

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
INFORMATION NOTE FOR MINISTER**

DATE: November 16, 2016

CLIFF: 189704

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister, for **Information** in preparation for meetings at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) 2016 Convention.

SUBJECT: The City of Coquitlam wish to discuss funding and timeline of new middle and secondary schools they would like constructed in North East Coquitlam, within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) (The “District”).

KEY MESSAGES:

- The Ministry recognizes the continued need for additional student spaces in the Burke Mountain area and is working very closely with the District.
- The Ministry is looking forward to receiving the Districts updated annual Capital Plan on September 30, 2016, and will use this plan, along with all 59 other School District submissions to establish future capital funding priorities.
- The District has a great history of planning and delivering capital projects that meet the need of the student population in Coquitlam.

BACKGROUND:

- Minister Bernier met with the City of Coquitlam at the 2015 UBCM conference regarding development in the Burke Mountain area and since that meeting, funding approval for Smiling Creek Elementary has been granted.
- In the last ten years, elementary student enrolment has risen almost 20 percent in the Burke Mountain area of Northeast Coquitlam due to residential development. Middle and secondary school enrolment has been more stable but is projected to increase due to ongoing residential development and the movement of current elementary students through the system.
- The District was recently advised to proceed with project development for a number of significant capital projects. Within the municipality of Coquitlam this includes expansion, seismic and School Enhancement Program projects:
 - Smiling Creek Elementary – New: 80K/350 elementary – \$20.5M. Proceeding to construction.
 - Gleneagle Secondary – School Enhancement Program: Improve heating/ventilation – \$490,000. Currently under construction.
 - Banting Middle School – Seismic Replacement: 550 capacity school - \$24.7M, currently under construction.
- This new elementary school was approved to proceed in place of the previously announced secondary school. The District initiated this change in prioritization once they observed the age of families / children moving into the area. Initial forecasts were for secondary school aged children. However, once the first phase of residential units were sold, the District modified its prioritization to an elementary school
- The Ministry approved funding for a new elementary school in the winter of 2015. The new elementary school, Smiling Creek Elementary is scheduled for completion by 2019 and will accommodate 400 students in grades K-5.

- Nearby elementary schools (Leigh, Irvine, and Coquitlam River) at the base of the mountain, also provide space for students who live in the Burke Mountain neighbourhood. These schools are operating at a collective capacity utilization of 101 percent.
- The middle school population in the Burke Mountain area of northeast Coquitlam is currently served by two middle schools, Kwayhquitlam Middle, operating at 96 percent utilization and Minnekhada Middle operating at 75 percent utilization. Enrolment projections indicate there will be a shortage of 535 middle school spaces by 2024/25.
- The secondary school population in northeast Coquitlam is currently served by Terry Fox Secondary which is a 1400 capacity school operating at 99 percent utilization. Enrolment projections indicate that the school will be facing a shortage of over 600 spaces by 2024/25.
- In its 2015/16 Five-Year Capital Plan submission, the Board has also identified the following capital project priorities. These are (in priority order):
 1. New Smiling Creek Elementary – Approved winter 2015;
 2. Moody Elementary Seismic Upgrade;
 3. New Sheffield (Partington Creek) Elementary;
 4. Glen Elementary Four Classroom Addition;
 5. Panorama Heights Four Classroom Addition;
 6. New North East Coquitlam Middle

DISCUSSION:

- In May 2016, the District was advised to proceed with business case development for three seismic mitigation projects, and a Building Envelope Project and to proceed to construction on a School Enhancement Project.
- These projects include:
 - Minnekhada Middle School – Seismic Mitigation
 - Irvine Elementary School – Seismic Mitigation
 - Montgomery Middle School – Seismic Mitigation
 - Riverside Secondary School – Building Envelope Project
 - Maple Creek Middle School – School Enhancement Project
- Additionally, the Ministry currently has an open call to all School Districts for their Five-Year Capital Plan submissions to inform the fiscal 17/18 – 19/20 Capital Plan development. Closing for submissions is September 30, 2016, and the Ministry will then review all submission to determine highest priorities in the following programs:
 - Seismic Mitigation and Safety
 - Expansion
 - Building Envelope
 - Carbon Neutral Capital
 - School Enhancement
 - Buses
- The District can update its requests for capital projects involving the need for new space, replacements, renovations, and site acquisitions in its upcoming 2016/17 Five-Year Capital Plan submission to the Ministry.


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OTHER RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Since 2001, the Province has invested approximately \$167M in the District for 38 construction projects, including:
 - Centennial Secondary School (complete 2016 - \$61.1M)
 - Eagle Mountain Middle School (complete 2015 - \$30.88M)
 - School Enhancement Projects (complete/underway – 3 projects - \$968,000)
 - Full-Day Kindergarten spaces (complete - \$9.2M)
 - Walton Elementary – Addition: Increase capacity from 80K/400 to 80K/450 - \$1.1M of Restricted Capital, completed in 2013

(See Appendix F for more examples)

Attachment: Appendix A – City of Coquitlam Schools
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<u>Contact Information</u>		Approved	Approved
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		Date signed:	Date signed:

Appendix A: City of Coquitlam Schools

- Coquitlam School District #43 has 33 schools located within the City of Coquitlam.
 - Thirteen schools located within the City of Coquitlam north of the Barnett Highway. These include:
 - Walton Elementary K-5; Utilization = 121%; in good condition
 - Nestor Elementary K-5; Utilization = 103%; in fair condition
 - Glen Elementary K-5; Utilization = 107%; in optimal condition
 - Eagle Ridge Elementary K-5; Utilization = 96%; in fair condition
 - Bramblewood Elementary K-5; Utilization = 90%; in fair condition
 - Summit Middle School 6-8; Utilization = 103%; in optimal condition
 - Coquitlam River Elementary School K-5; Utilization = 73%; in good condition
 - Gleneagle Secondary School 11-12; Utilization = 80%; in good condition
 - Hampton Park Elementary K-5; Utilization = 83%; in good condition
 - Pinetree Way Elementary K-5; Utilization = 92%; in good condition
 - Panorama Heights Elementary K-5; Utilization = 119%; in good condition
 - Scott Creek Middle School 6-8; Utilization = 100%; in good condition
 - Pinetree Secondary School 11-12; Utilization = 95%; in good condition
 - Average utilization within this portion of community is 97%; average FCI is 0.32 which indicates the current facilities are in good condition.
 - Twenty schools located within the City of Coquitlam south of the Barnett Highway. These include:
 - Meadowbrook Elementary K-5; Utilization = 62%; in good condition
 - Baker Drive Elementary K-5; Utilization = 91%; in good condition
 - Charles Best Secondary 9-12; Utilization = 134%; in fair condition
 - Ranch Park Elementary K-5; Utilization = 70%; in good condition
 - Riverview Park Elementary K-5; Utilization = 102%; in good condition
 - Parkland Elementary K-5; Utilization = 69%; in good condition
 - Harbour view Elementary K-5; Utilization = 80%; in fair condition
 - Banting Middle 6-8; Utilization = 91%; FCI School Being Replaced
 - Miller Park Community School K-5; Utilization = 62%; in good condition
 - Mountain View Elementary K-5; Utilization = 74%; in fair condition
 - Ecole Porter Street Elementary K-5; Utilization = 89%; in good condition
 - Hillcrest Middle 6-8; Utilization = 98%; in good condition
 - Roy Stibbs Elementary K-5; Utilization = 83%; in good condition
 - Lord Baden Powell Elementary K-5; Utilization = 68%; in good condition
 - Mundy Road Elementary K-5; Utilization = 74%; in good condition
 - RC MacDonald Elementary K-5; Utilization = 79%; in good condition
 - Montgomery Middle 6-8; Utilization = 51%; some additional investment required in the next 24 months
 - Alderson Elementary K-5; Utilization = 85%; in fair condition
 - Maillard Middle 6-8; Utilization = 103%; in fair condition
 - Rochester Elementary K-5; Utilization = 106%; in good condition
 - Average utilization within the rest of community is 84%; average FCI is 0.36 which also indicates the current facilities are in good condition.

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Appendix B – Municipal Briefing Note

Briefing Note

2016 UBCM Convention

Local Government: Coquitlam

Ministry: Education

Meeting ID: 110

****Please send the completed briefing note to UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca ****

Topic 1: School Sites in North East Coquitlam

Background:

The City of Coquitlam is growing rapidly and changing demographically. We are building a new community in North East Coquitlam that will be home to approximately 30,000 new residents. Ensuring that schools are available for families moving into this area is a priority for the City. We would like to recognize the Province and School District 43 for communicating with the City and community on the future plans for schools in North East Coquitlam, the timeline for construction and making it a priority to bring accessible education to our community.

However, there is still a growing frustration with the present situation regarding access to schools. This issue has been compounded with School District 43 no longer offering school bus service in our community, making it harder for residents living in the North East and other areas of Coquitlam to get their children to school. While this decision will be revisited after 2016, this has created pressure on residents in the area. Following the construction of Smiling Creek Elementary, secure funding for the middle/high school in the North East is a priority.

Request:

The City would like to recognize the Province and School District 43 for finalizing funding arrangements for Smiling Creek Elementary on Burke Mountain. Additionally, the City would like the Province to work with School District 43 to ensure that the proposed high and middle schools are part of the short-term priorities and are approved for provincial funding.

Appendix C – UBCM 2015 Note and Letter

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DATE: September 10, 2015

CLIFF: 183289

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister, for **Information** in preparation for meetings at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

SUBJECT: The City of Coquitlam wish to discuss funding and timeline of new schools they would like constructed in North East Coquitlam, within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam).

BACKGROUND:

- In the last 10 years, elementary student enrolment has risen almost 20% in the Burke Mountain area of Northeast Coquitlam due to residential development.
- Currently, there is no elementary school located on Burke Mountain. Nearby elementary schools (Leigh, Irvine, and Coquitlam River) at the base of the mountain, provide space for students who live in the Burke Mountain neighborhood.
- These schools are currently over-capacity (107 seats over operating capacity in 2014/15) and are using non-instructional space, such as libraries, to accommodate additional students, as portable classrooms cannot physically be located on the existing school sites.
- School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) (the “District”) anticipates a need for 400 new elementary spaces in the Burke Mountain area of Northeast Coquitlam by 2024.
- Across the broader Northeast area (7 elementary schools in total, including Leigh, Irvine and Coquitlam River in the Burke Mountain area), the School District anticipates an estimated shortage of 271 spaces by 2016, and as many as 1200 by 2026.
- This emerging demand for elementary space was not previously forecasted by the School District, as young families were not expected to purchase the area’s higher-end new homes.
- Based on SD 43’s Long Range Facility Plan (LRFP 2010) and Northeast Coquitlam Area Study (2012):
 - The Board’s highest capital priority is for a new elementary school in the Smiling Creek neighbourhood — Smiling Creek Elementary.
 - Smiling Creek is the first of three elementary school sites the School District anticipates will be required to meet projected enrolment growth in Northeast Coquitlam by 2026.
 - The District’s previously anticipated priority for a new secondary school can be deferred.
- The School District has been working in partnership with a City of Coquitlam local residential land developer Wesbild to acquire lands for future school sites.
- On June 16, 2015, the School District announced at a community information meeting that it has secured several pieces of land for future schools in the Burke Mountain area, including a seven-acre joint elementary school/park site in the Smiling Creek neighborhood for student and community use, purchased in partnership with the City of Coquitlam.

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- A 60% portion was purchased by SD 43 for approximately \$6M with Ministry's approval to access their land capital funds. The City will create a community playfield featuring a \$4M all-weather track and sports field on the remainder of the site.
- The Coquitlam Board of Education is requesting up to \$17.6M in provincial capital funding to construct a new K-5 school (80K/350E) in the Smiling Creek neighborhood of Northeast Coquitlam, for an estimated total cost of \$20.5M, with the remaining \$2.9M contributed by the School District

DISCUSSION:

- The Ministry has included Smiling Creek Elementary and Burke Mountain Secondary in its' 10-Year Capital Plan; as well as three seismic upgrades.
- Ministry staff are currently reviewing the funding request and Project Definition Report (PDR) submitted by the School District for a new school in the Smiling Creek neighborhood of Burke Mountain.
- The Ministry anticipates seeking Treasury Board approval in fall 2015 for the requested capital funding to construct a new elementary school on the site jointly acquired by the Coquitlam Board of Education and City of Coquitlam in April 2015.

CONCLUSION:

- A new elementary school in the Burke Mountain area is a priority for the City of Coquitlam, School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) and our Ministry.
- The partnerships between Wesbild, SD 43 and the City of Coquitlam is excellent news for our Ministry, local families and BC taxpayers.
- The Ministry will continue to work with the School District to create more spaces for students in SD 43.

Attachment: Appendix A – Map of Coquitlam
Appendix B – Municipality Profiles
Appendix C – School District Profile

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		Date signed:	Date signed:



October 16, 2015

Ref: 184153

His Worship Mayor Richard Stewart
City of Coquitlam
Email: rstewart@coquitlam.ca

Dear Mayor Stewart:

I am writing in follow up to the meeting held at the 2015 UBCM convention in Vancouver. It was a pleasure to meet with you to discuss your Council's concerns regarding the growth on Burke Mountain, and the request to build a new elementary and middle school in North East Coquitlam.

The Ministry of Education recognizes the growth in population in the Burke Mountain area and understands the need to create more schools within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam). My Ministry is currently reviewing the School District's submission for a new elementary school in the Smiling Creek neighborhood of Burke Mountain and will bring forward the request for funding approval this fall.

Requests for additional new schools in the District, such as a middle school on Burke Mountain, will be given Ministry consideration for support subject to the School District's identified priorities in their updated Five-Year Capital Plan, which is due to the Ministry by November 2, 2015.

If you have any further questions regarding this issue, I encourage you to contact Ryan Spillett, Regional Director, Capital Management Branch, Ministry of Education by phone at (250) 882-3699 or by email at Ryan.Y.Spillett@gov.bc.ca.

Again, thank you for attending the 2015 UBCM convention in Vancouver.

Sincerely,

Mike Bernier
Minister

pc: Patricia Gartland, CEO/Superintendent, School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
Ryan Spillett, Regional Director, Capital Management Branch, Ministry of Education

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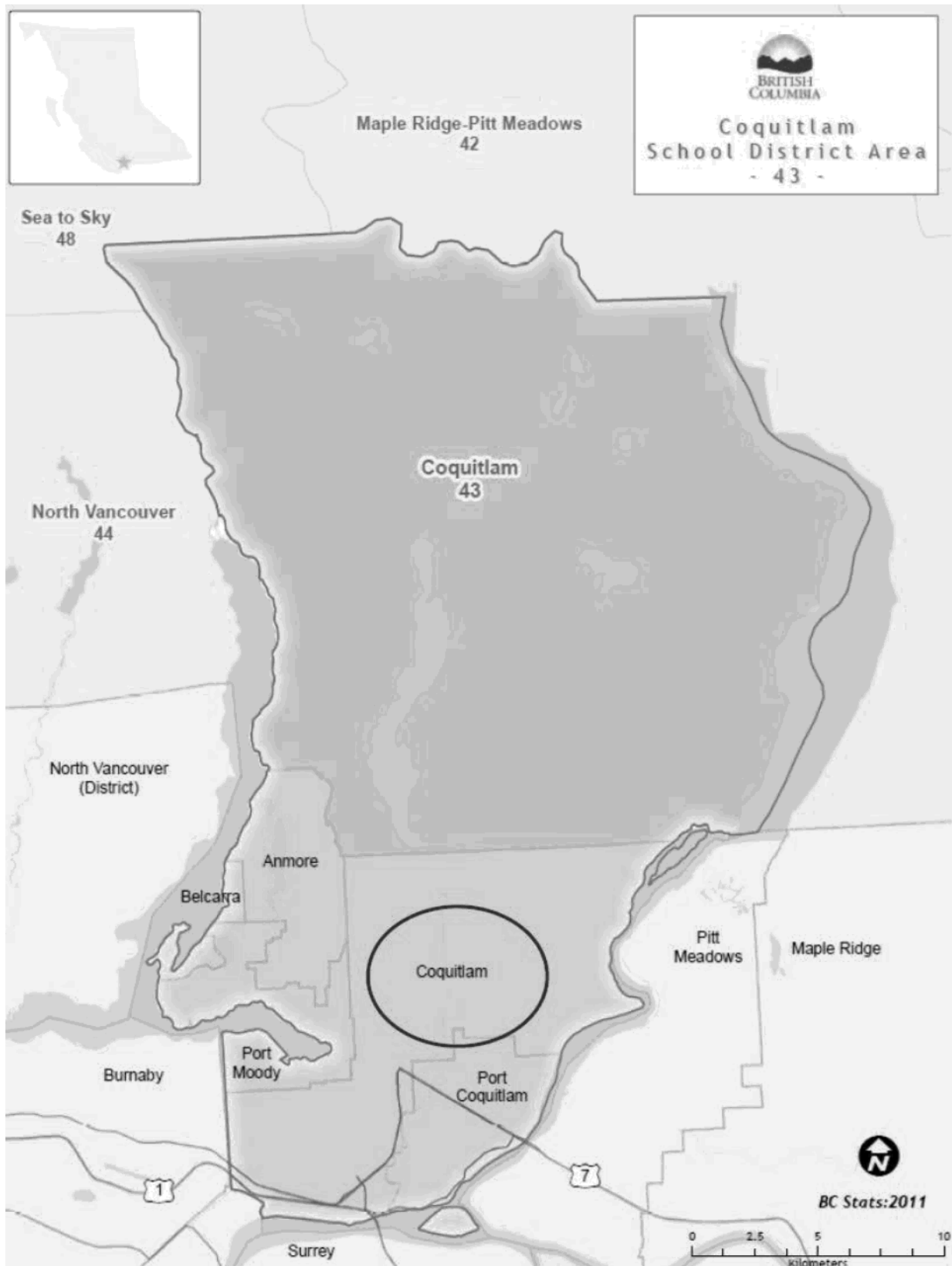
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Appendix D - Map of Coquitlam




City of Coquitlam

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

Name	Profile
 <p data-bbox="321 1081 565 1161">Richard Stewart Mayor</p>	<p data-bbox="727 499 1425 800">Richard was elected to Coquitlam City Council in 2005. He is bilingual (English and French). Richard has lived all his life in Coquitlam. He was married in 1983 to Anna Rosa; they have four children. Richard has served his community in the provincial government as MLA for Coquitlam-Maillardville 2001-2005; appointed MLA Responsible for Francophone Affairs, member of the Government Caucus Committee on the Economy, and Chair of the Select Standing Committee on Education.</p> <p data-bbox="727 835 1425 932">He has extensive experience as a community volunteer in a large number of social, service, environmental, business and community organizations, including:</p> <ul data-bbox="784 936 1425 1266" style="list-style-type: none">• Coquitlam Rotary Club• Knights of Columbus• Maillardville Lions Club• Société Maillardville Uni and Société Biculturelle de Maillardville• Local school Parent Advisory Committees• Executive, School District 43 Parent Advisory Committee• A longstanding member of the Coquitlam Chamber of Commerce <p data-bbox="727 1304 1057 1335">Formerly, Richard has been:</p> <ul data-bbox="784 1339 1425 1934" style="list-style-type: none">• President of the Canadian Home Builders Association of B.C• Chair of the National Housing Economic Research Council• Publisher of a successful housing industry trade magazine• Member of the BC Minister's Advisory Council on Affordable Housing• Member of National and BC Building Code Committees• Member of the National Research Council Canada's Standing Committee on Housing• At the local government level, Richard has volunteered on the City of Coquitlam Economic Development Committees, on a local Advisory Design Panel, on Housing Committees, and as a Trustee on the Coquitlam Public Library Board.• Richard is a writer, and operates his own

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	<p>government relations and communications business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formerly, Richard served as the Chair of the Disability Issues Advisory Committee, Chair of the Liveable Communities Advisory Committee, Chair of the Parcel Tax Review Panel, Chair of the City/School Board Liaison Committee, and Member of the Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee. <p>Currently, Richard is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Strategic Investment Advisory Panel • Director on the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors • An alternate on the City/School Board Liaison Committee • Member of the Metro Vancouver Housing Committee • Member of the Metro Vancouver Intergovernmental and Finance Committee • Member of the Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee • Member of the Metro Vancouver Regional Economy Task Force • The Mayor is an ex-officio member of all Committees
 <p style="text-align: center;">Brent Asmundson Councillor</p>	<p>Brent has been an active Coquitlam resident for more than 20 years. He and his wife, Daniela, have raised their two children; Michael and Diana in Coquitlam. Brent has participated in many family friendly activities which define the City of Coquitlam. He has been employed as a bus driver with Coast Mountain Bus Company for the last 28 years. Brent is the Past President of the North East Coquitlam Rate Payers Association. Brent has volunteered on many City Committees including the Transit and Transportation, Environment, Administrative Services, Business and Economic Development, Coquitlam Strategic Plan, Master Park Plan Committee, North East Coquitlam Official Community Plan, the Upper Hyde Creek Neighbourhood Plan, the Lower Hyde Creek Neighbourhood Plan and the Smiling Creek Neighbourhood Plan. Brent was elected to Council in 2005</p> <p>Formerly, Brent was the Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, Vice Chair of the Liveable Communities Advisory Committee, Vice Chair of the Disability Issues Advisory Committee, Alternate Director to the GVRD Board of Directors, Director on the Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee, Alternate Director to the Labour Relations Bureau, member of the GVRD Environment Committee, member of the Recreation, Sports and Culture Standing Committee, member of Spirit of BC Community Committee, Vice Chair of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee, Vice Chair of the Sport Council, and Vice Chair of the Sustainability & Environmental Advisory Committee</p>

	<p>Currently, Brent is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee • Chair of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee • Council Representative to the Coquitlam Public Library Board • Member of the Tri-Cities Transportation Task Force
 <p>Craig Hodge Councillor</p>	<p>Craig Hodge moved to Coquitlam 46 years ago when he was eight years old. He and his wife, Darla Furlani, are raising their three young boys Robbie, and twins Brandon and Dawson in Northeast Coquitlam. Craig began his career as a photojournalist in 1974 in Coquitlam at the Columbian Daily Newspaper and, when it went out of business in 1984, he helped to start The Tri-City News, where he worked until his retirement in June 2011. In his 36-year career, Craig's achievements were recognized with 42 international, national, and provincial journalism awards. For three decades, Craig has been an active volunteer and leader in this community.</p> <p>In the community, Craig has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helped research and author Coquitlam's first history book "Coquitlam 100 Years" • participated on the BC Summer Games committee, in 1991 • worked on the first Riverview Hospital Task Force as a provincial appointee, in 1995 • served as president of the Tri-Cities' Chamber of Commerce • elected three times to the B.C. Chamber of Commerce board serving a total of six years • member of the city's economic development, and traffic and safety advisory committees • chair of the city's traffic calming committee • served as a board member of the Coquitlam Foundation • was a past president of the Coquitlam Heritage Society • Craig runs a Scout troop on Burke Mountain and coaches U-12 soccer and ball hockey. <p>Currently, Craig is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Sport Council • Chair of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee • Vice Chair of the Maillardville Commercial and Cultural Revitalization Advisory Committee • Director on the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Representative to the Intermunicipal Business Licence Working Group • Council Representative to the Coquitlam 125th Anniversary Steering Task Force • Member of the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Committee • Member of the Metro Vancouver Zero Waste Committee
 <p style="text-align: center;">Dennis Marsden Councillor</p>	<p>Dennis has been a resident of Coquitlam since 1979, with only brief interruption. He is married to Lisa and they have two teenaged children, Dylan and Alexis. He has 25 years' experience in retail and business banking. Dennis currently operates a consulting and communications company. He also provides Strategic Planning and Financial Management service to Egami Creative Services – a family operated and locally based web design and branding company. Dennis has been a very active volunteer in the business, sports and philanthropic communities.</p> <p>In the Community he is or has been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tri Cities Chamber of Commerce – President; Board of Governor; Chair of Riverview Lands Economic Development Task Force. • BC Chamber of Commerce – Board member. • Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation – Board member and Treasurer. • City of Coquitlam – Economic Development Committee; Mayor's Task Force. • Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer – Coach and Manager. • Coquitlam Little League – Coach. • Coquitlam Minor Hockey – Coach. • BC Amateur Hockey – Referee; Instructor in Officiating program. <p>Currently, Dennis is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee • Vice Chair of the Riverview Lands Advisory Committee • Vice Chair of the Parcel Tax Review Panel • Alternate to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors • Member of the Fraser Health Municipal Government Advisory Council



Terry O'Neill
Councillor

Terry and his wife, Mary, have lived in Coquitlam's Eagle Ridge neighbourhood since 1980, raising two sons, Patrick and David. Terry graduated from SFU with a Bachelor of Arts (English) in 1974 and from Carleton University with a Bachelor of Journalism, Honours, in 1976. He was a writer, editor and broadcaster for 35 years, holding many senior positions, including: Legislative Correspondent for The Canadian Press, Editor-in-Chief of the Richmond Review; Assignment Editor, CKVU First News; Editor-in-Chief, B.C. Report; host, X-Change, NOW-TV; Senior Writer, The Western Standard, and General Editor, Act of Faith, a bestselling history of the Reform Party of Canada. Until elected to Council, Terry was a weekly columnist for the Tri-City News and a contributor to the editorial pages of The National Post. He is a two-time winner of the Canadian Institute of Mining's Best News Story of the Year award, and was the inaugural winner of the Christian Coalition of B.C.'s Award for Journalistic Integrity. Terry was elected to Council in 2011.

In the community, Terry serves as:

- City Representative, Board of Directors, The Coquitlam Foundation
- Master of Ceremonies, annual Alzheimer Society of B.C. Walk for Memories (Tri-Cities, Burnaby, New Westminster, Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge)
- Member, Steering Committee, St. Joseph's Parish (Port Moody)
- Member, Board of Directors, Signal Hill (provincial)
- Formerly, Terry served as:
- Founding member and president of The Eagle Ridge Residents Association
- Volunteer community fundraiser, Canadian Diabetes Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation
- Vice-chair, Education Committee, Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School
- Master of Ceremonies, Crossroads Hospice, Treasures of Christmas gala
- Member, advisory committee, Kwantlen College Journalism program

Currently, Terry is:

- Chair of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
- Chair of the Coquitlam Evergreen Line Public Art Task Force
- Chair of the Coquitlam River Aggregate Committee
- Vice Chair of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee

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Mae Reid
Councillor

Mae is a widow with grown children, and has lived in Coquitlam for over 30 years. She is a busy and energetic volunteer in the community as well as being a City Councillor for 21 years. She has a background in Office Management, including Finance as well as a Paralegal (8 years) and is presently employed in real estate. She has a long and extensive career in this City and has served on almost every city committee over the years. Her passions are the Animal Shelter in which she took a lead role in the development of that project and protection of the Riverview Lands.

These past two years she has been Chair of Land Use and Economic Development, Chair of the Riverview Committee, Council Rep for the Economic Development & Investment Advisory Panel, Alternate Director on the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors, and Member of the Fraser Health Government Advisory Council

Currently, Mae is:

- Chair of the Celebrate Coquitlam Advisory Panel
- Chair of the City/School Board Liaison Committee
- Vice Chair of the Strategic Investment Advisory Panel
- Alternate to the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors
- Member of the Metro Vancouver Intergovernmental and Finance - Electoral Area Sub-Committee
- Member of the Metro Vancouver Performance and Procurement Committee



Teri Towner
Councillor

Teri has lived in Coquitlam for 16 years. She is married to Mike, with 2 school aged kids, Jessica and Christopher. She has a business degree from SFU and worked for 10 years in retail banking, 16 years with a major BC utility in various Human Resources management and analyst positions and 1 year as an Special Events Officer for a local non-profit organization.

Teri has extensive involvement as a longtime volunteer for various community initiatives including SHARE Family & Community Services, Raise-a-Reader literacy campaigns, Operation Red Nose safe ride home, organizing Terry Fox runs, Pink Shirt Day Anti-Bullying, Shoreline CleanUp, telethons and Adopt-a-Street litter control program. She was nominated for the Society for Community Development's "Spirit of Community" award. She is also a clinic manager and running leader for SportMedBC SunRun training clinics and was nominated for SportMedBC's SunRun clinic "Leader of the Year". Teri is an event photographer for print and web publication snapd Coquitlam.

Over the last two years, she was appointed to Coquitlam Sports Council Advisory Committee. She was also heavily involved in local education as PAC executive on both elementary and middle school PACS as well as 5 years on DPAC43 executive as PAC Communications Liaison and was awarded 2013 provincial BCCPAC Award for Excellence in Parent Leadership. Teri is passionate about amateur sports and recreation, traffic safety, community initiatives and long distance running.

Currently, Teri is:

- Vice Chair of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
- Vice Chair of the Sport Council
- Vice Chair of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee
- Council Representative on the Joint Family Court & Youth Justice Committee
- Council Representative on the Tri-Cities Homelessness & Housing Task Group
- Member of the Parcel Tax Review Panel

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**Terry O'Neill
Councillor**

Chris Wilson has been a resident of Coquitlam for 24 years. He is the Executive Director of KidSport Tri-Cities and is the 2012 SHARE Volunteer of the Year. He is the Chair and coordinator of Operation Red Nose.

Currently, Chris is:

- Chair of the Maillardville Commercial & Cultural Revitalization Advisory Committee
- Vice Chair of the Coquitlam River Aggregate Committee
- Vice Chair of the Sustainability & Environmental Advisory Committee
- Council Representative to the Coquitlam 125th Anniversary Steering Task Force
- Council Representative to the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable
- Council Representative to the Tri-Cities Early Childhood Development Committee Vice Chair of the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee



**Bonita Zarrillo
Councillor**

Before being elected in 2013 Bonita spent 20 years in sales, marketing and consumer research with a number of multi-national companies. She is married with three children. Bonita moved back West, to Coquitlam in 2010 after spending 15 years working in Eastern Canada and the U.S. Bonita sat on the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for the City of Coquitlam in 2012 as a member at large. Bonita holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Manitoba, is a certified Programmer/Analyst, and holds a Professional Management Certificate in Human Resources from the University of Calgary.

Currently, Bonita is:

- Chair of the Parcel Tax Review Panel
- Chair of the Universal Access-Ability Advisory Committee
- Vice Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Vice Chair of the City/School Board Liaison Committee
- Member of the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Relations Committee

Appendix F – School District Profile

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DATE: August 29, 2016

CLIFF: 189612

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister, for **Information** in preparation for a meeting at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention.

SUBJECT: The Town of Osoyoos wishes to discuss rural school funding and school closure legislation.

KEY MESSAGES:

- This is the first Meeting between Minister Mike Bernier and the town of Osoyoos
- The Town of Osoyoos is concerned about the continuity of rural school funding and board decision making processes relating to school closures.
- The *School Act* provides boards with the autonomy to manage school properties and close schools as necessary.
- The Ministry is providing School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) with funds to ensure Osoyoos Secondary School remains open.

BACKGROUND:

- The Town of Osoyoos has requested to meet with Minister Mike Bernier at the upcoming Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in Victoria in September 2016.
- Town Council representatives would like to discuss the recent Osoyoos Secondary School closure issue, Rural Education Enhancement Fund (REEF) and the future of rural school funding. The Town would like to specifically discuss the issue of board governance and decision making as it relates to school closures.
- The Town has expressed concern the local board of education (School District No. 53 Okanagan-Similkameen) can close schools without adequate community consultation or giving consideration to community sustainability. They would like to recommend changes to the legislation governing school closures.

DISCUSSION:

Osoyoos Secondary School

- In April 2016, the Okanagan-Similkameen School District made the decision to close Osoyoos Secondary School. The closure was the subject of significant controversy in the school community and the Town.
- In May 2016, the Town launched legal action against the school district, seeking an injunction from the British Columbia Supreme Court against the closure of the school.
- On June 15, 2016, Premier Christy Clark announced the REEF to help school districts meet funding challenges associated with keeping schools open in rural communities.
- The Ministry of Education is providing the Okanagan-Similkameen School District with a grant of \$490,800 towards keeping Osoyoos Secondary School open for

September 2016. A portion of this grant (\$103,500 of the \$490,800) is one-time funding to address some urgent minor maintenance issues at the school. Through this initiative, the Okanagan-Similkameen School District will receive funding to keep Osoyoos Secondary School open, and classes will resume as usual in September.

- The funding will be ongoing and the Okanagan-Similkameen School District will not be required to make an application to REEF for the 2017/18 school year. The Ministry will be in touch with the Okanagan-Similkameen School District in February 2017 to update costing information.

Legislative Framework

- School closures are governed by the *School Act* and by the School Opening and Closure Order specifically. Under the *School Act*, boards of education are responsible for the management of the schools and school property within their respective school districts. The Act provides boards with the authority to open and close schools, either permanently or on a temporarily basis.
- Under the School Opening and Closure Order, boards must develop and implement a policy respecting the opening and closure of schools. The Order requires that boards include a public consultation process in their policies.
- Under the Order, the public consultation process must include:
 - 1) a fair consideration of the community's input and adequate opportunity for the community to respond to the board's proposal,
 - 2) consideration of future enrolment growth in the district, and
 - 3) consideration of possible alternative community uses for the school.
- The Town has indicated that they would like amendments to the legislation, possibly to include a time frame for public consultation. The Order does not prescribe the timing or length of the consultation process in order to allow boards to conduct consultations in a manner they deem appropriate for local circumstances.

OTHER RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:


- Launch of the Rural Education Enhancement Fund in June 2016. Under this initiative, the Ministry of Education is providing School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) with funding to allow Osoyoos Secondary School to remain open in 2016-17 and subsequent school years.

CONCLUSION:

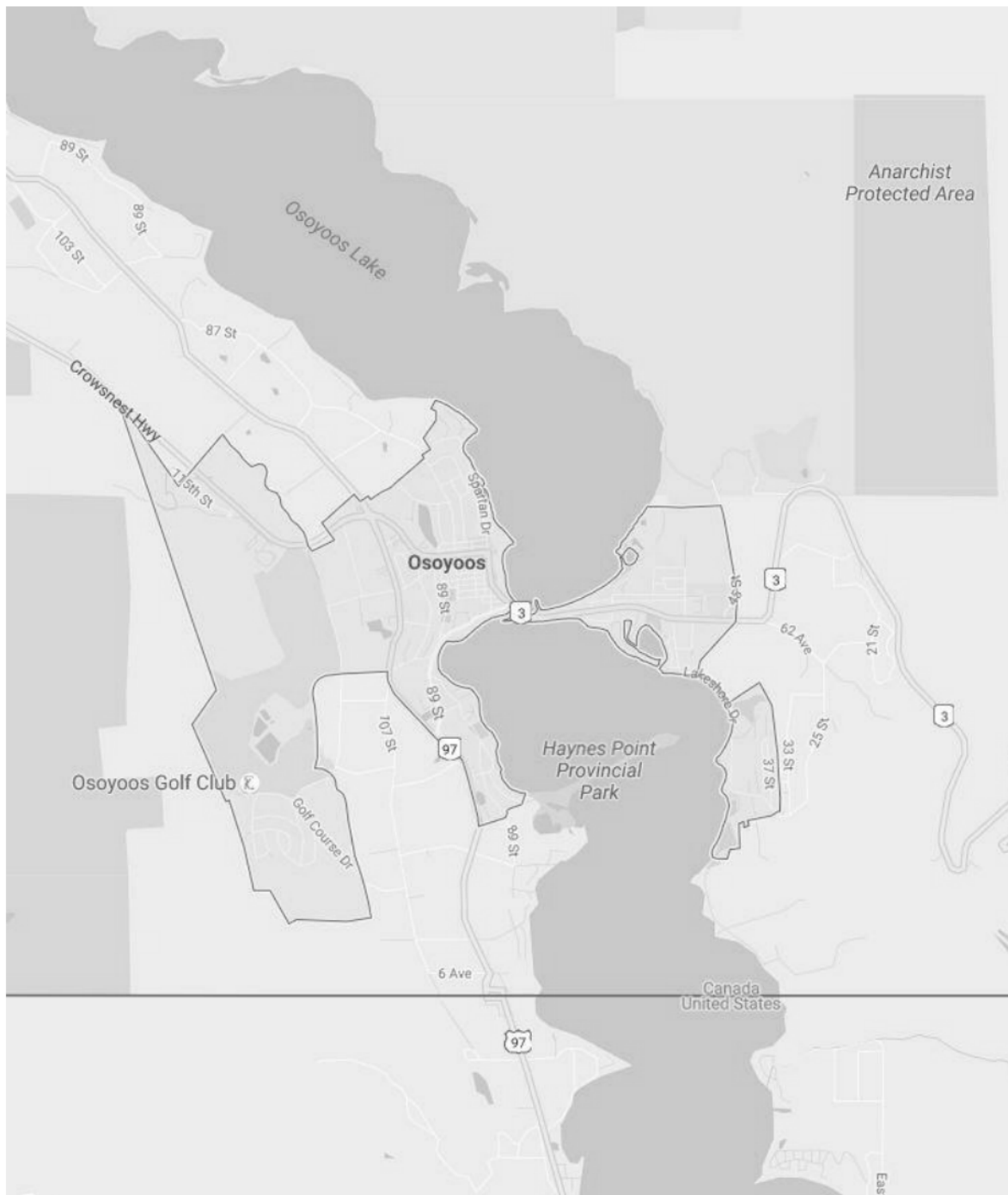
- The Ministry recognizes boards as co-governors of the education system and as such, the legislation provides boards with a high degree of autonomy with regards to local decision making. This includes the ability to set local policy on school closures.
- The REEF will assist school districts, like Okanagan-Similkameen, to preserve schools in small rural communities for community viability and sustainability in the coming years.
- In order to seek a long term solution to these issues, the Ministry will be working with the new appointment Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Education, Linda Larson and Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development, Donna Barrett, on the Rural Education

Strategy. The Strategy will consider a range of factors in the K-12 context and school districts will have opportunities to provide input into the process as it moves forward.

Attachment(s): Appendix A – Map of the Town of Osoyoos
 Appendix B – Municipality Profile

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Appendix A – Map of Town of Osoyoos




Town Of Osoyoos Information



School District No. 53

Osoyoos Population: 4,796 (*BC Stats estimate, 2015*)
Regional District: Okanagan- Similkameen

School District Information (2015-16)

School District 53 Headcount: 2,342
Osoyoos Secondary Headcount: 215

Name	Profile
 MLA: Linda Larson Boundary-Similkameen	<p>Linda Larson was elected MLA for Boundary-Similkameen on May 14, 2013. Linda is the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Education, and a member of the Cabinet Committee on Secure Tomorrow.</p> <p>She is also a member of the Select Standing Committees on Health and Legislative Initiatives.</p> <p>Previous to being elected as an MLA, Linda sat on the Oliver Council and served as Mayor from 1997 to 2005.</p> <p>Growing up in Comox, Linda moved to Oliver in 1989 with her husband Larry. She owned three businesses in Oliver between 1989 and 2002 (Eastside Grocery, Stedmans V/S and Ruffled Edges) and served on the BC Small Business Roundtable between 2005 and 2011.</p> <p>Linda is the past chair of the Provincial Board at Community Futures representing the South Okanagan, and has sat on the boards of JABC (2006-2011) and the Desert Sun Counselling & Resource Centre (2004-2008).</p> <p>She has also volunteered with provincial, regional and local organizations such as the Sunnybank Ladies Auxiliary and W.O.W</p>

 <p data-bbox="293 888 526 968">Sue McKortoff Mayor</p>	<p data-bbox="654 184 1437 317">I am honoured to be the Mayor of this wonderful town, strategically located in the South Okanagan Valley. We offer year round resort facilities and activities, while many of us are fortunate enough to live here full time.</p> <p data-bbox="654 359 1437 789">Recognized as Canada's only pocket desert, we enjoy hot dry summers beside the warmest lake in Canada. Many generations of families have spent summers camping, picking sweet ripe fruit and boating and swimming in our lake. In 2015 Osoyoos will celebrate Canada Day with our 67th annual Cherry Fiesta parade, music and fireworks. Our Farmers' Market is held weekly from May to September, with fresh produce, artisans' crafts, wine tasting from local award-winning wineries, and music featuring multi-talented Osoyoos musicians. We recommend a variety of activities- from biking and hiking on numerous trails, playing on championship golf courses, fishing for salmon, trout or bass, to learning about our unique ecology at our Osoyoos Desert Center or the NK'Mip Desert Cultural Centre.</p> <p data-bbox="654 831 1437 926">Whether you are an annual summer visitor, a winter Snowbird residing at one of the many motels or resorts, or attending a conference, you will soon love our small town.</p> <p data-bbox="654 968 1437 1062">On behalf of Osoyoos Town Council and staff, I sincerely welcome you to Osoyoos. We offer "Canada's warmest welcome" to everyone.</p>
 <p data-bbox="326 1743 490 1822">CJ Rhodes Councillor</p>	<p data-bbox="654 1073 1437 1167">CJ Rhodes moved to Osoyoos in 2000 with his wife Lisa. CJ and Lisa are the parents of 4 children and grandparents to 6 grandchildren.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1209 1437 1409">Shortly after arriving in Osoyoos CJ opened a small business that he continues to operate to this day. CJ has volunteered with many organizations in Osoyoos and served as the President of the Osoyoos Chamber of Commerce (now the SOCC) for 3 consecutive terms and 3 years as the treasurer of The Osoyoos Elks Lodge.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1451 1437 1713">CJ Rhodes is serving his third term on Council after first being elected in 2008. During his time on council CJ represented Osoyoos in developing the Solid Waste Management Plan that has helped the Osoyoos landfill extend its life by over 10 years and he is the Chairperson of the Osoyoos Waterfront Master Plan Committee that is enhancing the Osoyoos waterfront and park areas. He is a long standing member of the Royal Canadian Legion and is a member of the Osoyoos Water Quality Society.</p> <p data-bbox="654 1755 1437 1877">CJ is a supporter of many shop/buy local programs and is proactive in educating residents on the benefits of shopping local. He is engaged in many environmental issues particularly matters concerning Osoyoos Lake water quality.</p>



**Carol Youngberg
Councillor**

Carol was born in Nipawin, Saskatchewan, but was raised in Prince George, BC before moving to the sunny Okanagan. Carol's life partner was Terry Yusep and she has one son Chad and a step daughter Nicole.

She has been involved in the real estate industry for over 30 years, and during those years the activities included land development, real estate sales, and property management.

Carol looks forward to working with the continuation of the Affordable Housing Strategy and the Development of Desert Park as a multi-use facility. She worked to bring horse racing back to Desert Park which was entertainment for the community, the first in 15 years, and hopes there will be more variety of events within the next few years.

Carol is an avid curler, loves all types of sports, enjoys boating on Osoyoos Lake, and travels when time permits.

Community involvement has been important to Carol, her volunteer background with the Chamber of Commerce, Destination Osoyoos, Economic Development, Osoyoos Royalty and the festivals to name a few have kept her busy and a part of her Town. Carol is excited about the opportunity to work with the community and has always been passionate about Osoyoos.



**Mike Campol
Councillor**

Mike Campol was born in Toronto, Ontario and lived in the Toronto area until 2011.

Mike spent his entire career in the hospitality industry as a Manager, General Manager, Director and Consultant.

With his wife Rebecca and 2 children, the Campol's made the move cross country to the beautiful Okanagan in June 2011. Since that time Mike served as the General Manager at Spirit Ridge Resort, Director for Destination Osoyoos, Treasurer for the NK'MIP Resort Assn, Chair for the Desert Live Executive Committee, Founder & Chair for the Spirit of the Game Society and most recently started his own consulting company.

Mike's passions outside of hospitality & family are motorcycles and hockey. While trying his best to find some connection with the Canucks, Mike remains a loyal Maple Leafs fan.

This is Mike's first endeavour into public life but feels that it was a natural progression as he has spent much of his time in Osoyoos working to have a positive impact on the community.



Jim King
Councillor

Councillor Jim King was born in Vancouver and lived in the greater Vancouver area all his life until Jim and his wife Cheryle moved to Osoyoos in 2007. Jim was in business for himself for over 25 years, Executive Director for Surrey Crime Prevention for 12 years, and recipient of the Queens Jubilee Award.

He soon became active with groups in the area, Treasurer for the South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce, Director of Community Futures Okanagan Similkameen, Director of the Rotary Club of Osoyoos.

For recreation Jim plays beach Volleyball and is involved with the Osoyoos men's curling league.

Jim and Cheryle have a blended family of 5 children and 14 grandchildren that love coming to Osoyoos.

He believes you need to get involved in your community to help make a difference



Barry Romanko
Chief Administrative Officer

No bio provided