

## COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2023-2026

### CITY COUNCIL 2022-2026

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## CONTINUING OUR FOCUS ON: Getting the Basics Right



Each new term, City Council selects priorities to guide the City's budget and service-delivery, based on community feedback received throughout the year, through the annual budget survey and other public consultation. These priorities translate into budgeted activities with tangible results, organized into six key focus areas.

Overall, the focus continues to be **getting the basics right** – planning and providing core municipal services (such as roads, utilities and other infrastructure, safety and recreation) that matter to residents and businesses. These are the building blocks for a safe, family-friendly community with affordable places to live at all stages of life, good-paying jobs, thriving businesses, and desired amenities and services.

## How We Work

Here are the building blocks for the work of Council and staff:

### Spending Responsibly

We strive to make every dollar count, with the taxpayer in mind at all times. We maximize our resources and continually look for ways to be more efficient and effective.

### Building a Strong Organization

We see ourselves as a team, working together across the organization to serve the community. We provide opportunities for staff to grow and challenge themselves, and provide a welcoming work environment for all.

### Engaging our Community

We regularly engage the community and seek their input and feedback to make sure our work reflects our citizens' priorities.

### Taking Action

After completing our due diligence, we work hard to follow through with timely and efficient delivery of projects and services.

### 2023-2026 Priorities

- Planning for a Livable, Vibrant, Fun City
- Enhancing Environmental Sustainability
- Supporting a Thriving Local Economy
- Striving for Organizational Excellence
- Improving Transportation and Mobility
- Managing City Finances and Assets Responsibly

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## Planning for a Livable, Fun Vibrant City

**GOAL:** A safe, clean and fun city that meets community needs, keeps residents safe, enriches quality of life and provides opportunities to connect and celebrate.

- > Become leading City in BC for sports, recreation, parks and trails
- > Promote arts, music festivals and animate public spaces
- > Construct infrastructure to support events
- > Support accessibility and inclusion
- > Enhance emergency management planning
- > Continue to improve policing services
- > Update bylaws / policies and promote compliance
- > Secure and address unsafe vacant properties
- > Advocate for increase of affordable and supportive housing

## Supporting a Thriving Local Economy

**GOAL:** A community that helps businesses thrive, encourages job creation and attracts investment.

- > Continue to implement downtown revitalization plan
- > Implement downtown parking strategy
- > Seek opportunities to support economic development across the City
- > Preserve and intensify industrial land uses
- > Support local job creation
- > Work with community partners to create more child care spaces and advance efforts to improve access

## Improving Transportation and Mobility

**GOAL:** A transportation network that provides safe, effective options for getting around the City.

- > Invest in school zone, pedestrian and cycling safety
- > Plan and advocate for SkyTrain to come to Port Coquitlam
- > Adopt Master Transportation Plan
- > Continue neighbourhood road rehabilitation
- > Advocate for railway separation projects
- > Build Fremont Connector
- > Advocate to replace/upgrade Coquitlam River Bridge

## Enhancing Environmental Sustainability

**GOAL:** A healthy environment and sustainable service-delivery amid a changing climate.

- > Adopt climate change mitigation and adaptation plan
- > Assess and improve watercourse health
- > Develop and implement integrated Watershed Management Plans
- > Implement urban forestry roadmap
- > Set and meet annual tree planting targets
- > Implement flood mitigation strategy
- > Continue drainage infrastructure upgrades

## Striving for Organizational Excellence

**GOAL:** A resilient, welcoming organization providing services that meet current and future community needs.

- > Enhance tools to increase public input and engagement
- > Build focus on customer service excellence
- > Foster a positive and inclusive work environment that attracts and retains talented employees
- > Promote City employment opportunities, staff development and a positive, welcoming work culture
- > Build on kwikwəḷəm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation relationship
- > Continue to seek operational efficiencies

## Managing City Finances and Assets Responsibly

**GOAL:** Long-term-value for tax dollars through sound management of finances and assets.

- > Maintain affordable property tax rate
- > Leverage City land assets for community benefit
- > Continue annual service level reviews
- > Adopt development cost charges bylaw
- > Implement asset management plans and continue development of program
- > Create long term capital/financial plans
- > Evaluate management of investments, cash, debts, land and reserves use

Please note: Priorities and focus areas are in no particular order and may be adjusted over time to address emerging issues or changing circumstances.