

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **CITY OF COQUITLAM HONOURED WITH AWARD FOR FACILITY EXCELLENCE**

April 30, 2026 (Vancouver, BC) BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) has awarded their [2026 Facility Excellence Award](#) to the City of Coquitlam for the **Mundy Park Pool**. The award was presented at BCRPA's Symposium conference.

This award recognizes excellence in facility design that reflects community culture, addresses community needs through innovation, and prioritizes accessibility for all. It honours facilities that serve as vital community hubs, demonstrate leadership in sustainable design, and enhance the health and well-being of their community.

Mundy Park Pool is a renewed outdoor aquatics facility that replaces the historic Spani Pool, significantly expanding capacity and programming. The facility features an eight-lane 25-metre lap pool, leisure pool with beach entry and lazy river, warming pool, dive tank, and a range of family-friendly amenities, alongside expanded deck and lawn spaces.

Accessibility and inclusion are central to the design, with universal features such as barrier-free circulation, transfer lifts, and gender-inclusive change rooms, alongside cultural recognition elements developed through Indigenous collaboration.

The project also demonstrates strong environmental leadership, incorporating low-carbon design strategies expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by over 90%, while reusing existing infrastructure and integrating native landscaping to support biodiversity and further reduce environmental impacts.

"Mundy Park Pool is a standout example of how thoughtful design can bring together accessibility, sustainability, and community connection," said Katie Fenn, CEO of BCRPA. "The City of Coquitlam has created a vibrant, inclusive space that will serve residents for generations to come."

The Facility Excellence Award is one of four Provincial Awards of Excellence presented during BCRPA's annual Symposium conference, held this year in Vancouver. Each award is presented on behalf of BCRPA's more than 5,700 members across the province who work to enhance the health, wellness, and quality of life of their communities.

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## ABOUT BCRPA

BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) convenes, educates, and empowers professionals who transform lives. With a network of over 8,500 professionals who support more than 95% of British Columbia, we champion policy, empower and educate leaders, train fitness professionals, and deliver programs that create safe, active, and inclusive communities where everyone belongs. Through this essential work, communities across the province grow stronger, healthier, and more connected.

Learn more about how BCRPA is working with their members, fitness professionals and community partners in its work of shaping healthier futures at [www.bcrpa.bc.ca](http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca).

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