



The River

April 2025

Worldwide Induction
May calendar of events
Club Visits and Activities

Feature: Environment

Coquitlam River Lions Club Monthly
Newsletter

Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada
District /Zone O-3, Multiple District 19

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Global Causes Monthly Spotlight: Environment

About the environment

The environment is our home

The earth sustains human life. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it.

*UNEP

**World Bank

†United Nations Sustainable Development report, 2022

12M

Hectares of
forest destroyed
each year*

6-7M

Number of premature
deaths annually caused
by air pollution*

1/3

Amount of
generated waste that
is not safely managed**

17M

Metric tons of plastic
entered the ocean in 2021.
Projected to double or triple
by 2040.†



Lions International

LIONS AND LEOS ARE WORKING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT
TO CREATE HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD.

Environmental Advocacy,
Awareness and Education

Recycling & Waste
Management

Clean Water & Sanitation

Tree Planting &
Tree Care



Environmental Cleanup & Restoration

Preserve nature and habitats by cleaning debris and shielding pollutants from harming ecosystems, marine life, and the community.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 Goals are an urgent call for action by all countries—developed and developing—in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations, who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.

THIS SERVICE AREA SUPPORTS SDG #14 & SDG #15

14 LIFE
BELOW WATER



CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE
OCEANS, SEA AND MARINE RESOURCES
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

15 LIFE
ON LAND



PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE
SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL
ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE
FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND
HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION
AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS



Plastics are ingested by humans through seafood, drinks, and even common salt. They penetrate the skin and are inhaled when suspended in the air. This can cause hormonal changes, developmental disorders, reproductive abnormalities and even cancer.*



Plastic pollution kills an estimated **100,000** marine mammals every year.**



1 million plant and animal species are threatened with extinction. Restoring biodiversity – the nature around us – is crucial to human well-being such as providing food, medicine, and clothing.**



Plastic accounts for **85% of all marine litter**. By 2040, it will nearly triple, adding 23-37 million metric tons of waste into the ocean per year.*



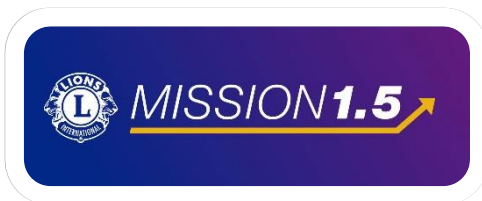
3.2 billion people, or 40% of the global population, are adversely affected by land degradation – disturbances to the land such as human activities and other forces that pollute and deplete it.†

*United Nations **World Wildlife Fund (WWF) †UN Environment Programme

Worldwide Induction Day: April 26th



What a special day for new members of our Lions family. On Saturday, April 26th, **Ryan and September** headed to Peace Arch National Park at the border crossing to be part of the ceremony to welcome 10 new District 19-O Lions to our family; **Jesse, Sandy, Liz, BJ, Alexa, Kristina, Ryan, Carmen, Diego and Ken**. The new members and their sponsors, from the **Surrey Central, Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch, Oak Harbor and Renton Lions** each received a special certificate after being inducted by **District Governor Elect September Stokes**. It was a lovely day for photos as well in this historic and important place. Blaine Mayor Mary Lou Steward was on hand to bring greetings as well. Thank you to the **Oak Harbor Lions** for sponsoring this day, including providing a delicious home-cooked lunch afterwards.



Welcome to **Coquitlam River Lions'** newest member, **Andrea De Stefano!** Sponsored by **Patti**, we had the pleasure of officially welcoming him to our club on Wednesday, April 2nd. Andrea lives in Port Moody, and has already been participating in many of our projects and events, including our Burger and Brew last month, and our DGE's visit to Sasquatch Lions. We are happy to have you in our Lions family, Andrea, and we are excited for you as you begin your Lions journey.



A few more photos for the album....



More Photos from Peace Arch Park, top to bottom

District Governor-Elect September performed the ceremony for Worldwide Induction Day.

Teresa Addison, Anna Corina Villareal and September Stokes look on as Blaine Mayor Mary Lou Steward reads the official proclamation from the city.

New members, sponsors and the rest of our Lions family share smiles at the famous Peace Arch at the border.



Club visits and other activities in the month of April



District Governor-Elect September shared with the Sasquatch Lions that the key to bringing in new Lions is to focus on keeping the ones you already have.

On Wednesday, April 16th, **Richard, Gerry and new member Andrea** joined **September** on her last Official Club visit of the year. It was a beautiful sunny drive to Deroche for our visit to the **Sasquatch Lions Club**. We enjoyed a lovely buffet dinner, which was coincidentally done by the same caterer that did September's first wedding back in 1990. Small world! The Sasquatch Lions have been a fixture in their community for 45 years, and raise big dollars at many annual events, including a monthly Texas Hold'em Tournament. **Gerry** was surprised when September presented him with his 20 year Chevron award! A wonderful evening all around, and thank you to those who attended.

On The Cover: One of the best things about being in Zone O-3 is the fact that our clubs love to support each other's events and projects. On April 26th, **Zone Chair Gerry, Dawn, Richard, Rosalie, Patti and Andrea** had a terrific time at the **North Surrey Lions Club** Burger and Brew at O'Donagal's Pub. Dawn and Andrea were lucky winners of some of the fabulous prizes, and everyone enjoyed the delicious food! **Robin and Roberta Woolmer** from Surrey Central Lions shared a table with our club members. Congratulations to North Surrey Lions; you are having an awesome year.



Zone Chair Gerry, Richard, Rosalie, Andrea, Patti, Robin and Roberta Woolmer from Surrey Central, and Dawn




PDG Shella Keung, PCC Polly Voon, PDG Rita Fok, VCC Steve Brooks, LCIF Chair Dr. Patti Hill, DG Kevin Borde, DG Elect Teresa Ng, PDG Simon Yau, DG Elect September, Michael Cheng, PDG Elaine Luk and Sherman Lau

Ryan and September attended the annual LCIF Gala held by District 19-L on April 24th in Richmond.

Many dignitaries attended, including the chair of LCIF, Past International President Dr. Patti Hill. A large number of clubs made huge donations, including one for \$12,000 from a Leo Club, with a grand total of **\$98,200!** It was a spectacular evening, and a great celebration of LCIF.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Fingerling Festival
4 Coquitlam Farmers Market	5	6	7 Club Meeting 7:00pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Board Meeting 7:00pm @ Library	15	16 MD19 Annual Convention Chillwack, BC	17 
18	19 	20	21 Club Meeting 7:00pm	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31

Board of Directors 2025-26

The Coquitlam River Lions Club is pleased to recognize and acknowledge our new Board of Directors for 2025-26. They will be officially installed in June, and we are looking forward to a great year under their leadership. Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, and all members are always encouraged to attend to join in on the conversation.



President: Sarah Swanson
Vice President: Richard Simonson
Secretary: Patti Byth
Treasurer: Ryan Stokes

2 year Director: Rosemary Small
2 year Director: Dave Macey
1 year Director: September Stokes
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Bring your change to our club meetings for our new:

Let's Make A Deal 50/50 draw.

Each meeting, purchase your draw tickets, 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. If your ticket is drawn you can keep the cash prize, OR.....you can trade it for what's in the surprise package? You never know, it could be something fabulously unique and interesting, could be a TUG (totally useless gift) in the spirit of Let's Make a Deal. It's fun, entertaining, and the money raised goes to help our club.



Coquitlam River Lions Club

Chartered March 2022

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm
River Springs Recreation Centre
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'The best way to predict the future is to create it.'

Peter Drucker

Join a Lions Club, make a difference.

