

CITY OF COQUITLAM

Explore this guide for ways to engage in local government and help shape your city.



Public Delegations

- You may request to appear as a delegation, meaning to present to council, before a standing committee of council to bring awareness to an issue, project, or idea or to discuss an item currently under consideration. See the Delegations Policy & Process section on the [How to Get Involved](#) webpage.
- To appear before council-in-committee, an individual or organization must submit a [Delegation Request Form](#) to the City Clerk's Office at least **7 days** before the meeting they wish to speak at.
- The committee will hear a maximum of 3 delegations per meeting. Speakers have **5 minutes** to present.
- The City Clerk's Office selects delegations in the order they are received.



Speaking on a Member Motion

- Member motions are infrequent.
- There is a public question period following the adjournment of regular council meetings where members of the public can ask questions to council.



Community Advisory Committees

- There are committees and boards with different combinations of council members and citizen representatives. Visit the [Committees & Boards](#) webpage for information.
- List of committees and boards: Board of Variance; Community Safety Advisory Committee; Coquitlam Public Library Board; Coquitlam Youth Council; Culture Services Advisory Committee; Economic Development Advisory Committee; Finance Standing Committee; Multiculturalism Advisory Committee; Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee; Strategic Priorities Standing Committee; Sustainability & Environmental Advisory Committee; Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee.
- Most committees have a 1-year term with an opportunity for outgoing members to apply for renewal during the annual recruitment process.
- You can watch advisory committee meetings in person or electronically.
- The committees list includes the [Coquitlam Youth Council \(CYC\)](#) for Coquitlam residents in Grade 10-12.



Public Hearings

- If you believe you will be affected by a proposed zoning bylaw, you may present your views to council. Visit the [Public Hearings webpage](#) for information.
- You may submit written comments ahead of the meeting or present in person or via Zoom.



Engagement Opportunities

- [Let's Talk Coquitlam](#): Coquitlam's online engagement portal. View city plans and projects and provide feedback.
- [CoquitlamConnect App](#): App with information on city services, events, and council meetings.
- [Submit Written Input](#): Email or write to council.
- [Submit a Petition](#): Submit a request to support or oppose a matter under debate.
- [Present to Council](#): If you want to make a presentation to council on a non-business item, you can request to present at a council meeting by contacting the Clerk's Office.
- [Direct Email Services](#): Subscribe to receive updates from different advisory committees and on city projects.
- [Financial Plan Involvement](#): Coquitlam conducts an online public survey during the annual budget planning process.



Official Community Plan

- City of Coquitlam has a Citywide Official Community Plan (CWOCP) that lays out strategic objectives and visions for the city.
- Visit the [Citywide Official Community Plan webpage](#) for information and learn their priorities for the coming years.

Please note that all the information in this resource is subject to change as each city updates their plans, processes, and strategies. The information provided is up to date as of March 2024.



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