



# Press Release

## **PORT COQUITLAM MAYOR LAUNCHES BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE**

### **2012 Council appointments announced**

**Port Coquitlam, BC – January 10, 2012** ... A new task force in Port Coquitlam will search for ways to remove barriers for companies doing business in and with the City.

Mayor Greg Moore introduced the new Mayor's Task Force on Business Development Opportunities at Monday's Council meeting, as he announced the 2012 Council committee appointments.

"We want to make Port Coquitlam a place where companies want to do business," Mayor Moore said. "This task force will look at how we can make it easier to do business in the City and with the City – they'll be looking at the barriers and expediting processes."

Chaired by Cllr. Mike Forrest, the task force will include Cllrs. Brad West and Dean Washington as well as representatives from the Business Improvement Association, Chamber of Commerce, development industry and other businesses. Staff support will come from Chief Administrative Officer Tony Chong, Director of Development Services Laura Lee Richard and Director of Engineering & Operations Andrew Wood.

The task force begins its work Jan. 30 and has been charged with delivering its recommendations to Council this year. While the task force will determine its own plans and priorities, Mayor Moore anticipates stakeholder engagement will be one of its first orders of business.

The Mayor also announced Council's 2012 committee appointments at Monday's meeting. As has been the practice since last year, those who served as deputy chairs on a committee last year have moved up to the chair's position this year.

The new committee structure is as follows:

- Community Safety – Chair: Cllr. Mike Forrest; Deputy Chair: Cllr. Dean Washington
  - Responsibilities: animal/bear control, bylaw enforcement, crime prevention, emergency preparedness, fire services, RCMP operations
- Environmental Enhancement – Chair: Brad West; Deputy Chair: Cllr. Darrell Penner
  - Responsibilities: all environmental matters including vector control, solid waste, watercourse stewardship, climate change and energy conservation
- Healthy Community – Chair: Cllr. Glenn Pollock; Deputy Chair: Cllr. Mike Forrest
  - Responsibilities: quality of life issues including achievement recognition, civic festivals, cultural events, parks/recreation facility maintenance/improvements and leisure activities
- Smart Growth – Chair: Cllr. Michael Wright; Deputy Chair: Brad West
  - Responsibilities: community and economic development issues; integration of social, economic and environmental interests in managing change and growth in the City

- Social Inclusion – Interim Chair: Cllr. Michael Wright; Interim Deputy Chair: Cllr. Dean Washington (will transition into chair position)
  - Responsibilities: community health care, access/mobility for disabled persons, homelessness, heritage, multiculturalism, social planning and other social issues
- Transportation Solutions & Operations – Chair: Cllr. Darrell Penner; Deputy Chair: Cllr. Glenn Pollock
  - Responsibilities: flood control, road improvements, sewer/water services, traffic safety, transportation and transit

All members of Council also sit on the Finance and Intergovernmental Committee, which is chaired by the Mayor.

Other committee and task force appointments for 2012:

- Community Cultural Development Advisory Committee: S. Carroll, B. Greenland, J. Shaw, J. Shyluck, K. Tracey
- Mayor's Task Force on Business Development Opportunities: Cllr. Mike Forrest (chair), Cllr. Brad West, Cllr. Dean Washington, representatives from the Business Improvement Association, Chamber of Commerce, development industry and other businesses
- Canada Day Task Force: S. Pennington (chair)
- May Day Task Force: B. Moulds (chair)
- Rivers and Trails Festival Task Force: G. Salmon (chair)
- Port Coquitlam Spirit of BC Community Committee: R. Chadwick (chair)

For more information and meeting schedules for committees and task forces, visit [www.portcoquitlam.ca/council](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/council).

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