



Press Release

Nominate That Special Volunteer for Port Coquitlam Award

Port Coquitlam, BC -- February 23, 2009 ... Nominations are now being accepted for the City of Port Coquitlam's 2009 Volunteer Recognition Awards. Terasen Gas joins the City for the eleventh year as the corporate sponsor of the annual awards and volunteer tribute.

Port Coquitlam volunteers of all ages, who have not previously received an award from the City, are eligible for the 2009 Volunteer Recognition Awards. Nominees do not have to be a Port Coquitlam resident but should meet at least one of these criteria:

- their unpaid volunteer contributions provide extraordinary help or care to families or groups in Port Coquitlam;
- they continually commit their time, talent and energy, without pay, to improve the quality of life in Port Coquitlam; or
- they have been voluntarily involved in a program or project that has had a lasting benefit for Port Coquitlam and its residents.

"We have many amazing volunteers in Port Coquitlam contributing their time, energy and talent," said Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore. "The City's Volunteer Recognition Awards are an excellent way to acknowledge and recognize those special volunteers who contribute to making Port Coquitlam such a wonderful place."

2009 Volunteer Awards will be presented to selected nominees in six categories: Arts, Heritage & Cultural Awareness; Caring & Safety; Environmental Protection & Enhancement; Sports & Recreation; Youth Programs; and U21 (youth under 21).

Nominations must be submitted to the Mayor's Office at 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2A8 before 4:00 pm on Friday, March 13. Nomination forms are available from the Mayor's Office and Reception Desk at Port Coquitlam City Hall (2580 Shaughnessy Street), Port Coquitlam Recreation Complex (2150 Wilson Avenue), Hyde Creek Recreation Centre (1379 Laurier Avenue) and the Terry Fox Library (2470 Mary Hill Road) or by calling 604-927-5410. Nomination forms are also available on the City's website and may be submitted online.

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On Tuesday, April 21, 2009, as part of National Volunteer Week, Port Coquitlam will celebrate its outstanding volunteers and their valuable contributions at a special Volunteer Recognition Awards and Tribute to be held at Riverside Secondary School. Eligible award nominees will be invited to attend the gala event with a guest. Volunteers selected for Volunteer Recognition Awards will receive a personalized etched glass award and recipients will also have their names added to the “Honour Roll” hung in the foyer at City Hall. All Volunteer Recognition Awards nominees will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a commemorative 2009 Volunteer civic lapel pin.

Port Coquitlam’s Volunteer Recognition Awards were created in 1997 to recognize and celebrate the spirit, dedication and outstanding contributions of Port Coquitlam’s volunteers. Terasen and Terasen Gas have been corporate sponsors of the annual Volunteer Recognition Awards & Tribute since 1998.

Additional details on the 2009 Volunteer Recognition Awards are provided on the City’s website at www.portcoquitlam.ca/volunteer.

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