

# THE STORY OF PORT COQUITLAM

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Activity Program Booklet

Grade 2 - 3

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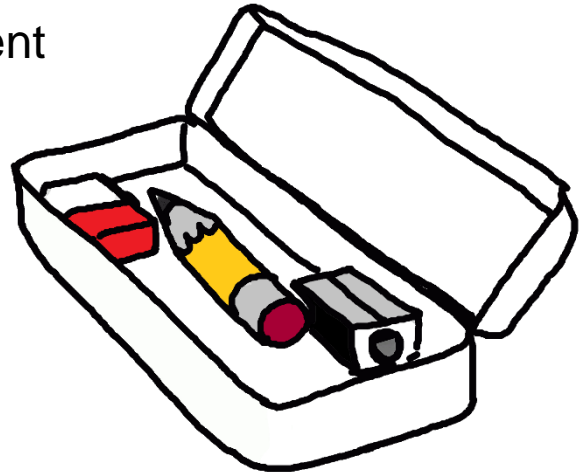
## Introduction

Today Port Coquitlam is a big and amazing City but it was not easy getting there. Port Coquitlam had a lot of “UH OH” DIFFICULT moments that made it hard for them to grow.

In this activity booklet you will find out about some of the “uh oh” moments that Port Coquitlam faced and you will learn how global and local actions have consequences.

### For this activity booklet will need:

- Printed or Digital Copy of the story “UH OH POCO”!
- Printed Copy of this document
- Pencil and Eraser
- Colouring Pencils



**Instructions:** Read the story “UH OH POCO!” and then complete ACTIVITIES 1 and 2 in this booklet.

## Activity 1: UH OH PoCo! – The Story

Read the story, “Uh Oh PoCo!” and then check the correct answers below.

1. When did Port Coquitlam begin?

- 2008
- 1913
- 1867
- 1914



2. Why did many people in Port Coquitlam leave in 1914?

- First World War
- They felt like travelling
- They were going to school in a different city
- A flood damaged their house

3. Where did the City of Port Coquitlam set up a hospital to take care of the sick?

- Aggie Hall and Grounds
- Myrtle Hotel
- City Hall
- Westminster Junction



4. Why could firefighters from Essondale not use their fire hoses to put out the fire in Port Coquitlam?

- They caught fire when put on the hot pavement
- They could not connect to the fire hydrants
- They forgot them at the fire station
- There was no fire!

5. What 3 rivers surround Port Coquitlam?

- Fraser River, St. Lawrence River, Somass River
- Fraser River, Pitt River, Somass River
- Fraser River, Pitt River, Campbell River
- Fraser River, Pitt River, Coquitlam River

6. Who was Arthur Mars?

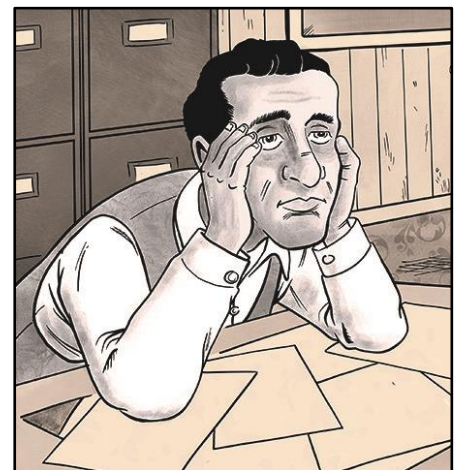
- A soldier from Port Coquitlam who fought in WWI
- A past Mayor of Port Coquitlam
- A doctor who helped people during the Spanish Flu
- A firefighter from Port Coquitlam

7. Why did the City of Port Coquitlam shut off the central heat in City Hall?

- It was summer and they were hot
- The City wanted to save money
- They had a fireplace and it was already warm
- They had enough blankets for all the staff

8. What events slowed down Port Coquitlam's growth?


- Flu, Frogs, Fighting, Flood
- Flu, Fire, Farming, Flood
- Flu, Fire, Flood, Financial Fears
- Flu, Flood, Fame, Financial Fears



## Activity 2: Actions and Consequences

In the story “Uh Oh PoCo!”, the City of Port Coquitlam was faced with many obstacles. These obstacles were natural disasters and global events that the City of Port Coquitlam did not know would happen.

### Why could the City of Port Coquitlam not predict these events?

1. We do not have control over the environment. Natural disasters can happen at anytime. 
2. The big events that impacted Port Coquitlam were global actions. They happened outside of PoCo.

### What are global actions?

**Global actions** are events that affect the whole world.

### CAN YOU THINK OF A RECENT GLOBAL ACTION THAT HAS AFFECTED EVERYBODY?



**The COVID-19 pandemic** is a global action that has affected almost every country across the globe. Through travel, the virus has spread across the world. Although the virus did not come from Canada it has had local consequences.

### What are local consequences?

- **“Local”** means the areas close to you.
- **“Consequences”** are positive or negative impacts of an action.

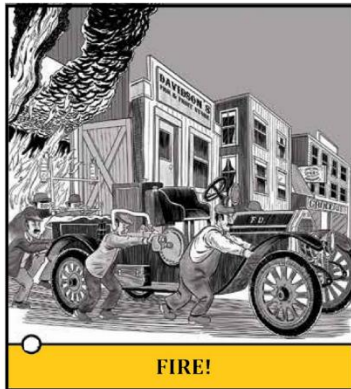
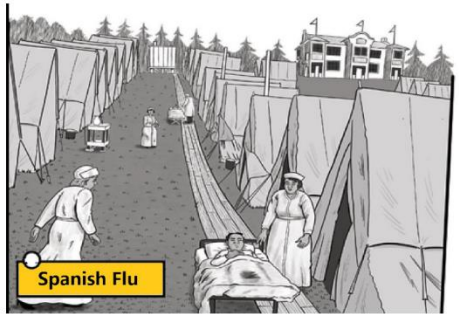
Together **local consequences** are positive or negative impacts that affect the areas and communities close to you.

**It is important to understand that our families, our communities, and our ourselves can be affected by things that happen outside of our city.**



**“Global Actions have Local Consequences”**

Match the **GLOBAL ACTIONS** in the rectangles to the correct **LOCAL CONSEQUENCES** in the circles  
*Draw a line to connect them.*



The town was destroyed and the City of PoCo had to pay for repairs.

Life in Port Coquitlam was impacted, and many people left for overseas.

Schools closed in Port Coquitlam.

Homes were destroyed and people spent their money fixing the damages.





While large events and global actions such as the COVID-19 pandemic can affect us, we also can impact things in a big way.

**What does this mean?** This means that our own individual actions can have a big impact on events and things that happen outside of our community.

**“Local Actions have Global Consequences”**



**HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?**

**How can we impact things that are outside of where we are living?**

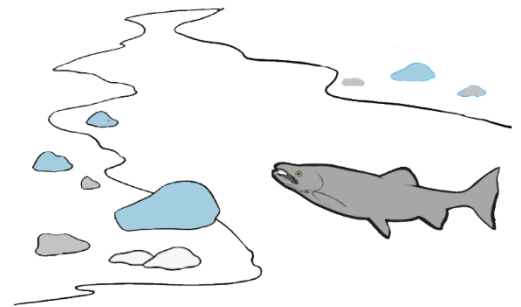


**Everything we do, no matter how **BIG** or small has an impact on the things around us and the world! It has a global consequence.**

Read each example and find out how a LOCAL ACTION can have a big GLOBAL CONSEQUENCE.

## EXAMPLE 1

**Local Action:** You just finished eating a snack and you want to throw the wrapper away. There is no garbage bin around, so you throw it into the Coquitlam river which you are passing by.



**What is the global consequence?**

The snack wrapper is made from plastic which is not a natural material. When you threw it into the river a fish accidentally swallowed it thinking it was food. Plastic is extremely dangerous for fish.

*Let us say everyone threw their garbage into the river, think about how much harm that would do to the river's wildlife.*

**What could you have done instead of throwing your garbage into the river? Write an example.**

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## EXAMPLE 2

**Local Action:** You just woke up and are getting ready for the day. You turn on the tap to wet your toothbrush but keep it running while you brush your teeth.

### **What is the global consequence?**

The water that comes from your tap is fresh water. Humans need to have fresh water to survive! On earth, we only have a limited amount of fresh water. When we keep water taps running for no reason, we use up our supply of water faster meaning there could be freshwater shortages for us and others.



**What are other ways that you could save water in your home? List 3 examples.**

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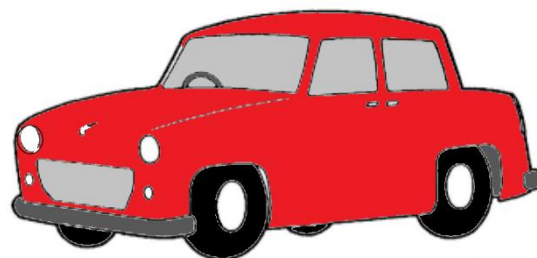
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### EXAMPLE 3

**Local Action:** It is Saturday morning and you decide to go to the park for the day. The park is only around the corner from your house, but you decide to take the car instead of walking. You do this every Saturday.

**What is the global consequence? What is the bigger impact?**

*Think about how using a car all the time could impact the environment. Do cars add to pollution?*



**It is important that we are responsible for our actions.  
Our actions can affect things in the world, and it is important  
to remember that we are one big giant community.**

Draw 1 way you can help the world by helping your community.  
*(Examples: Recycling, Biking to School, Growing your own food)*