



Press Release

PORT COQUITLAM COUNCIL GOES ON THE ROAD OCTOBER 13

Port Coquitlam, BC – Oct. 8, 2009... The gym at Kwayhqitlum Middle School will stand in for the Council Chambers at Port Coquitlam City Hall on Tuesday Oct. 13, as City Council meets in a community setting for the second time this year.

By holding meetings in a less formal setting from time to time, Council hopes to encourage greater public participation and interest in the workings of their local government. Council last met in the community on April 14 at Westwood Elementary School.

"We're trying to engage the community in how the City operates, and taking Council meetings out to neighbourhoods and making it convenient for people to participate helps us achieve that goal," noted Mayor Greg Moore. "Local government is the most accessible level of government, and we're trying to make it even more accessible."

The meeting on Oct. 13 will begin at 7 p.m. and be kicked off with a performance by the Kwayhqitlum girls' choir, arranged through the Community Connections program. Council will conduct its business as it would if the meeting was held in the Council Chambers. Among the matters Council will consider Oct. 13 is moving to biweekly garbage collection in January 2010.

A public question period will follow the proceedings, allowing audience members to comment on agenda items or other civic matters.

Normally the Oct. 13 meeting would not be televised because – due to the Thanksgiving holiday – it falls on a Tuesday, when Shaw Cable is not available for filming. However, thanks to the Tri-Cities Communication Television Society and those who volunteered their time and equipment, a recording of the meeting will air on Shaw Cable Channel 4 on Oct. 18 at approximately 11 a.m.

Agendas and minutes for all Council meetings are posted on the City website; the page can be accessed through www.portcoquitlam.ca/council. Kwayhqitlum Middle School is located at 3280 Flint Street.

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