



Message from the Mayor

A municipality has many duties—maintaining our parks system, planning the future of our neighbourhoods and creating exceptional recreation and cultural opportunities for residents to enjoy.

But the most important duty that we have is ensuring that everyone is safe.

The expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline—and associated expansion at the Burnaby Mountain tank farm and Westridge Marine Terminal—is now complete.

While the possibility of a major, dangerous incident is very low, we must be prepared. That's why we've invested considerable resources into enhancing safety and emergency response in the Burnaby Mountain area.

In addition to building two new fire stations with enhanced capabilities, we've equipped those stations with specialized equipment designed to fight fires in this unique environment. And city-wide, we've also introduced a new alerting system called Alertable to notify subscribers of actions to take during an emergency. If you haven't already, I encourage you to sign up.

And we're now in the process of planning a full-scale emergency exercise to ensure our first responders, staff and stakeholders are prepared and trained should the unthinkable happen.

As a City, we are committed to continuously improving the safety of our community.

– Mayor Mike Hurley

New Fire Station 4 opens its doors

First of two fire stations in Burnaby Mountain area

Over 800 people came together this summer to celebrate the grand opening of Burnaby's new Fire Station 4, located on Greystone Drive.

Fire Station 4, which has been fully operational since July, represents a substantial upgrade to public safety in the Burnaby Mountain area. The state-of-the-art facility is designed to meet the unique needs of this neighbourhood and is also equipped with specialized wildfire firefighting equipment and personnel. Fire Station 4 replaces the former Duthie Avenue fire station which was built in 1956.

During the grand opening celebration, Mayor Hurley congratulated the project team for designing and building the new station in under two years, while delivering the project on budget.

The City will open a second new fire station in the coming months, Fire Station 8 on Burnaby Mountain. Fire Station 8 will be the first permanent fire station to be operational on the mountain—further improving Burnaby's emergency response capacity in this growing area of our community.

Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/FireStation8](https://burnaby.ca/FireStation8)





 **ALERTABLE**
PUBLIC ALERTING SYSTEM



Investing in the safety of our community

The City of Burnaby is in the early stages of planning a full-scale emergency exercise, building on the significant investments we've made into public safety in this area.

Planning for a full-scale emergency exercise is a big task. City staff will work with response partners and support organizations, including a number of provincial ministries, various federal departments and agencies, industry partners such as Trans Mountain, Parkland and others, to prepare and train for this major undertaking.

Our priority is to ensure our community is protected. Over the last few years, the City has taken major steps to enhance our emergency capacity in Burnaby.

In addition to two new fire stations in the Burnaby Mountain area and specialized wildfire firefighting equipment, the City has made significant enhancements to staff training for emergency situations. We've boosted our Emergency Support Services (ESS) program with new equipment, supplies and more ESS responder training.

We also launched Alertable as our public alerting system. Through this system we can issue Burnaby-specific alerts and distribute critical information during an emergency event to the device of your choice, including landline telephone. The service is free to all residents.

To learn more about our investments, and the upcoming emergency exercise, visit Burnaby.ca/EmergencyExercise

Sign up for Alertable

The Alertable app is free and can be downloaded from your mobile phone, tablet, computer or smart speaker. You can sign up for email, text (SMS) and phone call notifications. Choose the notification option, or combination of options, that is right for you.

Learn more at Burnaby.ca/Alertable

Burnaby supporting innovative programs to counter gangs & guns

The City of Burnaby is taking advantage of nearly \$3 million in federal funding to help make our community a safer place, supporting programs that prevent youth from getting involved in the gang lifestyle.

In March, the City partnered with Simon Fraser University to host the first Burnaby Gang and Gun Violence Prevention Symposium, bringing together experts in the field to share insights and knowledge with local service providers.

The federal funding was also used to create new programs for Burnaby youth and their families. Community partners are providing

a range of supports, opportunities and interventions, helping Burnaby youth increase resiliency to the gang and gun lifestyle.

As part of this initiative, the City has also launched an educational videos series designed to help parents and caregivers better recognize the signs of youth involvement in gangs, featuring expert insights from local youth service providers and the Burnaby RCMP.

The federal funding also supports the development of a Burnaby Gang and Gun strategy, currently underway. This strategy will be one of the first of its kind for a BC municipality.

Learn more at Burnaby.ca/GangsAndGuns



New theatre coming to Shadbolt Centre for the Arts

Shadbolt Centre for the Arts will soon be home to a new state-of-the-art performance facility as work is underway on an exciting new project to replace the James Cowan Theatre.

First built in the 1940s as a gymnasium, the building was later converted to a theatre in 1995. The stage played host to many incredible shows over the years, but the facility was long past its useful life.

The redevelopment project will create a versatile new space, featuring a 364-seat theatre with flexible floor space and art studios supporting multimedia, traditional and contemporary theatre and arts performances, large events and celebrations, trade shows and conferences.

The new theatre and studio space is expected to be complete and open to the public in 2027.

The Shadbolt Centre for the Arts remains open to the public, with fine arts programs and shows continuing throughout the construction process.

Learn more at Burnaby.ca/NewTheatre

New recreation and community facilities underway

Construction activities are now underway on two new major recreation centres which will serve the Burnaby community for generations to come.

In July, City Council approved a contract to build a new community centre and library at the site of the old Cameron Recreation Complex. Once complete, the new facility will feature an aquatic facility, indoor running track, fitness studios, multipurpose rooms and much more.

While construction is underway, residents can visit a temporary library and recreation space at The City of Lougheed Shopping Centre.

In central Burnaby, construction is also moving forward on the Burnaby Lake Recreation Complex, which will become a major recreation destination in the Burnaby Lake area. This facility will include an arena, aquatic facility and the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame.

Both projects are expected to be complete in 2028.

Learn more at Burnaby.ca/Projects



Rendering of Cameron Community Centre and Library.

Covered sports boxes ready for all weather

Two covered sports boxes bearing the names of Burnaby sports legends opened this year, providing new places to play in all weather.

The Sohen Gill Sports Box at Confederation Park and the Jack Crosby Sports Box at Riverway Sports Complex feature dry concrete playing surfaces with a permanent roof structure overhead.

These outdoor boxes are multi-use venues suitable for sports leagues, casual drop-in play, City of Burnaby programming, and cultural and community events.

Learn more at Burnaby.ca/OutdoorBoxes

THIS IS CLIMATE ACTION



Make some **climate-friendly** home upgrades this fall

When you turn up the heat this fall, ask yourself—is my home climate friendly? There's plenty you can do to lower emissions from your home—and save money, too! Climate friendly home upgrades range from modest behaviour changes to more substantial renos and upgrades.

- » Put away the shorts and t-shirts and bring out your sweaters and sweatpants. Dressing warmly indoors allows you to set your thermostat a few degrees lower.
- » Look for places where heat may be escaping from your home. Seal up drafty doors and windows. Consider replacing older windows and doors with high-efficiency ones.
- » Add insulation to keep your living spaces cozy. Most home heat is lost through attics and basements.
- » Confused or not sure which changes to make first? Consult an energy coach! CleanBC Better Homes provides free energy coaching services for homeowners and contractors, and can also tell you about the rebates available.

Did you know?

Emissions from buildings make up 39% of Burnaby's total GHG emissions—the largest single source of emissions in the city.



Visit [BetterHomesBC.ca](https://www.betterhomesbc.ca) or call 1-844-881-9790. Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/ClimateFriendlyHomes](https://www.burnaby.ca/ClimateFriendlyHomes)

Help prevent flooding by helping your property soak up stormwater

While heavy rain is nothing new to Burnaby residents, we can expect more frequent and severe downpours as the climate changes. When stormwater overwhelms the systems we've built to manage it, the damage can be devastating—flooding, sewer back-ups and increased flow of pollutants into local waterways, for example.

New provincial housing rules that came into effect this summer have prompted the City to look at how increased housing density may impact stormwater management. The new rules allow for as many as six units on lots previously zoned for single or two-family homes. This could increase the impervious surface on these lots,



reducing the exposed soil available to absorb stormwater, reduce runoff and filter rainwater before it flows into local waterways.

You can maximize your property's capacity for stormwater management by:

- » limiting your use of concrete, asphalt or artificial turf, and maximizing lawn and garden space and trees
- » opting for a gravel driveway over a paved one
- » installing rain barrels to capture gutter runoff and use the collected rainwater to water gardens on dry days

These measures will allow for a longer travel time before stormwater enters our drainage system, reducing peak flow and erosion and encouraging water filtration through the soil.



Tenants return to new apartments at old rents

For the first time in Burnaby's history, 31 households have returned to a redeveloped building at the same rent they were paying before.

Completed earlier this year, the Telford on the Walk development was the first project to include replacement rental units under Burnaby's innovative Rental Use Zoning Policy. The policy provides for tenants' right to return to the redeveloped building at the same rent (plus any Residential Tenancy Act rent increases) in a unit with the same number of bedrooms.

Located at 6521 Telford Avenue, this project built by Intracorp Homes BC is a six-storey, wood-frame building featuring 59 below-market and seven market units.

The success of the Telford project demonstrates the importance of partnerships in creating the housing residents need and can afford. The project was supported by \$14.9 million from the federal government and \$5.4 million from Intracorp Homes BC. Catalyst Community Developments, a non-profit society, owns and operates the new building.

Even more tenants will be returning to new homes at their old rents in the coming months, as more housing projects across Burnaby are completed—another sign that Burnaby's bold actions on housing are paying off for our community.

Learn more: Burnaby.ca/RentalUseZoning

Burnaby residents shape new Official Community Plan

Over the last two years, the City has been working together with the community to develop a new Official Community Plan (OCP), called Burnaby 2050, to guide Burnaby's growth for the next 25 years.

From renewed commitment to Reconciliation, to achieving our goals for housing affordability and climate change, the new OCP will reflect the priorities and aspirations for the future of our community.

Throughout the multi-year process of preparing the OCP, community members have shared their thoughts through surveys, in person at pop-up events throughout Burnaby, and at other events hosted in all four quadrants of the city. City staff received more than 20,000 comments through Phase 2 alone.

This year, we collected more feedback from the community on policy directions and the draft land use framework as part of Phase 3.

In early 2025, we'll enter the final phase, where we will share the draft OCP with the community to get feedback on the Official Community Plan.

Learn more at Burnaby.ca/Burnaby2050

How Provincial zoning changes affect Burnaby

Driven by new Provincial legislation requiring municipalities to allow more density, changes to Burnaby's zoning bylaw came into effect this summer.

These changes allow residential lots previously zoned for single- or two-family homes to accommodate up to three or four housing units—depending on lot size. Lots near frequent transit service may accommodate up to six housing units. Secondary suites count towards the total number of units allowed on a lot.

Since the changes went into effect, the City has received more than 50 requests for building permits under the amended zoning bylaw.

Learn more at Burnaby.ca/ZoningBylawRewrite



Did you know?

Thirty trains cross Douglas Road every day, on average, according to Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

Rendering of the new Holdom Overpass, scheduled to begin construction this year.

New Holdom Overpass building connections in Burnaby

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is leading a project to build a new overpass over the rail lines at Holdom Avenue in Burnaby, improving safety for the community and helping the flow of goods and road traffic.

The new four-lane overpass will extend Holdom Avenue south over the rail corridor and Still Creek, connecting it with Douglas Road.

As a result, it will be easier to travel north-south in this area of Burnaby whether you are in a vehicle, on a bike or on foot.

Replacing the level crossing at Douglas Road with an overpass will eliminate traffic blockages due to rail traffic, improving emergency response and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Once complete, the City will assume ownership of the overpass. We're proud to be working alongside the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, CN and the Government of Canada to deliver new transportation upgrades to our residents.

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



Speed zone hours were extended to 7am-10pm as part of the City's traffic safety initiatives

Improving safety in elementary school zones

The City of Burnaby is taking a comprehensive approach to improving traffic safety around elementary schools in our community.

In 2022, as part of the City's Vision Zero Framework, which builds upon the Burnaby Transportation Plan, the City completed the Burnaby Elementary School Traffic and Safety Study, a detailed review which identified traffic conditions, areas of concern and improvements to be made at each of Burnaby's 41 elementary schools.

As part of the study, we also engaged with school principals, Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) members and school crossing guards to better understand the school area's existing challenges, and to identify opportunities for improvements.

Through this study, we created a plan for traffic safety improvements across Burnaby. The improvements included new pedestrian crossings, traffic and speed measures, street lighting, signage and more. Short-term improvements have been implemented while long-term improvements will be pursued as part of future capital programs.

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



Burnaby staff preparing for **winter road conditions**

Winter is on the way in Burnaby and City staff are ready to respond to keep our roadways and trails clear for our residents.

During the lead-up to the winter, our snow crews closely monitor weather forecasts and prepare our snow fleet vehicles ready for action. When snow is expected, the City's snow response teams get to work. They apply a special salt solution to the roads before the snow arrives to stop it from sticking to the pavement. This makes it easier for the City's plows to clear the main roads.

When the snow starts to come down, the City's snow clearing fleet gets on the road—with staff waking up early or staying overnight to clear the roads for the morning traffic rush. Burnaby's fleet consists of more than 20 heavy duty trucks, as well as various specialized vehicles equipped with plows, sanders and graders.

Burnaby uses a priority route map to identify which routes to clear first, such as main arterials and emergency response routes. Once priority routes are cleared, our snow crews begin to work on residential roads and other routes across the city.

It's a huge task to keep Burnaby moving—but Burnaby's crews are ready for the challenge and are on standby for when the snow begins to fall.

Learn more: Burnaby.ca/BeSnowSmart

On shift with Burnaby's snow crew

Being a part of Burnaby's snow clearing team can be a demanding job that requires staff to be ready to respond at any time of day, any day of the week.

Dean Fortin is part of the crew—and he knows how much residents rely on them during the winter.

"It's a challenging job—you have to be on your game for the whole shift," said Dean, who drives a tandem dump truck equipped with a 10-foot plow. "The trick is to eat right and make sure you're getting enough sleep."

Despite the tough schedule, Dean said one of the highlights of the job is being able to make a direct impact on Burnaby residents. Getting positive feedback from the public through social media is a bonus.

"We really appreciate that—we have a great program here," said Dean. "Nothing is better than getting out on a clear sunny day and clearing residential routes."



This year, the City has added a mini sweeper, allowing crews to clear debris and snow on paved trails, multi-use paths and bike lanes. There is even a brine tank for anti-icing and a salt spreader for snow clearing!



Events

The following are just a few of the events coming to Burnaby in the months ahead. For more details visit [Burnaby.ca/Events](https://burnaby.ca/Events)

Central Spark

What: Family-friendly Halloween celebrations, featuring entertainers and free activities. Costumes are encouraged.

When: Friday, October 25
6-8 pm (fireworks at 7:30 pm)

Where: Central Park (Kingsway and Patterson Avenue)

Haunted Village

What: Enjoy enchantment and mystery, activities, dance, storytelling and more.

When: October 23-27, 4-9 pm

Where: Burnaby Village Museum

Bonsor's Big Boo

What: Drop-in family fun with costumes, crafts, games and more.

When: Friday, October 25, 6-8:30 pm

Where: Bonsor Recreation Complex

Monster Mash

What: Drop in for Halloween fun with themed activities on deck and in the pool.

When: Monday, October 28
6:30-8:30 pm

Where: Eileen Dailly Centre

Spooky Bash

What: Celebrate the spooky season with deck games, prizes and more.

When: Wednesday, October 30, 7-9 pm

Where: Edmonds Community Centre

Pumpkin Parade

What: Bring your pumpkin to the park for everyone to enjoy.

When: Friday, November 1, 5:30-8 pm

Where: In front of Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool (corner of Albert Street and Willingdon Avenue)

New! Naturally Burnaby photographic book



Reserve Now! Looking for the perfect gift for a nature lover? "Naturally Burnaby," a breathtaking new photographic book, will be available for purchase this December. Don't miss out on this stunning collection that captures Burnaby's natural beauty.

Visit [Burnaby.ca/Book](https://burnaby.ca/Book) or email communications@burnaby.ca to reserve your copy.



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

Reminders



- » 2025 fee increases for all licences
- » House Rental Licence and Short Term Rental Licence renewals due December 31, 2024. Learn more: [Burnaby.ca/BusinessLicence](https://burnaby.ca/BusinessLicence)
- » Dog Licence renewals mailed in January 2025, due February 28, 2025
- » Utility fees due Monday, March 17, 2025 and property tax is due Thursday July 3, 2025
- » You can 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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