

Budget Suggestion Box Form submitted on City of Port Coquitlam

no-reply@portcoquitlam.ca on behalf of Poco Web Admins

Sat 3/14/2020 12:42 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	- none: doing a good job maintain parks and services
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- perhaps we need less bylaw enforcement and safety spending?- 30% of taxes (highest percentage) already goes to fire and police yet there is always proposed changes for more signs/safety etc. It will never be enough and the public should be encouraged to use vigilance and common sense in addition to the large amount of funding and resources already put into "being safe".- \$140 000 for ADDITIONAL bylaw reinforcement - I'm interested to know what specific additional enforcement is needed and what proposed positive impact this will have on the public (? savings in other areas, cleaner parks)- \$180 000 for project management of strategic initiatives: this is vague, what does this mean?
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	No
Other comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- perhaps we need less bylaw enforcement and safety spending?- 30% of taxes (highest percentage) already goes to fire and police yet there is always proposed changes for more signs/safety etc. It will never be enough and the public should be encouraged to use vigilance and common sense in addition to the large amount of funding and resources already put into "being safe".- \$140 000 for ADDITIONAL bylaw reinforcement - I'm interested to know what specific additional enforcement is needed and what proposed positive impact this will have on the public (? savings in other areas, cleaner parks)

- \$180 000 for project management of strategic initiatives: this is vague, what does this mean?

- thank you for a fun city with nice parks, schools and relatively low taxes.

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Mon 3/9/2020 6:38 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	
Phone Number	
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What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	We need to add green infrastructure to all new developments, particularly in the high density areas of downtown. For a comparison, see the green infrastructure features included in the City of Vancouver's Olympic village area.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	We don't need to give anything up. The City should be requiring these features as part of development or re-development. The proponents or developers should be required to implement them and maintain them for a reasonable period of time. It could be financed through DCCs, density bonuses, etc. There is a whole range of tools available. The City needs to commit to using them. Perhaps we should implement a green infrastructure fund. A portion of every development cost charge would go into the fund that would be used to fund green infrastructure projects in the city.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	No
Other comments	I recently downsized from a house to a condo within the city. I cannot understand why utility bills are not based on size of dwelling. I have a condo that is one sixth the size of my previous home and yet the utility bill is only marginally less. The City needs to make this much more equitable. Many people on fixed incomes are living in condos and yet are having to pay almost as much for sewer and water as someone living in a large home. This is unfair.

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Wed 3/4/2020 5:48 PM

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What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	I would like to see more money put into positive community growth and development. Specifically, we have begun to allow a few breweries to operate in Poco, but we are holding them back with unnecessary red tape. These people are wanting to get some returns on their investments, so they can grow more, but feel its hard with the city's restrictions on them. Also, we need to put more into community fairs, festivals and concerts, that drive people from outside Poco's boundaries to spend time and money within our community. This also makes the purchasing of homes in Poco more attractive to new investors, families, and professionals. We spent a fortune on a new community centre, and made the pool to short for swim meets, forgot referee dressing rooms, and didn't include a liquor license so parents can enjoy a glass of wine or beer, while watching their children play sports? Lastly, we need to improve our sporting fields for soccer, baseball etc, as we are pretty lacking in those depts by comparison to almost everywhere else. We need to do more than fix sidewalks, and install nice flowers in planters to make this city better and drive a community to participate together.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	I don't want to give any services up. I would just like more.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes

**Other
comments**

My household is perhaps fortunate, but I would be happy with a small increase in my taxes to improve these areas.

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Thu 2/27/2020 9:30 AM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	<div></div>
Email Address	<div></div>
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	Restrict or regulate single-use, disposable items.

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Wed 2/12/2020 2:52 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	<div></div>
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	<p>Please add white reflectors on the roads for all main streets. It is very VERY difficult to see the white lines while driving in the rain, especially when it is dark. Lougheed Highway is particularly dangerous.</p> <p>There is a crosswalk between curbs at Shaughnessy and Lougheed which needs better lighting. After pedestrians cross the light, they cross a crosswalk to reach the sidewalk.</p>
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	<p>This should not be a large expense and should be part of basic road safety protocol as it prevents motor vehicle incidents.</p>
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	<p>No</p>

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Tue 2/11/2020 12:47 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

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What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	<p>1. Recycle old underwear and unusable clothing items. There is no doubt that a lot of it lands up in the landfill.</p> <p>2. Clarification is required on recycling containers lined with a plastic coating. Some coffee and ice cream containers have a plastic coating and they are collected in our blue bins. Yet the information in the booklet we received from the City states that items lined with a coating goes into the garbage. This contradiction needs to be clarified too enable us to recycle responsibly. Also no mention is made of the frozen food entrée containers.</p>
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	none
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	No
Other comments	Do we know if agencies collecting household items will collect unusable clothing? Although my feedback does not directly impact the budget, I feel that the recycling component is equally important. Thank you.

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Wed 2/26/2020 6:45 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	police
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	bylaw enforcement
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	No
Other comments	More police decrease fees at recreation centre or make lower rate for residents more police

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Wed 2/26/2020 2:39 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	
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What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	More education on climate change, cleaning up community i.e. graffiti and tagging on fences and utility boxes. When it snows, clear the roads and prevention in the short term by salting/sanding roads. Pot holes in roads are an issue.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	Education of impact of graffiti and tagging to youth will reduce the impact and thus, save in the long term.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	No
Other comments	<p>More community awareness. Have a reduced rate for community centres for residents, especially, since we are paying in the property tax. If community has affordable, accessible access to exercise and social activities, will be healthier, mentally and physically, and will not need emergency services as much.</p> <p>Fees are too high at Hyde Creek and new Port Coquitlam recreation centre and people are not going there because of the high cost. Particularly annoying because the cost for new rec centre has been burdened on property tax payers. Used to go regularly to Hyde Creek but fees are too high.</p> <p>The key is education and prevention instead of after the fact.</p> <p>Also, would prefer to not receive the budget in the mail as I can see the</p>

information online. Saving in printing and postage for city if there is an election to view items online.

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Mon 2/24/2020 12:38 PM

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What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	We were so happy to see the new recreation centre built and it looks fantastic! However, a huge disappointment is that there was NOT a lap pool added and only a leisure pool. Our daughter has been taking swimming lessons for the past 8 years at the only Port Coquitlam facility at Hyde Creek recreation centre. The pool is constantly over crowded and we often suffer waiting lists for lessons through the years. It is also impossible to park there on the weekends. Dozens of people we have spoken with also voice there diapointment. THE CITIZENS OF POCO DESPERATELY NEED ANOTHER LAP POOL FOR LESSONS!!!
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	You are adding 3 skating rinks at the new recreation centre. We would suggest that you add 2 skating rinks in order to make room for the much needed lap pool so the kids can take swimming lessons there!
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes

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Thu 2/6/2020 1:04 PM

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Name	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	Satisfied with services in place.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes

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Sat 2/1/2020 2:13 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	crosswalk button
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	none
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes
Other comments	<p>The crosswalk button at the corner of Shaughnessy St and McAllister Ave has been out of commission for a couple years, when there is a snow storm or heavy rains. The beeping on that button goes on all day and night long. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] I reported this last year but it is not yet fixed. Thank you.</p>

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Thu 1/30/2020 3:01 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	I would like to have the City consider having a 4 large item pickup for disposal as does Coquitlam. Four items once, 1 item 4 times, or a combination. I am convinced that this service would be well used, even if there was a charge for it.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	Well, our street gets swept several times a year and it is really not necessary. And, there are always cars everywhere, so without prior warning, it does not accomplish much. (I realize there would be some cost involved in letting people know). Maybe once a year on a quiet residential crescent would suffice.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes
Other comments	Either an increase or a fee paid for the service if it is used.

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Thu 1/30/2020 8:13 AM

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What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	More community police, the Riverwood area is seeings constant break ins and theft. More traffic calming as traffic speeds along Riverside Drive it often feels like a freeway as people head to Costco. More green spaces for off leash areas.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	Less spend on bylaws enforcement and more focus on real crime. Increase business taxes so corporations like Costco and Walmart pay more, they are creating the traffic demands in our neighborhoods along with residents of Coquitlam who drive down Coast Meridian to do everything.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	No
Other comments	Perhaps a slight increase, but only after other options are exhausted first.

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Sat 1/11/2020 2:01 PM

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What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	More tree planting in parks. Erosion mitigation at castle park as it occurs frequently costing expensive repair each time. A one or twice a year collection of large items individuals throw out so that additional revenue can be collected for picking up these items and prevent throwing in open spaces. Patrols of areas used as camps to prevent the accumulation of materials that cause the need for a large clean up.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	Reduce grass cutting and some additional areas of park space. I see tractors on grass that is too wet and this causes damage and additional expenses.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	No

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Wed 1/8/2020 10:12 PM

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Name	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	I would like to see more proactive Bylaw Enforcement, with additional bylaw officers being hired.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	The Bylaw Officers would pay for themselves by issuing fines.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes
Other comments	More Bylaw Officers means a safer place to live.

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Mon 9/30/2019 8:12 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	We need more places to play pickleball in central and east Coquitlam. Our pickleball group, Mariner Pickleball Club, has over 70 members with more on the waiting list, but we are being pushed away from Mariner Park because of inadequate parking (apparently locals are complaining), no bathroom facilities and only 3 lined courts. We are loving the 6 courts at Blue Mountain Park (thank you!) but would love to see the courts at Eagle Ridge lined for pickleball. They are only for tennis (having just been refinished) and are only 2.5km from the dedicated 8 courts at Town Centre Park. Eagle Ridge could easily be painted to have 6 or even 8 pickleball courts (Westridge courts in Burnaby: 2 tennis courts lined with 8 pickleball courts). We would love to have lock boxes with nets at the currently lined venues. When playing at Blue Mountain Park, we are carrying in 180lbs of nets (6 at 30 lbs. each) plus other equipment.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	No

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Mon 9/30/2019 6:15 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	We need more places to play pickleball outside in central and east Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, and Eagle Ridge. Our pickleball group, Mariner Pickleball Club, has over 70 members with more on the waiting list, but we are being pushed away from Mariner Park because of inadequate parking (apparently locals are complaining), no bathroom facilities and only 3 lined courts. Half of our members play at Hyde Creek in the winter, but in the summer outdoor courts are almost non existant. All outdoor tennis courts should have Pickleball lines painted as well. Tennis is being played less and less, while Pickleball is exploding in popularity, especially amongst seniors who are trying to remain active and healthy.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	The cost of painting Pickleball lines is minimal. No other services need be 'given up' to paint lines once every 5 years.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	No

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Mon 9/30/2019 5:19 PM

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Name	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	As a Port Coquitlam citizen and residential tax payer for many years, and now retired, Im finding the access and courts to play the sport of "Pickle Ball" is very limited. Many neighbors of mine are also Pickleball players and we find ourselves going to other cities like Burnaby, Coquitlam, and Surrey to play this sport since we cannot get or the limited Pickle Ball courts in the City of Port Coquitlam. This is one of the fastest growing sports out there.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	The new Port Coquitlam Rec Centre was designed with limited indoor Pickle Ball Courts (3) from which I believe wont be ready for over a year a year from now.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes
Other comments	Need the accelerate the implementation of more indor and outdoor Picle Ball Courts within the City of Port Coquitlam asap.

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Mon 9/30/2019 5:07 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	I would like more outdoor pickleball lines in tennis courts. For example Patrica tennis courts are perfect for that as they are rarely used . Also needed is more times for pickleball in the rec Center's as it sells out in 2 -3 minutes. It is an up and coming sport for older and young people.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	Use pop up nets that we put together instead of staff.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes

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Thu 9/5/2019 4:08 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	Improve access to water front (Fraser river and coquitlam river) from the walking trails. Build a walking trail across Fraser to access Douglas Island. Plant more trees and better utilize the space in Castle park. Set up community garden in Castle Park empty space
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	Let me know what the options are so that I can decide
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes
Other comments	Get public input via online survey for future development projects. 3 ice rinks in the new community center is an overkill. More space should have been allocated for the swimming pool and other sports activities (like indoor tennis court).

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Sun 8/18/2019 10:14 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Other comments	my comment is the would like to thank ,mr brad west for his approach in the media about poco he is doing a great Job keep up the good work ,but would like to see some Senior housing in Poco also more up grade to the maple and whyte and maple ,better crossing because almost get run over by fast moving Cars that don't stop at he crossing ,we need speed bumps or better crossing sign ,it is hard for me to cross just to get on the trail for my walk ,thank you [REDACTED]

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Fri 8/16/2019 3:17 PM

To:Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Name	
Email Address	
What additional services would you like to see added for the current year?	More road paving. Why does Mary Hill Road outside the new Rec Center feel like a BMX track. Who in the City decided that was acceptable.
To cover the cost of these services, what services would you be willing to give up?	This question is biased and leading. Raise taxes. Why do we have to have the lowest taxes anywhere. Low taxes mean less services and now we have terrible roads but based on this questions wording you seem to have already made up your mind.
If you are not willing to give up any services, are you willing to accept a tax increase to cover the additional costs?	Yes

Feedback on budget survey



Sat 3/7/2020 10:30 AM

To: Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Good morning:

Unfortunately I didn't take the opportunity prior to March 1st to submit my feedback on the online form. In reviewing the printed copy of the survey, I have a suggestion regarding your proposed increase in bylaw enforcement around the area of smoking. I would appreciate enforcement on smoking/vaping and cannabis because they all stink and are unhealthy but increase that enforcement to littering as well. It has been my observation that a great deal of littering comes from people discarding their cigarette butts on the ground. When I've participated in green space and neighbourhood cleanups, the butts are the items that seem to cause the most littering. You can also extend this to litter in general - I notice general littering happens everywhere but particularly around high schools. Students discard their food wrappers and drink containers on the ground rather than carry them to a waste bin. Ottawa Street is a prime example of this.

Our family enjoys living in PoCo and we appreciate all that you do to make our city a desirable place to live while keeping household tax increases to a minimum.

Respectfully,



New curbs and pavement on Mars Street

[REDACTED]

Mon 2/10/2020 11:08 AM

To: Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Dear Finance Department

Our neighbourhood area that consists of Mars, Huber, Ayling and Lynwood Avenue request that funding be allocated to remove the old deteriorated pavement from Mars Street down to and including its Intersection with Huber Ave. New curbs are also needed. We do not want further patching that has gone on for 41 years but rather complete new paving. Some of us have lived in this neighbourhood for over 40 years only to see patch after patch being done on this street only to have it eroded out a few days later.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Snow removal

[REDACTED]

Sat 2/29/2020 10:56 PM

To: Port Coquitlam Budget <budget@portcoquitlam.ca>;

Hi, we'd just like to let the City know that we really appreciate the snow clearing done on the sidewalks in the Citadel area, making it so much easier to get around. Thank you for maintaining that as a priority.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]