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School District No.43 (Coquitlam) and the City of Port Moody Approved the Master Field Use Agreement

February 17, 2015 - School District No.43 (Coquitlam) and the City of Port Moody are pleased to announce that the Master Field Use Agreement between City Council and School Board Trustees has been approved for a term of five years by both parties.

Over the last few months, School District Staff and the City of Port Moody Staff have been working collaboratively to update this agreement to reflect current practices and desired changes that are mutually beneficial. The City and School District will continue to work towards resource sharing, community involvement and consultation, joint planning and integration, and optimum use of some of the shared properties within the City of Port Moody.

As stated in the agreement, it is the wish of the City and School District to avoid duplication of facilities, land, equipment and programs, and to maximize the use of available facilities to provide optimum benefits for the entire community.

The City will have weekend and evening access to some school district fields while the School District will have daytime access to city fields as specified in the agreement.

Superintendent Patricia Gartland - "School District No.43 (Coquitlam) is pleased that we were able to reach an agreement with the City of Port Moody. School District No.43 (Coquitlam) looks forward to continually working with the City of Port Moody on further projects. The Board of Education is really proud of working towards this agreement and replicating this into our other communities."

Port Moody Mayor Mike Clay - "The City of Port Moody values the relationship we have with the School District. I think our residents expect us to make the best use of facilities funded by their tax dollars, and this agreement is a great tool for effectively managing our resources. Most importantly it signifies the relationship and co-operation we enjoy, mutually serving the community."

Board Chair Judy Shirra - "We are very pleased with the work that has gone into this agreement and hope to replicate this with our other communities soon."