



# Press Release

## **City Starts Environmental Strategic Plan by Asking for Resident and Stakeholder Input**

**Port Coquitlam, BC – June 2, 2009...** The City of Port Coquitlam has a long history of effective efforts to protect the environment, which are supported by Council through the Environmental Enhancement Committee and a sustainability initiative. The City is developing an Environmental Strategic Plan, which will serve as an umbrella document coordinating its many efforts and ensuring the City becomes even more of an environmental leader.

“The Environmental Strategic Plan will be the foundation of how the City and our residents can protect our environment and the future of our community,” said Mayor Greg Moore.

This new strategic plan will consider current and future environmental trends, new legislation, best practices in environmental management from other municipalities, financial considerations, and coordination of City efforts with those of the public and other stakeholders. The goal is effective management of local environmental priorities, including corporate environmental impact.

Areas that the plan will cover include:

- Habitat and Biodiversity
- Climate Change and Energy
- Air Quality, Noise and Light Pollution
- Water, Wastewater and Stormwater
- Solid Waste, Materials & Resources
- Land Use, Transportation & Development
- Food and Agriculture

A first step in getting this plan underway is to ask for the ideas of citizens and stakeholders who care about the City’s efforts in this area. To that end, a highly interactive “Environmental Forum” will take place at the Wilson Centre (2150 Wilson Ave.) from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Wednesday, June 17. Attendees will share their concerns and ideas with staff, consultants and council members, making sure the new plan reflects public input from day one.

A short survey on “Environmental Issues and Priorities” for public and stakeholders will be available at [www.portcoquitlam.ca/enviroplan](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/enviroplan) from June 1 to June 10. Survey participants and Forum attendees will be entered into a draw to win one of three prizes.

“This is such an important process, especially if you have an interest in community well-being and the environment,” added Moore. “I hope to see many participants in both the online survey and the Environmental Forum on June 17. Meaningful consultation and input from our citizens will ensure the Environmental Strategic Plan reflects the community’s priorities and concerns.”

If you have any further questions, please contact Allen Jensen, Manager of Environmental Services at 604.927.5424 or [jensena@portcoquitlam.ca](mailto:jensena@portcoquitlam.ca).

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