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Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods Update Issue 1 November 25, 2013

Welcome!

This is the inaugural e.letter on the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative, aimed at keeping you informed and up-to-date as the initiative progresses.

This initiative is a public dialogue with elected officials, parents, students and local residents to get feedback on better managing the Coquitlam School District owned land assets and better supporting the growing need for more schools in our district.

Through this initiative, four properties are under consideration: the empty Coronation Park Elementary School, the aging Moody Elementary School, a portion of Parkland Elementary School site and a portion of the Victoria Park site. The goal is to gather your feedback and ideas to help us make the best use of these properties for students today and in the future.

Learn more about the [initiative](#), and follow the conversation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Great discussion at the Open House

To kick off the dialogue, we held an Open House at Moody Elementary School on October 29, 2013. More than 60 people attended the event to learn about the initiative and share their initial feedback and ideas on the properties.

If you missed the event, read the [summary](#). You can also read the [summary report](#).

Community dialogue on Moody Elementary School

The first community dialogue took place on November 6, and focused on the future of the aging Moody Elementary School. More than 60 people participated in the conversation. We heard concerns and ideas around safety, neighbourhood change, daycare, greenspace, educational programming, community needs and land use.

The Board of Education Chair presented three alternatives being considered: waiting for Ministry funding to improve the school or possibly build a new school; rebuilding Moody Elementary on the current site; or, rebuilding Moody Elementary at the Moody Middle School site. You shared your thoughts on these alternatives and provided others for consideration.

Review the [presentation](#) and read the [summary report](#) to learn more.

If you missed the event, you can still have a say. Please fill out the [online survey](#).

Read the [Moody Elementary School fact sheet](#).



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Community dialogue on Victoria Park

Earlier this week, we concluded the second community dialogue, which was on Victoria Park. About 50 people attended the event, including the Mayor of Coquitlam, three Councillors and the local Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA).

The Victoria Park property housed a vibrant school, but was demolished in 1968 because a larger school was needed. However, no action was taken and the 0.83-acre property owned by the school district is now being used as parkland.

Participants at the dialogue—as well as through the Open House and online survey—offered several solutions including: selling the property to the City of Coquitlam and retaining it as parkland; selling the land for housing to help raise funds for new schools; exchanging the property for property at Burke Mountain, where new schools are needed; using a portion of the land for medium-density residential development with the other portion donated to the city as parkland; and, creating community amenity.

Review the [presentation](#) and read the [summary report](#) to learn more.

If you missed the event, you can still have a say. Please fill out the [online survey](#).

Read the [Victoria Park fact sheet](#).

The dialogue continues: You talk. We'll listen.

Two more dialogues take place in November. We hope you can join us:

Community Dialogue #3: Coronation Park Elementary School

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Moody Middle School Gymnasium

3115 St. Johns Street, Port Moody

Read the [Coronation Park Elementary School fact sheet](#).

Community Dialogue #4: A portion of Parkland Elementary School

Thursday, November 28, 2013

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Parkland Elementary School Gymnasium

1563 Regan Avenue, Coquitlam

Read the [Parkland Elementary School fact sheet](#).

A Twitter chat – coming soon!

From your feedback, we have heard that many want to be involved in this dialogue but can't make an evening event. In response, we are planning a Twitter chat with Board Chair Melissa Hyndes in early December. You'll have the chance to ask questions and get answers in realtime, or simply follow the conversation. We will share more information about the Twitter chat directly with you very soon.



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Share your feedback in our online survey

As online survey is also available! Get involved online and have your say. Please fill out the [online survey](#).

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