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ONLINE REPORT CARD, BLOG MARK NEW COUNCIL'S 100TH DAY IN OFFICE

Port Coquitlam, BC – Mar. 10, 2009... Port Coquitlam residents will be able to keep tabs on their Mayor and City even better after a new webpage for Mayor Greg Moore is launched on Wednesday.

Introduced in conjunction with Council's 100th day in office on March 11, the new webpage (found at www.portcoquitlam.ca/mayor) will feature a blog written by Mayor Moore, a report card on the Mayor's priorities, a photo gallery, and information about City initiatives.

"This webpage is another way for us to connect with our citizens – and be accountable to them," Mayor Greg Moore said. "I'm particularly excited about my new blog. It will provide a lot of insight about what happens behind-the-scenes in our City, and we're hoping it will spark more interest about local government."

The Mayor's webpage will also include a report card on the City's delivery of his five priorities. Examples from the first 100 days in office include:

- Transportation solutions:
 - Introduced monthly reports on the Coast Meridian Overpass construction project at the Finance and Intergovernmental Committee, which is open to the public.
 - Met with Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon to request provincial funding for the Coast Meridian Overpass.
- Community safety:
 - Established the Mayor's Action Team on Homelessness (MATH) to create and implement a multi-year strategy to end homelessness.
 - Approved funding for a share of nine new Coquitlam RCMP officers.
 - Funded the Bear Aware program to address the escalating bear problem.
 - Tasked the Social Inclusion Committee with developing a licencing system to control the location and number of transition, group and recovery homes.
- Environment:
 - Approved funding for the City's first Environmental Strategic Plan.
 - Applied for a \$20,000 provincial grant for Trees for Tomorrow.
- Economy:
 - Tasked the Smart Growth committee with recommending tax incentives to encourage redevelopment downtown and on the north side.
- Community – PoCo Pride:
 - Launched Heritage First program to coordinate and support initiatives intended to preserve the City's built heritage and develop a Heritage Strategic and Conservation Plan.
 - Planned a Town Hall Meeting at Westwood Elementary School on April 14 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Introduced a Council Community Connections program to showcase local groups and initiatives.

The webpage will also report on current City initiatives that the Mayor wants to spotlight.

“I see this new webpage as another step in building PoCo Pride,” Moore said. “The more people know about our community, the more they will want to engage in it and make it a better place. Ultimately, everyone in Port Coquitlam will benefit from having more voices at the table.”

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