

SELINA ROBINSON, MLA

COQUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE

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It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of 2019. It's been a busy year representing Coquitlam-Maillardville in the legislature and throughout the community as well as touring the province as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Earlier this year Maillardville was added as a francophone historic site to the BC Register of Historic Places. The community's origins date back to 1909 when the Fraser Mills Lumber Company began recruiting French-Canadian mill workers and their families from Quebec. Maillardville grew to become the largest Francophone area west of Manitoba and its legacy lives on today.

The Tri-Cities has also been the centre of several significant announcements over the past year. Our region is to become one of British Columbia's team-based Primary Care Networks. This means new health care providers will be recruited and our community will have improved access to health care services (including maternity care, mental health and substance use care and better coordinated services for seniors who are frail and have complex health issues).

Your government has also committed \$22.6 million to the expansion of the Eagle Ridge Hospital Emergency Department. This expansion will more than double the current number of treatment spaces, add four new isolation rooms and separate the entrances for walk-in patients and ambulances. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of next year.

As the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing I have been busy working with local governments, First Nations, the federal

government, developers, non-profit housing providers and BC Housing to deliver more affordable housing in communities across the province. These strategic partnerships along with provincial investments mean more than 22,000 new rental homes for middle income families, seniors, people with disabilities and those at risk of homelessness have either been completed or are under development throughout B.C.

While much has been accomplished in a short period of time there is certainly more to do and I will keep you updated on our progress.

As your Member of the Legislative Assembly in Victoria I continue to engage with community members to hear how government can better serve the people of Coquitlam-Maillardville. I attend as many local events as possible so if you know of an event in the community please contact my office with the details.

I invite you to stay connected by signing up for my electronic newsletter at selina.robinson.mla@leg.bc.ca. If you need assistance accessing provincial government services please don't hesitate to contact my community office. My office is open Monday to Friday, 10 am - 4:30 pm, so feel free to drop by 102 - 1108 Austin Avenue (parking available behind the building with access off Marmont Street), give me a call at 604.933.2001 or drop me a line at selina.robinson.mla@leg.bc.ca.

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Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival with Bertha Rojas (Coquitlam Heritage Society) and Candrina Bailey (Mackin House).



Photo Credit: Province of BC

Earlier this year the Tri-Cities, New Westminster and First Nations communities learned they would receive a Primary Care Network; this network will improve access to healthcare in the region.

SELINA ROBINSON IN THE COMMUNITY



Connecting with Tri-City Homelessness and Housing Task Group Members during Homelessness Action Week. (L-R: Selina, Polly, Sandy, Cristina, Patricia)

My MLA office was among one of the stops for Rotary's Amazing Race. The theme was Monopoly and I had some tough trivia questions awaiting teams upon their arrival.



The Riverview Horticultural Centre Society hosted a reception in which Don and Norma Gillespie were recognized for their many years as tireless volunteers and advocates for the Riverview Lands.



I caught up with Erin Davidson at the annual Austin Heights BIA Daisy Day festival to promote Coquitlam's Terry Fox Run.



Photo Credit: Mayor Richard Stewart

2019 TERRY FOX RUN



The Burnaby North Road BIA hosted its 6th Annual Korean Community Day. My constituency assistant Erica and our volunteer Richard provided information at my booth.



I kicked off another season of the Coquitlam Munch with the help of Tabitha McLoughlin of the Coquitlam Farmers Market.



Bobs & LoLo were the crowd favourite at Place Maillardville's Family Fun Day.



The Coquitlam Express hosted their special "Pink in the Rink" event with all proceeds going to breast cancer awareness. As cancer survivors Brenda Bagin and I were invited to drop the puck.



Premier Horgan was joined by Chief Ed Hall, Ministers Katrine Conroy and Melanie Mark, MLA Rick Glumac and I at Douglas College to promote the Provincial Tuition Waiver Program; a program that waives tuition fees to assist former youth in care.



Photo Credit: Trish Mandewo

I joined with volunteers from the community and BC Housing for a day of beautification at Finnie's Garden on the Riverview Lands.



Photo Credit: Province of BC

Members of Coquitlam Search and Rescue gathered earlier this year with Minister Mike Farnworth and I as we announced significant funding for Ground Search and Rescue.



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Annual Christmas Open House

Thursday, December 12
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Royal Canadian Legion Banquet Hall
1025 Ridgeway Avenue, Coquitlam

IN THE LEGISLATURE



If you are coming to Victoria be sure to visit the Legislature. If you would like to attend Question Period give my office a call and we can make arrangements (I can even introduce you in the Legislature).



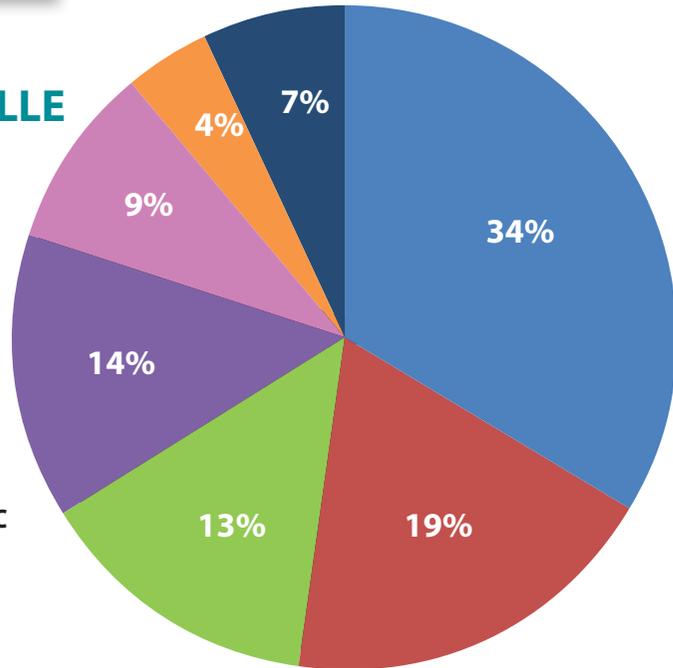
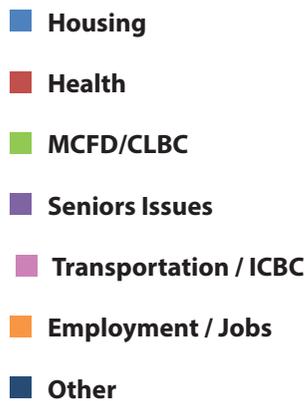
When in Victoria, MLAs meet with delegations from all across the province. Our women's caucus is meeting here with members from Equal Voice, a non-profit organization that promotes the election of more women in Canadian politics.



Premier John Horgan and I were honoured to visit the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 263 on the first day of the 2019 Poppy Campaign. We met artist Laura Johnston (pictured here with her son Daniel) who is painting a new mural on the Legion's building at 1025 Ridgeway Avenue.

TOP CONCERNS RAISED IN COQUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE CONSTITUENCY OFFICE

MAY 2019 – OCTOBER 2019



MY COMMUNITY OFFICE

Our constituency office is here to serve you and the community and can assist you in a variety of ways, including:

- Assisting with issues that involve provincial government agencies and programs (for example: ICBC, provincial housing programs, employment standards, etc.);
- Help navigating through government systems and programs;
- Attending, supporting and celebrating community events;
- Providing congratulatory messages and greetings;
- Providing government documents, legislation and other web-based forms if you don't have internet access.



Our doors are open Monday through Friday from 10 am until 4:30 pm so please drop by and speak with Laura or Erica to determine how we can help.

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