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Dave Mann: Laying Strong Foundations For Society



Dave Mann, the real estate giant and a philanthropist, has recently been honoured by the Peace Arch Hospital by naming its new emergency under him and his wife Rani Mann

By Surbhi Gogia

He has built homes for the local community of Lower Mainland, but beyond property, Dave Mann has been laying strong foundations for better societies around

the world. Mann, is the founder and owner of Isle of Mann Property group and Mannkind Charitable Society, who believes in giving back to the society especially to kids and environment, for building a better future.

His charity has been working tirelessly around the world for so many kids who are sick, orphaned or have become victims of human trafficking. Mann has achieved numerous awards and accolades for his charitable work. But he

considers recent honour by the Peace Arch Hospital as one of the greatest where Peace Arch Hospital's newly opened Emergency has been named after him and his wife Dave and Rani Mann.

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BC Truckers Demand Better Conditions On Highways



By Surbhi Gogia

West Coast Trucking Association organized a rally for BC truckers on the streets of Vancouver to express their concerns regarding hardships they face on highways.

SURREY: Past few days, truckers have been occupying media headlines for their rallies. The Freedom convoy of truckers heading towards Ottawa to protest against federal government's vaccine mandates is different from the rally that BC truckers organized last week in Vancouver. The rally last week that started from Gurudwara Dashmesh Darbar in Surrey and

went to downtown Vancouver, was about highlighting truckers' concern about bad driving conditions on BC highways. It was organized by West Coast Trucking Association (WCTA), the organization which is dedicated to advocating concerns related to driving as well as promoting a safety, dependable and efficiency in transportation system.

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Convoy doesn't speak for Canadian truck drivers: Jagmeet Singh

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh made the following statement in response to the Freedom Convoy of truckers which is heading towards Ottawa for the protest against vaccine mandates.

"I understand people are frustrated that we're still in this pandemic. Canadians have all sacrificed so much to keep each other safe. Like many other parents, when I hold my daughter, I think about getting through this safely so that kids can have normalcy again.

But I'm concerned by the dangerous rhetoric we've seen from the convoy. I am concerned by extremist elements that are spreading misinformation and attempting to turn the convoy into a Canadian version of the terrorist attacks on the US Capitol.

That is not the Canada our children deserve to grow up in.

I am deeply disturbed by Conservative MPs supporting this convoy and by default adding their support to extremists who wish to subvert the democratic process, incite violence and spread misinformation about expert public health advice.

The best way out of this is to do what the vast majority of trucker drivers have already done — get vaccinated and continue to listen to public health experts.

We still have to have each other's backs as Canadians and we all have a responsibility not to spread harmful misinformation.



To the many hardworking, responsible trucker drivers who have worked tirelessly to get Canadians through the pandemic — thank you. Canadians are indebted to you. We see you and we support you.

And, we know like many Canadians that are vaccinated, that this convoy does not speak for you.

Vaccines are the best way to ensure our health care systems and health care workers are not overwhelmed and New Democrats continue to urge Canadians to get their shot as soon as possible."

Farmers Desperate For Help To Recover From Massive Flood Losses

DELTA: As farmers await details on the provincial and federal governments' pending Agri-Recovery package, many are expressing concerns about its potential limitations as they try to make plans to restore their operations which were devastated in last November's floods.

Ian Paton, MLA for Delta South Opposition Critic for Agriculture and Food, has written a letter to Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture outlining some of the major concerns regarding financial assistance to farmers affected by flooding. "It appears Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) has some restrictions that have left many producers ineligible for relief. Farmers have let me know that they have tried to apply for the funding but have been told they technically don't qualify for any support because their farms are incorporated and bring in more than \$1 million in annual sales," Paton wrote in the letter.

"Our farmers are distraught," said Paton. "Their barns and homes were filled with three to seven feet of water and they lost livestock, poultry, feed, and crops to this disaster.



They also saw equipment failures and face expensive repairs because of this catastrophic flooding. They need help now, and they haven't been encouraged by the response they've received so far."

"Farmers are anxious about what the Agri-Recovery guidelines, set jointly by the federal and provincial governments, will look like — in large part because of what has transpired for wildfire affected ranchers in other parts of the province who have applied but not seen any funds. These ranchers also have to submit receipts in advance to apply for funds, which is a lot to ask considering the tremendous financial burden they are facing. As a result, we have seen lower than expected amounts of wildfire

recovery funds paid out," Paton said.

Paton's letter also tries to get answers to some of their inquiries, such as:

- When it comes to repairs and rebuilding, will farmers first have to find the funds to pay out of their own pockets? Or will they be able to submit estimates for repairs to get funds advanced and then submit receipts for completed work?
- Blueberry growers have received professional advice from expert horticulturalists that their plants will never return to previous production levels and must be replaced. Do government officials agree with that assessment, and will farmers be compensated if they move forward with replacing those plants? "As you know, making a living in farming is difficult at the best of times. These farmers suffering from flood damage and losses are in desperate need of financial support so they can get through these disasters. I implore you to find a way to improve the eligibility criteria and ensure they can get the funds they need to restore their operations, some of which have been in their families for generations," he said.

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Indians' death in brutal cold: US man held for transporting 2 Indians freed from jail without bond

A Florida man, charged with human smuggling, has been released from prison conditionally and without paying a bond, days after he was found illegally transporting two Indians in America and four other Indian nationals were found frozen to death in Canada near the US border.

Steve Shand, 47, was arrested last week and charged with one count of having transported and moved or having attempted to transport aliens who entered, or remained in the United States in violation of law.

Shand, who made his first appearance on January 20 before US District Court Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer of Minnesota, was ordered to remain in custody pending a preliminary

and detention hearing scheduled for January 24.

A report in the Grand Forks Herald newspaper in the US state of North Dakota, said that Shand, who participated in the hearing virtually, was granted a conditional release pending trial at the pretrial and detention hearing. The report said that he will remain in detention until he is sent back to Florida.

"Throughout the 30-minute hearing, Shand made no significant statements, only replying 'yes ma'am' or 'yes your honour' as Bowbeer listed the conditions of his release," the report said.

"The fact that you are living in Florida is not an excuse" to not appear at any hearing, Bowbeer told Shand, who replied "Yes

ma'am."

The report said that Shand was released on the so-called appearance bond, "solemn written oath" to appear before the court whenever hearings are held or when his trial begins.

He will also need to report to prison if found guilty in the case, the report said.

"Under the conditions of release, Shand must surrender his passport or any similar travel document or visa. He must have no contact with anyone who may be considered a witness or victim in his human smuggling case.

"He will be supervised by a probation and pretrial supervisor in Florida, and he was ordered not to travel far from his home, though he is allowed to travel

to Minnesota, should he be required to appear in person. Later hearings may take place either online or in person," it said.

The appearance bond also forbids Shand from violating other state or federal laws and Bowbeer warned that Shand would have to deal with the "snowballing set of consequences, all of them bad" if he did so, the report said.

Shand was transporting two undocumented Indian nationals in his van when he was apprehended less than one mile south of the US/Canadian border in a rural area between the official ports of entry located at Lancaster, Minnesota and Pembina, North Dakota. While Shand and the two passengers were being transported to the Pembina Border



Steve Shand. Photo tweeted by @EvanLambertTV

Patrol Station in North Dakota, law enforcement encountered five additional Indians approximately a quarter mile south of the Canadian border walking in the direction of where Shand was arrested.

The five Indians told authorities that they had walked across the border expecting to be picked up by someone.

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Safe Surrey Coalition calls Brenda Locke's Slander of Surrey Police Service 'Disgraceful'

SURREY: Safe Surrey Coalition is condemning a video posted by Surrey Connect and the party's mayoral candidate Brenda Locke, which has now been deleted. According to Safe Surrey, the deleted video compared Surrey Police Service ("SPS") front-line officers to evil Star Wars Stormtroopers that were "intimidating law-abiding citizens."

"Complete with the 'Imperial March' (Darth Vader's theme music), Locke's video falsely portrayed officers walking by as trying to harass protestors," said Surrey City Councillor Laurie Guerra.

However, as explained by both the Surrey Police Union and Sgt. Rick Stewart, SPS work

out of two buildings beside the courthouse and were simply on their lunch break in-between regular training sessions. Widely condemned by the public and media alike, the post has now mysteriously disappeared from all of Surrey Connect's social media channels.

These kinds of false slanderous attacks on law enforcement only serve to undermine public trust and safety, according to Guerra. "What Brenda Locke and her party finds funny is actually a direct and disgraceful assault on the role these brave men and women play in ensuring that our city is safe," says Guerra. "Simply deleting the video does not preclude the disrespect that has been shown in the name of

cheap politicking."

For a party that always claims to prioritize the critical role that law enforcement plays in the quality of life enjoyed by Surrey citizens, this attack belies the rhetoric that Brenda Locke and her team have delivered for the past few years.

The Safe Surrey Coalition is calling for an immediate apology to these officers and a show of good faith from Surrey Connect that condemns political attacks on our front-line officers. "I am hoping that Councillor Locke and her team will follow up their deletion of the video with a public statement that corrects the record and demonstrates the respect that these officers deserve," adds Guerra.



"Amidst this policing transition, public officials must do better."

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Delta police search for witnesses, video after indecent act by South Asian male

Delta Police are advising the community of an indecent act which occurred around 9 am, Jan. 21.

Police were notified that a man appeared to be masturbating on a path north of Burnsvue Secondary school, near the end of 77th Avenue. The youth who witnessed the incident promptly reported the matter to authorities. Police responded quickly, but were not able to locate the suspect. He is described as:

- South Asian male, aged 20-30 years old
- 6 feet tall, with broad shoulders
- Wearing a sky blue toque with a gray zip-up hoodie, black windbreaker and blue jeans.

"Anyone who may have been walking or cycling in the area, between about 8:45-9:15 am, who may have seen the suspect is asked to contact police on the non-emergency line at 604-946-4411," requests CrisLeykauf, spokesperson for Delta Police. "Additionally those in the area with dash cam or home security cameras, who haven't yet spoken to police, are asked to check footage



for anyone matching this description." Police note the investigation is in its early stages, and it is too soon to determine if this incident is linked to other indecent acts that have occurred in North Delta in recent years. The public is requested that if they should witness such an incident to please call 9-1-1 right away, to allow police to quickly respond. 9-1-1 should be used in instances where people believe a crime is in progress.

Shooting In Richmond Leaves 4 People Dead

RICHMOND: The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) took conduct of an investigation in Richmond where 4 people were found deceased.

On the evening of January 25, 2022, the Richmond RCMP responded to the 4500-block of Garden City Road, Richmond in response to a complaint. Upon arrival, Richmond RCMP frontline responders found four deceased people inside the residence who were later confirmed to be victims of a shooting. IHIT was called to investigate. The scene was secured and examined by homicide investigators with the assistance of the Richmond RCMP, the Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS), and the BC Coroners Service. Initial information gathered indicated that this was a targeted shooting, but not connected to the ongoing Lower Mainland gang

conflict. The identities of the victims are not being released at this time, but they are believed to have known each other.

IHIT continues to process the scene and canvass for witnesses and CCTV. It is believed that the shooting occurred the day before, on January 24, 2022 around 7 p.m. Homicide investigators are seeking witnesses who were in the area of Garden City Road near Odlin and Leslie Road and saw or heard anything suspicious.

"It is a traumatic incident the community is waking up to," said Sergeant David Lee of IHIT, "our investigators are scouring the area looking for information as this event unfolds. We hope to provide the community with answers soon." Anyone with information is asked to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Vehicle Stop Leads To Guns, Weapons And Bomb Discovery In Nanaimo

NANAIMO: In the early morning hours of Saturday January 22, 2022, Nanaimo RCMP Officers were conducting proactive patrols in the area of Bowen Road and Meredith Road when they observed a suspicious vehicle. They quickly determined that the vehicle in question, an older model Ford Focus, did not have valid insurance and a traffic stop was initiated to investigate

the matter further. What the investigating officers did not expect to find after locating a stolen insurance decal, were various types of prohibited weapons, drugs, several hundred dollars in Canadian currency, and an improvised explosive device. Of note, officers located a loaded .12-gauge shotgun and a loaded .12 gauge "zip-gun" improvised firearm, and a prohibited stun-gun

flashlight. A homemade improvised explosive device was also found in the vehicle. The RCMP Explosives Disposal (EDU) were consulted and recommended that the device be taken to a nearby field until such time EDU could attend and safely destroy it. "This is an excellent example of General Duty Officers in Nanaimo conducting a thorough investigation of a suspicious vehicle

that went from a straight forward charge under the Motor Vehicle Act charge for no insurance, to apprehending three persons and getting several extremely dangerous weapons off the streets." said Cst. Gary O'Brien. The suspects arrested were a 31-year-old male from Vernon, and a 23-year-old male and a



28-year-old female, both from Nanaimo. Charges are pending and the investigation is ongoing. All of the individuals were later released while the investigation continues.

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BC truckers demand better conditions on highways

On its Instagram post, the Association wrote that “our brothers are losing their lives every day on the icy highways which are totally neglected by the authorities with regards to cleaning and deicing.” More than 350 truckers joined the rally to demonstrate their support to the issues raised by the Association.

Ajay Singh Toor, general secretary, WCTA, while talking about last week’s rally, said, “It was extremely successful. Everything went smooth and we express our thank to the city of Surrey and Vancouver who were very supportive during the demonstration.”

Toor while highlighting the demands of the truckers said that truckers have been facing extremely difficult situation on the highways due to which many of our brothers have lots their lives.



“Our demands are very simple. We want clean highways, we want snow removal on highways to prevent the accidents. We also want clean washrooms.” Toor said, “The restrooms are in bad conditions. For tourists the restrooms are good, they are clean but we truckers are not allowed to use those restrooms.” He informed that if truckers stop on a service road (a road where

you can park and pick up stuff) to pick up coffee, the by law officer comes to give the ticket even though there are no signs.

“Last week the highway was closed for almost 18 hours people. Truckers who were stuck in Golden when they came to Kamloops after highway was opened they ran out of food. When they stopped to pick up food and coffee, the by law officer gave them ticket. Even though there were no signs.”

He said truckers who report harsh highway conditions on the government’s DriveBC website are being informed so many complaints are coming in, they should be emailing highway maintenance contractors instead. But he said it was impossible for drivers to know which of 28 government contractors are in charge of particular highways across the province.

He said the association contacted the Transportation Ministry last month and has also reached out to members of the legislature. Toor was hopeful that the rally was able to highlight their demands and higher officials from Transportation department would in talk with the association soon to work on their concerns.

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Experts are weighed in with their support for the motion. Dr. Paul Kershaw, UBC School of Population Health & Generation Squeeze said, “It’s time to make room for more residents in all of our neighbourhoods if we want the city to be vibrant and affordable – and a place where people can visit their children and grandchildren without hopping on a train or plane. Making HOME is promising policy because it advances these important goals.”

Alex Boston, Renewable Cities, SFU, said, “Making HOME is not a silver bullet, and it has the potential to generate a lot of silver buckshot to hit multiple city priorities: climate action, affordability, congestion management and neighbourhood revitalization.”

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Dave Mann...

Mann and his wife have been active for years to raise money for the hospital foundation. They matched donation funds up to \$1 million in 2017 to expand the hospital's ER facility. "I find it a big honour for a poor immigrant boy who came from a small town of Punjab with no money," he said.

Mann was just 14 years old when he landed on the soil of Canada from Moga, Punjab, with his father in 1974. A bright school student, he wanted to pursue higher studies, but circumstances did not allow.

He worked as a janitor, dishwasher, gas station attendant, farm worker and took many more odd jobs for the living. "I was in grade 12 when there was a bus strike for almost a month. I couldn't go to school because there was no transport. Taking a cab was completely out of budget," he recalled.

The young boy decided to drop out from the school and pursue night school later along with his work. It was after his marriage, he was working as a restaurant manager, when he found a "dead end" in his job. Mann said that he was good in sales, so he decided to sell homes and became a realtor.

The success did not come to him easily. "I gave my self 6 months in this career. And for the first five months I never sold a single home," he said. Mann, who believes in the grace of God, said that in the sixth month God showered blessings, he sold a few homes and never looked back. As a result of his passion and relentless hard work, he became a Medallion Member Realtor for 10 years in a row, and was recognized as one of the top 10% real estate agents in the province.

In 1994, Dave ventured deeper into the industry when he founded Isle of Mann Development Ltd and Isle of Mann Construction Ltd in 1997. Having achieved considerable success as a residential real estate broker, he was acutely aware of what appealed to modern-day families and applied a heightened sense of functionality to each of Isle of Mann's home concepts. In 2016, Dave was recognized as a Legend of Housing by the Greater Vancouver Home Builder's Association. He and fellow inductees, Ron Toigo (CEO, Shato Holdings) and Rich Ilich (President, Townline Homes), were honoured by the GVHBA as "leaders who have revolutionized approaches to residential housing".

Mann has been grateful and thankful for all the abundance he had. "There came a time in my life when I realized God had given me enough and I wanted to share the goodness," he said. Mann started Mannkind Charitable Society, a registered charity to provide support for those in need with a strong focus on underprivileged children. "Mannkind directs action toward



the three most challenging issues facing our world today: the plight of disadvantaged and vulnerable children in developing countries; the growing threat of climate change that endangers our way of life; eradication of poverty, homelessness and hunger. Although these issues are seemingly insurmountable, we take great pride in each meal we serve, each tree we plant, and each child we defend against exploitation," Mann said.

The society claims to have planted more than 14 thousand trees, sheltered around 500 children, provided for 500 surgeries and offered more than 500 education funds. Mannkind has undertaken some remarkable initiatives both in and outside Canada. The Charity has built a partnership with Costco to provide food every Saturday and Sunday for underprivileged members of the society in different regions of the Lower Mainland. Outside Canada, the charity operates a 14-bed pediatric palliative care centre in New Delhi, India, which supports children with cancer and their families who cannot afford to go to a regular hospital for palliative care. The charity also operates a home away from home in Trivandrum, India, that acts as a bridge between the hospital and home, where families of patients are encouraged to maintain their day-to-day activities while their children continue to be taken care of at nearby cancer centres. Among the most recent projects, the charity built 50 homes in a holistic village in Cambodia to house 200 women and girls under Girls to Grannies project. "Its aim is to shelter old ladies who don't have any relatives and young girls who do not have any elders," Mann informed.

Also, the Charity is has established a strong base in Nepal where it is operating a free school in Kathmandu for the kids of rickshaw pullers and carpet weavers. Mann has also produced a movie named SOLD that highlights the issue of girls from Nepal being trafficked in Kolkata.

When asked, what drives him to expand his charitable work around the world, Mann has only one answer: Gratitude and humanity. "We are blessed to be witness to such grace. Much gratitude to this beautiful country of ours. Canada has rewarded hard work, and most importantly, it has given us a moral compass that is deeply rooted in sharing. Much gratitude to the invisible divine hand that guides us always. It has brought such beautiful people into our lives. May compassion be your constant companion. May gratitude permeate your life."



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Slip & Fall Settlements: How Are They Calculated?



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Slip and falls can cause serious injuries; concussions, brain and back injuries, and fractured bones are common. Slip and fall compensation is intended to put you back to the position you were in before you were injured. The value of any settlement will depend on several important factors that we explore below:

How Are Slip and Fall Settlements Calculated?



Experienced personal injury lawyers know how settlements are calculated and what compensation you can expect for slip and fall injuries. Top factors in the calculation of slip and fall settle-

ments include:

- **Liability:** Slip and falls can be caused by hazards such as ice, snow, debris, poor lighting, uneven floors, etc. If your injury was caused entirely by the neg-

ligence or fault of another party, you are entitled to 100% of your damages. Slip and fall claim defendants often argue that the injured person should bear some responsibility, pointing to the injured person's conduct, choice of footwear, etc. If you are found partially liable for the slip and fall, the calculation of your settlement will be reduced by that percentage of fault. For example, if you are 10% at fault, you will recover 90% of the assessed damages.

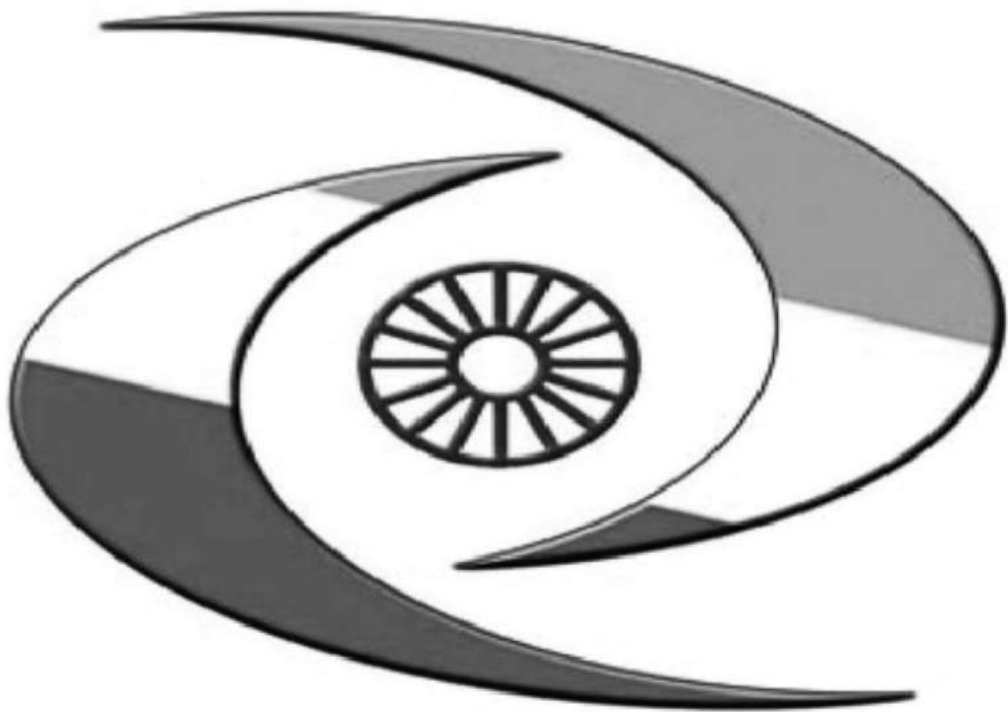
- **Type of Injuries Suffered:** The settlement you receive will depend heavily on the nature and extent of your injuries. Some slip and fall accidents cause minor injuries that resolve quickly. Other slip and falls result in serious injuries and permanent loss of ability. "Non-pecuniary damages" are meant to compensate you for pain, suffering and loss of enjoyment of your everyday life brought about by the injuries. When it comes to calculating damages, significant, long-lasting injuries generally equate to higher settlement figures.

- **Effect of Injuries on Employment:** If you missed work as a result of your slip and fall injuries, you are entitled to compensation for past loss of income. If the slip and fall has left you with lasting impairment, you may also be entitled to compensation for future loss of earning capacity. Calculation of future loss of income depends on a number of factors, such as your expected earnings had the accident not occurred, your prognosis for recovery, and whether you have lost the ability to take advantage of job opportunities as a result of your injuries.

- **Future Care Needs:** You may require medication, equipment, ongoing rehabilitative treatment, and/or assistance with housekeeping and personal care, particularly if you sustained a serious or debilitating injury. Slip and fall settlements must include calculations for all reasonable expenses you expect to incur for your future care.

Overall, the settlement you receive will depend on how well your claim is presented. The best personal injury lawyers know how to put forward a strong case, supported by evidence and case law. There are heads of damage you may be entitled to but not discussed above—it is highly recommended that you discuss your claim with an experienced personal injury lawyer to find out more.

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Free Supports For Rural Businesses Looking To Expand

VICTORIA —BC's Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation is asking business owners in rural and Indigenous communities to take advantage of free expert advice and resources as they recover from the pandemic through the Province's Export Navigator program. Export Navigator advisers help small business owners identify new market opportunities, provide referrals to provincial and federal services, funding and business connections and offer logistical, customs and financing support. "Since 2016, Export Navigator has helped more than 700 B.C. businesses export their products across Canada and internationally," said Ravi Kahlon, B.C.'s Minister of Jobs. "Since the beginning of the pandemic, advisers have expanded their areas of support to include online sales development, crisis business planning and helping owners access provincial and federal CO-



VID-19 business supports," he informed. There are nine Export Navigator advisers who offer expert advice. Their clients are businesses owned by Indigenous Peoples and by women and youth, and business owners in these regions: Vancouver Island North; Vancouver Island South; the Cariboo; Thompson-Okanagan; Kootenay Boundary; Pacific Northwest; and Northeast. The Export Navigator program is managed by the Province in partnership with Pacific Economic Development Canada and delivered through Small Business BC and Community Futures. Since 2019, the Province has provided \$3.6 million and the Pacific Economic Development Canada has provided \$2.25 million for the program. Mel Divers, owner of Moonshine Mama's Elixirs, never imagined herself as a business owner, but a cancer diagnosis led her down a path to create natural immune-boosting drinks to help her recover from chemotherapy.

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BC Inviting Public Input on Safeguarding Watersheds

VICTORIA - Climate change and extreme weather events are strengthening the call for protection and restoration of B.C.'s watersheds to ensure healthy ecosystems support communities with secure access to clean water. The Province is developing B.C.'s first Watershed Security Strategy and Fund. The first step is to explore key themes, including governance, climate change, ecosystems and sources of drinking water, as well as community and economic stability, through the release of a discussion paper for feedback. The Province is developing the strategy with Indigenous Peoples and in collaboration with other levels of government. A discussion paper has been developed that outlines key strategic themes for safeguarding B.C.'s watersheds and builds on the important work many communities are doing to protect and restore their local wa-



George Heyman, Minister of Environment

tersheds. People are now being invited to provide input about the ideas and options presented in the discussion paper. "Climate change and cumulative human impacts are threatening the health of the watersheds we depend on for clean drinking water, growing our food, habitat for aquatic species and healthy local economies," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "We need to ensure healthy watersheds for strong communities and ecological health, so we are collaborating with Indigenous Peoples and all British Columbians to build a legacy of healthy rivers, lakes, streams and aquifers for our children and grandchildren." "Watershed security is the common theme that links the top issues of our time and is about much more than just environmental problems. Watershed security includes reconciliation, health,

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BC Inviting Public Input...

and economic imperatives," said Oliver Brandes, co-director of the University of Victoria's POLIS Project on Ecological Governance. "Without watershed security, the costs of climate and flood impacts grow, droughts endure, wildfires intensify, salmon die, forests fail, soil is lost, food cannot grow, local economies falter and conflict mounts. We fully support the Province to advance watershed security and the urgent need for a watershed security fund."

In addition to feedback generated from the discussion paper, the strategy will align with several government commitments, including development of coastal and wild salmon strategies, work on drinking water, modernized land-use planning, and the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy. The

ministries of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, and Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development also have key roles in managing water resources.

The deadline for public comment on the discussion paper is March 18, 2022, at 4 p.m. (Pacific time). During this time, there will also be direct engagement with key stakeholders and partners, as well as local and federal governments. Feedback will inform a draft strategy to be released in the fall, with additional opportunity for input following its release. The Province expects to release the final strategy in 2023.

To share your thoughts about development of the strategy, visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water>

Punjab polls: Congress plans NRI-Specific Manifesto

The Punjab Congress will come up with an NRI-specific manifesto ahead of the coming Assembly elections.

PCC chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, during an interaction with NRIs on the platform of Overseas Indian Congress, said his priority was to ensure legal rights of the NRIs, as over 10,000 cases of property-related litigation was pending. He wrote in his Tweet, "Punjab Model considers NRI's as powerhouse of knowledge, people with better governance experience who have soulful connection with Punjab, an enabling force. It aims to reinstate their trust in system and to make them shareholders, investing in Health, Education & Entrepreneurship."

Adopting a holistic approach, the Congress aims to set up a tribunal to fast-track cases of usurping of NRIs' properties. Under the manifesto, legal aid centres, 24x7 helpline will be set up and encumbrance-free property transactions will be done.

Sidhu said as the government has no database, an NRI Commission would be set up for single-window redress of complaints. The issues related to financial discrimination, matrimonial disputes and exploitation.

Besides, an NRI card will enable them to connect with the



state government. This multi-purpose photo ID card would entitle every NRIs to avail all services and facilities offered by the government. NRI cardholders would be given special preference in government offices (tehsils, etc.) for redress of their issues. He said the single-window online clearance system would be provided for all approvals for NRI investments. NRIs would also open BPO's, call centres, data centres and back-end offices in Punjab. "We want to get their investment on an equal footing so that they also earn profits and give benefits to Punjab in terms of job creation and taxes."

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Free Supports For Rural...

As time progressed, the Salt Spring Island resident found herself sharing her concoctions at farmers' markets.

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to new markets," said Divers. "The most exciting part of exporting to me is still just getting the next order. I'm happy to see customers from across the country support my business."

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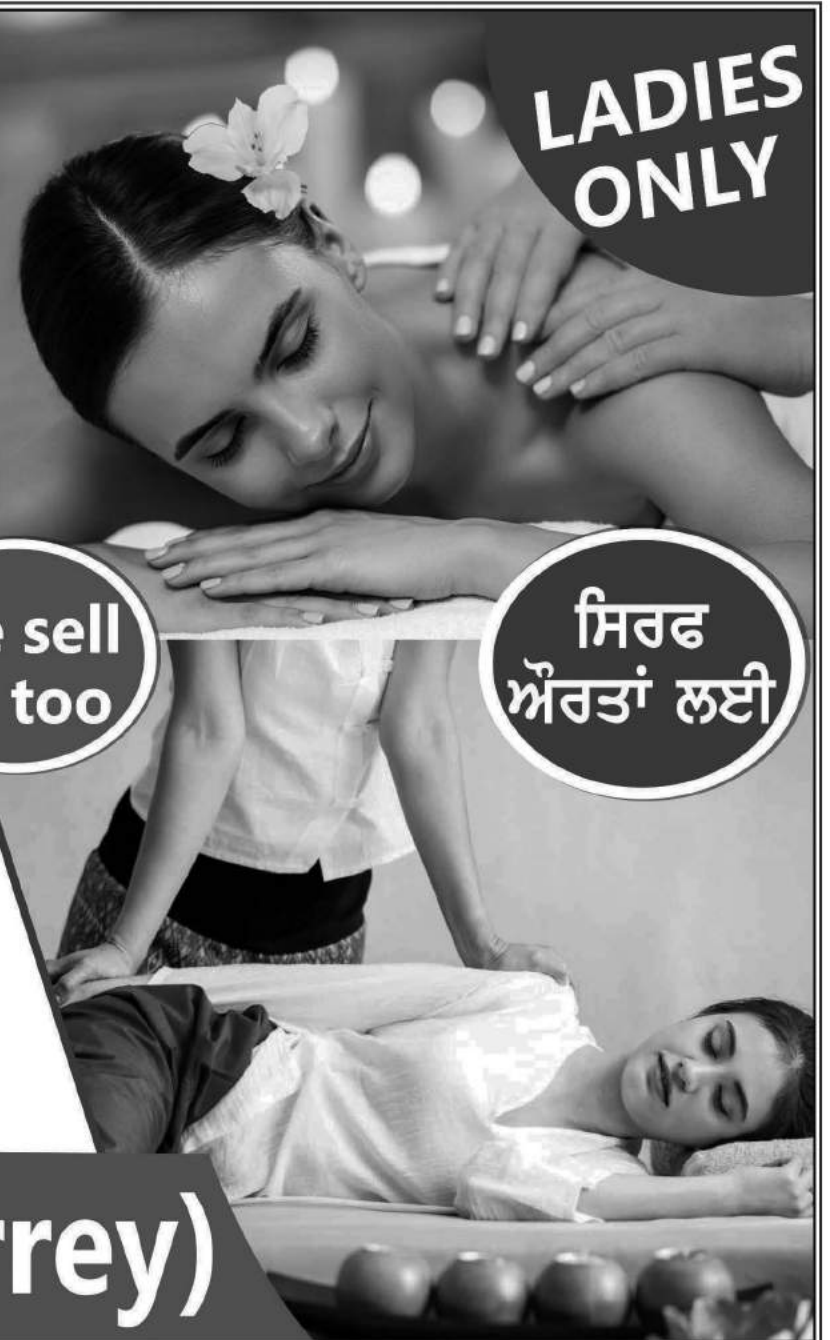
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SAD Announces 94-Year-Old Parkash Singh Badal As Lambi Candidate

The SAD announced party patron and former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal as its nominee from Lambi Assembly constituency.

The party had released its first list of 64 candidates on September 13 last. Till Tuesday, the party had declared candidates in 95 of 97 seats in a pre-poll alliance with the BSP. However, the candidates from Lambi and Amritsar East were yet to be declared.

Political experts said the SAD kept waiting for over four months this time anticipating that the Congress may do something like that of the last election, when it had surprised everyone by fielding Capt Amarinder Singh from Lambi just a few days ahead of the election.

Notably, 94-year-old Badal has mostly toured his constituency in the last few days. Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal too along with his father-in-law has held public meetings in some villages. Notably, Lambi falls in Bathinda parliamentary constituency. Further, the former CM has assigned duties to his relatives and lieutenants to go door-to-door in the villages.

Sources said SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal too would soon hold a meeting with the



party activists from Lambi at his Badal village residence here.

In 2012, it was the toughest electoral battle for Badal when he took on his younger brother Gurdas Singh Badal (PPP) and estranged cousin Maheshinder Singh Badal (Congress). Badal won by a margin of 24,739 votes. He continued cordial relations with Gurdas until the latter passed away in 2020.

Five-time CM to face first-timer candidates

The five-time CM will face

two new entrants, 52-year-old Jagpal Singh Abulkhurana of the Congress and 59-year-old Gurmeet Singh Khudian of the AAP.

Jagpal is son of late minister Gurnam Singh Abulkhurana, who had won from Lambi in 1992 when the SAD had boycotted the elections.

Gurmeet Khudian is son of late MP Jagdev Singh Khudian, who had become MP as a SAD (Amritsar) candi-

date, died under mysterious circumstances. Both Jagpal and Gurmeet have never contested the Assembly election in the past.

Once Badal files his nomination, he will become the oldest candidate in the electoral history of the state. Born on December 8, 1927, he became the youngest Chief Minister in 1970. Further, he became the oldest CM in 2012. Besides, he was the youngest sarpanch when got elected from Badal village in 1947.

Before Lambi, Badal was elected MLA four times from Gidderbaha Assembly constituency. Before the re-organisation of the state, he contested the first Assembly election from Malout on the Indian National Congress (INC) ticket in 1957 and won.

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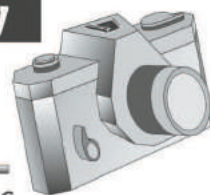
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Indian-origin rookie NYPD officer Sumit Sulan hailed a hero for quick actions in deadly Harlem shooting

A 27-year-old Indian-origin “super rookie” NYPD officer is being hailed as a hero after he shot a convicted felon who killed his colleague and seriously injured another while investigating a domestic-violence call in the Harlem neighbourhood of New York City. SumitSulan struggled to deal with the deadly ambush and “his brain is stuck on the situation”, his mother told the New York Post newspaper. According to the police, 47-year-old crazed career criminal Lawshawn McNeil ambushed the three policemen -- Sulan, Jason Rivera, 22 and Wilbert Mora, 27, who visited the Harlem address to investigate a domestic-violence call. McNeil opened fire and killed Rivera while critically injuring Mora.



Officer Sulan fired back at McNeil and wounded him during the deadly mayhem. Accused McNeil, a convicted felon, is currently hospitalised in a critical condition. Speaking to the Post, the Indian-origin NYPD officer's mother DalvirSulan, 60, said that her son is “shaken” and cannot get what happened out of his head. “I'm

proud. Everyone says he did good,” she said. “I feel bad for the other (officer). He died. We really feel bad. We're sorry. We're hurt. The other guy is critical and we're hurt,” she said from her Queens home. A law-enforcement source described Sulan as a “super rookie,” noting that he has been on the job since April and at Harlem's 32nd Precinct for only two months. The New York Daily News, citing a source, said that the call to the Harlem apartment appeared to be a routine run until things went sideways once the officers arrived. The expectation, he explained, was the situation could be resolved without an arrest after a chat with accused McNeil.

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CTA-Government of Canada...

global COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an impact on all Canadians. Within the trucking industry, the pandemic has led to unprecedented challenges. Despite these circumstances, truckers have delivered for Canadians. “Vaccines, medications, personal protective equipment, food, and supplies continue to arrive where they need to be thanks to the efforts of our dedicated commercial truck drivers. “The vast majority of all consumer products and food are shipped by trucks. Furthermore, the trucking industry remains vital to Canada and injects billions of dollars into the economy. “Since the outset of the pandemic, the Government of Canada and the Canadian Trucking Alliance have engaged regularly with one another and with other key partners to identify emerging issues and mitigate disruptions. This engagement has been critical to keeping trucks moving, while also keeping Canadians safe from COVID-19. “The Government of Canada and the Canadian Trucking Alliance both agree that vaccination, used in combination with preventative public health measures, is the most effective tool to reduce the risk of COVID-19 for Canadians, and to protect public health. “As the pandemic continues, it remains critical that essential goods reach Canadians as quickly as possible. In fact, this is a top priority for the Government of Canada and the Canadian Trucking Alliance. “To reach this goal, and to bolster Canada's economic recovery and long-term competitiveness, it's important to tackle two major challenges facing industry – supply chain constraints and labour shortages. “These issues are not easy to solve, and they must be addressed by long-term strategies that will achieve real and lasting results. “Moving forward, the Government of Canada, the Canadian Trucking Alliance and the industry at large will continue our shared dialogue on the challenges facing this sector. By working together, we are confident that we can find solutions that will help Canadians and industry alike.”

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Bank of Canada Maintains Policy Rate, Removes Exceptional Forward Guidance

The Bank of Canada announced on January 26 that it was holding its target for the overnight rate at the effective lower bound of ¼ %, with the Bank Rate at ½ % and the deposit rate at ¼ %. With overall economic slack now absorbed, the Bank has removed its exceptional forward guidance on its policy interest rate. The Bank is continuing its reinvestment phase, keeping its overall holdings of Government of

Canada bonds roughly constant. The global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is strong but uneven. The US economy is growing robustly while growth in some other regions appears more moderate, especially in China due to current weakness in its property sector. Strong global demand for goods combined with supply bottlenecks that hinder production and transportation are pushing up inflation

in most regions. As well, oil prices have rebounded to well above pre-pandemic levels following a decline at the onset of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. Financial conditions remain broadly accommodative but have tightened with growing expectations that monetary policy will normalize sooner than was anticipated, and with rising geopolitical tensions. Overall, the Bank projects global GDP



growth to moderate from 6¾ % in 2021 to about 3½ % in 2022 and 2023.

In Canada, GDP growth in the second half of 2021 now looks to have been even stronger than expected.

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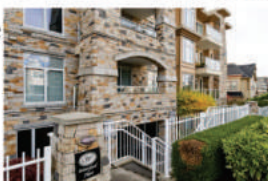
From Condos to Castles...



NEW LISTING



#405 - 15164 Prospect Ave
White Rock
\$799,000
MLS# R2640676
Penthouse in Concrete Building



Luxurious penthouse in respected CONCRETE and steel Waterford building. Boutique 25 unit 4 storey building in the Five Corners neighbourhood in the heart of White Rock. Bright and gorgeous top floor condo with oversized windows, skylight and rich gleaming hardwood floors throughout. Huge house-sized kitchen with extensive granite counters, pantry and new upscale appliances. 2 spa-like bathrooms with granite counters and heated floors. Heat pump provides economical heat and central Air Conditioning. Built in vac. Relax on the generously sized balcony with angled ocean view. Pet friendly, no age restrictions.

NEW LISTING



OPEN HOUSE SAT JAN 22 & SUN JAN 23 1-4 PM
14855 Marine Drive
Surrey
\$1,049,000
MLS# R2643130
Modern Ocean View Townhome
Live by the beach. Unobstructed ocean views from this stunning 2 bed, 3 bath end unit townhome across from White Rock beach. Spacious two level home, over 1,400 sq ft. in respected and fully rainscreened Marine Court. Bright airy south-facing end unit with large windows on three sides. Generously sized rooms with space for house sized furniture. Lots of updates including kitchen and spa-like ensuite master bathroom. Heated four season solarium with sweeping views. Two bedrooms and two full bathrooms upstairs, useful powder room on main. Underground parking and storage. Pet friendly, no size restrictions. All ages welcome. Just move in and enjoy your beach lifestyle! Showings by appt, plus open houses by appt: Sat 22 & Sun 23 1-4pm. Contact your realtor to make an appointment.



SOLD
IN 9 DAYS ABOVE ASKING PRICE
#214 - 15185 22 Ave
Surrey
\$675,000
MLS# R2637374
Corner Condo at Villa Pacific
Beautiful corner condo at sought-after Villa Pacific. Spacious 2 bedroom & den, over 1,300 sq ft. Huge wrap-around covered deck overlooking quiet courtyard and trees. Each bedroom is large with ensuite bathroom & walk in closet. Den for convenient work from home. Snuggle by the cozy gas fireplace with gas incl in strata fees. Great layout with separated bedrooms, large dining area, laundry room with extra storage. Bring your house-sized furniture. 2 parking spaces and locker. Respected Villa Pacific has proactive strata, large contingency fund, lots of building updates. All ages welcome, pet friendly, no rentals, no smoking. Move in ready

NEW PRICE



\$3,099,999
SOLD
24555 44 Ave
Langley
MLS# R2605289
Modern Masterpiece
Spectacular home rebuilt in 2009. Designed by Raymond Bonter, built by Brendan Cote. Over 4000 sq ft, 5 bedrooms, 5 baths. Soaring 20' ceilings, polished concrete floors, huge windows overlooking lush & private landscaped one acre grounds. A/C & radiant underfloor heating. Stunning great room w gas fireplace, luxury kitchen, expansive back deck w show-stopping firepit & hot tub. Lavish entertainment & bar area. Lower level w sep entrance. Super private on quiet no through road. Over 1,750 sq ft workshop w 14' door, mezzanine, 30 amp hook up & covered RV parking. Video, floorplan, photos: www.cotala.com/58742

NEW PRICE



SOLD
Ph2002 2959 Glen Drive
Coquitlam
\$1,089,000
MLS# R2610997
Corner Penthouse at The Parc
Gorgeous penthouse. Windows on 3 sides & unobstructed panoramic views from every room. Soaring 10' ceilings & floor-to-ceiling windows provide abundant natural light. 2 huge balconies open to north, east and west to enjoy from sunrise to sunset. Flexible open floor plan w spacious den for work at home. Deluxe kitchen w Bosch Stainless Steel appliances, granite counter-tops & pantry. 2 full bathrooms. 2 side-by-side underground parking spaces located close to the elevator. Storage locker & private wine locker. Walking distance to Evergreen Line, Coquitlam Centre, shopping and restaurants. <https://www.cotala.com/59139>



SOLD
308 5377 201A Street
Langley
\$499,000
MLS# R2627459
Top Floor Condo at Red Maple Place
Beautiful 2 bed 2 bath, spacious, bright and airy condo at Red Maple Place. Huge kitchen with brand new counters, updated stainless appliances and brand new fridge. Newer laminate floors throughout. Open modern floor plan with large dining area perfect for entertaining friends and family. King size principal bedroom with walk in closet and ensuite bathroom. 2nd full bathroom and spacious 2nd bedroom. Large sunny south facing balcony with view of trees. <http://cotala.com/60245>



SOLD
309 12890 17 Ave
Surrey
\$389,000
MLS# R2607831
Ocean Park Top Floor Condo
Welcome to Ocean Park Place. Top floor spacious two bedroom condo with updated kitchen, laminate flooring and fresh paint. Relax on the large balcony with view of trees. Wonderful walkable location close to centre of Ocean Park Village, steps to shopping, transit and library, walking trail to the beach. 45+ complex, no pets or rentals. cotala.com/58933



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325 - 1952 152A St.,
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SOLD
Ph2003 2959 Glen Drive
Coquitlam



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Lot 10 Foxglove Ln,
Bowen Island



SOLD
206-15288 22 Ave
South Surrey



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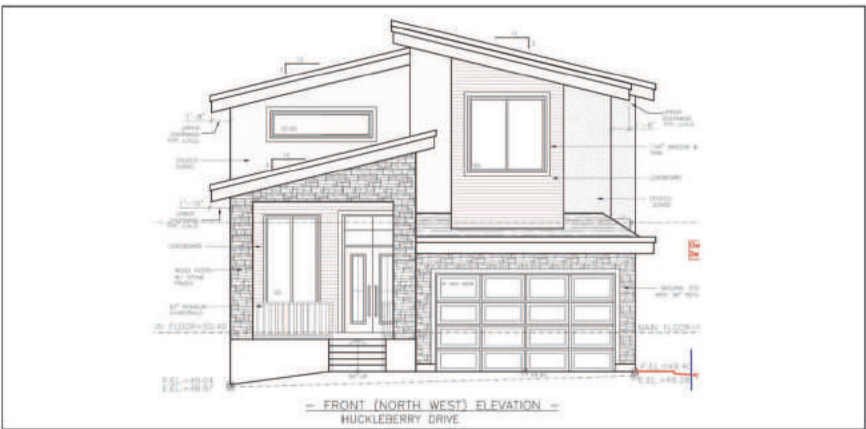
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14317 31A AVENUE



Architectural elegance at its finest; this West Vancouver-inspired property is located within the prestigious Elgin Park Estates neighborhood in South Surrey. This extravagant home portrays the unique blend of timeless sophistication and secluded park-style living. Sitting on approximately 14,000 sqft of land, this property offers 6488 sqft of luxurious living space; meticulous by design, it features four opulent bedrooms upstairs and similarly one spacious bedroom on the main floor. The kitchen is equipped with Miele appliances throughout and features a beautiful transparent wine cabinet. Furthermore, the property possesses an abundance of outdoor entertainment space in conjunction with a designated theatre room, gymnasium, games room, and bar. Call us now to book your private showing!

9858 HUCKLEBERRY DRIVE



Welcome to Fraser Height's newest sub-division. This 3684 sqft lot is ready to build, the plans should be ready to pick up from the city in a few weeks. The home will include 7 bedrooms 6 bathrooms with a media room and a bar area for your own use downstairs. The total square footage for the home will be 3922 plus a garage. Call now to get more info.



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5 BRAND NEW HOUSES MOUNTAINS VIEW
13774 112 AVE, SURREY



5 Brand New houses with SPECTACULAR North Mountains & New West Shore view from Master Bedroom. BONUS James & Surrey Traditional Elementary School across the street. 3 level 3000 sf homes sitting on 3300 sf lot with back lane access. Main floor feature open floor plan with spacious living & dining room and a HUGE kitchen. Dream home!
BDRMS: 6
BATH: 5
YEAR: 2020
LOT: 3300 Sq. ft.
HOUSE: 3000 Sq. ft.
ASKING \$1,399,000 + GST

8 BRAND NEW HOUSES MAPLE RIDGE
11008 240 ST



BDRMS: 6 BATH: 4 YEAR: 2020
LOT: 3100 Sq. ft. HOUSE: 3280 Sq. ft.
MEADOWLANE HOMES.....This premier collection of 8 Single Family Homes in the historic Albion neighbourhood is set to inspire an exceptional quality of life with smart home features and interiors that evoke a quality of timelessness with unique finishes creating a functional space. A blend of impeccably crafted homes with diverse styles of vintage and modern. There is a home for everyone, and a life without compromise. This Dream home will boast 3280 sq. ft. OPEN CONCEPT FLOOR PLAN WITH HUGE GREAT ROOM AREA. The Gourmet Kitchen features party sized island, quartz counter & Butler's Pantry. 4 bedrooms & 2 full baths on upper floor, including Luxurious MBDRM with spa like ensuite. Walkout basement with huge recroom, 2 bedrooms plus storage area, bar sink, full bath & separate entrance. Detached 2 garage with back lane access.
ASKING \$899,900 + GST

#68 6383 140 ST



JUST LISTED \$699,000
BDRMS: 4 BATH: 4 YEAR: 2013
LOT: 7141 Sq. ft. HOUSE: 1663 Sq. ft.
Panorama West Village. Spacious & well-maintained home with a sunny south facing balcony. Kitchen with SS appliances and granite counters, large dining room, living area with

5912 183A ST



JUST LISTED \$1,275,000
BDRMS: 5 BATH: 3 YEAR: 1980
LOT: 7141 Sq. ft. HOUSE: 2558 Sq. ft.
Perfect family home with mortgage. 2 yr old High Efficiency Furnace & deck. Roof is 3 yrs old. Newer s/s dishwasher and gas range.

8567 152 ST



R2530921 \$999,900
BDRMS: 3 BATH: 2 YEAR: 1962
LOT: 9656 Sq. ft. HOUSE: 1969 Sq. ft.
3 bedrooms, 2 bath house 76x127 lot. Sunny south facing balcony. Kitchen has a cozy nook. Private patio at rear of house and lots of parking, room for RV and yard is fully fenced & back lane

16787 16 AVE



UNDER CONSTRUCTION
JUST LISTED \$1,399,000
BDRMS: 6 BATH: 4 YEAR: 2020
LOT: 7200 Sq. ft. HOUSE: 1710 Sq. ft.
SOUTH SURREY. VERY CONVENIENT. 2 full bath upstairs, 2 berm suite plus rec room in basement. Double detached garage with back lane access. Ready to move end of 2020.

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16900 30A Ave., Surrey**\$3,499,000****FOR SALE**

Gorgeous acre property in a luxurious neighbourhood with Views of North Shore Mountains, situated on a quiet, no through street in the heart of a highly desirable area of South Surrey. This custom built rancher has been lovingly maintained. Updates include laminate flooring, new kitchen counters, high end appliances, paint and more. This PARKLIKE acre has towering majestic trees and backs on to 5 acres of grazing horse land affording the ultimate in privacy. Perfect location minutes to major shopping, schools, U.S. border and freeway access to Vancouver. Great holding property with excellent future development opportunity in North Grandview Heights. Subdividable property. Must See!

7732 154A St., Surrey**\$2,499,000****FOR SALE**

FLEETWOOD DREAM HOUSE! Features 8 BEDROOMS & 9 WASHROOMS! You are welcomed into this custom built beauty with soaring 12 foot ceilings. Bright and spacious living and dining rooms. Custom built kitchen along with a spice kitchen with massive pantry! Huge family room with big windows to soak in that natural light. There is also a master bedroom on the main with ensuite, laundry room and powder room. Upstairs there are 4 master bedrooms all with their private ensuites and walk in closets! In the basement there is a large media room perfect for entertaining with a 2 piece washroom. There are also 2 MORTGAGE HELPERS! Fully finished 2+1 suites with their own separate entrances. This home truly has it ALL! Perfect for the growing family. Close to golf course, guilford mall, major highways! (26591807)

13744 112 Ave., Surrey**\$2,099,000****FOR SALE**

SUB-DIVIDABLE POTENTIAL View, View, View!! 5 Bedrooms and 3 Bathrooms with a suite! An amazing panorama spans the North Shore Mountains & Fraser River and then magically transforms into a million points of light as evening fades to night and the cities of New Westminster & Coquitlam begin to glow - it never gets tired! Bolivar Heights is an important part in the spectacular growth of the trending Central City hub. Just minutes to Skytrain - gets you to Vancouver in under 40 minutes. Insightful vision at City Hall shows potential for denser 'Brownstone' style development (check with City for nearby applications). Regardless, your investment is protected with the 2 bedroom suite, million dollar view and keen interest to densify the area. A rare opportunity to own a view and an investment!

13479 68 Ave., Surrey**\$1,799,000****FOR SALE**

WEST NEWTON GEM! ATTENTION BUILDERS/INVESTORS. 6 BED and 4 BATH home in the desirable WEST NEWTON AREA! This is the PROPERTY FOR YOU! Recently RENOVATED with new flooring, new kitchen, new appliances, new countertops and much more! ** This Home has 2 Basement Suites** Detached 1 Bed Suite in the back + another 2 BED suite in the House! Two Suites of 2 bedroom and 1 bedroom (2+1) leaving 3 bedrooms for yourself above the main floor. Total 6 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms (3 Full and 1 half Bath) sitting on a MASSIVE 7702 SQ.FT Rectangular LOT (60ft by 128ft) South facing lot in a very demanding area. Walking distance to Schools, Unwin Park, KPU, Shopping and public transit. Lots of parking + street parking. Easy access to King George and 128 ST. Very central location. BUILD/RENT/HOLD. MUST SEE!

**\$2,599,000****INDIA BAZAR GROCERY BUSINESS FOR SALE WITH PROPERTY**

Listing include units #107 & #108. Great investment property on Scott Road. Good exposure to busy traffic with plenty of parking. The property consist of 3,957 square feet of retail space plus a small office. Lots of continual development around this area and opposite Delta side buildings coming in near future. Strata fee \$805 per month for both units.

13143 56 Avenue**\$3,990,000****FOR SALE**

FINALLY! THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE WAITING FOR - TIME TO OWN YOUR ESTATE IN PANORAMA RIDGE! OCEAN VIEW ACREAGE! This is a PRIME piece of land. Fully cleared with no trees! Make your DREAM home a reality in Surrey's Most PRESTIGIOUS area of PANORAMA RIDGE. Situated on 1.307 Acres with a 168 Foot Frontage this piece of land is ready for you to make your dream home ideas a reality! Perfect for someone who wants to build a MONSTER HOUSE with breathtaking OCEAN AND VALLEY VIEWS in the original Panorama Ridge. 168 Ft. Frontage and 338 Ft. Deep. MASSIVE 56,932 Square Feet Lot (1.307 Acres). Not everyday these types of properties become available in the desirable area of Panorama Ridge. Take advantage of this RARE opportunity to own your own acreage on which you can build DREAM MANSION!

5877 E Kettle Crescent**\$2,199,900****FOR SALE**

Arguably the best neighbourhood in all of Surrey! Located in what is known as the "K" subdivision in Sullivan Station! Fully RENOVATED 2 level executive home with over 3,000 sq.ft. of living space on a 12,806 sq.ft. lot. New acrylic kitchen cabinets, new flooring, new s/s appliances, new paint, new quartz countertops, new driveway, freshly painted stucco, A/C unit, new lighting fixtures, cameras and security system and much more! 3 bedrooms on the main including a master suite and ensuite bath, 2 more generous size bedrooms on the upper level. Family room walks out to the private, landscaped south west facing back yard with stone patio. Surrounded by 1/2 acre lots and tons of greenspaces all within walking distance to parks, schools, the YMCA and shops at Panorama. Must see beautiful home!

5657 132 Street**\$2,749,000****FOR SALE**

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME IN PANORAMA RIDGE! Attention builders/investors - Make your DREAM home a REALITY! EXECUTIVE, GATED PANORAMA RIDGE RANCHER with part basement in one of Surrey's Most PRESTIGIOUS areas! Situated on a spectacular 23,086 sq. ft. lot with Park-like setting, WRAP AROUND SUNDECKS & mature hedging around yard providing ULTIMATE privacy! Plans in place for a MEGA 3 STOREY HOME approx 8000 SQFT of living space! Home has 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Chef's dream kitchen with new granite countertops, heated floors, solid cabinets, gas range, Stain steel appliances & large island. HUGE living area with cedar beams & soaring vaulted ceiling for entertaining. Hot tub area & Built in Gas for bbq. EXCEPTIONAL VALUE! Rare opportunity to own this gem in original Panorama Ridge. Call now!

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Beautiful office space for sale. 985 Sq Ft with great amenities, lots of natural light and great views. Includes a built-in reception area and a closed off office.

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**CONDO FOR SALE
SURREY**

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BUSINESS**

Gas station business for sale. Please call for details.

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2817 Sqft in Surrey, Newton for sale. Great for auto etc. 16 foot ceiling.

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SOLD

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LANGLEY ACRES

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SOLD

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**PAYAL CENTRE
BEAUTY SALON**

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SOLD

Only \$75,000

OFFICE FOR SALE

In surrey with major exposure on 128 street. 1016 sqft. A prime location.

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12556 62A AVENUE



Excellent 3 bedroom home sits on 7900SF rectangular lot. Demanding Panorama Ridge area of Surrey. Vintage 60's. House has total 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, spacious living room, dining room & kitchen with new roof, 24'x12' Patio, 24'x19' detached garage. Lots of parking. Easy access to all major routes. Live, rent or build your dream home. Check with City of Surrey for future potential. Easy to show. Amust see.

\$1,295,000

15837 WILLS BROOK WAY



Welcome home! Situated in the desirable area of Grandview Heights in South Surrey, this home features mountain views, offering a peaceful retreat. The main floor has high ceilings, open concept layout, offering a bright and airy feel. The kitchen features a granite countertop, stainless steel appliances, air conditioning, pantry. Upstairs has 3 generously sized bedrooms that include a Master ensuite with mountain views, walk in closet, fenced yard, double garage and extra parking space. Excellent location on a quiet street, easily walkable to shopping, recreation, parks, schools and quick HWY access. Down the street: Sunnyside Elementary, New Grandview Heights Secondary school catchment.

\$1,570,000

7583 150A STREET



A TRUE STUNNER! This spectacularly landscaped home offers a true luxury lifestyle. Located in the coveted subdivision of this 3 bed / 2.5 bath home is located on a large 10,000 sq ft lot. Highlights include: NEWLY painted interior, hardwood floor & carpet on main, lots of NATURAL light, traditional layout with sunken living & family room, renovated kitchen with granite countertops & a nook overlooking the backyard, ONE YEAR OLD FURNACE & A/C plus Hotwater On Demand. Upstairs offers 3 bedrooms including a large master with a WI closet & ensuite fitted with a soaker tub. The beauty of this home is ac

\$1,475,000

14103 110 AVE., N. SURREY



Truly beautiful home sits on a large 10,000 sq ft lot. This 3 bedroom home features a main floor with 11 bedrooms & 10 washrooms built with quality materials. Main floor has 5 bedrooms & 4 full bathrooms. Living room, kitchen & spice kitchen. Ground level has a 27'x5' media room with bar & washroom for upstairs. Home has 3 spacious ground level bedrooms (3 bed + 1 bed & 1 bachelor suite). Total rent of the suites is \$3500/month. Very nice tenants. Easy access to Pattullo bridge, Port Mann bridge & shopping center. Motivated sellers. Easy to show.

\$1,779,000

26964 28 AVE., LANGLEY



Truly delightful fully renovated home sits on a large 10,000 sq ft lot. This 3 bedroom home features a main floor with 11 bedrooms & 10 washrooms built with quality materials. Main floor has 5 bedrooms & 4 full bathrooms. Living room, kitchen & spice kitchen. Ground level has a 27'x5' media room with bar & washroom for upstairs. Home has 3 spacious ground level bedrooms (3 bed + 1 bed & 1 bachelor suite). Total rent of the suites is \$3500/month. Very nice tenants. Easy access to Pattullo bridge, Port Mann bridge & shopping center. Motivated sellers. Easy to show.

\$920,000

5235 UPLAND DRIVE



This 4 bed / 4 bath home sits on a large 10,000 sq ft lot. This 4 bedroom home features a main floor with 11 bedrooms & 10 washrooms built with quality materials. Main floor has 5 bedrooms & 4 full bathrooms. Living room, kitchen & spice kitchen. Ground level has a 27'x5' media room with bar & washroom for upstairs. Home has 3 spacious ground level bedrooms (3 bed + 1 bed & 1 bachelor suite). Total rent of the suites is \$3500/month. Very nice tenants. Easy access to Pattullo bridge, Port Mann bridge & shopping center. Motivated sellers. Easy to show.

\$1,635,000

5843 180 STREET, CLOVERDALE



Solid family home on almost 10,000 square foot rectangular lot in Cloverdale with loads of potential. Large open lot offers plenty of space for a pool, a workshop & a barn, or use the extra space to build your dream home. Close to schools, shopping, and major roads. This is a MUST SEE! Call today to view this home. Owners since 1987. This home has been fully renovated with its own entrance. Two bedrooms, large kitchen, and a full bathroom. The area overlooks the private, sunny backyard. Transforms into a modern, functional family home.

\$912,500

14030 GROSVENOR RD., NORTH SURREY



The well-maintained family home with 4 bedrooms, suite potential down and a detached workshop. Large lot with everything you and your family need, all in one place. This is a MUST SEE! Call today to view this home. Owners since 1987. This home has been fully renovated with its own entrance. Two bedrooms, large kitchen, and a full bathroom. The area overlooks the private, sunny backyard. Transforms into a modern, functional family home.

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NEW LISTING
\$559,000
Welcome to CELESTE. The most conveniently situated property at the border of Surrey & Delta. The building was fully renovated in 2019. 2 Bed and 2 bath unit has a Very open concept layout, with a good sized balcony/patio. Some of the Unique Features include 9 ceilings, spacious living area with cozy Electric fireplace. Lots of windows provide natural light. Gourmet Kitchen with upgraded appliances. 2 Underground parking spots and 1 locker.

#2402 13303 CENTRAL AVE., SURREY



NEW LISTING
\$458,000
The "WAVE" conveniently located in downtown Surrey. Walking distance to public transportation, central city shopping mall, SFU, Kwantlen University and library. 30 mins from downtown Vancouver. Featuring a bright open concept living space with 2 bedroom, massive balcony. Enjoy the beautiful mountain view from high floor-to-ceiling windows. 1 parking + 1 locker included. Amenities including gym, roof patio and party room. Fantastic opportunity to own or invest.

9926 159 ST., SURREY



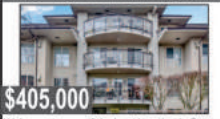
NEW LISTING
\$1,690,000
Welcome to this CUSTOM BUILT home in the most desirable of Surrey. This property sits on a 9600 sq ft lot with a LARGE BACKYARD which includes a GARDEN area and great sized storage shed. This home has 6 car driveway parking along w/ a detached garage. This is a MUST SEE! Call today to view this home. Owners since 1987. This home has been fully renovated with its own entrance. Two bedrooms, large kitchen, and a full bathroom. The area overlooks the private, sunny backyard. Transforms into a modern, functional family home.

#29-14555 68 AVE., SURREY



NEW LISTING
\$615,000
Immaculate townhouse in the most popular area of Surrey. Open concept living with laminate flooring on main floor, quartz countertop and stainless steel appliances in the kitchen. Hardwood floors and kids play area. Tandem garage with lots of storage space. Upstairs has 3 bed and 2 bath close to all amenities and bus route. Built in 2016.

#403 - 7505 138 STREET, SURREY



NEW LISTING
\$405,000
Welcome to one of the best locations in Surrey. Penthouse unit almost 900 sq ft in Midtown Villas. Very convenient location close w/ public transportation, Costco, restaurants, and shopping. This unit comes with a large balcony, freshly painted and a full kitchen. Upstairs has a master bedroom with a walk-in closet. Below is very large recreation room. 4th bed and comes with a full bathroom. Large backyard approx 360 SQ FT. Double side by side car garage, additional 1 car parking. New Paint, Professionally Cleaned Carpet. Close to all amenities, superior, restaurants and very easy access to the highway as well. This is a must see.

#35 - 12711 64 AVE., SURREY



NEW LISTING
\$619,000
Welcome to Pallette on the park on 128/64 Surrey. One of the best locations in Surrey. This 3 level Townhouse is a must see. Two car Tandem Garage with lots of space for extra storage. Lots of windows and views. Main floor features open concept living space with a cozy fireplace, dining area, and a full kitchen. Upstairs has a master bedroom with a walk-in closet. Below is very large recreation room. 4th bed and comes with a full bathroom. Large backyard approx 360 SQ FT. Double side by side car garage, additional 1 car parking. New Paint, Professionally Cleaned Carpet. Close to all amenities, superior, restaurants and very easy access to the highway as well. This is a must see.

12555-12557 96 AVE., SURREY



NEW LISTING
\$1,475,000
SIDE BY SIDE Near Conforming DUPLEX WITH BASEMENT AND BACK-LANE ACCESS AS WELL. TOTAL 4 RENTAL UNITS. Monthly Rent \$5600.00 per month. This home has 6 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms. All 4 units have a full kitchen, living room, and a full bathroom. The area overlooks the private, sunny backyard. Transforms into a modern, functional family home.

5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN



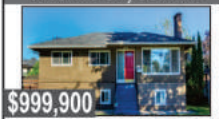
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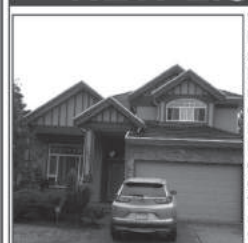
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Unconcerned about Omicron: More Than Four-In-Five Now Believe A COVID-19 Infection Would Be Mild, Manageable

For the first time, plurality want Canada to shift its vaccination efforts to focus on less wealthy countries

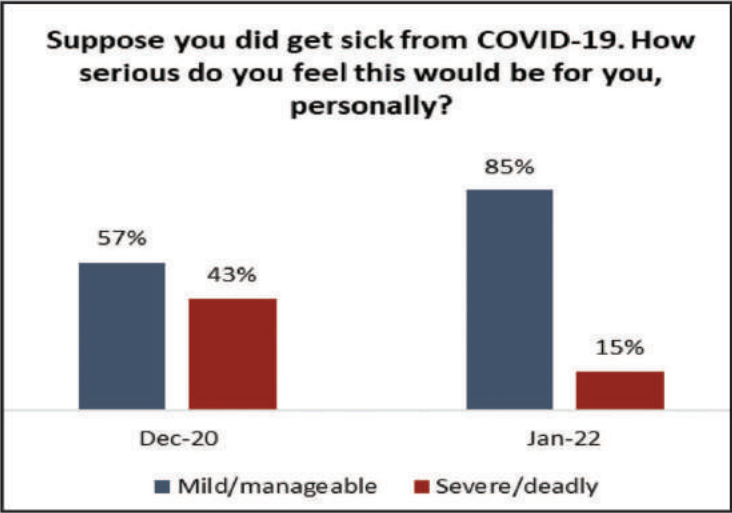
Even as public health officials call for caution from Canadians as the Omicron wave peaks, new data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds many believing a personal infection by COVID-19 would be “like a case of the flu.”

Indeed, half (49%) believe if they caught the virus, they would have serious but manageable symptoms while a further one-third (36%) think their infection would be mild.

These data stand against a backdrop of warnings from many health experts that though Omicron may be causing less severe outcomes than the previous Delta variant, it should not be referred to as “mild.”

Still, relatively few Canadians worry that if they were infected, they would have to be hospitalized (12%) or worse – an infection for them could be fatal (3%). For comparison, in both the summer and winter of 2020, nearly three times as many said that contracting COVID-19 would have these serious consequences.

As Omicron begins to ebb, there remain global concerns that more variants are possible in the future as long as there are large pockets of unvaccinated people in less wealthy countries. Almost 40 per cent of the world’s population has yet to receive one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including many in Africa, where Omicron was first identified.



Notably then, far more Canadians say they’d prefer this country shift its vaccination focus outside of its own borders. Approaching half (46%) of Canadians want Canada to focus on vaccinating

people in less wealthy countries, while two-in-five (39%) prefer the efforts stay locally. That represents a significant change in the opinions of Canadians from the summer, when seven-in-ten opposed sharing vaccines globally until vaccinations here were complete.

More Key Findings:

- Parents with children in kindergarten (44%) and Grades 1 to 4 (45%) are more likely to want the vaccination effort to be prioritized at home than respondents without any children in grade school (37%).
- A majority of past Conservative voters (54%) want Canada to continue to focus the vaccination effort within its border, the only partisan group where that’s the case.
- Almost all (94%) of the unvaccinated believe a COVID-19 infection for them would be mild or manageable. Meanwhile, one-in-five (18%) of those with a booster shot worry an infection for them would be serious or deadly, more than the number of those with two doses who believe the same.

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“As noted by Transportation Minister Rob Fleming, the completion date for Surrey Langley SkyTrain is now 2028, a full two years earlier than expected. An added bonus is the significant cost savings gained by building this project in one phase instead of two. Costs have been reduced by \$500-\$600 million by building Surrey Langley SkyTrain in one fell swoop. I would like to thank Minister Fleming for the priority he has placed on this long overdue project. I can assure him that the City of Surrey will continue its advanced work to help speed along the construction of Surrey Langley SkyTrain.”

The 16-kilometer route will bring rapid transit to the growing communities of Fleetwood, Clayton and Cloverdale. Having nearby access to rapid transit will also benefit the expanding Campbell Heights Business Park. When completed Surrey Langley SkyTrain will take commuters from King George Station to Langley in 23 minutes.

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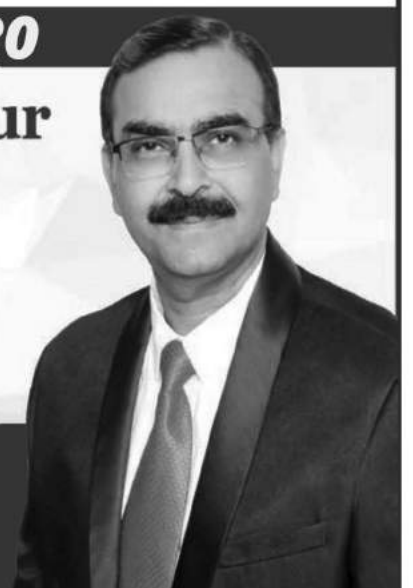
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80% of B.C. Parents Of Kids In K-12 Schools Support Standardized Testing

VANCOUVER—Eight-in-10 parents of school-aged children in British Columbia support standardized testing to understand how their child and their child’s school are performing in reading, writing and mathematics, according to a new Leger poll commissioned for the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank. “Parents in British Columbia overwhelmingly support standardized testing as a way of fairly and objectively measuring their child’s academic progress and the education their child is receiving, despite ongoing efforts by some groups to diminish or even eliminate testing,” said Paige MacPherson, associate director of education policy at the Fraser Institute and author of Strong Parental Support for Standardized Testing across Canada. The poll surveyed 1,204 parents of school-aged children (ages 5-17) enrolled in public and independent schools across



Canada. It finds that in B.C., overall support for standardized testing amongst parents was 80 per cent, with 43 per cent of parents strongly supporting standardized testing. Only 5 per cent strongly opposed it.

Nationwide, 84 per cent of parents surveyed support standardized testing, with support being highest among parents who were new to Canada, with 92 per cent of immigrant parents supporting testing. “Advocacy opposing standardized testing long pre-dates the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in provinces such as B.C.,” said MacPherson. “It is important for government policymakers and educators to understand how strongly parents value and support standardized testing for their children and their children’s schools, so that the province’s testing is prioritized and improved moving forward.”

Main Conclusions

- 95% of Canadian parents of K-12 children believe it is important to know their child’s academic performance in the core subjects by a fair and objective measure.
- 72% of Canadian parents express strong support for fair and objective student assessment.
- Support for fair and objective measurement of students’ academic proficiency was highest in British Columbia and Ontario.
- Only 1% of Canadian parents believe it is not at all important to know their child’s academic performance in the core subjects by a fair and objective measure.
- 84% of Canadian parents surveyed support standardized testing so they will understand how their children are doing in the core subjects of reading, writing, and mathematics.
- Support for standardized testing was highest in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, and Atlantic Canada.
- In every province or region of Canada, the largest share of parents of K-12 children strongly support standardized testing.
- Immigrant parents expressed the strongest levels of support for both standardized testing, and the fair and objective measurement of students’ academic success.

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When Relationships Break Down, Men Are At Risk Of Mental Illness

A new UBC study confirms that when men transition out of relationships, they are at increased risk of mental illness, including anxiety, depression and suicide.

“Most men experienced the onset or worsening of mental illness symptoms during a distressed relationship or following the breakdown of a relationship,” says the study’s lead author Dr. John Oliffe, a Canada Research Chair and UBC professor of nursing whose work focuses on men’s mental health. He noted that marital separation quadruples the risk of male suicide and suggests that distressed relationships as well as separation and divorce contribute to men’s mental health challenges.

Dr. Oliffe and the team at UBC’s Men’s Health Research Program interviewed 47 men about their experiences with the breakdown of an intimate partner relationship. When faced with conflict in their relationships, men tended to downplay issues, causing the relationship to fracture even further.

“Stereotyped masculinity plays a role in how men react to a broken relationship,” says Dr. Oliffe, who also leads UBC’s Reducing Male Suicide research excellence cluster. “For example, men’s uncertainty for how to articulate and problem-solve in the relationship context resulted in many men isolating rather than reaching out for help. Most men in the study were battling with transitions in the partnership—like bereavement, parenting or infidelity—and their primary goal was to avoid conflict.”

The study also found that men who were in distress following their breakup used substances, including alcohol, to cope with feelings such as anger, regret, sadness, shame and guilt. This is in addition to the immense uncertainty of what life could look like with less access to children, financial challenges and the loss of social connections.

Complicating these findings is the isolation and disruption caused by COVID-19 public health restrictions, which can lead to increased alcohol and substance use at home, and exacerbate conflict, leading to worsening mental health, Oliffe added.

On the positive side, the study revealed that following the breakdown of a relationship, men did engage a variety of resources to address their mental health needs.

“Help-seeking efforts among these men were wide-ranging and included individual or solitary efforts like exercise, reading and self-care while other men tapped existing networks or extended their efforts to connect with support groups, or attended therapy,” notes Gabriela Montaner, the project lead and co-author on the article.

In thinking about the implication for services, she explained that while men tend to wait until crisis happens before seeking help, they did invest con-



siderable time and effort to move on from, as well as understand their role in the break-up. “We need to re-conceptualize men’s mental health promotion as legitimately including self-help, informal resources and male peer group services in addition to professional services.”

Dr. Oliffe added: “For the longest time we have treated separation and divorce as demographic data for examining risk factor potential in men’s mental illness and suicide. The current study findings provide important contexts and direction for getting upstream to assist men to build better relationships, and that is the focus of our current work with Movember.”

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Bank of Canada Maintains Policy Rate, Removes...

The economy entered 2022 with considerable momentum, and a broad set of measures are now indicating that economic slack is absorbed. With strong employment growth, the labour market has tightened significantly. Job vacancies are elevated, hiring intentions are strong, and wage gains are picking up. Elevated housing market activity continues to put upward pressure on house prices.

The Omicron variant is weighing on activity in the first quarter. While its economic impact will depend on how quickly this wave passes, it is expected to be less severe than previous waves. Economic growth is then expected to bounce back and remain robust over the projection horizon, led by consumer spending on services, and supported by strength in exports and business investment. After GDP growth of 4½ % in 2021, the Bank expects Canada's economy to grow by 4% in 2022 and about 3½ % in 2023.

CPI inflation remains well above the target range and core measures of inflation have edged up since October. Persistent supply constraints are feeding through to a broader range of goods prices and, combined with higher food and energy prices, are expected to keep CPI inflation close to 5% in the first half of 2022. As supply shortages diminish, inflation is expected to decline reasonably

quickly to about 3% by the end of this year and then gradually ease towards the target over the projection period. Near-term inflation expectations have moved up, but longer-run expectations remain anchored on the 2% target. The Bank will use its monetary policy tools to ensure that higher near-term inflation expectations do not become embedded in ongoing inflation.

While COVID-19 continues to affect economic activity unevenly across sectors, the Governing Council judges that overall slack in the economy is absorbed, thus satisfying the condition outlined in the Bank's forward guidance on its policy interest rate. The Governing Council therefore decided to end its extraordinary commitment to hold its policy rate at the effective lower bound. Looking ahead, the Governing Council expects interest rates will need to increase, with the timing and pace of those increases guided by the Bank's commitment to achieving the 2% inflation target.

The Bank will keep its holdings of Government of Canada bonds on its balance sheet roughly constant at least until it begins to raise the policy interest rate. At that time, the Governing Council will consider exiting the reinvestment phase and reducing the size of its balance sheet by allowing roll-off of maturing Government of Canada bonds.

Sonakshi Sinha Gives Quirky Reply On Being Asked About Getting Married

Mumbai, Actress Sonakshi Sinha gave a witty answer when she was asked about tying the knot during a question and answer session on social media.

Sonakshi treated her fans with an interactive session, where she asked her fans "what did you get upto this weekend?"

A user asked her: "Mam everyone is getting married when will you get married?"

To which, Sonakshi gave a



quirky reply: "Everyone is also getting Covid? Should I get that too?"

Speaking about her upcoming work in cinema, Sonakshi was last seen in Ajay Devgn-starrer 'Bhuj: The Pride Of India'.

The film also features Sanjay Dutt and Nora Fatehi.

The actress is all set to make her web series debut with 'Fallen', where she plays a cop and will also be seen in 'Bulbul Tarang'.

'Gehraiyaan' Track 'Doobey' personifies the rush of falling in love

Mumbai: 'Doobey', a track picturised on actors Deepika Padukone and Siddhant Chaturvedi's whirlwind romance in the upcoming film 'Gehraiyaan', has been unveiled on Monday.

Written by Kausar Munir and sung by Lothika Jha, the sweet-flowing music of 'Doobey' is composed by OAFF and Savera and designed by Ankur Tewari.

Speaking of the first song, Ankur shared: "From the onset I knew that the music of 'Gehraiyaan' had to be true to its story and allow the audiences to be absorbed into the world of these characters."

"Kabeer, Savera and our lyricist Kausar, have all done a phenomenal job at bringing in the youthful essence yet keeping the intrigue intact! And Lothika's vocals add the right amount of freshness and intensity to the song."

Designed by Ankur, the alluring song is composed by Kabeer Kathpalia a.k.a OAFF and Savera, writ-



ten by Kausar Munir and sung by Lothika Jha. Adding further, OAFF says: "It was an incredible experience to work on this film and its music. The adoration that we have been receiving since the first teaser, has been extremely special and definitely humbling."

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Taapsee reveals how she was looped in for 'Loop Lapeta' on 'The Kapil Sharma Show'



Mumbai: Bollywood actors Taapsee Pannu and Tahir Raj Bhasin are gearing up for the upcoming film 'Loop Lapeta'. The actress on 'The Kapil Sharma Show' revealed how she was roped in for the movie.

She shared: "I went to say no to the film, thinking that 'I've done a similar film in the South, so I'll maybe not do a film which has a similar concept in Hindi. Then he (Director Aakash Bhatia) narrated the film to me so well that he literally looped me in, and I said 'yes' right there and then!"

In the movie, Tapsee plays the role of Savi and Tahir Raj Bhasin plays a character called Satya.

'Loop Lapeta' is the directorial debut of ad filmmaker Aakash Bhatia and is an adaptation of the German experimental thriller 'Run Lola Run', which has gained a cult status over the years.

The movie is set to stream on Netflix from February 4.

It's A Packed Slate For Bhumi Pednekar With Six Releases In 2022

Mumbai: Actress Bhumi Pednekar, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film 'Badhaai Do', will have five more releases lined up for the year.

She has 'Ladykiller', 'Bheed', 'Govinda Naam Mera', 'Raksha Bandhan' and a soon to be announced project.

Sharing her excitement, Bhumi says, "As we hopefully come out of the pandemic, I can't wait to entertain audiences with six diverse films from as many remarkably different filmmakers who have a very unique voice of their own."

Sharing her constant pursuit for evolution in terms of craft, she says, "I have worked really hard on my craft since my debut and strived to deliver performances that hopefully touch the hearts of audiences. I'm excited and nervous at the same time because I will have back to back releases."

Bhumi is hoping that all her releases manage to touch the hearts of audiences with the disruptive content that they have to offer. "As an actor I have craved for the feed-

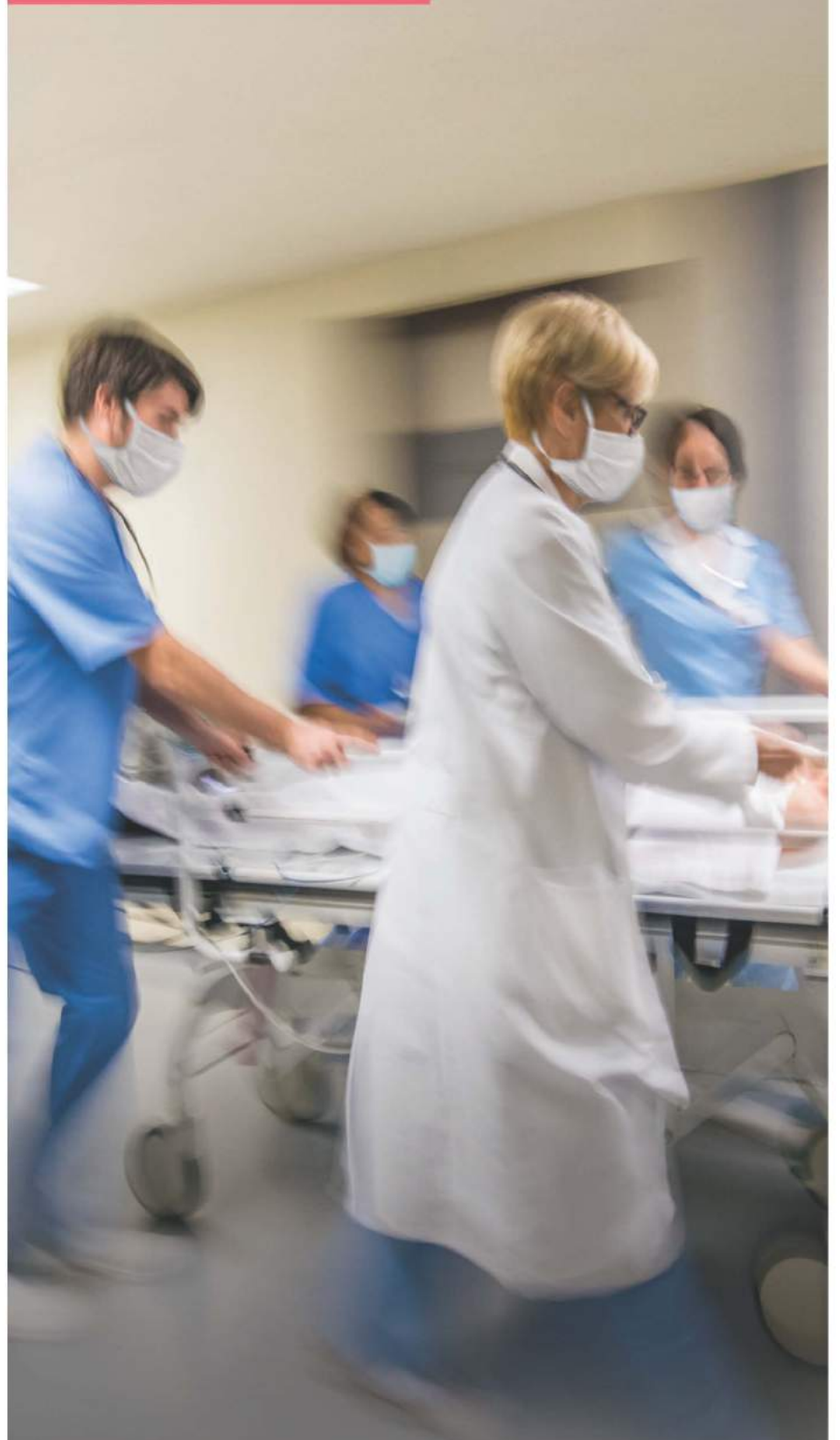
back and the reviews towards my performances and I can't wait to engage with the media and audiences through my films," she says.

She further adds, "I'm hoping they will love what these films and I have to offer on screen. For me, all these projects are really close to my heart and when they release, it will be like me sharing a piece of my heart with audiences."

Revealing how these films have extracted the best out of her, she shares, "I have always given my everything in every film that I have done and these six films have taken every bit of emotion out of me. So, I only wish the best for these films and the producers and the directors who have punted on me to bring their vision to life on screen."



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Lady Gaga Feels Like 'Annoying Kid In School' For Bragging About Salma Hayek Kiss



Los Angeles: Actress-singer Lady Gaga says she felt like “the annoying kid in school” for bragging about kissing Salma Hayek on the set of ‘House of Gucci’. Appearing on ‘Jimmy Kimmel Live’ this week, Gaga said: “(Salma’s) walking around the house and the camera was following her feet and all her cats were fol-

lowing her, and Salma - in order to get the cats to follow her - she put a bunch of catnip in her boots and the cats are following her. “Then we’re surrounded by cats and we start making out - and I made out with Salma Hayek. I’m like that really, you know, annoying kid in school that’s like bragging that they made out with the popular girl, but has no proof.” The ‘Telephone’ singer shared the scene, which was cut from the final movie, was her idea, and she got consent from Salma before making her move, reports female-first.co.uk. She added: “I said, ‘OK so I was thinking, you know, after the hit gets put out on Maurizio and you get the phone call that he’s dead, that I walk over to you and kiss you’, and she’s like, ‘WHAT?!’” Her comments come after Gaga first opened up about the scene earlier this month while appearing on a panel. She said: “There’s a whole side of this film that you did not see where Pina and I developed a sexual relationship.

“Director’s cut, who knows? But this is a testament to (Ridley Scott) as a director because he allowed us to go there. I remember being on set with Salma and going, ‘So after Maurizio dies, maybe it gets hot?’ “ Hayek - who was also on the panel - quipped: “You think she’s kidding...”

'Ozark' Final Season Debuts At No. 1

Los Angeles: Netflix’s show ‘Ozark’ Season 4, Part 1, is drawing more viewers than any other TV series in its debut week on the streamer.

The first half of the final season of the Jason Bateman-led drama landed at No. 1 on Netflix’s English-language TV Top 10 list for the week of January 17-23, with 77 million hours viewed in just its first three days.

Coming in second place was “The Boys” executive producer Rebecca Sonnen-shine’s horror series ‘Archive 81’, which racked up 71 million hours viewed in its second week after launch, an impressive rise after debuting at No. 7 on the list last week, reports variety.com.

Also making return appearances on the English-language TV Top 10 were ‘Stay Close’, ‘Cobra Kai’ Season 4, ‘The Witcher’ Season 2, ‘Manifest’ Season 1, ‘Cheer’ Season 2 and ‘Emily in Paris’ Season 2.

Newbies for the week were the third season of ‘Too Hot to Handle’, which came in third place with 41 million hours viewed, and the first season of ‘Ozark’.

On the non-English Top 10 list, the Colombian love story ‘Cafe con Aroma de Mujer’ was atop the list for the third consecutive week in a row with 96



mil-lion hours. The fourth season of “El marginal” was in a distant second with 22 million hours. In the film categories, ‘The Royal Treatment’ launched at No. 1 on the English-language Top 10 with 42 million hours watched in its first four days. ‘Brazen’, the romantic thriller based on the novel of the same name by Nora Roberts, was in silver with 28.6 million hours. The Polish flick ‘How I Fell in Love With a Gangster’ was once again at the top of the non-English language film ranks with 8.7 million hours viewed. In the No. 2 slot was “Photocopier” with 6.9 million hours viewed.

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Kapil Sharma Talks About One Thing He Loves More Than Comedy!

Mumbai, Star comedian and actor Kapil Sharma has opened up about one thing he loves more than comedy and that is his wife Ginni. He is gearing up for

his comedy special 'Kapil Sharma: I'm Not Done Yet' on Netflix and spilled the beans on how he met the love of his life and what brought the two together. The duo tied the knot in 2018 and ever since then have been giving us major couple goals. The couple welcomed their first child in 2019 and their second was born last year.

In a candid conversation, Kapil talked about their romantic tale and revealed why he initially felt it won't work out between them.

Kapil said: "Ginni Jalandhar ke girls' college mei thi and was 3-4 years younger to me. Mai apna PG Diploma commercial arts mein pursue kar raha tha and was in need of pocket money (I was doing my PG Diploma in commercial arts and I was in need of pocket money).

"I was always participating in theatre and visiting other colleges. Ginni was my student and really bright.

"She was good at histrionics and skits and so I made her my assistant. Also, she hailed from a well-to-do family. I remember she would come in an expensive car every day to college and I would ride my scooter."

Kapil revealed that it was his wife, who fell in love first.

"She fell for me first but mujhe hamesha apne class difference ke wajah se doubts the ki kuch bhi ho sakta hai (I always doubted because of our differences).

"One of my friends even told me that Ginni likes me but I didn't take it seriously. I never thought anything would be



possible between the two of us. But God has been very kind and I'm lucky that I got married to her," he added.

Kapil said that she has always been very supportive of him.

The comedian said: "I remember, when I was going through a rough patch and I decided to set things right in my life, marrying her was the first thing I did right after.

Today, I'm lucky to have been blessed with two amazing kids."

'Kapil Sharma: I'm Not Done Yet' is releasing only on Netflix on January 28.

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