



# Press Release

## **NEW COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRS APPOINTED IN PORT COQUITLAM**

**Port Coquitlam, BC – MARCH 12, 2009** ... Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore redistributed the workload for City Councillors this week with a change in committee chair positions.

Mayor Moore swapped the chair and deputy chair positions for the Community Safety, Environmental Enhancement and Social Inclusion Committees, a move that puts each of the six Councillors in charge of a different committee.

“The City’s new Council is a strong team, and this change will leverage each Councillor’s strengths,” Mayor Moore said. “The former committee appointments acknowledged the learning curve that all new Council members face in their first months of office. This is a more equitable distribution of responsibilities, and I’m confident that Cllrs. Carroll, Pollock and West are ready for the challenge.”

The new committee structure is as follows:

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

“Safety is an issue I feel very strongly about, and right now it’s certainly an issue that is foremost in the minds of our residents,” said the new Community Safety Committee Chair, Cllr. West. “As chair of this committee, I’m excited to be taking a stronger role in working towards solutions that make our community a safer place.”

Cllr. Pollock, new chair of the Social Inclusion Committee, has been getting a street-level view of his committee's purview through some recent volunteer work. "This committee deals with some very important issues, including homelessness and heritage. I'm happy to take this on, and I look forward to taking advantage of the expertise of our excellent staff," Cllr. Pollock said.

The City's first Environmental Strategic Plan is on the agenda this year for the Environmental Enhancement Committee (EEC), now chaired by Cllr. Carroll. "This new plan is interconnected with the other planning work our City is undertaking this year, including the review of the Corporate Strategic Plan. All of these pieces will come together to help our City meet the challenges of the future," she said. As EEC chair, Cllr. Carroll will also chair the Northeast Sector Environmental Stewardship Committee.

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