



# PCDHFC Lease & Location

Information to our Members and Range Users  
January 2020



# Summary

- PCDHFC is in the middle of our 30 year lease with the Province of BC
- Through the work of the committee and supporters we obtained City Council's approval of the next three year period
- The City, however, has given us notice that our Burke Mountain location is not in their long-term plans as they continue to approve development in our area



# What is the lease? Some facts

- PCDHFC operates on land leased from the Province of B.C.
- At intervals of 10 and then 3 years the lease agreement has to be reviewed by the Province and approved by the City of Coquitlam
- During the Lease PCDHFC has abided by a land use agreement to allow our regular operation
- Every 3 year period must be approved by the City until the end of the lease



# Steps we took to obtain continuance

1. We have reviewed our responsibilities with our legal representation
2. We have met with the City of Coquitlam planning department regarding their long-term plans for the site
3. We provided all requested information and conducted a site visit with the City Planners
4. We reached out to all our range renters and community partners for support and received multiple letters that were submitted to the City
5. We followed all legal steps to request the continuance
6. City Council voted on and approved the continuance unanimously
7. The Province has been informed



# What are the plans for Burke Mountain?

- The City's long-term goal is to create a neighbourhood up to the edge of Burke Pinecone Provincial Park as part of what they call the "Hazel Coy" neighborhood
- This includes the land now used by PCDHFC
- How long until these plans come to fruition relies on a variety of factors including: economic outlook, environmental issues, the geography of the site, long-term water supply, restrictions due to Burke Pinecone Provincial Park boundaries and any issues raised by the Province and third parties
- They will conduct feasibility and other plans in 2020/2021
- They have received requests from land developers for the area



## What if there is no continuance after 3 years?

- If the club cannot get approval from the City our range operations will wind down within two years after the current three year period
- Shooting activities will wind down
- The Province could end the lease
- The club is responsible for remediation of the property which could be expensive (removal of some structures / environmental cleanup)
- The society will continue to exist but an alternative location must be found for shooting activities
- Non-shooting activities could possibly continue ex. Archery, hatchery, meeting places



# Alternative locations

- Finding alternative locations for a gun range of our size and membership is a major challenge
- Even should a location be found, it would be a major endeavour financially and materially to acquire, lease and to build from scratch
- All clubs within the Lower Mainland are already heavily subscribed and would find it difficult to absorb our close to 3,500 members should the club wind up
- Nearly all Law Enforcement agencies in the LML would need to find other locations to train outdoors, which impacts public safety and budgets
- There are no ideal locations within the City of Coquitlam



Gaining the Continuance bought the club  
time for alternative plans and let's us  
continue to operate in the short term,  
possibly years





YOUR SUPPORT IS  
CRITICAL TO KEEP  
OPERATING



# Feedback

- Any questions or feedback please email:

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- Thank you for taking the time to read and for your future actions