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From: Stewart, Richard <RStewart@coquitlam.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2015 3:26 PM
To: Ken McColl; Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX; Health, HLTH HLTH:EX; Robinson.MLA, Selina LASS:EX; Economic Development Information; Tourism
Subject: Re: Cancellation of Coquitlam's 2016 BC 55+ Senior Games

Thank you for copying me with your email to the BC government, Mr. McColl. Unfortunately, there is some misinformation out there about Coquitlam's efforts to resolve a scheduling conflict.

Coquitlam is absolutely committed to hosting the 2016 BC 55+ Games, which we were awarded a couple of years ago. As you may know, 2016 is our city's 125th Anniversary, and we are looking forward to the Games as a centrepiece for our community's anniversary celebrations.

However, in May staff discovered a scheduling conflict that had arisen several months earlier when the City of Vancouver successfully bid to host the 2016 Americas Masters Games scheduled for August 27 to September 4, which overlaps our original Games dates. The 2016 Masters Games will be the first such games held in North America and will draw athletes from around the world. We were understandably concerned to hear the news that the City of Vancouver had apparently not taken into account the BC Senior Games / 55+ Games when bidding on a competing event. While there are some differences between the 55+ Games and the Masters Games, we had serious concerns about the viability of holding two major sporting events catering to the same participants in the same region, at the same time. Such issues as available hotel space, competition officials, sponsors, volunteers, etc. would all pose challenges for the two events, and the conflicts would potentially place the success of both events at risk.

Coquitlam has worked closely with representatives from the BC Games Office and the BC Seniors Games Society over the past month to find the best outcome to support the athletes, coaches, volunteers, sponsors — all those involved in hosting the Games. We're pleased that we were able to work out a solution that we believe will give the 55+ Games the best chance of success. With the agreement of all, the new dates for the 2016 55+ BC Games in Coquitlam are September 20 - 24.

The City is looking forward to hosting this wonderful sporting event, and to welcoming athletes from around the province to come together in celebration of competition, volunteerism, and community spirit. We promise an enjoyable and well-organized event, in keeping with the strong traditions of the BC Senior Games. Hoping to see you here in Coquitlam on September 20, 2016.

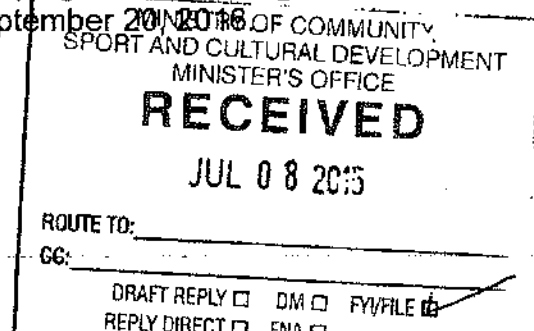
Yours truly,

Richard Stewart, Mayor
City of Coquitlam

From: Ken McColl^{s.22}

Date: Monday, June 22, 2015 at 9:03 AM

To: Honourable Chong <CSCD.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, "HLTH.HEALTH@gov.bc.ca" <HLTH.HEALTH@gov.bc.ca>, "Selina.robinson.mla@leg.bc.ca" <Selina.robinson.mla@leg.bc.ca>, Economic Development Information <EconomicDevelopment@coquitlam.ca>, Tourism <Tourism@coquitlam.ca>, Richard Stewart <rstewart@coquitlam.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Cancellation of Coquitlam's 2016 BC 55+ Senior Games



Good morning Ministers (BC Government)

Re: Proposed Cancellation of Coquitlam's 2016 Senior games

I read in the last several weeks that Coquitlam may bow out of hosting the 55+ games.

As both a player, coach/manager, plus a BC Tax payer/Voter etc...

Both my team (55+ Zone 1 Victoria Rangers) and I am strongly opposed to this last minute venue change.

- This is too late to amend schedules, dates, and jeopardizes the 2016 tournament.*

Please do all you can to ensure this event goes on as planned.

See a copy of my esteemed Colleague "Ian Hood" he sent to you yesterday

I agree with his email in its entirety and have attached a copy herein.

" We have been sending 4 teams for the last couple of years. The anticipation of going to the games has made our participation increase from 25 players playing once a month to about 50 players playing twice a week all year round and our numbers are growing monthly. I also know many athletes that play in other sports at the games and they are also concerned. I don't understand how Coquitlam can consider cancelling a project of this size. The games brought Langley around \$6 million dollars last year. Please contact Coquitlam and have them reconsider their decision to cancel the games. Thank you for your concern in this matter."

Yours Sincerely, Kenneth McCOLL



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From: ^{s.22}
Date: Sun, Jun 21, 2015 at 4:21 PM
Subject: Fw: Cancellation of Coquitlam's 2016 BC 55+ Senior Games
FYI, this is the letter I've sent. See you Friday. Ian

From: ^{s.22}
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2015 4:19 PM
To: CSCD.Minister@gov.bc.ca ; HLTH.HEALTH@gov.bc.ca ; Selina.robinson.mla@leg.bc.ca ;
economicdevelopment@coquitlam.ca ; tourism@coquitlam.ca ; rstewart@coquitlam.ca
Subject: Cancellation of Coquitlam's 2016 BC 55+ Senior Games

To:

The Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community Sports and Cultural Development;
The Honourable Terry Lake, Minister of Health;
and Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government and Sport, Ms. Selena Robinson, MLA ;
Richard Stewart, Mayor of Coquitlam

I'm deeply concerned about the Coquitlam's attempt to cancel the 2016 B.C. 55+ Games. I have been a participant for the last 7 games. I play soccer for Zone 1 and when I started we sent 2 teams to the games. We have been sending 4 teams for the last couple of years. The anticipation of going to the games has made our participation increase from 25 players playing once a month to about 50 players playing twice a week all year round and our numbers are growing monthly. I also know many athletes that play in other sports at the games and they are also concerned. I don't understand how Coquitlam can consider cancelling a project of this size. The games brought Langley around \$6 million dollars last year. Please contact Coquitlam and have them reconsider their decision to cancel the games. Thank you for your concern in this matter.

Yours truly,
Ian Hood
Victoria BC

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From: Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX
Subject: FW: Transit

From: Fassbender.MLA, Peter [<mailto:Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 11:54 AM
To: Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX
Subject: FW: Transit

From: Brent Asmundson^{s.22}
Sent: August 1, 2015 4:48 PM
To: Fassbender.MLA, Peter <Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Transit

Hi Peter I would like to get together with over coffee, lunch or at your office to talk about Translink. I as you know councillor for City of Coquitlam and I am a Bus Driver with Coast Mountain bus company for 30 years and I can provide you with a very good view of Translink , I know you are busy but I do believe that what I have to say will be of benefit as you try to figure out how best to reshape Translink. I was quite happy to see you given the portfolio for Translink with your knowledge of Metro Vancouver and your experience as Chair of Mayor council, I believe will result in a solution.

Councillor Brent Asmundson
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