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Coquitlam City Councillor Trish Mandewo announced that she will be seeking re-election on October 15, 2022.

Trish would like to start by thanking the residents of Coquitlam for choosing her in 2018. “It was an honour and blessing to be chosen by you in 2018. I am happy to share that I served and worked hard for you in the last four years.” Mandewo said.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on our city in terms of resources and the related services to the community as was the case with all communities around the world. Despite the challenges, Trish continued to advocate for an economically vibrant, fiscally strong, inclusive, and livable Coquitlam. “There has never been a better time to build stronger communities than now.”

“In the last four years, our Council made excellent progress by advancing the interests of Coquitlam residents in several areas”. Some of the highlights shared by Trish include:

- Completing the City’s Environmental Sustainability Plan which integrates goals and strategies with actions that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions while supporting quality of life for the current growing community and for future generations.
- Approving over 12,000 rental housing units, the most per capita in Metro Vancouver as of December 31, 2021.
- Investing in the City’s infrastructure to maintain service levels and ensure quality programs and services continue to be delivered. We also increased funding for sustainable infrastructure and asset management.
- Approving a financial policy framework that supports long-term sustainability, financial flexibility and tax stability.
- Supported the community through the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Strengthening our focus on promoting equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) internally and in the community at large. We made EDI an “A” priority.
- Finalizing and approving the Housing Affordability Strategy.
- Voting to limit the size of monster homes.
- Finalizing and approving the Childcare Strategy.

While major inroads have been made, Trish maintains that we have a long way to go and there is no doubt that the road ahead is going to be challenging. The federal government is welcoming 1.2 million immigrants into Canada over the next three years. Metro Vancouver is expecting 55,000 new



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immigrants in 2022 alone. Metro Vancouver planners project the region will have more than one million additional residents by 2050. Coquitlam, like other municipalities, is tasked with not only creating diverse housing types, but with managing the growth in a sustainable manner.

“There are many gaps, and challenges to be tackled and many opportunities to harness”. With a mandate to continue serving the citizens of Coquitlam, if elected, Trish’s top ten priorities will be:

- Economic Development
- Community Engagement
- Affordable Living / Affordable Housing
- Fiscal Responsibility and Optimism
- Senior's housing & Inter-generational care
- Arts & Culture programs that reflect the diversity and history of our city
- Mental health support and advocacy
- Traffic calming around the city
- Mitigating construction growth and noise
- Indigenous Relations

A former Microbiology and Embryology professional turned serial entrepreneur, Trish’s professional track record in Governance and Entrepreneurship coupled with her passion for social change and environmental sustainability makes her a great candidate for the Coquitlam City Council. A community advocate, who is results oriented, Trish is committed to serving our community. In the last four years, Trish brought a unique, conscious and informed lens to every conversation and every decision. She will be humbled and honored to continue to work hard to make Coquitlam the best place to live, work, retire and play.

“Our Coquitlam of today and tomorrow requires thought leaders and will be a livable, safe, inclusive and vibrant City,” Trish concluded.

Additional Resources: Mandewo participated in the Province of BC video campaign for responsible conduct, Tools to Support Good Governance, Unproductive Conflict vs. Productive Conflict, working with others, Reflections on Building Relationships with First Nations as well as *encouraging others to run*. [Videos](#)