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## **Southwest Housing Review**

Residents, businesses and other stakeholders are invited to share their vision for the future of Southwest Coquitlam as the City prepares to chart a renewed course for the area's housing, transportation and neighbourhoods.

Public consultation has launched for the Southwest Housing Review (SWHR), which will focus on the 38-square-kilometre area south of Barnet Highway that is home to some of Coquitlam's most established and primarily single-family neighbourhoods. Input will be collected through an online engagement page and

survey, public information sessions, stakeholder engagement sessions and other means.

This will be the first of several opportunities to provide input into the SWHR, an intensive two-year planning process that aims to create more affordable housing, sustainable transportation and active corridors, and livable neighbourhoods for families.

During this first round of consultation, which is part of the first of five phases, the City is seeking public input on the values and objectives of the SWHR, including establishing a future vision for Southwest Coquitlam and considering the housing needs in low-density areas and along major road corridors.

Visit the City's public engagement website [www.letstalkcoquitlam.ca/swhr](http://www.letstalkcoquitlam.ca/swhr) for information and a video on the process, along with various opportunities to provide input, including a survey, a tool for sharing ideas, and a map tool for identifying areas of interest.

The feedback received from this initial round of consultation will inform the approaches in the SWHR's subsequent phases.

## **In the Neighbourhood**

### *Repaving*

The Decaire street repaving is complete and the city plans to repave two high-volume areas in the Spring 2021: Road repaving will take place on Brunette Avenue from Bernatchey Street to Lougheed Highway. Sidewalks will be replaced on Brunette Ave between Lougheed Highway and Woolridge street. Currently there are unsightly power bars hanging off the trees on the north and south side of Brunette. They were installed as part of a plan for lighting the trees that was never executed. The MRA, along with local businesses are working with the city with the hope that lighting can be installed with the new sidewalks. Email your support to [maillardvilleresidents@gmail.com](mailto:maillardvilleresidents@gmail.com)

### *Aggressive Driving*

A file was opened by the MRA with the RCMP regarding issues relating to speeding and aggressive driving on Brunette Avenue. While there have been many traffic accidents in the area, including a fatality and a fire hydrant being taken out around Hillside School during the past year, there appears to be little to no measures taken to deter speeders. In addition to safety concerns, aggressive driving also creates





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significant and unnecessary noise pollution that affects the quality of life for residents living on or nearby Brunette Avenue. If this is an issue that concerns you, please feel free to contact the non-Emergency number of the RCMP at (604) 945-1550 and refer to the existing file in giving your suggestions.

### **Did you Know?**

Heritage at Mackin House is searching for people to share their own experiences of Coquitlam's Black community through our Oral History Project. We are interested in hearing peoples' stories about living in Coquitlam. If you are able to offer any insight or information into the Black experience in Coquitlam and the Lower Mainland, either historic or contemporary, we would love to hear from you. Contact Tannis Koskela at Coquitlam Heritage, 604-516-6151 or by email at [tkoskela@coquitlamheritage.ca](mailto:tkoskela@coquitlamheritage.ca)

### **MRA Bursary**

At the June Annual General Meeting conducted on zoom, we were pleased to present the 2020 MRA Bursary to Jasmine Graham, who recently graduated from Dr. Charles Best Secondary School and was accepted into the Speech Sciences program at UBC. In addition to excelling academically, Jasmine is also an accomplished gymnast and acrobatic dancer. Perhaps most importantly, she has exhibited a passion for contributing to her community through volunteering. She has received excellent feedback for her assistance as supervisor for the Encore Dance Academy, Coach in Training for Wings Gymnastics Society, and VolunTEEN for Eagle Ridge Hospital and Manor. Especially as the current pandemic has resulted in unexpected hardships for the graduating class of 2020, we wish Jasmine every possible success in her chosen career and are proud to support her studies.

### **From the President:**

It's hard to believe its November! Children and teens are back to school cautiously and University students are facing a virtual year. We've avoided a snap Federal election but a provincial election has resulted in a majority government in BC. Although we don't have an approved vaccine for the COVID-19 virus, treatments are becoming available. Everyone's adjusting to the changes in our lives. That includes the MRA. Events have been cancelled or realigned, but our community is resourceful and resilient. BRAVO, Neighbours! We've held our AGM, awarded a bursary to a lucky Coquitlam student, hosted public meetings that include developments from Blue Mountain Street to Laval Square, including a sneak-peak at the plans for the old Vancity parking lot at 1025 Brunette.

Our local businesses went above and beyond to meet the challenges of COVID-19 and safely remain open. More than ever, they need our patronage to survive in the future. So, when deciding where to spend your hard-earned dollars on tonight's dinner or a gift for a friend, consider the benefits of turning to local, independently owned businesses within Maillardville.

### **Your Maillardville Residents Association Executive is:**

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**YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! Please consider becoming a member of our Association.**

**The MRA is the voice of Maillardville. Volunteers are hard at work throughout the year. Our Responsibilities include:**

- **Liaising between governments at all levels to keep the community informed.**
- **Advocating governments at all levels in the best interest of our membership.**
- **Informing the community regarding development and security issues throughout the region.**
- **Hosting meetings and events that bring the community together.**
- **Litter pick up, once per month.**
- **Publishing and distributing a community newsletter twice per year.**
- **Provide a Bursary to a promising local student annually.**

**The cost is just \$15 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family. Your membership is good for your lifetime with NO annual dues. These funds help cover the cost of the newsletter, community meetings, community events, and the Bursary.**



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*I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE EXECUTIVE: YES / NO*

*I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR EVENTS / PROJECTS: YES / NO*

**Use Interac e-Transfer to our treasurer, Kerri Fisher  
[kerri\\_fisher@hotmail.com](mailto:kerri_fisher@hotmail.com) Cheques written to the Maillardville Residents Association and cash are also acceptable.**

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**Your support is very much appreciated!**