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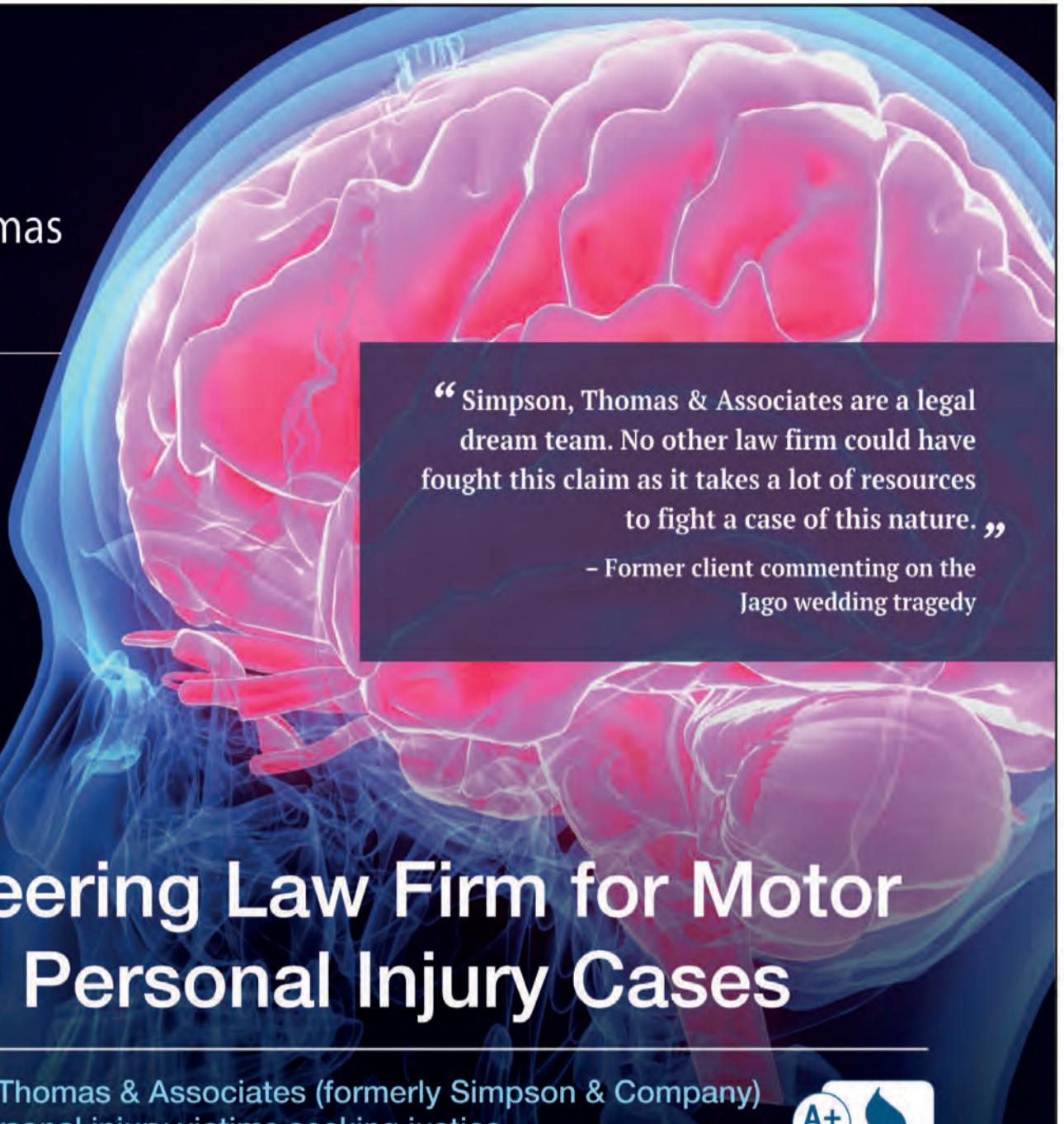
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Expanded UBC Master of Physical Therapy program coming to Surrey

SURREY – More people in Surrey and the Fraser Valley will be able to pursue careers in physical therapy, thanks to a new training space in Surrey for UBC's Master of Physical Therapy program.

"Physical therapists provide vital and life-improving services for British Columbians. We know there's an increasing need for their services across all regions of the province, including the Fraser Health region. That's why we are investing in this new location to support current and future program expansions at UBC in Surrey," said Anne Kang, B.C.'s Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training. "This capital investment will support the growth of this program, and work towards meeting the demand for physical therapists today and well into the future."

Calling it another sign of Surrey's prominence, Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum said, "I want to commend UBC and the provincial government for their foresight in bringing this program to Surrey. It will allow students from Surrey and south of the Fraser access to a world class education close to home. With today's announcement, UBC joins KPU and SFU in offering university programs in Surrey. With our growing population, there is no question that there is ample demand for more post-secondary options within Surrey. I look forward to seeing what is next for UBC in Surrey."

With provincial support, UBC has purchased the second floor of the City Centre 1 building in Surrey adjacent to Surrey Memorial Hospital. The space will be transformed to create teaching and research laboratories, seminar rooms, student learning commons, offices for faculty and multi-purpose space for as-



(L-R) UBC President Santa Ono, MLA Rachna Singh, Minister Anne Kang, 2nd year physical therapy student Aman Bassi, and Dean of Medicine Dr. Dermot Kelleher celebrate UBC's new physical therapy space coming to Surrey. (Photo credit: UBC)

essment, treatment and health promotion.

Currently, the UBC master of physical therapy program welcomes 100 new learners each academic year with students training at the UBC Vancouver campus and in Prince George, in partnership with the University of Northern British Columbia. A total of 20 new seats will be available this fall, with those students moving to the new location in Surrey when it opens in 2023.

Physical therapists are identified as high-demand jobs, with 1,860 job openings in B.C. expected between 2021 and 2031. The new space will help meet demand for physical therapists across the Fraser Valley, while enabling students to train closer to home.

"This new space is an important part of UBC's commitment to meeting the growing needs of Surrey and the Fraser region," said Santa Ono, president and vice-chancellor of UBC. "By continuing to expand UBC's presence in the Fraser, we're creating new opportunities for students to learn and train locally where they'll build deep connections with communities. We know learners are more likely to practise where they train, and this space will help encourage more physical therapists to stay and serve families in the region."

The Province is investing \$24.9 million, with UBC funding \$7.9 million for the project. Work is entering the procurement phase this month with construction anticipated to start in fall 2022. The space is

expected to open to students in fall 2023. "UBC is grateful to the Province for this strategic investment in training the next generation of physical therapists in the Fraser," said Dermot Kelleher, dean, faculty of medicine and vice-president of Health at UBC. "The new site also paves the way for future expansion of other UBC health-professional programs, such as occupational therapy and midwifery in collaboration with health partners to better serve the needs of students, patients and communities."

Aman Bassi, UBC second-year physical therapy student, said: "It is a great privilege to have UBC and the department of physical therapy come to the Fraser region as it is a huge step in training more health-care professionals for this rapidly growing region. UBC's presence will help foster an environment of learning, growth and development in this field of practice across the Fraser Valley for future physical therapy students."

In the future, other health programs, like occupational therapy and midwifery, may be able to use the new facilities, creating collaborative learning environment for students attending UBC programs in Surrey.

Adrian Dix, Minister of Health said, "Physical therapists provide a critical aspect of comprehensive health care. Every day, their services ensure British Columbians recover from accidents, injuries and chronic conditions in confidence. Expanding the physical therapy program at UBC is one example of our government's commitment to meeting our health human-resource needs by working in close collaboration with post-secondary institutions."

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Gurkirat Singh Nijjar wins KPU's 2022 Outstanding Young Alumni Award For His Fight Against Opioid Overdoses

Nijjar came to KPU in 2015 as an international student and he quickly became instrumental in developing and supporting community programs. He is founder of the non-profit youth-led organization SOUDA—Students Overcoming Substance Use Disorder and Addictions Society of Canada

SURREY: A Kwantlen Polytechnic University graduate whose volunteer work made an immediate impact in the fight

against opioid overdoses is KPU's 2022 Outstanding Young Alumni Award winner.

Gurkirat Singh Nijjar received the award June 24 during convocation ceremonies at the university's Surrey campus. Nijjar, 26, came to KPU in 2015 as an international student and he quickly became instrumental in developing and supporting community programs on his way to earning an associate of science degree in biology in 2017.

As founder of the non-profit youth-led organization SOUDA—Students Overcoming Substance Use Disorder and Addictions Society of Canada—Nijjar is responsible for bringing life-saving resources to our community.

Since September 2019, Nijjar has led his team of volunteers to set up opioid overdose response and prevention booths at community events, places of worship and parks. Team SOUDA offers education, resources, naloxone training and conversation in four languages to help break the stigma and encourage harm reduction strategies.

Nijjar has also worked to improve pedestrian road safety in the Newton neighbourhood of Surrey through a road safety campaign. In addition, Nijjar has made time to volunteer with Chimo Community Services' crisis line program, along with volunteering in the community kitchen of Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara and the food bank.

During the pandemic, Nijjar

served as a bridge between KPU International student services and the South Asian COVID Task Force to share information and resources. He is also a Fraser Health wellness ambassador and serves as a community outreach director at One Voice Canada.



The Outstanding Young Alumni Award recognizes KPU alumni under age 30 at the time of nomination who have demonstrated sustained levels of community service while making a significant or innovative impact in their chosen profession. It also acknowledges those who've maintained involvement with KPU or alumni activities since graduation.

"The KPU Alumni Association is very pleased to be awarding Gurkirat with the Outstanding Young Alumni award," says Nancy Armitage, executive director of the KPU Alumni Association. "He truly exemplifies the intent of this award by going above and beyond in service to others in our communities."

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Toronto Police has apologised for systemic racism but will it change anything for Blacks, Indigenous People and others



By Harinder Mahil

Toronto police released a report recently which confirmed what many had believed for years that Black, Indigenous and other racialized people are disproportionately affected by use of force and strip searches by police officers. Toronto's interim police chief James Ramer apologized and said the force needs to do better. Mr. Ramer said: "As an organization, we have not done enough to ensure that every person in our city receives fair and unbiased policing... As chief of

police and on behalf of the police, I am sorry and I apologize unreservedly."

The report found that Black, Indigenous and racialized people were over-represented in "enforcement actions" by police. For example, although Black people made up 10 per cent of Toronto's population, they comprised 22.6 per cent of law enforcement actions such as arrests, tickets and cautions.

Previously, the Ontario human rights commission found that Blacks were nearly 20 times more likely than whites to be shot by Toronto police officers.

The Report's findings were not a surprise to many in the Black and Indigenous communities as there have been numerous incidents of racism over the years. Every time a Black or Indigenous person al-

leged discrimination at the hands of Toronto police, it was denied by the force's senior officers.

The report's findings were drawn from records of 949 use-of-force incidents and 7,114 strip searches throughout 2020.

The Report was not prepared because of an internal review by the Toronto Police. In 2019, as part of the Ontario government's Anti-Racism Act, the government directed all police services in Ontario to begin collecting race-based data in instances of reportable use-of-force. It was required by the provincial government.

The biggest issue has been a lack of accountability on the part of Toronto police. Chief Ramer made it very clear in a memo that the Report's findings would be used to highlight systemic issues, and not

officer conduct. This despite the fact that the findings come from officers' conduct towards people of colour.

If another use-of-force report is issued next year, it may not be any different as there has been no accountability. And the police chief may have to issue another apology. Black people — and all people of colour — have had to endure racial injustices and systemic racism at the hands of Toronto police for a long time. I hope that the provincial government as well as people of Toronto will hold the police accountable and bring about a change in the police officers' attitude towards people of colour.

Harinder Mahil is a community activist and President of the West Coast Coalition Against Racism (WCCAR).



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Mayor McCallum delivers on his commitment to PICS Society to rename 175A Street to 'Guru Nanak Village Way'

SURREY – PICS Society is pleased to announce that Mayor McCallum and City Council have accepted and approved our application to rename 175A Street (off from 64 Avenue) in the name of "Guru Nanak Dev Ji" and the new name will be "Guru Nanak Village Way". The idea to rename 175A Street after the founder of the Sikh faith came to the fore in the wake of the decision by PICS

Society to name the proposed 125-bed long-term care home for seniors as Guru Nanak Diversity Village. PICS Society has upgraded and widened 175A Street (off from 64 Avenue), in order to provide access to the Guru Nanak Diversity Village residential care facility being built in Cloverdale. The name change was approved by the City Council on Monday, June 27th 2022 and the new

commemorative sign will be installed in both English and Punjabi, on the corner of 64 Avenue and 175A Street in July 2022. The date for the unveiling ceremony will be announced in due course.

"This commemorative street name is befitting for our City as it is a great example of the diverse cultures and beliefs that have made our City one of the best places to live not just in our Province but in all of Canada," said Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum.

"With more than 104,720 South-Asians living in the Municipality of Surrey, naming this street after Guru Nanak Ji not only reflects our city's multicultural mosaic, but also the rich Punjabi heritage. It is a celebration of our minorities, our diverse cultures, communities and their contributions towards making Surrey a truly inclusive society and city. On behalf of PICS Society, our Board and the larger community we represent, I want to

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express sincere thanks to Mayor Doug McCallum and the Surrey City Council for their leadership on this initiative," says Satbir Singh Cheema, President & CEO, PICS Society.

At yesterday's meeting, the City Council also issued the Development Permit for the Guru Nanak Diversity Village project, thereby ensuring that this important community project can be completed on time and our seniors can avail the much-needed services. The application for the Building Permit for the project will be submitted to the City Planners in July.

Surrey RCMP Officer Charged For Using His Position To Engage In Intimate Relationships With Women Both On, Off Duty

On June 29, 2022, the BC Prosecution Service announced that charges of breach of trust and fraud have been approved against Surrey RCMP Corporal Peter Leckie, in connection with allegations of misconduct involving three individuals between January 2014 and October 2020.

It is alleged Peter Leckie used his position as a police officer to obtain information and contact members of the public for the purpose of engaging in intimate relationships with women both on and off duty.

Surrey RCMP's Professional Standard Unit (PSU) has conducted of this investigation and believe there may be further witnesses in the community with additional information. In order to advance the ongoing investigation, police are releasing a photo of Peter Leckie and asking anyone with information to contact Surrey RCMP PSU at 604-599-7887.

These are disturbing allegations of breach of trust and fraud involving one of our police officers, says Assistant Commissioner Brian Edwards, Officer in Charge of the Surrey RCMP. Our Professional Standards Unit is committed to a thorough investigation and we urge anyone



who may have additional information to reach out to PSU investigators. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP Professional Standards Unit at 604-599-7887. Corporal Peter Leckie has worked with the Surrey RCMP since January 2010. He is currently suspended with pay and the recent developments with criminal charges laid today will engage the process to move towards suspension without pay.

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Each year, UBC's Faculty of Medicine recognizes faculty members who exemplify exceptional contributions in the areas of education, research and/or service, and who are dedicated to advancing both the Faculty's values and vision of transforming health for everyone. Dr. Faisal Khosa, a champion for diversity and inclusion in educational institutions and employment, has received

Newton Resident Rochelle Prasad Is Surrey Connect's Latest Candidate For Councillor

Brenda Locke, the currently a councillor and mayoral candidate, has introduced Rochelle Prasad as a Surrey Connect councillor candidate. Rochelle Prasad lives in Newton/Surrey Center.

Jack Hundial, Ramona Kaptyn, Sebastian Sajda and Pardeep Kooner are other candidates part of Surrey Connect team.

Rochelle is a well known member of the South Asian community. She is a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal advocate and she champions goals numbers: 4, 11, 13 and 17 throughout her project management, entrepreneurship, and community engagement work.

She is also the founder and "retired" CEO of a thriving non-Profit called SPARK Foundation. SPARK Foundation offers life education programs (workshops, camps and community programs) to youth throughout Canada.

She is the recipient of the Princess Diana



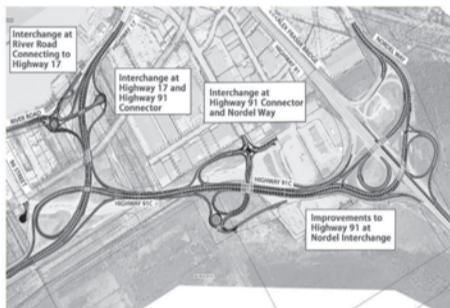
Award 2020, Canada 150 award in leadership, Surrey Board of Trade Top 25 Under 25 2018, the Governor General Sovereignty Award, and is the author of her book titled "Because We Can".

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2 New Interchanges To Open At Highway 91 And Highway 17

DELTA – The Highway 91/17 Upgrade Project is nearing a milestone with two new interchanges opening this summer. These interchanges will provide time savings and better safety for local and commercial vehicle traffic south of the Fraser. The first to open will be the interchange at Highway 91C and Nordel Way in early July. In addition to improving the movement of goods through the province, it aims to provide better connectivity through Delta with a combination of new direct-access roads and additional turning lanes; free-flow traffic in both directions along

Highway 91C and the connection to Nordel Way with the removal of one traffic signal; and improved access to and from the Nordel Weigh Scale/commercial vehicle inspection station and truck parking area. The interchange at Highway 17 and Highway 91 Connector (Sunbury) is expected to open later this summer. Various lane closures will be in effect while crews work to complete the two intersections. Traffic delays are expected, and travellers are asked to follow signs and obey posted speed limits. Updates will be available online at DriveBC.ca and on



Twitter at @DriveBC. The \$260-million Highway 91/17 and Deltaport Way Upgrade Project is designed to

improve road safety and support growing economic and trade development. Funding partners include the Government of Canada through the National Infrastructure component of the New Building Canada Fund, the Province of British Columbia and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. The \$5.2-million 27B Avenue upgrades component of this project is complete and was funded by the Tsawwassen First Nation.

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People's Premier John Horgan Not To Seek Re-Election; Community, Ministers Thank Him For Helping British Columbians Navigate Difficult Years Of Pandemic

In an emotional message Premier said: I'm cancer free, have a lot of energy, but may not be the case two years from now

VICTORIA: BC Premier Horgan informed British Columbians that he will not be leading the BC NDP into the next election in 2024. He has asked the Party to initiate a leadership race, but until a new leader is chosen, he will stay on and continue his work making life better for people. Horgan's announcement has put experts and British Columbians into thinking who can lead BC after Premier Horgan. "In the coming days, our Provincial Council will meet to ratify the rules and timing for a leadership election, as outlined by



our BC NDP Constitution. We will provide an update on that process as soon as possible," said BC NDP President Aaron Sumexheltza.

"Over the last couple of days, our cabinet has met to seek solutions to the challenges people face in British Columbia. These include the high cost of living and the stresses on primary care. Working to make life better for people is why we are here and that continues to be my focus. As we reach the mid-point of our second term, it is clear the tasks ahead of us are enormous and will require a leader focused on the next two years and beyond," said Horgan. He said that a second bout with cancer and dozens of radiation treatments has led him to take stock. "I am proud to say I'm cancer free. While I have a lot of energy, I must acknowledge this may not be the case two years from now. Therefore, I have decided not to run again in the next election."

"Once again, I want to thank the health-care professionals who helped me through this journey. They do incredible work under difficult circumstances.

"I also want to thank the many British Columbians - from every walk of life and from all political persuasions - who offered their best wishes.

"I will stay on as Premier until my successor is chosen. I will continue to do my level best to make politics work for people. This includes pushing the federal government to fund their fair share of health-care costs so we can make our public health-care system work better for everyone.

"I am looking forward to reconnecting with my neighbours as the MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca.

"Being Premier is not a job I ever expected to have, yet it's been the honour of my life.

"In the last five years, we've accomplished a lot by working together and caring for each other. The work continues."

Thanking Horgan on behalf of Surrey City Council, Surrey Mayor Dug McCallum sent him best wishes and said, "As Premier, your leadership has been instrumental in guiding the province through the COVID pandemic. It has been an honour and privilege working with you. I will always appreciate your unwavering support on major projects. You have earned a well-deserved rest from the political spotlight. The very best to you and your family."

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh said, "Premier John Horgan has always worked for everyday British Columbians, putting their needs first. I have been honoured to work with him; hear and share advice and to call him my friend. As Premier, John Horgan has shown us his compassion and strength. He has helped British Columbians navigate the difficult years of the pandemic."

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How Personal Injury Lawyers Help Brain Injury Victims



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Our lawyers have helped many accident victims who suffered a brain injury after a negligent or wrongful act get the settlement they need to rebuild their lives after injury. We understand the complex, challenging, and life-changing event of suffering a brain injury. To shine a light on Brain Injury Awareness Month in Canada, I have reserved this article for sharing important stats about brain injury and how a personal injury

lawyer can help brain injury victims.

Brain Injury in Canada

Did you know that, according to the Northern Brain Injury Association, the annual incidence of acquiring a brain injury in Canada is 30 times more common than breast cancer and 400 times more common than HIV/AIDS? Every 3 minutes, a person in Canada suffers a traumatic brain injury.

And, according to Brain Injury Canada, this year alone, 165,000 Canadians will sustain a traumatic brain injury. The most prevalent brain injury is concussions—a mild type of traumatic brain injury. Statistics suggest that there are 200,000 concussions each year in Canada, but this most likely underestimates these “invisible injuries.” Concussions tend to be underreported due to a lack of public education and awareness.

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About Brain Injury

Public education on how to prevent brain injuries and the life-changing impact of an acquired brain injury is extremely important. One of the goals of Brain Injury Awareness Month is to help Canadians understand brain injuries and their effects. Here are some of the basics:

- A traumatic brain injury (“TBI”) is one that is caused by a force outside the body, such as a blow, bump, or jolt to the head.
- An acquired TBI can be caused by a motor vehicle accident, slip and fall, assault, sports injury, or medical malpractice (complex birth, for example).
- TBI can cause physical, emotional, cognitive, and behavioural changes.
- For some brain injury



victims, the changes are temporary. Others are left with more serious, long-term damage.

For more information on brain injuries, have a look at our Brain Injury FAQs on www.simpsonthomas.com.

Personal Injury Lawyers Under-

derstand You

Personal injury lawyers have vast experience in resolving claims for brain injury victims. The most experienced brain injury lawyers have gained a lot of important insight through their work with brain-injured clients and their loved ones. They see first-hand that a brain injury is a life-changing event, and they know what kind of supports (financial, medical, in the workplace, etc.) are needed to maximize recovery.

Personal Injury Lawyers Connect You With The Right Experts

Rehabilitation is the key to recovering from a TBI. An experienced brain injury lawyer can connect you with qualified medical professionals. These experts will provide advice and guidance to keep you on the path towards recovery. In addition to connecting you with the right medical experts, your brain injury lawyer will help investigate options to cover treatment costs (for example, coverage under the wrong-doer’s policy of insurance; reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses and funds to cover the costs of future treatments in the context of your personal injury claim).

Negotiating a Fair Settlement

The settlement you receive will depend on factors such as the severity of your brain injury, the impact it has on your life, your age, your ability to attend school or work, and whether you had any pre-existing conditions or head injuries prior to the wrongful or harmful incident in question. Another significant factor is whether you suffered other injuries (such as a spinal cord injury or soft tissue injuries), as a result of another’s wrongful act or negligence.

Generally speaking, settlement for a severe or complex brain injury will be higher than settlement for a mild brain injury, particularly one that completely resolves with treatment over time. That being said, each case is unique and the impact of an acquired TBI will differ from person to person. An experienced brain injury lawyer can review your case and provide you with an opinion on the likely settlement range for your case.

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2021-2022 Report to the Community Released by Surrey Police highlights policing services being tailored to Surrey communities needs

The police officers have been hired from 20 different police agencies across Canada, with the majority cws Employee Services Section provides to staff.

SPS is also working to keep the public and officers safer through enhanced de-escalation training, and demonstrating accountability through increased access to information. "While the need for use of force tactics is a reality in policing, SPS training emphasizes various de-escalation tactics to all officers. These include

the Integrated Communication and Tactics (ICAT) training, which reinforces the sanctity of protecting all human life, as well as Gracie Survival Tactics and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu."

The Report also includes 2021 financials for both SPS and the policing transition, hiring statistics, strategic priorities and action items, and the work of the Police Board. The Policing Transition Project One-Time Fund 2020-2024 is \$63,684,000.

Surrey is currently in phase one of its policing transition, during which SPS officers are integrated into the Surrey RCMP detachment every two months. According to the report, Phase 2 of the policing transition will focus on the change of command from the RCMP to SPS. The timeline for SPS to become the police

of jurisdiction has yet to be determined, and will ultimately require approval by the Province of BC. SPS is currently working to ensure the required policies, procedures, equipment, and technology are in place for SPS to take over responsibility for policing in Surrey.

"It is hard to believe that it has been just two years since the Surrey Police Board was established, when we consider the significant milestones Surrey Police Service

and the Board have achieved," said the Surrey Police Board in their message inside the Report. "From signing a collective agreement with the Surrey Police Union to hiring our 200th police officer, we have made incredible progress while keeping public and officer safety as our foundational principal." View or download the Surrey Police Service 2021-2022 Report to the Community at www.surreypolice.ca.

2021-2022 Report to the Community			
	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Surrey Police Board	\$594,000	\$350,539	\$805,152
Salaries & Benefits	\$38,910,000	\$10,183,417	\$48,336,248
Lower Mainland Integrated Teams	\$15,806,000	\$13,580,447	\$16,603,537
Other Operational Expenditures	\$3,557,000	\$912,925	\$8,705,049
Capital Expenditures	\$2,275,000	\$0	\$4,550,000
TOTAL	\$61,142,000	\$25,027,328	\$78,999,986

POLICING TRANSITION PROJECT ONE-TIME FUND 2020-2024		
2020 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL	2022-2024 REMAINING
\$4,565,793	\$15,593,261	\$43,524,926
Total \$63,684,000		
2021 ACTUALS		

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Decent Public Sector Raises Can Be Accommodated In BC's Budget

VANCOUVER: Public sector workers are in the midst of difficult contract negotiations with the BC government to ensure wages keep up with inflation. However, according to Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, "the government hasn't been willing to come to the table with an offer that reflects the rising cost of living."

Over the past two decades, BC governments have underestimated the budgetary resources available to them, which is again evident as they negotiate with public sector workers, senior economist Alex Hemingway says.

"These are workers who have been keeping critical services and institutions running through the pandemic and they deserve a fair deal that the BC budget can well afford," Hemingway says.

Continuing to hold public sector wages down would mean eroding the standard of living for these workers, as well as undermining the recruitment of teachers, health care workers and early childhood educators, among many others. It would do little to ease key inflation drivers like the housing shortage, international oil prices and food supply shocks.

Hemingway says decent public sector raises can be accommodated in BC's budget as it projects moderate but declining deficits over the next three fiscal years. These estimated deficit levels are already economically manageable and there is reason to believe they may turn out to be substantial overestimates, he adds.

"This practice of budget lowballing has played out in all but four of the past 20 years, creating a systematic bias against public spending and distorting democratic debate about BC's budgetary priorities," Hemingway says.

According to Hemingway, "Over the past two decades, BC governments (regardless of their political stripe) have developed a habit of underestimating the budgetary resources avail-



able to them. This is an intentional effort to "under-promise and over-deliver" by achieving smaller deficits (or larger surpluses) than projected. In the past two years, deficits have been roughly \$7 billion and \$9 billion smaller than projected, respectively (and when the numbers are finalized for the most recent year, this gap will likely grow.)"

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Hemingway in his article published on Policy note wrote that the bottom line is that a fair pay increase for public sector workers could be easily covered by the \$16.2 billion in contingency and forecast allowances. "But this doesn't tell the full story of the additional economic and fiscal capacity that BC has available—capacity that could be put towards both decent pay for workers and increased investments in a range of urgent social and environmental priorities, such as tackling the housing crisis, strengthening our education system, investing in health and seniors care, expanding public transit, ending toxic drug deaths and raising income assistance rates, among others."

BC Reaches \$150 Million Settlement With Purdue Pharma Over Opioid Crisis

B.C. alleges that opioid manufacturers, distributors and their consultants engaged in deceptive marketing practices with a view to increase sales, resulting in increased rates of addiction and overdose

VICTORIA - Opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma (Canada) (Purdue Canada) has agreed to a first of its kind settlement in Canada resulting from B.C.-led efforts to recover health-care costs related to the sale and marketing of opioid-based pain medicines.

The settlement was reached in the context of a proposed class-action lawsuit brought by British Columbia on behalf of all Canadian governments.

In 2018, B.C. began a class-action lawsuit on behalf of all federal, provincial and territorial governments in Canada and enacted the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act. The aim of the class action and legislation is to recover health-care costs that resulted from wrongful conduct of opioid manufacturers, distributors and their consultants.

"B.C.'s efforts to negotiate this unique settlement, together with other Canadian governments paves the way for additional settlements to be reached in the ongoing litiga-



tion against other manufacturers and distributors of opioid products," said David Eby, Attorney General. "We know that no amount of money can bring back those who have died, but we are committed to holding corporations and others accountable for acts of alleged wrongdoing committed in the manufacturing and distribution of opioid products."

B.C. alleges that opioid manufacturers, distributors and their consultants engaged in deceptive marketing practices with a view to increase sales, resulting in increased rates of addiction and overdose. Purdue Canada is one among over 40 manufacturers and distributors named in the class action commenced in 2018 and scheduled for a certification hearing in the next year.

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Sikh Man Shot Dead 'Execution-Style' In A New York Neighbourhood

On June 25, a 31-year-old Sikh man was shot dead in New York in the South Ozone Park area. According to media reports, the deceased identified as Satnam Singh was shot 'execution-style' while sitting in a jeep near his home on Saturday afternoon. Singh was rushed to the hospital where doctors declared him dead.

The New York police informed that the incident happened near the South Ozone Park neighbourhood, next to Richmond Hill where three other Sikh men, in two separate incidents, had been

attacked in the month of April. This incident is the fourth such incident of crimes against Sikhs that took place around New York's Richmond Hill area, in the last three months. Both Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park have large numbers of people of Indian origin.

As per media reports, there was a discrepancy between the police and eyewitness accounts of Satnam Singh's killing. According to the New York police, the shooter came on foot and shot Singh as he sat in the jeep, but a neighbour said the assailant had fired from

a car. The neighbour confirmed that her home security camera had captured the incident.

According to AM New York Metro, the police had made no arrests until Sunday morning. It said that the police were unaware of the motive behind the unprovoked attack. The media quoted police sources as saying that Satnam Singh had borrowed the jeep from a friend and authorities are determining if he was the shooter's intended target or had

been accidentally killed by someone who

actually intended to target the owner of the car.

On April 13, OpIndia reported how unidentified men attacked and robbed two Sikhs in the Richmond Hill neighbourhood of Queens in New York. This incident had come a week after a 75-year-old Indian Sikh was attacked while he was on his way to Gurudwara Sahib in Queens, New York to offer his obeisance. The victim, identified as Nirmal Singh, suffered a broken nose

and bruising to his face. The New York police said that the attack that took place on 95th Avenue and Lefferts Boulevard at around 6:45 am was unprovoked since no words were exchanged prior to the assault.

Following the incident, the South Asian community in New York were outraged. Many had come forward to condemn the act and express their concern for the safety of the Indian diaspora in the area.

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BC Reaches \$150 Million...

The proposed settlement with Purdue Canada has been agreed to by all federal, provincial and territorial governments and totals \$150 million in monetary benefits, plus additional benefits including access to information and documents relevant to the lawsuit. This settlement was reached very early in the litigation process, before the allegations against Purdue Canada have been proven in court. This is the largest

settlement of a governmental health claim in Canadian history. The proposed agreement is still subject to final approval by the courts, expected in the next few months. In addition to the Purdue Canada settlement, B.C.'s application to certify its class-action lawsuit in the B.C. Supreme Court has been scheduled for fall 2023. This could open up the door to further settlements to recover health-care costs.

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Newton Resident Rochelle Prasad...

Rochelle Prasad has three degrees from Simon Fraser University, political science, plus a double minor in social justice and education.

In her role as a councillor Rochelle will continue to be passionate about building sustainable communities. "I am very passionate about United Nations Sustainable Development Goals particularly goal 4 which is quality education and goal 17

which is partnerships in the goals. My hope is to implement internationally recognized programs into the city of Surrey programs. Not only will this enhance the way we build a sustainable community but will also map out a rubric for future generations to live. I am going to keep on being a champion for marginalized voices specifically youth populations by supporting different avenues for them to be heard," she said.

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Udaipur Tailor Slayed In Broad Daylight For Supporting Nupur Sharma, Alleged Killers Record Murder On Camera

Kanhaiya Lal had expressed support on social media for the former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, whose provocative comments on Prophet Mohammed had set off a huge controversy.

The murder of a tailor Kanhaiya Lal, filmed by his killers, has sparked massive tension in Udaipur. Large gatherings have been banned and internet suspended across Rajasthan for 24 hours. The attackers seen on camera, Gos Mohammad and Riyaz, have been arrested.

Kanhaiya Lal had expressed support on social media for the former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, whose provocative comments on Prophet Mohammed had set off a huge controversy at home and abroad. Sources said the tailor had been threatened several times by some groups even after his arrest over the social media post.

On June 26, two men entered Kanhaiya Lal's shop at a crowded market in Uda-

pur and slit his throat with a cleaver. They tried to behead him but couldn't, said the police.

A video filmed by them showed Kanhaiya Lal measuring one of the men before he was attacked. The killers gloated on camera about the murder and also threatened Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sources in the Union Home Ministry said a National Investigation Agency (NIA) team was being sent to Udaipur to get the facts of the case. The NIA was likely to take over the probe, treating it as a terror act, according to the sources.

Tension prevailed in Udaipur, where the markets were closed and mobile internet services were suspended to check the spread of rumours. Curfew was imposed in seven police station areas of the city late in the evening as a preventive measure.

According to NDTV, Kanhaiya Lal was arrested on June 11 over a post on social me-

dia supporting BJP leader Nupur Sharma, whose provocative comments on Prophet Muhammad caused outrage among Gulf nations and protests in the country earlier this month.

He was released on bail a day later. On June 15, he went to the police complaining about death threats.

In the complaint, he claimed that the social media post was "sent by mistake" by his son, who was playing a game on his mobile phone.

"Five-six days ago, my son, while playing a game on the mobile phone, suddenly put up an objectionable post by mistake, which I didn't know of," Kanhaiya Lal wrote in his complaint on June 15.

"But two days later, two men came and tried to take my mobile phone," he said. The 48-year-old said for three days, two men had been lurking near his shop and had stopped him from opening it.



Screenshot of Kanhaiya Lal while taking measurements of the alleged killers who recorded the attack and posted it on social media

The Indian Express reported, "Preliminary investigation into the gruesome killing of a tailor in Udaipur revealed that one of the two prime accused had links with the Pakistan-based Dawat-e-Islami organisation and had visited Karachi in 2014, the Rajasthan Police chief said.

The police has detained three more people in connection with the killing so far, Director General of Police (DGP) M L Lather said at a press conference."

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BCIT Health Sciences Centre set to open in September

BURNABY - Students studying nursing, MRI diagnostics and other health-care roles will soon be learning in a new, innovative space, with the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Health Sciences Centre set to open in September.

The new space will support students in 32 health-care programs, and will feature classrooms that enhance learning by simulating real health-care settings.

The centre will enhance the learning and study experience for BCIT's more than 6,000 part- and full-time health science students, including those pursuing careers in diagnos-

tic medical imaging and medical laboratory science. It features simulations that replicate hospital, clinical and laboratory workflows, and includes living laboratories, simulation labs and multipurpose rooms.

The Province has invested \$66.6 million into the \$88.2-million project.

The four-storey, 10,355 square-metre (111,460 square feet), low carbon emission building, including parkade, is targeting WELL Gold certification, aligned with the Province's CleanBC objectives of reducing commercial carbon footprints. The WELL certification dictates that owners and occu-

pants can feel confident that their spaces are purpose-built to enhance human health and well-being.

In Budget 2021, the Province committed to invest \$96 million over three years to support expanded post-secondary education and training capacity for the health workforce. The new space in BCIT supports the Province's work to provide educational opportunities for students to enter the health system, including training and hiring health-care workers by expanding seats provincewide for allied health, nursing and health-care assistant training.



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WEST NEWTON BEAUTY w/ CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY! 7 bedrooms 4 FULL washrooms WITH 2 SUITES Renovations include new pot lights, new flooring, new paint, new kitchen cabinets, new countertops, washrooms also updated. Perfect home for the growing family. Sitting on a MASSIVE 7081 SQFT Lot in a great neighbourhood of the desirable West Newton. Main floor has open layout with loads of windows to allow for the natural sunlight. 3 Bedrooms and 2 Full washrooms. Below you have 2 separate suites- great rental potential in a central location. Load of parking with double garage and large driveway. This home has tile roof, baseboard heating, A/C unit. MUST SEE!

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CUSTOM BUILT 3 level home on a quiet street features 10 bedrooms & 7 baths in total. 2 fully finished basement suites of 2 bedrooms each. Main floor features high ceiling in entry, inviting living and dining room with impressive gas F/P, spacious family room, Master bdm with walk in closet, den and 2pc. Upstairs has 5 bedrooms, 3 full bath. This beauty has impressive finishing throughout with extraordinary features like pot lights, jacuzzi in the master bedroom, Alarm, tile roof, fenced private backyard for summer enjoyment, double car garage with extra parking in front of the house. Quiet and safe family oriented neighbourhood, close to school, shopping and bus route.

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Luxury semi-custom built home in Langley Brookwood. 8 Bed 7 Bath home built by reputable local builder: Landmark West. Project is located in centre of the new subdivision under Brookwood Fernridge OCP, with fully finished large 2 bedroom basement, fenced backyard, and fully landscaped front. Over 5100 sqft of living space! Main floor features beautiful high ceilings and custom designs. Open to below Family room, loads of windows to soak in that natural light. Living/dining + a den which can be used as a bedroom. Beautiful kitchen with a large island+bonus spice kitchen with a walk in pantry. Upstairs features 4 bedrooms all with their own private 4 washrooms. In the basement you have a large media room + bar for + a full washroom, perfect for entertaining and partying! Unique living style surrounded by Parks and Trails is perfect for families. Must see!

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VICTORIA - People from diverse backgrounds with a passion to help build a better, more equitable province are encouraged to apply to be part of B.C.'s first anti-racism data committee. The anti-racism data committee is part of B.C.'s recently enacted Anti-Racism Data Act, which charts a new path forward in partnership with Indigenous and Black people and other people of colour to use and share data safely and to make government programs and services work bet-

ter for more people. This is the first anti-racism act in Canada to be co-developed with Indigenous Peoples.

Applications will be accepted until July 18, 2022, for as many as 11 positions, including a committee chair, that will have an initial term for as many as three years. Indigenous, Black and other racialized people are encouraged to apply. Committee members will help develop data standards, provide guidance about how data can be used safely, and identify government research priorities.

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The committee will bring together people from every region of the province to collaborate with the B.C. government to implement the act and ensure the voices of racialized people are central throughout the process.

For more information about the committee and to apply, visit: <https://www.bcpublicsectorboardapplications.gov.bc.ca/s/noticeofpositionDetail?nop=J-0191>

Share Your Immigrant Story and Journey to Canada

Sher Vancouver is seeking immigrant families from India to tell their stories. They made the following announcement.

ABOUT THE FILM

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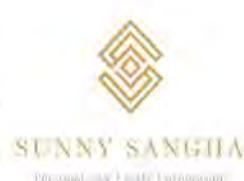
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Yoga Teaches Us How To Lead A Balanced Life



By Zile Singh

Yoga is an art of living. A yogic life is an ideal life. Yogis have excelled in the art of life. It is for all, high and low, rich and poor. For you and for me. "When you are inspired by some great purpose, some extraordinary project, all your thoughts break their bonds: Your mind transcends limitations, your consciousness expands in every direction, and you find yourself in a new, great and wonderful world. Dormant forces, faculties and talents become alive, and you discover yourself to be a greater person by far than you ever dreamed yourself to be." — Patanjali, the Author of the

Yoga Sutras.

The term 'Yoga' is derived from the Sanskrit root 'Yuj', meaning "to join" or "to yoke" or "to unite". Thus, it is joining or establishing a harmony between your body, mind and soul, yoking your inner emotional-self and ultimately uniting with the universal consciousness. One who experiences the oneness with universal existence is said to be "in Yoga" and is termed as a Yogi who has attained a state of freedom, nirvana or moksha. Yoga does not advocate escaping worldly life for the life of a parasite or recluse but living a wholesome life by doing required duties and benefiting himself and the society at large by the fruits of one's duties. Yoga is a way of life, without undue craving or aversion to his day-to-day chores. A Yogi is one who dwells in the present moment with his mindfulness and consciousness. In sum, a yogic life is an ideal life of "Now".

On December 11, 2014, the 193-member United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) approved a Resolution by consensus with a record 177 co-sponsoring countries to adopt June 21st as "International Day of Yoga". India, the land of yoga, was the main sponsor of the Resolution. The UNGA recognised that Yoga is a useful approach to health and well-being for all, including many with lifestyle related disorders. The main fundamentals of Yoga are Karma Yoga (Asanas) where we use the body; Jnana Yoga, where we exercise the mind; Bhakti Yoga, where we deal with emotions and Kriya Yoga, where we utilise the subtle energy of the body to reach a heightened sense of being.

In Karma Yoga there are different Sadhnas like Yam, Niyam, Asana, Pranayam, Pratyahara, Dharna, Dhyan, Samadhi, Bandhas, Mudras, Satkarmas, Yukta, Mantra-Jap, Yukta-Karma etc.



More broadly, all countries around the globe would benefit from the acceptance and practice of yoga. India, the land of yoga and the yogis is no exception to this. When there is a breakdown in values and ideals, when there is a creeping paralysis of fear and suspicion everywhere, when people no longer feel secure, there is an urgent need for Yoga. Yoga, in its right perspective, can strengthen democratic ideals and advance the cause of world unity and peace. In fact, Yoga is not a symbolic return to the methods and ways of life of the Ancient Ages.

On the contrary, it is seeking to explore the innermost urge of human beings — a desire for knowledge and to live in a secular and inclusive atmosphere cobbled with a scientific temper. Yoga is the positive method to wipe out negative human emotions like, hate, anger, jealousy, lust, ego, attachment and delusion. It promotes love, mutual understanding, compassion, selflessness, non-attachment and a clear perception of oneness with the whole universe. In addition to its physical benefits, Yoga enhances mental awareness, mindfulness and universal consciousness. It talks about the development of a free spirit in place of orthodox and unfounded rigid ideologies. It impresses upon the multi-faceted development of society at large. Not only that, but it does not talk about a society populated by a different kind of human being who had lived under a mythical and compartmentalised social system. Yoga has that reservoir of power that gives us in modern times the strength to mould the very face of humanity at large; casting aside the racial, religious, caste and political considerations.

In a true yogic perspective, Socrates said, "I am a citizen, not of Athens or Greece, but of the world." Even the Preamble of the United Nations Charter mentions, inter-alia "... To establish conditions under which justice and respect for law and the pledged word can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, and for these ends To practice tolerance and live together in peace as good neighbours and To unite our strength to maintain international peace and security ..." The UN Preamble thus reflects the basic ideas of yoga to mitigate human chaos.

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Surrey RCMP Seizes 1,520 Potentially Fatal Doses Of Fentanyl From Stolen Vehicle

An investigation by the Surrey RCMP Community Response Unit into a stolen vehicle has lead to the seizure of drugs, cash and a handgun.

On June 15, 2022, the Surrey RCMP Community Response Unit located a stolen vehicle that was occupied by three individuals in the 8400 block of 144 Street. With the assistance of Air 1, the vehicle was safely observed until the driver and passengers exited the vehicle in the 15300-block of 24 Avenue. All occupants were taken into police custody without incident.

In the course of the investigation, the officers located and seized:

- A handgun with two loaded magazines;
- 177.48 grams of suspected Crystal Meth-

amphetamine;

- 152 grams of suspected Fentanyl;
- 122 grams of suspected Cocaine; and
- \$705.00 cash



The passengers of the vehicle were identified and released pending further investigation. The 25-year old female driver remains in custody on a number of firearms related charges and the investigation remains ongoing.

To put this seizure into perspective, the average Surrey Secondary School has 1,143 to 1,739 enrolled students, says Media Relations Officer Constable Gurvinder Ghag. This one seizure has taken approximately 1,520 potentially fatal doses of Fentanyl off the streets, enough to supply a full school.

Anti-Racism Roundtable Amplifies Voices For Action Plan

VICTORIA - More than 40 community organizations, rightsholders and Indigenous partners, education partners and students participated in the third Minister's Community Roundtable on Anti-Racism in Education.

The partners met to discuss and address racism in the education system and to provide final feedback to inform the provincial K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan.

"By working together, we are making progress to dismantle both subtle and obvious forms of racism," said Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education and Child Care. "Through the Community Roundtable on Anti-Racism, everyone has an opportunity to participate and learn from stories, personal reflections and ideas."

We cannot change the past, but by acknowledging, learning from, and teaching about historic and current injustices and inequities, we can make changes together to create a future that is anti-racist. We are thankful for every participant whose voice shaped and informed our multi-year anti-racism strategy to create a culture of belonging for all students, staff, parents and families."

The roundtable included breakout sessions and group sharing for participants to provide their feedback. The agenda included a student-led presentation about the discussions and recommendations made through the Minister's



Youth Dialogue Series held earlier this year between students from throughout the province and Whiteside.

"Our institutions, including schools, are rooted in colonial biases that are still hurting Indigenous, Black and people of colour today," said Rachna Singh, B.C.'s Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives. "Through the Community Roundtable on Racism, we can break down the barriers that have held back people for generations and build a better, anti-racist province for our children and future generations to come."

In the past two years, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has held ongoing

engagements and announced initiatives to address racism. This includes hosting the Community Roundtables on Anti-Racism, supporting the Team Up Against Racism partnership with the BC Lions, and developing a guide for educators to support teaching about anti-racism and diverse cultural histories, as well as hosting the Youth Dialogue Series.

In 2020 and 2021, British Columbians navigated significant events of intolerance, inequality and racism. All were highlighted by various displays and increased acts of discrimination and hatred in Canada and throughout the world. The COVID-19 pan-

demic deepened vulnerabilities and inequalities faced by racialized communities in B.C. and throughout Canada. By teaching youth about the impacts of discrimination in B.C. and supporting them to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for responding to racism, government and its partners are creating a generation of future leaders to champion inclusivity and acceptance of people from all ethnicities, as everyone works together to prevent and stop racism.

Darren Danyluk, president, B.C. Principals' and Vice Principals' Association said, "The work of anti-racism moves beyond teaching and

promoting tolerance for diversity. Key to this work is the action taken to identify and oppose racist policies where they exist. Further action to enact anti-racist policies is critical to achieving equity, not just in our schools, but in society at large. Through true collaboration and focused effort between B.C.'s education partners, an effective plan will be created and taken forward through action. B.C.'s principals and vice-principals are dedicated to engaging alongside our partners in the work of building welcoming and inclusive schools for our students, our staff and our communities."

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Prabjot Wirring, prospective lawyer challenges Alberta government for requiring him...

Wirring said his entire life has been shaped by his religion and inspired his commitment to social justice. He said he reached out to executives of the Law Society of Alberta, a self-governing body that sets standards for lawyers, before pursuing legal action. Although they were sympathetic to his situation, he said they were unable to provide an accommodation because the oath falls under provincial legislation.

Wirring in the interview to Evan Solomon said that he was not asking for something extraordinary as many provinces in Canada have already gotten rid of this requirement. It's an oath of allegiance to the Queen that most provinces, particularly the large and diverse ones, have done away with or is no longer mandatory. Other provinces and territories in Canada, such as British Columbia and the

Yukon, allow people with religious or conscientious objections to provide a different oath to practise law. Avnish Nanda, an Edmonton-based lawyer representing the plaintiff, said this lawsuit highlights the need to do more. He shared on his Twitter, "Any of the oaths that licensees are required to provide in B.C., Ontario, or Nova Scotia, where the oath of allegiance is optional or not required, and replaced by one where an individual swears to act in a diligent and faithful manner, uphold the cause of justice/public interest."

Wirring is not the first person to challenge law on this issue. Nanda on his Twitter shared that Patricia Monture-Angus, from Six Nations was called to the Bar where the Law Society asked her to swear an oath to the Queen. She refused arguing she was a mem-

ber of sovereign nation. She filed an action against the Ontario Attorney General because she objected to swearing allegiance to Queen in the call to the bar ceremony; for Monture, it was not appropriate to swear allegiance to a 'foreign' monarch, and she wished to carry an eagle feather at the ceremony, symbolizing a commitment to tell the truth in her own culture. In 1992, the Law Society voted to make the oath optional.

Another First Nations woman from came in support of Wirring and wrote, "I hope he wins! As a First Nations woman who will be forced to swear an oath to the Queen next year in my call to the Bar it weighs heavily on my heart on how wrong it feels considering what has been done to my ancestors and my family because of that institution and colonization."

Kamal Haasan, Vikram Prabhu Congratulate Suriya For Academy Honour

Chennai: Actors Kamal Haasan and Vikram Prabhu were among scores of people from the Tamil film industry who congratulated actor Suriya for having been invited by the prestigious Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which presents the Oscar Awards each year, to join it in 2022. Taking to Twitter, actor Kamal Haasan, considered to be one of the iconic actors of the film industry, wrote: "Glad my brother Suriya treads the ground

er 'Vikram'. Kamal Haasan wasn't the only one to congratulate Suriya. Actor Vikram Prabhu, the



grandson of the legendary Sivaji Ganesan, too took to Twitter to congratulate Suriya. Quoting Suriya's acceptance tweet to the Academy, he wrote, "This is wonderful news anna! Congratulations! Wishing our industry's deserving work gets more recognition in the coming years! This is for Tamil Nadu. This is for India!"

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Everyday I Will Pray For Your Heart's Joy, Actress Dd Tells Shah Rukh Khan

Chennai: Actress and anchor Dhivya Darshini, who is better known as DD, is over the moon at having been able to give a hug to one of her favourite stars Shah Rukh Khan

Taking to social media, the actress and popular Tamil anchor posted pictures of her hugging Shah Rukh and wrote, "I hugged him tight and I told him everything I wanted to tell. "So many years, so many memories, so much of joy you have given us sir, for all that you deserve only the best of best life sir. Everyday I will pray for your heart's joy sir! Shah Rukh Khan



you don't deserve any less." The actress shared the pics on the occasion of the King Khan cel-

ebrating 30 years in the film industry.

She also thanked director Atlee for enabling her to meet one of her favourite stars.

Atlee is next working with Shah Rukh Khan on a film titled 'Jawan'.

She wrote, "What a better day to post this picture as our King Khan celebrates 30 years in this industry. Shah Rukh Khan sir, no on like you ever before and ever after! Thank you so much director Atlee darling. For this kindness, I wish you a mega blockbuster hit 'Jawan' 1000 crores vasool!"

Big B Poses With Big Names of South Indian Cinema, Pic Goes Viral

Mumbai: A picture of superstars Amitabh Bachchan, Prabhas, Nani and Dulquer Salmaan with filmmakers Raghavendra Rao, Prashanth Neel and Nag Ashwin is currently going viral on the Internet. The picture is reported to be from the inaugural ceremony of the production house Vyjayanthi Movies' new office in Hyderabad. Vyjayanthi Movies, which recently clocked 50 years in the business, is currently bankrolling 'Project K'



starring Prabhas, Big B and Deepika Padukone. Earlier, Prabhas had requested the makers of 'Project K' to push the shooting dates of the

film following Deepika's health scare. The film, which is reportedly mounted on a budget of Rs 500 crore, is being simultaneously shot in Hindi and Telugu and is Deepika's debut vehicle in Telugu cinema. The film is a science fiction and is directed by Nag Ashwin.

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Sanya Malhotra Opens Up On Working With Rajkummar Rao In 'HIT: The First Case'



Mumbai: Bollywood actress Sanya Malhotra will be seen opposite Rajkummar Rao in 'HIT: The First Case'.

Sharing her experience of working with her co-star and collaborating with director Sailesh Kolanu, Sanya said: "I was really excited when I

got to know that I would be part of HIT. I joined the sets when Raj and other actors had already shot a big chunk of the film. But it just did not feel like I am entering a set mid-way. Raj on the sets and Raj in front of the camera are two different personalities."

"Of course, it depends on the mood of the character and the mood of the scene that he is in. In that way, he is very passionate and very professional. Our energies matched on the sets from day one. It was a great experience working with Raj, the director and the entire team. I am really looking forward to seeing the audience take on this

thrilling journey of our film," she added.

Directed by Sailesh Kolanu, 'HIT: The First Case' is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Dil Raju, Krishan Kumar and Kuldeep Rathore. The film hits the screens on July 15.

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Yoga Teaches Us How To Lead...

For a yogi, the world is his abode.

In one of his messages on the occasion of International Yoga Day, the Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi observed, "... Yoga goes beyond being a set of physical exercises. In fact, physical fitness is a by-product of Yoga. Yoga teaches us how to lead a balanced life. It is the key to a balanced mind, healthy body, noble thoughts and connects us to our inner self. In a time when destructive forces are desperately trying to make their presence felt and divide the world, it is Yoga that can bring the world together ..."

Finally, "Yoga is a simple science. It is neither theistic nor atheistic. Patanjali really is superb, a miracle of a man. He never denies, he never assumes". – Osho

Alia Gives A Thumbs Up To 'Jugjugg Jeeyo', Calls Mother-In-Law Neetu 'Mind Blowing'

Mumbai: Actress Alia Bhatt has praised Neetu Kapoor's latest film 'JugJugg Jeeyo' and has called her mother-in-law's performance "mind-blowing".

Alia took to her Instagram story and shared the poster of 'JugJugg Jeeyo' and praised her mother-in-law's performance. In the caption with heart emojis, she wrote: "Full on entertainer!! Laughed, cried, clapped and cheered. @neetu54 you are just mindblowing. @anil Kapoor you had us laughing all the time. @varundvn you're a star. @kiaraalialadvani you've made me cryyy. @raj_a_mehta always hitting it out of the park!"

'JugJugg Jeeyo' revolves around marital issues, divorce, and complications in relationships.

It marks Neetu's return to acting after nine years. She was last seen in the 2013 release 'Besharam' alongside her son Ranbir Kapoor and late husband Rishi Kapoor.

On the work front, Alia will next be seen in 'Brahmastra' opposite her husband Ranbir.

Gal Gadot, Priyanka Chopra Jonas Congratulate Alia On Her Pregnancy

Mumbai: Hollywood star Gal Gadot, who will be seen sharing the screen with Alia Bhatt in the latter's Hollywood debut 'Heart of Stone', and Priyanka Chopra Jonas, who will co-star with Alia in the Farhan Akhtar directorial 'Jee Le Zaraa', have congratulated the 'Dear Zindagi' actress on the announcement of her pregnancy. Alia had shared the happy news with her friends and fans, writing

in the caption, "Our baby ... coming soon." Gal Gadot had commented on the post with three heart emojis. Gal had also congratulated Bhatt on her wedding to Ranbir in April of this year.

Priyanka too reacted to the news, saying, "Congratulations honey!! Yaaaaay! Can't

wait", in the comments section of Alia's post. In addition, Neha too commented, "Congratulations welcome to the best hood!

Alia's mentor and Dharma Productions head



honcho Karan Johar too had taken to the story section of his Instagram as he uploaded a picture from Ranbir and Alia's wedding day. Congratulating the couple, he wrote on the picture, "So much love for them! My baby is going to be a mother! I can't express my feelings... so so so excited! Love you Both (sic)."

Kabir Bedi Conferred Lifetime Achievement Award At 5th Filming Italy Sardegna Festival



Mumbai, Veteran actor Kabir Bedi was honoured with a lifetime achievement award at the 5th edition of 'Filming Italy Sardegna Festival' that took place recently in the spectacular location of Sardinia, Italy.

Apart from Bollywood, Kabir Bedi is a famous personality in Europe, especially Italy where he has acted in popular productions.

Tiziana Rocca, director of the festival said: "Kabir is receiving this award for his career and achievements in the movie industry. His incredible career made him an icon of international cinema, which made the world fall in love with him."

Tiziana also organises Cannes and Venice festivals. Kabir thanked Italy for all the glory it had given him over the years.

Other recipients of the award this year include Danny Glover, Winston Duke, Regina King, James Franco and Edgar Ramirez.

Later, Kabir was in Rome for a masterclass with Steven Gaydos, Vice President and Executive Editor of VARIETY at the historic location, the Museum of Ara Pacis, which was closed down while the masterclass was conducted.

Kabir said, "The Ara Pacis Museum was a stunning setting for a masterclass! This has been a wonderful culmination of my tour in Italy which started with the promotion of the Italian edition of my autobiography and a fund-raising tour for the Italian charity Care & Share Italia, which educates slum children in India. I feel blessed by the recognition and love that I continue to get from Italy."



Selena Gomez Is 'Just Not Happy' With US Supreme Court's Abortion Ruling

miere of her upcoming second season of the mystery comedy series 'Only Murders in the Building', took a moment during the event to speak out against the Supreme Court's recent decision. Selena told 'Variety', "It's about voting. It's about getting men - men needing to stand up and also speak against this issue."

"It's also the amount of women that are hurting. I'm just not happy and I hope that we can do everything in our power to do something to change that", she added.

'Variety' further states that Gomez also pointed others to a recent post she shared on Twitter, in which she shared a link to Planned Parenthood's website, explaining it as a valuable resource on what people can do next to help defend abortion access on a state level.

Los Angeles: Singer-actress Selena Gomez has voiced her opinion on the recent overturning of the landmark Roe v. Wade by the US Supreme Court, reports 'Variety'. The recent verdict, which effectively ends federal protections for abortion access, has sparked protests across the US.

Selena, who attended the red carpet pre-

Earlier, Gomez had written on her Twitter, "Watching a Constitutional right be stripped away is horrific. A woman

should have the right to CHOOSE what she wants to do with her own body. End of story.

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Barbara Broccoli calls Prince William 'perfect candidate' for next James Bond

Los Angeles: Producer Barbara Broccoli has quipped that Duke of Cambridge, Prince William is the "perfect candidate" to become the next James Bond. Broccoli and her sibling Michael Wilson were honored with CBEs from the Duke at the Buckingham Palace this week, reports aceshowbiz.com.

When asked who she'd like to see replace Daniel Craig in the iconic spy role, she said the Duke of Cambridge "ticks all the boxes".

According to The Mirror, she said "Unfortunately, the person we just met isn't



available. He's occupied, unfortunately, but he would be the perfect candidate. "(He) ticks all the boxes. But he's not available, sadly. So we're still on the hunt." It was recently claimed that Idris Elba is back in the running to play Bond.

The 'Luther' actor was believed to have stepped back from replacing Craig as the suave spy and had instead spoken to producers about potentially appearing as the villain in the next movie, but he's once again under consideration for the role of 007 after scoring favourably in market research.

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'Guns Have More Rights Than Women', Says Actress Taraji P. Henson

Los Angeles: Actress Taraji P. Henson at the BET Awards delivered the first of three consecutive slams at the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade



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last week.

She began light, joking to the crowd: "You look successful... expensive... you look like you can afford these gas prices," she laughed, after coming onstage to Lizzo's song, "The Kong's Affirmation."

After saying "Black men, we love you, we hear you," she then shouted out show-opener Lizzo for her stellar performance of "About That Time" - and then for donating \$1 million to Planned Parenthood.

"It's about that time we step into our power... It's about that time we talk about the fact that guns have more rights than a woman. It's a sad day in America. A weapon that can take lives has more power than a woman who can give life - IF she chooses to."

The theme continued with the next presenter, as Janelle Monae wished the audience Happy Pride Day and shouted out the LGBTQ representation, reports 'Variety'.

"I'd like to give a special, special shout-out to Black women, to Black queer artists, to Black nonbinary artists," she said.

"These artists making art on our own terms, owning our truths and expressing ourselves freely and unapologetically in a world that tries to control and police our bodies, my body, and our decisions, my decision."

She then exclaimed, "F**k you, Supreme Court," holding up a prominent m****e f***r; the expletive was bleeped but her hand gesture was not blurred.

"I know we are celebrating us right now, as we should - we absolutely deserve to celebrate especially now. We must celebrate our art by protecting our right and our truths."

She then introduced the nominees for

Best R&B Pop Artist - and the winner, Jazmine Sullivan, continued, by saying as part of her acceptance speech.

"As always, I do this for the women - for my sisters especially," she said.

"It's a hard time right now for us, and I want to speak directly to the men: We need y'all. We need y'all to stand up. Stand up for us, stand up with us."

"If you have ever benefited from a woman making one of the toughest decisions of her life, which is to terminate a pregnancy, you need to be standing with us," she continued.

"This is not just a woman's issue. This is everybody's issue, and we need your support more than ever - okay fellas? Y'all got us? Because we've got y'all."

In the show's first half hour, nearly every woman who took the stage commented on the issue: Best New Artist winner Latto said as part of her acceptance speech: "It's about giving pro-choice... it's about never giving in to a man policing my body."

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