

Port Coquitlam is a relatively small city, with a land area of 28 square kilometres (11 square miles). The city had a 2001 Census population of 51,000, and with their OCP, projects that the city will reach a build out population of 80,000 residents by the year 2031. The OCP establishes an estimated employment capacity of 42,000 jobs, based on land area designated for commercial and industrial land uses. Appendix II is a map of Port Coquitlam's proposed OCP Land Use Designations.

The Fraser River is a significant buffer separating Port Coquitlam and Surrey. There are no direct transportation or land use linkages between the two cities.

Planning and Development staff has reviewed the proposed Port Coquitlam OCP and has not identified any issues or policies that are of concern to the City of Surrey.

CONCLUSION

The City of Port Coquitlam has undertaken a major review of its OCP and has offered the City of Surrey an opportunity to provide comments on the draft OCP, prior to the related public hearing.

The City of Port Coquitlam has no direct transportation nor land use linkages to Surrey, the scale of future development will have minimal regional impact and there does not appear to be any precedent setting policies contained within the proposed OCP By-law. It is, therefore, recommended that Council authorize the City Clerk to forward a letter to the City of Port Coquitlam indicating that the City of Surrey has no objections to their proposed OCP By-law amendment.

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Attachments

Appendix I - Map of the Region Showing the Location of Port Coquitlam and Surrey

Appendix II - Map of Port Coquitlam's Proposed OCP Land Use Designations

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