



EXCITEMENT BUILDING FOR ROSEMARY BROWN ARENA

As construction wraps up on the Rosemary Brown Arena this fall, the City of Burnaby is preparing to open the first of a wave of next-generation recreation centres in Burnaby.

The new arena, located at 10th Avenue and 18th Street, is an innovative facility that will support the recreation needs of our growing city and offer Burnaby residents more options for fitness and community activities.

Equipped with two NHL-sized rinks, warm-side arena viewing and an outdoor rooftop patio, this 8,500 sq. m (92,000 sq. ft.) arena will be a top destination for ice sports as well as lacrosse, ball hockey, inline hockey, community events and City-run programs.

The facility was built with sustainability at its core—with innovative design features and water conservation strategies to help minimize the arena's carbon footprint. Electric vehicle charging stalls and parking for bicycles will also be available for visitors.

The first things many people will notice is the incredible public art that welcomes visitors to the Rosemary Brown Arena. The "Gliding Edge," designed by Jill Anholt, takes inspiration from the sensation of weightlessness, fluidity and

dynamism of skating on ice. At night, sequenced LED lights above the artwork create shifting shadows on the ground, evocative of a skate blade carving patterns in the ice—overlapping and changing shape and form.

Visit Burnaby.ca/RosemaryBrown to stay up-to-date with the latest news about the grand opening of the Rosemary Brown Arena.



ROSEMARY BROWN— AN ICON OF PROGRESS

Rosemary Brown (1930-2003) was a pioneer politician, community leader and human rights champion who used

her voice to fight discrimination against women and people of colour. She served as a prominent Burnaby MLA from 1979 to 1986 and was the first Black woman elected to a provincial legislature in Canada.

"Our family is thrilled to know that my mother's life's work is being remembered in this way," said Clea Brown. "Many of the people who visit this new arena will be new immigrants, women and other people whose lives have benefited directly from the causes she dedicated her life to advancing."



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Autumn is a time for transformation—both in nature and within our vibrant community, and I'm pleased to share some important updates and highlights with you in this edition of CityConnect.

There are great things happening in Burnaby—and I am proud of the progress we're making on the key issues facing our community.

The City is working hard to promote the creation of housing that is more affordable. New policies put in place since the Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing in 2019 are now starting to deliver where it counts most—in the creation of a significant amount of new rental housing at below-market rates.

We're also working hard to build the facilities our growing community needs. Two new fire stations will open next year, and we'll soon break ground on new recreation centres at Cameron Park and Confederation Park.

Building a great city requires all of us to pull together. In housing, our partnerships with non-profits and other governments continue to be a key to success. And the City's new partnership with Simon Fraser University to create the Civic Innovation Lab combines our respective strengths to tackle civic challenges and innovate for the benefit of our community.

I hope you enjoy this edition of CityConnect, and I wish you all a fantastic fall and winter season.

— Mayor Mike Hurley



NEW FIRE STATIONS HIGHLIGHT BUSY YEAR OF BUILDING IN BURNABY

The City of Burnaby's investment into civic infrastructure is paying off for Burnaby residents, with two new fire stations and a variety of community amenities set to open in 2024.

Fire Station 8 on Burnaby Mountain and Fire Station 4 on Duthie Avenue are expected to be operational in early 2024—improving response time and coverage in northeast Burnaby and the UniverCity community.

Both stations are equipped with 15,000 square feet of space, with three drive-through bays for vehicles. The stations are designed to post disaster seismic standards, ensuring Burnaby firefighters can continue to operate even in the event of an earthquake.

Other new community amenities set to open in 2024 include covered sports boxes at Confederation Park and the Riverway Sports Complex, which will allow these multi-sport courts to be used year-round. These covered facilities will host lacrosse, ball hockey, basketball, volleyball, pickleball and badminton, and will feature open, non-programmed space available for leisure use.

2024 will also be a busy year for major projects—as work continues on two major new community centres at Cameron Park and Confederation Park.

Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/Projects](https://burnaby.ca/Projects)



Progress on Fire Station 4, taken in August

WHAT IS DISTRICT ENERGY?

District energy is a versatile, proven technology used in cities across the world to transition buildings to a low-carbon, sustainable future. By connecting many buildings into a single network, district energy systems have the advantage of being able to provide low-carbon thermal energy across an entire neighbourhood using clean, renewable energy sources. This results in reduced greenhouse gas emissions for all buildings connected to the system, faster and with less cost than if each building had to accomplish this on its own.

The City is planning to develop a district energy utility that would capture thermal energy from Metro Vancouver's Waste-to-Energy Facility and supply heat and hot water to high-density neighbourhoods in south Burnaby. City Council recently approved the Burnaby District Energy Policy that provides the City with the ability to secure buildings for future District Energy system readiness and system connections.

Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/DistrictEnergy](https://burnaby.ca/DistrictEnergy)

\$2.96M GRANT TO HELP COMBAT GANGS AND GUNS IN BURNABY

The City of Burnaby has received nearly \$3 million in federal funding to support a comprehensive suite of programs and research initiatives to make our community safer and stem the spread of gangs and guns in our community.

The money will support City- and community-based programs designed to prevent youth from being involved in gang and gun violence. It will also support four research projects led by Simon Fraser University's School of Criminology.

BURNABY'S CIVIC INNOVATION LAB LEADING EFFORT TO **RESTORE DEER LAKE**

The City of Burnaby, through the Civic Innovation Lab, has launched an important project in partnership with researchers from Simon Fraser University to better understand and improve Deer Lake's vital ecosystem.

During August and September, SFU research associates Stephanie Renkers and Karina de Souza Jensen collected water and soil samples from the lake. This will help us understand the impacts of factors such as urban runoff, natural aging, and the presence of Canada geese and other waterfowl.

This work is occurring with the support of Dr. Leah Bendell, Professor of Marine Ecology & Ecotoxicology in the SFU Department of Biology.

Ultimately, their findings will help determine how the City can support efforts to transform this valuable wetland into a thriving ecosystem.

It's just one way the Civic Innovation Lab—a partnership between the City and Simon Fraser University—is seeking fresh solutions to challenges and issues affecting our city. Project areas of focus include building inclusive communities, achieving sustainable growth and addressing the impacts of climate change.

Learn more: CivicInnovationLab.ca



BURNABY'S SNOW CLEARING CREWS **READY FOR THE WINTER SEASON**

Winter weather tends to be unpredictable in Burnaby—but the City's snow clearing crews are always ready to respond to keep residents safe and our community moving in the event of snowfall.

And while that first snowfall may still be weeks or months away, Burnaby staff are already preparing for the winter season. That includes monitoring weather forecasts and preparing our fleet of vehicles to be ready for deployment.

When snow is in the forecast, the City's snow response teams spring into action. Before the snow even starts falling, staff will pre-treat roads with a special brine solution to prevent snow from building up. This makes it easier for the City's plows to clear the major roads.

Once snow begins to fall, the City's snow clearing fleet hits the road—sometimes in the middle of the night. This fleet includes more than 20 heavy duty trucks, as well as a variety of specialized vehicles outfitted with plows, sanders and graders.

This fleet is deployed to clear roads, ensure curbside collection can continue and to keep parks and trails accessible. Skilled staff will operate this equipment throughout the snowfall to keep these routes clear and to keep residents safe.

It's a big job to keep Burnaby moving—but Burnaby's crews are up to the task and are ready to respond when the snow starts falling. Learn More: Burnaby.ca/BeSnowSmart

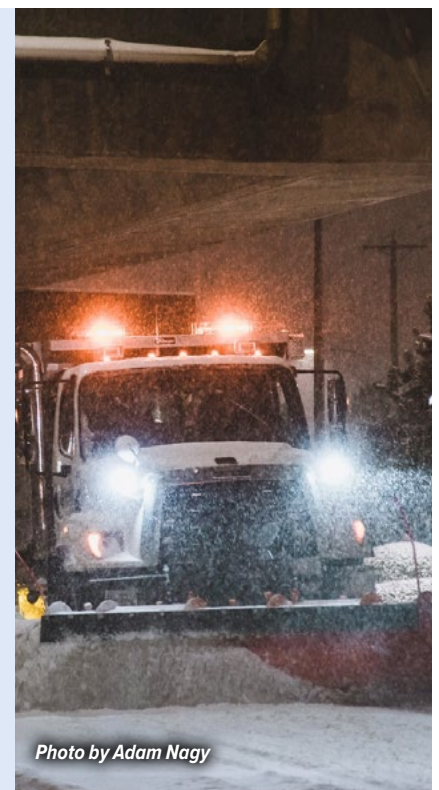


Photo by Adam Nagy

CITY COMMUNICATIONS

CHANGE TO PUBLIC NOTICES

Due to recent changes within the local media industry in Burnaby, City Council adopted the Burnaby Public Notice Bylaw 2023 to ensure the public is provided reliable, suitable and accessible notices. Public notices will be published on the City's website (Burnaby.ca/PublicNotices) and in the City's CityConnect eNewsletter (sign up at Burnaby.ca/eNews).

Statutory public notices are required to facilitate transparency and accountability by informing you of opportunities to share views and participate in local government decision-making, or to provide advance public notice of matters of public interest.

Notices are published in advance of matters of public interest such as public meetings, highway closures, elections, public hearings, and dispositions of land. These notices are published in accordance with the Community Charter and the Local Government Act and will include, where applicable, information on how, when, and where the public can request further information and/or provide comments to Council or City staff.

STAY CONNECTED

CITYCONNECT ENEWSLETTERS

To receive up-to-date information about City initiatives, programs and upcoming events, including public notices, sign up for the CityConnect eNewsletter at Burnaby.ca/eNews

MORE WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

- » Download our BurnabyConnect app, and get everything you need in the palm of your hand
- » Subscribe to our YouTube channel: [@TheCityofBurnaby](https://www.youtube.com/@TheCityofBurnaby)
- » Follow us on social media: [X](https://www.x.com/cityofburnaby) [f](https://www.facebook.com/cityofburnaby) [@cityofburnaby](https://www.instagram.com/cityofburnaby)
- » Share your voice at Burnaby.ca/YourVoice



COMMUNITY CELEBRATES OFFICIAL DEDICATION OF CHRISTINE SINCLAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hundreds of Burnaby residents came together to celebrate a Burnaby icon as the City hosted a special dedication ceremony at the Christine Sinclair Community Centre in September.

With family, friends and fans in attendance, Olympic champion Christine Sinclair helped unveil a special dedication wall at the facility named in her honour.

Sinclair, who started her soccer career in Burnaby at the age of four, said she grew up playing on the fields at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex. Seeing the next generation of Burnaby soccer stars at the event was especially meaningful, Sinclair added.

The event featured free, family friendly events including face painting, games, roving entertainment and music, as well as food trucks and a jamboree headlined by the Burnaby FC. After the ceremony concluded, Sinclair stuck around to sign autographs and visit with the Burnaby community.



Share your voice

SURVEY CLOSING:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Take our survey below and let us know what you think! We would like to learn more about how we can better communicate the City's initiatives, events, programs and services with you.

After you complete the survey, you can mail or drop off at one of our convenient drop boxes **by Thursday, November 30, 2023.**

MAIL TO:

» City of Burnaby,
Corporate Communications
205-4946 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 4H7

DROP BOXES:

» 24-hour drop boxes located in the parking lot and at both entrances to Burnaby City Hall.
» Drop boxes located inside Bonsor Recreation Complex, Cameron Recreation Complex, Edmonds Community Centre and Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool & Fitness Centre



Complete online

If you would like to complete the survey electronically, scan the QR code to the left or visit **Burnaby.ca/YourVoice**

1. Do you receive or have access to the information that you need about the City's initiatives, events, programs and services when you need it? Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always

2. Do you have access to the internet for your personal use? Yes No

3. How often do you use the following communications methods to receive information from the City?

- » Burnaby.ca website Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » Other websites (news, blogs etc) Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » BurnabyConnect app Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » Social media Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » Direct mail to my home (post cards, letters, newsletters etc.) Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » Posters and flyers in civic facilities Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » Word of mouth (friends, family or colleagues) Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » Radio Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » Television Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » Events (open houses, information sessions) Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always
- » Contacting staff, Mayor or Council Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always

4. Please list any other communications methods you use to get news and information about Burnaby:

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5. Which of the following do you consider to be the most effective means of gaining information from the City? (select all that apply)

- Burnaby.ca website Other websites (news, blogs etc.) BurnabyConnect app Social media Direct mail to my home Radio
 Word of mouth Posters & flyers in civic facilities Events (open houses, info sessions) Television Contacting staff, Mayor or Council

6. Do you have any suggestions on how the City can improve our communications with you?

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7. What are the first 3 digits of your postal code? V5A V5B V5C V5E V5G V5H V5J V3N

Other (please specify):

Your privacy: This survey is administered by the City of Burnaby. Personal information collected and used for the purpose of receiving information regarding the City Communications project. It will be managed in accordance with s. 26 I of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. All personal information collected through this survey will remain confidential and de-identified when shared with the public. For questions regarding the collection of Personal Information and receipt of electronic messages please contact: Corporate Communications and Marketing at communications@burnaby.ca.



BURNABY'S INNOVATIVE HOUSING POLICIES PAYING OFF WITH RECORD CREATION OF NEW RENTAL UNITS

Construction is underway on more than 1,640 new rental units in Burnaby, as the City's innovative approach to creating new housing is creating real change in our community.

In 2021, the City completed a Housing Needs Report which called for the creation of 5,690 units of rental housing by 2030. With more than 10,000 additional units currently in the development stream, Burnaby is on track to achieve these targets well ahead of schedule.

Most importantly, the majority of the new housing being created in Burnaby is non-market housing, which means these units will be offered at below-market rates. These units will be more accessible for families, seniors and young people starting their careers.

This fall, we will build on that momentum with the creation of the Burnaby Housing Authority (BHA)—which will accelerate the creation of deeply affordable homes on City-owned land.

The BHA will allow the City to move quickly to secure funding and advance housing projects for the benefit of the public—building homes that are more affordable and addressing the most urgent need in our community. Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/Housing](https://burnaby.ca/Housing)

CENTRAL SPARK PROMISES TO LIGHT UP THE HALLOWEEN SEASON IN BURNABY



Burnaby is the place to be for the Halloween season this fall with the return of the Haunted Village at Burnaby Village Museum and the launch of a brand-new explosive event at Central Park called Central Spark.

Central Spark will feature an evening of thrills and chills, including roving entertainers, a Halloween maze, family activities, food trucks and a spectacular fireworks finale. This family friendly event is free for everyone, and will take place at Central Park on October 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Families will also be able to enjoy Halloween-themed fun, enchanting fairy tales and rich cultural stories at the Burnaby Village Museum as the Haunted Village returns October 19-22 and 26-29, from 5 to 9 pm. Tickets are available online at [Burnaby.ca/Halloween](https://burnaby.ca/Halloween)—and remember to wear a costume!

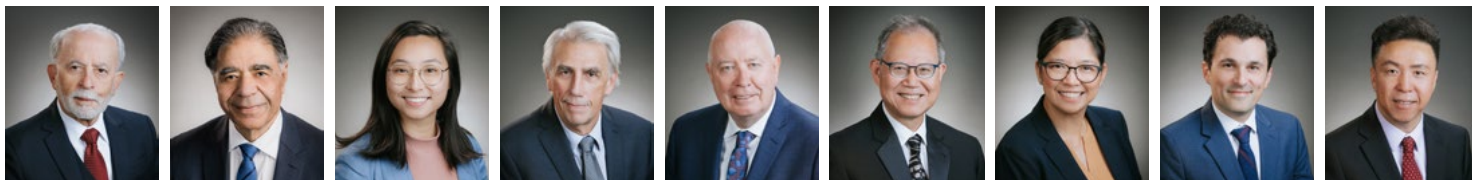


REMINDERS



- » 2024 fee increase for all licences
- » House Rental Licence and Short Term Rental Licence renewals due December 29, 2023. Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/BusinessLicence](https://burnaby.ca/BusinessLicence)
- » Dog Licence renewals due February 29, 2024
- » Utility fees due Friday, March 15, 2024
- » Property tax due Wednesday, July 3, 2024
- » You can now pay online at [Burnaby.ca/MyProperty](https://burnaby.ca/MyProperty)

YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS



From left to right Councillor Pietro Calendino, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Councillor Alison Gu, Councillor Joe Keithley, Mayor Mike Hurley, Councillor Richard T. Lee, Councillor Maita Santiago, Councillor Daniel Tetrault and Councillor James Wang



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