improve waste diversion in City waste collection services, work with waste companies to

**Example Actions**

Action	Timeline
C1.1 Develop the regional Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan update and timeline the work to develop, implement and promote circular economy initiatives.	Short Term
C1.2 Annex Cogutitan's building stock to identify opportunities to reduce and divert construction and demolition waste, and develop a plan to support the City's efforts to demolish and deconstruct of existing buildings, as well as the identification of waste in new construction.	Short Term
C1.3 Explore Cogutitan's role in supporting and advocating for a sustainable, equitable, and resilient food system, access to healthy food, and eliminating food waste.	Ongoing
C1.4 Develop incentives to reduce solid waste generation and diversion direction of all City facilities, as well as City-hosted and City events.	Medium Term
3. See the full list of <i>How We Consume</i> strategies and actions at <a href="http://Cogutitan.ca/Construction">Cogutitan.ca/Construction</a>	

**What You Can Do**

- Ring a bell for the Blue Bin Program or the Green Bin Program, to see one of Cogutitan's Expert Carts.
- Make a habit to bring reusable bags, containers, and reusable bags to avoid single-use items.
- Buy products from businesses that look for environmentally-produced products.

**Co-Benefits**

- Creates innovation and green, clean industries
- Reduces waste, optimizes resources
- Promotes a circular economy

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“Celebrating Success” sections highlight great work underway across the community that can be built upon through further action

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## Focus Area:

### How We Consume

Since 9 began in 2014, Coquitlam's House Wreckage Initiative has helped facilitate the relocation of 100+ families from being demolished and saving thousands of houses from demolition.

#### Example Actions

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE
C1.1	Participate in the regional Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan update and leverage this work to develop, implement and promote circular economy initiatives.	Short Term
C1.2	Assess Coquitlam's building stock to identify opportunities to reduce and divert construction and demolition waste, and develop policies and approaches that prioritize the reuse, relocation and deconstruction of existing buildings, as well as the reduction of waste in new construction.	Short Term
C1.3	Explore Coquitlam's role in supporting and advocating for a sustainable, equitable, and resilient food system, equitable access to healthy food, and strategies to reduce and recover food waste.	Ongoing
C1.4	Develop initiatives to reduce solid waste generation and increase diversion at all City facilities, as well as City-hosted and City-led events.	Medium Term

› See the full list of How We Consume strategies and actions at [coquitlam.ca/ClimateAction](http://coquitlam.ca/ClimateAction)

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#### Celebrating Success

Every year, the City's efforts to engage and educate the community play a key role in reducing waste and supporting a circular economy. This includes hosting City-wide Garage Sale events, Coquitlam Cafes that encourage reuse and repair, as well as an ongoing partnership with local schools in over 50 classrooms delivering climate related education on waste. These initiatives aim to inspire long-term awareness and encourage positive behavior change in the community.

#### Co-Benefits

Co-Benefit	TIMELINE
Supports local food security	Short Term
Reduces waste, optimizes resources	Medium Term
Promotes a circular economy	Medium Term

Example actions are highlighted to provide a sample of action planned in each focus area

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## Focus Area:

### How We Consume

Since 9 began in 2014, Coquitlam's House Wreckage Initiative has helped facilitate the relocation of 100+ families from being demolished and saving thousands of houses from demolition.

How we buy, use, and dispose of materials, products, and resources shapes the amount of waste we create and the emissions we generate.

The journey of many items begins with energy intensive production, continues through long-distance transportation, and often ends in landfills. Along the way, each stage contributes to waste generation and climate change, but there is more to do.

Waste that ends up in the landfill is the third largest contributor to Coquitlam's emissions, and community members have told us that reducing waste and supporting a circular economy is a priority. The City is taking action in many ways, including the House Wreckage Initiative, recycling, and waste reduction.

Taking steps to improve waste diversion in City waste collection services, working with waste

collection contractors to cut emissions, continuing education and training, and facilitating waste reduction and reuse initiatives like repair cafés and city-wide garage sales. These efforts are helping to build a more circular economy, which can lead to a more circular economy, but there is more to do.

Our vision is to build a more circular City where we use less, waste less, and ensure that goods and materials, from building supplies and household items to appliances and food, are valued, reused where possible, and kept out of landfills. Together, we can build a more sustainable, resilient, and supportive community.

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Example co-benefits are the “additional” social, economic, and environmental benefits that can occur from taking climate action in each area

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“What You can Do” invites residents, community organizations, and businesses to join in

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## Monitoring and Evaluation

- Key to measuring success:
  - Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
  - Track emissions and progress toward targets
- Review progress on actions, and share updates through our website and reports to Council
- Adapt to shifts in the political, technological and regulatory landscape
- Ongoing engagement with climate action partners and the community



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## Next Steps

- Begin prioritizing actions for implementation
- Track and monitor progress
- Seek external funding if and when available and aligned with City goals
- Report back to Council and the community within two years



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