



Press Release

PORT COQUITLAM COUNCIL GOES ON THE ROAD APRIL 14

Port Coquitlam, BC – Mar. 6, 2009... Upholstered armchairs and polished wood will be swapped for plastic seats, folding tables and some good old-fashioned community discussion on Tuesday, April 14 – when Port Coquitlam City Council hosts its first Town Hall Meeting of 2009.

Rather than being held in the Council chambers, the meeting will take place in the Westwood Elementary School gymnasium at 6:30 p.m., followed by a regular Council meeting at 7 p.m. Council voted to host the meetings off-site during its Finance and Intergovernmental Committee meeting last night.

“All of Council shares my commitment to improving the City’s dialogue with our citizens,” Mayor Greg Moore said. “We’re hoping that the less formal setting of the Town Hall Meeting will encourage more citizens to come out and share their views with us.”

Mayor Moore will moderate the half-hour Town Hall Meeting, which will include an open microphone and the opportunity for citizens to address Council on any issue. Those who stay for the Council meeting at 7 p.m. can also participate in the question period that follows each meeting.

“I see these new Town Hall Meetings as a way to ignite a community-wide discussion about our City and for all of us to come together collectively to shape our community,” Moore said.

The meeting will not be televised because – due to the Easter Monday holiday – it falls on a Tuesday, when Shaw Cable is not available for filming. However, the City will report back to the community after the meeting on the City’s website, www.portcoquitlam.ca/council.

If the April 14 meeting generates enough public interest and participation, Council will consider community venues for future Town Hall and Council meetings.

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