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# Grand celebrations of India's 75th Independence Day organized by Consulate General of India in Vancouver

The cities of New Westminster, Victoria, Calgary, Surrey, Nanaimo issued proclamations to declare 15 August 2022 as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Day



Chief Guest George Chow, minister of State for Trade; Surrey's Mayor Doug McCallum; Raj Chouhan, Legislative assembly speaker; MP Sukh Dhaliwal with Consul General Manish at reception hosted by CGI Vancouver, at the Empire Banquet Hall in Surrey.



Capt (Retired) Mohinder Singh Jaswal along with Indian Ex-Servicemen Society of BC's veterans participated in un furling of Indian National Flag at the Consulate General of India on August 15. (Photo submitted)



On 16th August, CGI, Vancouver in collaboration with Naad Arts Centre, Surrey, organized "Amrit Mahotsav Concert" at Michael J. Fox Theatre, Burnaby.



Surrey Mayor with dancers who performed at the Empire Banquet Hall in Surrey on August 15 (Photo by Sukhwant Dhillon/AM600 Sher E Punjab Radio)

**By Link News Network**  
 August 15th is not just the celebration of India's freedom from more than 200 years of British rule but a day of remembering all those freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives during the independence movement. It is a day of remembering all those who lost their lives and families during one of the most painful partitions in world's history.

This year 15 August marked the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence. And to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Consulate General of India in Vancouver, organized various events across Lower Mainland. It took more than a year-long campaign for celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by the government of India. On August 15th, 2022, the

celebration started with the flag Hoisting ceremony organized at Consulate General of India, Vancouver in the presence of Consulate officials and staff members and a group of ex-servicemen from the Indian Ex-Servicemen Society of B.C. Canada. Consul General Manish later hosted a reception at the Empire Banquet Hall in Surrey which was attended by high

ranked Ex-defence officers. George Chow, Minister of State for Trade, Ministry Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, Government of BC, was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Raj Chouhan, Speaker, Legislative Assembly of BC, Randy Weekes, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, Anne Kang,  
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## Surrey's Trucker Sarbjit Chahal Gets 4 Years Prison Sentence For Cross-Border Meth Smuggling

Chahal claimed during his trial that he knowingly committed the alleged offences while under duress after having received death threats from an individual who had asked him to act as a courier.

A Surrey trucker was sentenced to 4 years of imprisonment for smuggling 33 Kg of methamphetamine into Canada from the U.S.

On November 18, 2018, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) conducted a screening of a Canada-bound tractor-trailer at the Pacific Highway Border Crossing, and discovered 33 Kg of methamphetamine hidden inside the

driver's cabin. The driver was identified as Sarbjit Chahal of Surrey, BC, and was subsequently arrested by the BC RCMP Federal Serious & Organized Crime (FSOC) Border Integrity Team.

Upon Health Canada's confirmation that the seized illicit substances were methamphetamine of 100% purity, Chahal was formally charged with import/export of a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking (PPT) a controlled substance under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA).

During the ensuing jury trial that commenced on November 22, 2021 and ended on December 3, 2021, Chahal took the stand in his own defence, and claimed that he knowingly committed the alleged

offences while under duress after having received death threats from an individual who had asked him to act as a courier.

After deliberation, the jury convicted Chahal on both counts, and on July 22, 2022, Chahal was sentenced at the New Westminster Supreme Court to concurrently serve 4 years of imprisonment for import/export of a controlled substance, and 2 years and 6 months of imprisonment for PPT under the CDSA. Chahal was also issued a DNA order, forfeiture order, and a lifetime firearms prohibitions. The effectiveness of the CBSA-RCMP Joint Border Strategy of detecting, preventing, denying and disrupting criminal exploitation of Canada's borders, said Superintendent Bert Ferreira, Officer in Charge of the BC RCMP Federal Seri-



ous & Organized Crime Border Integrity Program.

With transnational organized crime posing a significant threat to Canada's security and economy, the BC RCMP FSOC Border Integrity program continues to modernize and address complex and evolving threats posed by the trafficking of firearms and illicit drugs through continued collaboration with our domestic and international partners.

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## Bc Records Highest Ever Lives Lost To Illicit Drugs In 6 Months

BC has lost more than 10,000 lives to illicit drugs since April 2016

VICTORIA - At least 1,095 British Columbians are believed to have been lost to the toxic drug supply between January and June 2022, according to preliminary data released by the BC Coroners Service.

The number of lives lost to toxic drugs in B.C. between January and June is the highest ever recorded in the first six months of a calendar year. More than three quarters (78%) of the lives lost in 2022 were male and nearly the same percentage (73%) were between the ages of 30-59. On average, more than six lives have been lost to illicit drugs every

day this year.

"The ever-increasing toxicity of the unregulated, illicit drug market is taking a heart-breaking toll on the lives and well-being of members of our communities across the province," said Lisa Lapointe, chief coroner. "Deaths due to toxic drugs in the first half of 2022 have surpassed the number of deaths experienced in the same period in 2021, putting our province, once again, on track for a record loss of life."

The majority of illicit drug toxicity deaths have been recorded in either the Fraser or Vancouver



Lisa Lapointe, Chief Coroner

Coastal Health Authorities (352 and 297 deaths respectively), making up 59% of all such deaths in the first six months of 2022. However, rates of death remain high throughout the province, with Northern Health reporting a rate of death of 53 per 100,000 residents, and four of five health authorities reporting rates above the provincial average (42 deaths per 100,000 residents).

Illicit drug toxicity is the leading cause of unnatural death in British Columbia and is second only to cancers in terms of years of life lost.

"Tragically, in the seventh year of this public health emergency, as we are experiencing increasing numbers of deaths in July, our province has now lost more than 10,000 lives to illicit drugs since April 2016," Lapointe said. "These were men, women and youth from all walks of life. They lived in our neighbourhoods, worked in our workplaces and played on our sports teams. Some lived ordinary lives, while others faced enormous challenges. All of them fell prey to the lethal supply of illicit drugs that is omnipresent."

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# Debate on new hospital in Surrey heats up as Surrey South byelection called

VICTORIA – BC Premier John Horgan has called a byelection for the Surrey South electoral district for Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022.

The seat became vacant when BC Liberals Stephanie Cadieux resigned as MLA on April 28, 2022.

All major BC parties have announced their candidates. Educator Pauline Greaves is representing BC NDP. BC Liberal candidate Elenore Sturko says she is ready to hold the NDP to account. BC Conservative Party of British Columbia has nominated small business owner Harman Bhangu as their MLA candidate. B.C. Green Party announced has nominated SFU student Simran Sarai as its candidate for the Surrey South



BC Liberal Candidate  
Elenore Sturko



BC NDP Candidate  
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BC Conservative candidate  
Harman Bhangu



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Simran Sarai

by-election.

While all the candidates have promised improving on health care system, the debate on the new proposed hospital in Surrey is heating up between BC Liberals and NDP during South Surrey election.

The BC NDP is claiming that BC Liberal Leader Kevin Fal-

con opposes building the hospital in Cloverdale. Falcon, according to NDP, told a Surrey-based radio station: "I think the challenge quite frankly with the NDP wanting to put one in Cloverdale, is it's not a great location. I would want to take a hard look at where it's located." (RED FM)

"Pauline Greaves will be a strong advocate for this project that is critical to ensuring that people in Cloverdale and Surrey South will have access to health care closer to where they live," said Health Minister Adrian Dix.

"This community deserves a hospital and an MLA who supports it, not a BC Liberal who will fight

to take it away."

Greaves said that she has sent a letter to the BC Liberal candidate in Surrey South, calling for her to condemn Kevin Falcon's opposition to building the hospital in Cloverdale.

On the other hand Falcon and Elenore Sturko, BC Liberal candidate for Surrey South, have reaffirmed their party's support for a second hospital in Surrey.

"The NDP promised Surrey voters a full-service hospital, but all they're getting is a glorified urgent care centre with just 168 beds, no ICU, and no maternity ward in Cloverdale. It's simply not good enough for our province's fastest-growing city," said BC Liberal Leader Kevin Falcon. "More than 50,000 people moved here to Surrey between 2016 and 2021. We're committed to getting things done in Surrey, and residents can expect a BC Liberal government to deliver a full-service hospital to meet the vital needs of their community, not just the NDP's glorified

clinic." Sturko, a front-line and media relations officer for the Surrey RCMP, is on leave now. "From the rising cost of living, to increased crime, to the failure to deliver on needed mental health services, life is worse off in Surrey under the NDP. I'm excited to bring fresh ideas and a new perspective to Victoria on behalf of the people of Surrey South," Sturko said.

Conservative candidate Bhangu said that he is running to be the next MLA for Surrey South because "I am tired of the NDP's harmful policies. I am tired of feeling a sense of anxiety every time I pull up to the pump and being penalized with a carbon tax, and I know I am not alone." BC Greens Candidate Sarai said that she is running for MLA because we are out of time to act on issues such as the climate crisis, housing affordability, healthcare and mental health. "As a childhood cancer survivor, I know what our healthcare system can do when run well. Our government could be doing so much more to help those that need it most - and I truly believe that working with Sonia Furstenuau and the B.C. Greens I can help improve the lives of British Columbians."

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# Surrey Police Service Officer Under Investigation For An Alleged Breach of Trust

On August 16, 2022, a police officer with Surrey Police Service (SPS) was arrested by the Surrey RCMP and subsequently released on conditions, pending further investigation. SPS has chosen to release this information now in the interest of transparency.

The SPS officer is facing a charge for an alleged Breach of Trust, however the charge has not yet been approved by BC Prosecution Service (BCPS). SPS has notified the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner about the incident. The officer was hired by SPS in May 2022, with just over one year of previous policing experience.

On August 17th, SPS Chief Constable Norm Lipinski suspended this officer with pay, pending the outcome of the criminal investigation, which is being handled by the Surrey RCMP. Given that no charges have been laid, neither the officer's identity nor further details about the incident can be released at this time.

# 45-Year-Old Man Allegedly Stabbed During Confrontation In Surrey

Surrey RCMP advised the public of a homicide that occurred overnight and requesting anyone with information to contact police.

On August 18, 2022, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Surrey RCMP responded to the report of a stabbing near 184 Street and Fraser Highway. Frontline officers arrived on scene and located a 45-year-old man suffering from serious injuries. The man was transported to hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Service attended the scene and located one person who was taken into police custody and transported to Surrey RCMP cells. Initial indications are that there was a confrontation involving the vic-

tim and several other parties prior to the stabbing. Work is being done to identify all parties who may have been involved or who may have witnessed this incident.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) has been called and will be working in partnership with Surrey RCMP. The area surrounding the scene will be cordoned off for an undetermined amount of time while police work to gather evidence.

Any further information will be provided by Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT). Anyone with further information who has not already spoken to police is asked to contact the IHIT tip line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or email at ihitipline@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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# Two-Time Cancer Survivor Avtar Virdi donates \$51,000 to Cancer Foundation

Two-time cancer survivor and Surrey resident Avtar Singh Virdi recently donated \$51,000 to BC Cancer Foundation. He raised the money through Cross Canada walk from St. John of New Finland and Labrador to Vancouver.

The cheque was presented at 2 PM at their office at 96 avenue and 138 street, Surrey Memorial Hospital Surrey.

MLA Aman Singh, who was present at the occasion said, "What an inspiration and an honour to bring greetings from the Government of British Columbia, and Premier John Horgan and to stand with Prof. Avtar Singh Virdi, Inderjit Singh Bains, Jatinder Jay Minhas and the others in their team as they presented this heartfelt donation to the BC Cancer Foundation. Professor Virdi is a cancer survivor like myself and John. To raise awareness about cancer he traveled and walked in 13 cities across Canada," said.

Virdi began his walk across Canada through 13 major cities from East to West to raise funds for Cancer awareness and



Avtar Singh Virdi presenting \$51,000 cheque to BC Cancer Foundation. The money was raised through his Cross Canada walk. MLA Aman Singh was present on the occasion. (Photo submitted)

Virdi has been imparting English speaking skills and training to many students. He feels GOD gave him everything in abundance, but he started feeling something was wrong with his body. "It came as a shock to me and my family when I was diagnosed with Colon Cancer," he says. He says he could not understand why he got it. But he says, "I have faith in medical science and treatment. I started following every Chemo or radiation therapy, they offered me. They declared me Cancer free. However, my Cancer relapsed within 2 years. I went through treatment again and was declared cancer-free on March 28," he recalls.

It was at that time he decided to raise awareness about it. "During my treatment, I read about many conflicting theories, I read about many people who refused to take treatment, the more I read, the more I became determined to create awareness," he says.

Virdi says, "Then I read about Terry Fox and I was greatly inspired by his small but great life of only 22 years. He spread the awareness of cancer in 1980 with an exemplary spirit despite his half leg being gone to cancer. I and millions of people have survived from cancer due to his walk that he started from St. John's, New Foundland & Labrador in 1980 across Canada that he couldn't complete."

And now Virdi feels, it is his turn to contribute. He says, Terry Fox was a legend who inspired million, if he can attain even a small fraction of what Terry Fox did, he will consider himself lucky. "After surviving twice from cancer, I realized I am still alive due to Terry's great vision for people like me. I feel Terry Fox is still alive in the hearts who know about him and have suffered from this critical illness like me directly or indirectly."

research on June 14 from St. John's, New Foundland & Labrador, the same spot where Terry Fox began his journey. He walked through 16 major cities of Canada, and concluded his journey in Vancouver's Stanley Park on July 9.

He says his aim is to spread awareness about this life-threatening critical illness which he says according to research is going to take into its grip every second person in the coming years. However, there is still a lack of awareness about the treatment and even the reasons behind Cancer.

Virdi, who runs GTP Marvelous College that offers training for CELPIP and IELTS exams in Surrey, moved to Canada in 2004 with his family. An engineer by profession, but a teacher by passion,

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# Jinny Sims to End The Ban On Cannabis Shops In Surrey If Elected Mayor



**SURREY:** Surrey Forward Mayoral candidate Jinny Sims will end the ban on cannabis shops in Surrey when

elected Mayor. "The current ban is based on outdated evidence," said Sims. "It was assumed that prohibited sales would reduce use, protect our youth and ensure community safety. None of that has occurred." According to her there are three reasons to allow Cannabis sales in Surrey. She said one is to curtail the impact of gangs and illegal sellers of cannabis. Legal sales reduce illegal demand. To ensure the safe supply of cannabis products in Surrey and stop dealers from moving recreational cannabis users on to more dangerous drugs are other reasons to allow legal cannabis shops. "Allowing legal cannabis sales reduces the impact of illegal distribution, most

often gang related," continued Sims. Brock University Business Professor Michael Armstrong has published a paper on the impact of legal sales in municipalities and his conclusion is that legal sales pull sales away from gangs and illegal sources: "An indirect implication of the results is that legal sales – so far – mostly represent market share taken away from illegal sellers, rather than new users entering the market. This implication is clearly interesting and presumably reassuring for Canadian policy-makers." "When you put distribution of legal products in the hands of illegal sellers, you create a market that only profits gangs and gangsters," said Sims. "We

need a market that puts Surrey's community safety at the forefront." Surrey needs a safe supply of cannabis products. This can only be managed by ripping the supply out of the hands of criminals and putting it into the hands of government-controlled producers. "Safe supply makes a world of difference, but we also need to ensure that our children are not subject to dealers lacing cannabis with more dangerous drugs. This is only done to progress consumers from a legal product to those that are illegal and more profitable for gangs." Safer product, less illegal selling and protecting all cannabis users in Surrey all dictate that legal sales is the only avenue for Surrey.

## United Surrey Announces Four New Candidates to complete full slate for October municipal election

**SURREY:** United Surrey, led by Sukh Dhaliwal, will field a full-slate of candidates for October's municipal election with the addition of four newly announced candidates. Zubeen Sahib a community advocate and volunteer is running to expand the reach of City Hall into communities and demographics. Andy Dhillon, a life-long Surrey resident and a Certified Professional, wants to work towards unique challenges of young local families trying to build a long-term future in the city. Margaret Lange, a hospitality professional is running to ensure that the City is able to rise to the challenge as it grows to become BC's largest city over the coming decade. Nicole Bennett, a small-business owner and

an activist on behalf of children and families dealing with the impacts of Autism, is running to advocate of increasing the attention paid to the local business owners at City Hall. These additions to the United Surrey team characterize the most diverse and capable team of any running for office in the City of Surrey, according to Mayoral candidate Sukh Dhaliwal. "It was critical that we recruited a group of candidates for City Council that has the ability to represent all constituencies and communities within Surrey and we have accomplished that with this impressive group," said Dhaliwal. "I'm proud to stand by them as a fellow team member and am confident that United Surrey is now the only viable option for real change in the upcoming City of Surrey election."

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# PICS Society organizes Car Rally to bring awareness on gang violence and drug abuse

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PICS Society organized a Car Rally and Walk on August 18, 2022 to bring awareness to the rising incidents of gang violence and drug abuse throughout the lower mainland.

The Car Rally and Walk was a part of our REACH (Realize – Educate – Accept – Communicate – Help) initiative to create awareness and share information about available resources for having Drug and Gang Free Communities.

“In March 2022, there were 165 suspected illicit drug toxicity deaths. This is the second highest number of deaths ever recorded in the month of March. The

total of 165 suspected illicit drug toxicity deaths represent a 5% decrease from the number of deaths in March 2021 (174) and is a 5% decrease from the number of deaths occurring in February 2022 (174). The number of illicit drug toxicity deaths in March 2022 equates to about 5.3 deaths per day.” Ref: BC Government Statistics

Similarly, gang related shootings have seen an exponential rise in numbers as well as a dangerous trend of daytime shootings in public places, sometimes in the very presence of police authorities.

The Car Rally started at PICS’s Head Office and moved throughout Surrey and end at the Surrey City Hall to Holland Park.

“PICS’ goal is to impact individuals and continue to create awareness and educate our communities about the importance of providing programs, services and support systems,” said Satbir Cheema, president and CEO, PICS.

## Shots Fired at Surrey Residence, Burnt Vehicle Stolen From Kelowna Located In South Surrey

Surrey RCMP informed that shots were fired at a residence in South Surrey and asking anyone with information to contact police.

On August 14, 2022 at 12:38 a.m., Surrey RCMP received a report of shots fired at a residence with a vehicle heard speeding away in the 2600-block of 176 Street. Frontline officers attended the area and spoke with a homeowner who located bullet holes in the exterior of their residence. No one was reported injured as a result of this shooting.

Within minutes of the initial report of shots fired, Surrey RCMP received the report of a vehicle fully engulfed in flames near 28 Avenue and 194A Street. The engulfed vehicle was determined to be previously stolen from the Kelowna area. Given the timing and proximity of these two incidents, police believe them

to be linked.

Surrey RCMP General Investigation Unit has taken conduct of the investigation. Residents in the area can expect to see police canvassing for CCTV footage and additional witnesses.

While still early in the investigation, police believe the shooting is targeted and are looking at connections to the Lower Mainland gang conflict. Surrey RCMP is working closely with partners on this investigation, including the Integrated Forensic Identification Section and CFSEU-BC.

Anyone with information about this incident or dash camera footage from the area is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or Crime Stoppers, if they wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or [www.solvecrime.ca](http://www.solvecrime.ca).



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## Grand celebrations of India's 75th...



On 16th August, CGI, Vancouver in collaboration with Naad Arts Centre, Surrey, organized "Amrit Mahotsav Concert" at Michael J. Fox Theatre, Burnaby (Photo credit: CGI, Vancouver, Facebook)

Minister of Advance Education & Skills Training, Government of BC along with a number of Member of Parliaments, Members of Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and City Counsellors graced the event.

The reception was attended by several Consul Generals, Honorary Consuls and members of the Consular Corps as well as leading members of the Indo-Canadian community, ethnic media, cultural and business organizations, academicians and friends of India. The dynamic cultural programme performed by artists from Mudra School of Dance, Spirit of Dance Academy, Folk Star Arts Academy and Shaimak Davar International Inc Group enthralled the guests. A short movie on the achievements of India during the last 75 years was also screened.

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Raj Chouhan, Randy Weakes, Jinny Sims, Member of Legislative Assembly, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, City of Burnaby, along with a number of Member of Parliaments, Members of Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and City Counsellors attended the event.

Consul General Manish in his welcome remarks said that the Amrit Mahotsav concert was a celebration of rich and diverse cultural heritage of India, which Consulate has organized under "Jan Bhagidari" (peoples participation) mode partnering with talented artists in Greater Vancouver Area.

The Concert was attended by over 600 people including several Consul Generals, Honorary Consuls and members of the Consular Corps as well as leading members of the Indo-Canadian community, ethnic media, cultural and business organizations, academicians and friends of India.

The melodious Ghazal by Shashi Lata Virk, terrific and mind blowing Kathak and Laavni performances by Guru Prajakta Group, electrifying Gidha performance by Eric Dhinds and group, fabulous and magnificent Bharatnatyam dance by Sudnya Dance Academy and remarkable and incredible Indian Classical Fusion by Indian Standard Time group spellbound the audience. The mayors and city councillors of New Westminster, Victoria,

Calgary, Surrey, Nanaimo issued proclamations to declare 15 August 2022 as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Day

"British Columbia is home to 400,000 to people of Indian origin; and August 15, 2022, marks the 75th anniversary of Independence day of India, the official journey of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations commenced

on 12th March, 2021 which started a 75 week countdown to India 75th anniversary of Independence and will end post year on 15th August, 2023; and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav means, Elixir of energy of independence; elixir of energy of inspirations of the warriors of freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas and pledges; and elixir of Atmanirbharta or self-reliance,"



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read the proclamation of the City of Surrey.

It also read that this celebration is dedicated to the ordinary people of India who have not only been instrumental in bringing India this far in its evolutionary journey but also hold within them the power and potential to enable country's vision of activating India 2.0, fuelled by the spirit of self reliant India.

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**Indian diaspora in the city of Regina in Saskatchewan Province led by India Canada Association of Saskatchewan, and in City of Calgary, 15 diaspora organizations joined hands to celebrate 75th Independence Day.**

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# Can You Sue Over Spilling a Hot Drink?



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The Answer Is Yes, You Can Sue For Compensation  
If you are injured when a hot beverage

such as coffee or tea is spilled on you, you can sue for compensation. Say, for example, that you have been badly

Hot drink lawsuits have gotten a bad reputation since the headline-grabbing McDonald's coffee case from the US, *Liebeck v. McDonald's*. Some scoff at these types of personal injury claims, branding them frivolous, but the reality is that hot beverages can cause serious personal injury, including severe burns that require hospitalization and extensive medical treatment. So, can you sue over spilling a hot drink?

burned by a hot drink handed to you at a drive-thru restaurant. Depending on how the injury occurred, the basis of your claim may be negligence (the employee did not take adequate precautions to ensure the lid was properly attached to the cup; the temperature of the drink was served above the manufacturer's recommendations), failure to warn, and/or product liability (the restaurant used an unsuitable cup and/or lid; the lid or carrying tray used was defective, etc.).  
What Compensation Can You Receive?

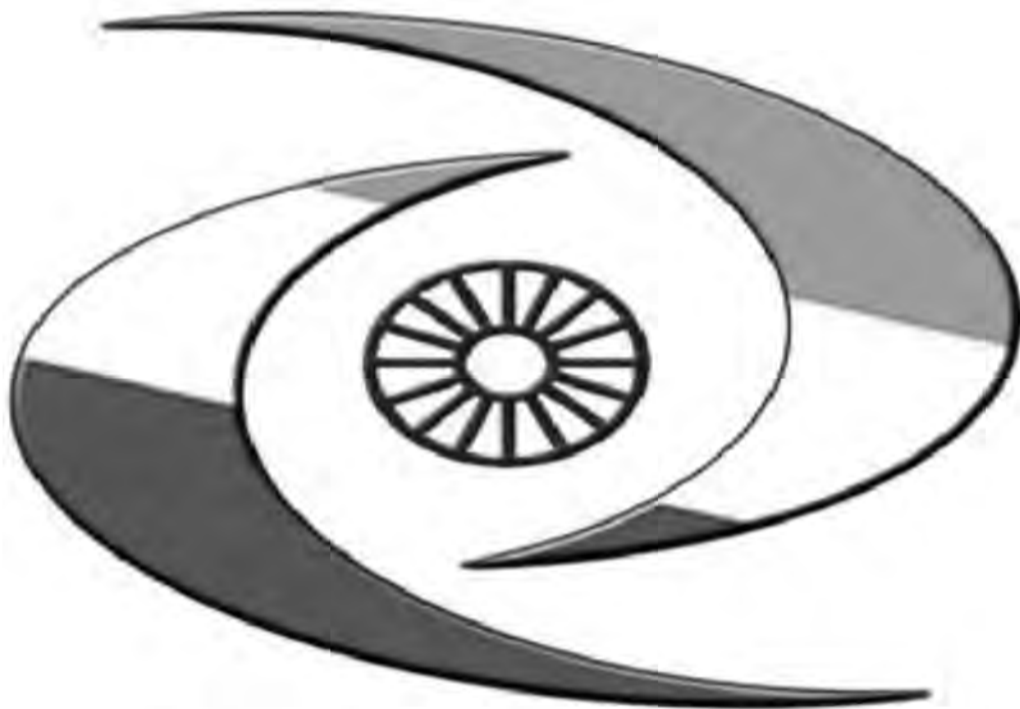
Public perception about compensation in hot drink lawsuits is skewed by the highly publicized *Liebeck v. McDonald's Restaurants* lawsuit in the United States. The 79-year-old plaintiff in that case suffered third-degree burns in her pelvic region when a hot coffee spilled in her lap after she purchased it from a McDonald's restaurant. She was hospitalized for eight days while undergoing skin grafting,

followed by two years of medical treatment which left her with permanent scarring. A jury awarded her USD \$2.9 million, but this was reduced on appeal to USD \$640,000. Much of her award was punitive damages due to McDonald's aggressive defence tactics and refusal to accept the plaintiff's reasonable offer to settle for \$20,000 to cover her hospital stay and skin grafts.

Personal injury damages in Canada tend to be lower, and it is more difficult to claim punitive damages than in the U.S. That being said, Canadians who are hurt by wrongful or harmful incidents are entitled to claim compensation for pain and suffering, loss of income, lost earning capacity, and past and future health care costs. The amount of compensation you can receive in a hot drink lawsuit will depend on the severity of your injuries and the impact they have on your life. Many hot drink lawsuits are settled out of court for an undisclosed amount, making it difficult for the average person to know how much their claim may be worth. An experienced personal injury lawyer can review your case and provide an opinion on the likely range of damages you can expect to receive.

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# MLA John Rustad removed from BC Liberal Caucus after retweeted 'Celebrate CO2'

VICTORIA: The Opposition B.C. Liberals have removed Nechako Lakes MLA John Rustad from the party caucus after he retweeted comments that questioned the role of carbon dioxide in climate change. BC Liberal party leader Kevin Falcon said in a statement, "Following a pattern of behaviour that was not supportive of our caucus team and the principles of mutual respect and trust, I have removed MLA John Rustad from the BC Liberal Caucus effective immediately." Rustad had shared a tweet on Sunday by Patrick Moore, director of the CO2 Coalition, that said, "No net warming in Australia for the past 10 years. And the Great Barrier Reef has more coral cover this year than ever recorded. The case for CO2 being the control knob of global temperature gets weaker every day." Falcon said, "Politics is a team sport and British Columbians expect their elected officials to work cooperatively on the important issues facing our province. Like



MLA John Rustad

any team, our caucus operates on a foundation of mutual respect and trust. While a diversity of perspectives are encouraged and a source of strength, they cannot exist without that important foundation in place."

Rustad later responded in a statement. He

## A Clear Case of Hot, Hotter ... Hoodwinked

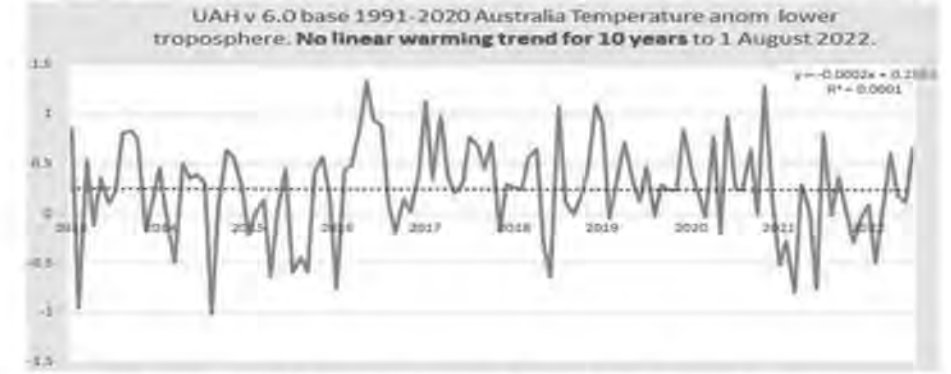


Photo of Celebrate CO2 tweet shared by Patrick Moore (Photo credit: @EcoSenseNow)

said, "Like many, I am concerned about the effects of climate change and how it will affect our future and the next generation. However, I refuse to support policies brought forward by environmental elitists to punish everyday British Columbians

and families who are already dealing with out of control inflation." He said that he held no animosity towards Kevin Falcon or the BC Liberal Party and looks "forward to continuing as the MLA for Nechako Lakes."

# Pattullo Bridge Needs to Open with Six Lanes - Surrey Board of Trade Asks BC Government Again

The Surrey Board of Trade again sent a letter to Rob Fleming, BC's Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure, to determine what it will take to have the new Pattullo Bridge open with 6 lanes given continued population growth and traffic congestion issues. "The Ministry has indicated that the bridge will not open with 6 lanes and that 4 lanes will suffice for the time being," said Anita Huberman, President & CEO of the Surrey Board of Trade. "We need to know at what point in time

or what event will trigger the widening of the bridge to six lanes. Replacing a 4 lane bridge with another 4 lane bridge in the face of continued population growth and limited transit options is not productive to ensure we have a resilient economy."

"Will it be when the Lower Mainland's population increases to a certain figure, or when other key transportation routes such as the Alex Fraser Bridge or Port Mann Bridge are backed up with significant congestion? Our organization, our business

members, and Surrey residents know that we need the 6 lanes now."

"By 2050, an additional 1.3 million people are expected to move into the Metro Vancouver region. We must build transportation infrastructure for future population growth."

The Surrey Board of Trade asks the Provincial Government to create a policy that outlines what indicators will prompt the new Pattullo Bridge to be expanded to 6 lanes.



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# B.C. Business Bankruptcies Are On The Rise, But Only 9% Of Small Business Owners Would File For Bankruptcy

46% of businesses at risk of closure would simply stop operating rather than go through the bankruptcy process.

**V**ANCOUVER: Business insolvencies have been on an upward trend since mid-2021, according to StatsCan data, but a new report by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), entitled Small Business Insolvency: The Tip of the Iceberg?, finds that only 9% of B.C. small business owners would file for bankruptcy if they were to permanently close down.

“Official Canadian data on small business bankruptcies doesn’t account for zombie companies or businesses that would rather wind down than file for bankruptcy. Our research provides a broader perspective on business insolvencies in Canada and shows that the rising number of small business bankruptcies is just the tip of the iceberg,” said Simon Gaudreault, Chief Economist and Vice-President of Research at CFIB. CFIB’s recent data shows 51% of B.C. business owners are yet to return to normal, pre-pandemic revenue levels. More than half of B.C. businesses (56%) are still carrying pandemic debt, and only 12% have been able to pay it back in full.

But it’s not just the lingering effects of the pandemic that has led to the surge in business closures and insolvencies. Rising operating costs, coupled with a lack of demand and interest rate hikes, are significantly affecting BC small businesses, causing 17% to actively consider claiming bankruptcy or winding down their business.

“We’re suffering from a severe staffing shortage. And the drastic increase in the cost of materials and supplies has eaten into



Simon Gaudreault, Chief Economist and Vice-President of Research at CFIB

our profit margins and made it impossible to pay back any debt we took on during the pandemic,” a business owner from Hospitality sector, Alberta.

Another business owner from Professional Services sector, British Columbia was quoted in the report, saying, “The first quarter of this year was the hardest since the pandemic began. We’re still feeling the aftershocks. When it comes to increasing our business, my hands are still tied because many of our clients haven’t fully returned. The impact of the pandemic isn’t over for me or our company.”

“BC small businesses are in for a rough recovery, but governments can step in and help by taking concrete measures,” said Annie Dormuth, BC Provincial Affairs Director at CFIB. “The BC government has the ability and tools to help small businesses by refunding WorkSafeBC’s \$3.4 billion surplus, providing school tax property relief, and helping businesses afford 5-employer paid sick days.”

“During the pandemic, government loans

and subsidies helped many small businesses to stay open, but now those programs have closed, despite the fact that a majority of businesses are still not back to their pre-pandemic sales levels,” said Dan Kelly, CFIB president. “With an average debt of \$158,000 per business and mounting cost pressures on virtually every line of a small business budget, it’s no wonder many businesses are unable to pay off their debt and continue to struggle.”

CFIB is urging the federal government to help ensure the viability of small businesses and help keep their operating cost down. The recommendations include:

- Increasing the forgivable portion of the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan to at least 50%
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# The day Manish Sisodia's photo appeared on front page of New York Times, Centre sent CBI to his house: Arvind Kejriwal

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said the CBI raid at his junior colleague's house is the result of their good performance which is being appreciated globally. "Delhi has made India proud. Delhi model is on the front page of the biggest newspaper of US. Manish Sisodia is the best education minister of independent India," Kejriwal wrote. He said there were CBI raids before and nothing would come out this time as well. The CBI on Friday morning conducted raids in connection with the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, at over 10 locations, including the residence of Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

Describing Manish Sisodia as the best education minister of Independent India, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann also said the CBI raid at the Delhi Deputy Chief Minister's house was the reward for the Delhi government's good performance being appreciated globally. "Manish Sisodia is the best education minister of Independent India. Today the largest US newspaper NYT printed his photo on the front page. And today Modi ji sent CBI to his house. How will India progress like this?" Mann said in a tweet in Hindi. The CBI on Friday carried out searches at 21 locations in Delhi-NCR, including Sisodia's residence, after registering an FIR in connection with the Delhi ex-



Photo of the article on Delhi's education system that appeared on New York Times front page.

cise policy case. Other ministers in the Bhagwant Mann-led Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab, too, attacked the BJP-led Centre after the CBI raid at Sisodia's house. "The Day no. 1 Newspaper of the no. 1 country in the world recognises Delhi govt's Education Model & @msisodia ji as best education minister ever. Same Morning CBI is sent to Manish ji' house by Shameless BJP. It proves BJP doesn't want India to have perfect govt Schools," Punjab's Minister of School Education and Jails, Harjot Singh Bains, said in a tweet. The Bharatiya Janata Party and Aam Aadmi Party on Friday traded jibes. According to media reports the BJP accused the AAP of highlighting 'paid news' copies- after reports of its education model in Delhi were carried in The New York Times and the Khaleej Times (which credited NYT for the copy). Just as the raids on Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia were ending, the New York Times issued a strong response making it clear that its front-page article on the politician's transformation of Delhi's healthcare system and government schools was completely unbiased. "Our report about efforts to improve Delhi's education system is based on impartial, on-the-ground reporting, and education is an issue that The New York Times has covered over many years. Journalism from The New York Times is always independent, free from political or advertiser influence," said Nicole Tylor, a spokesperson for the newspaper, to NDTV. An article by Karandeep Singh appeared in New York Times Clean Toilets, Inspired Teachers: How India's Capital Is Fixing Its Schools. The article mentions, "Almost 100 percent of students who appeared for their final high school examinations last year passed, compared to 87 percent who appeared in 2012, according to data from the Delhi government. And other state governments, including Telangana and Tamil Nadu, are now pushing to adopt 'the Delhi model.'" "The work on education has helped generate solid political wins for the party, which in March gained control of a second state in India, Punjab. The party is taking its approach countrywide, campaigning on an education and basic-services platform in state elections this year in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat."

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## BC Home Sales Continue to Slow in July

Vancouver, BC – August 11, 2022. The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that a total of 5,572 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) in July 2022, a decrease of 42.4 per cent from July 2021. The average MLS® residential price in BC was \$923,449, a 3.6 per cent increase from \$891,376 recorded in July 2021. Total sales dollar volume was \$5.1 billion, a 40.3 per cent decline from the same time last year. “High mortgage rates continued to lower sales activity in July,” said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. “Many regions



around the province have seen sales slip to levels well below normal for this time of year.”

As the pace of sales activity declines below normal levels, inventory is accumulating. Provincial active listings rose 28 per cent year-over-year, though from a very low level in July 2021. Inventories remain quite low, but the slow pace of sales has tipped some markets into balanced or even buyers’ market territory.

Year-to-date, BC residential sales dollar volume was down 20 per cent from the same period in 2021 to \$58.7 billion. Residential unit sales were down 29.3 per cent to 56,801 units, while the average MLS® residential price was up 13.2 per cent to \$1.03 million.

Around the Province July 2022		
(year-over-year % change in italics)		
Board	Avg. Price (\$)	Unit Sales
BC Northern	410,742	318
	6.8	-36.1
Chilliwack	759,050	133
	5.0	-57.0
Fraser Valley	1,003,165	946
	3.3	-50.6
Greater Vancouver	1,202,394	1,904
	4.2	-43.6
Okanagan	752,784	685
	6.0	-37.9
Kamloops	659,575	203
	15.1	-38.1
Kootenay	476,823	287
	2.4	-15.3
South Peace River	288,142	37
	13.3	-30.2
Powell River	661,989	19
	35.0	-54.8
Vancouver Island	754,234	548
	17.2	-40.4
Victoria	919,869	492
	4.1	-37.5
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>923,449</b>	<b>5,572</b>
	3.6	-42.4

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**\$945,000**

MLS# R2695972

### 14037 Marine Drive, White Rock

West White Rock Updated Townhome, Lovely renovated Ocean Ridge townhouse in prestigious West White Rock. On a private park-like complex on 4.5 acres only a couple of blocks from the sea. Lots of updates: kitchen, bathrooms, plumbing, electrical. Walls have been removed to make open layout on main floor. Large renovated kitchen with stainless appliances and island. Beautiful teak features in living room with built in shelves & beams. 2 full updated bathrooms, plus roughed in for powder room on main. Two large bedrooms up, master with peek-a-boo ocean view and spacious balcony. Relax on private south facing patio. Large storage locker. 19+ complex, 2 pets allowed (any size), no rentals. Welcome home. Photos and Floorplan: [www.cotala.com/65528](http://www.cotala.com/65528)

**NEW LISTING**

MLS# R2706879

**54 - 15288 36 Ave**  
**Gorgeous Fully Detached Townhome**  
**\$1,475,000**

Stunning fully detached townhome at Cambria by Parkland. Approx 3,000 sq ft, 4 br, 4 bath. Elegant, comfortable home w quality upgrades: hardwood floors throughout, wainscotting & crown mouldings, plantation shutters, kitchen w custom cabinetry, granite counters, SS appliances, gas stove. Formal dining room is currently home office and music room. Bright open family-friendly layout: kitchen, living room & casual dining area open onto lovely landscaped private patio and backyard. Upstairs: luxurious primary bedroom w walk in closet & spacious ensuite, 2 more bedrooms & large flex space for hobbies or office. Fully finished basement w 4th bedroom, full bathroom, huge rec room, media area, flex room & storage. The perfect family home.

**\$499,000**

MLS# R270367

**307 - 13959 16 Ave, South Surrey**

**SOLD**

Corner Penthouse... Lovely bright end unit with view... location at back of complex... kitchen, bathrooms, lighting, paint and flooring... Peace of mind: rainscreened building, roof, energy efficient thermal windows. Well respected family complex with solid contingency fund has huge rooftop deck with partial sea view, clubhouse, library, large well-equipped workshop, exercise room, sauna, car wash. 1 underground parking and locker. Age 50+ complex, no rentals, no pets. Strata fees incl hot water. Move in ready. Welcome home. Photos and Floorplan: [www.cotala.com/66009](http://www.cotala.com/66009)

**SOLD**

- 24555 44 Ave Langley
- Ph2002 2959 Glen Drive Coquitlam
- 308 5377 201A Street Langley
- Lot 10 Foxglove Ln, Bowen Island
- 206-15288 22 Ave South Surrey
- 62 - 15233 34 Ave South Surrey

**\$599,000**

MLS# R26721

**14834 Beachview Ave, White Rock**

**SOLD**

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**40 6110 138 Street**



**\$899,000**  
Beautiful three-bedroom executive townhome in The Summit, which features 89 homes located in Sullivan Station. Home features a double garage with epoxy paint & side-by-side parking, as well as private rooftop patios set up to hold a hot tub! This entertainer's dream home offers a large gourmet kitchen and island, gas stove, high-end stainless appliances, gas hookup for BBQ, a built-in wine fridge, and much more. Spa-inspired master ensuite with 2 sinks & rain shower. These homes are made for entertaining. All homes have views of the mountains from the rooftop patios and bug screens. Spacious 1707 square feet plan offers 3 Bdrms upstairs + a flex room at ground level. Ultimate luxury and modern finishing throughout.

**11071 Wren Crescent**



**\$1,299,000**  
Mainly Land Value. Plan ready for 2 storey home. Big Rectangular Lot on a quiet street. Great building lot that is 68 x 105 with a west facing backyard. Great family neighbourhood. Perfect as an investment & build new home & perfect place to raise a family. All amenities are in the close vicinity, with nearby Riverdale Elementary, Guildford Park Secondary school. 3 minutes drive to Guildford Mall, T&T Supermarket & Walmart. Easy access to Highway 1.

**13440 78A Avenue**



**\$1,399,900**  
Great home located in West Newton ideal for first time home buyers or as an investment property. This basement entry home comprises of 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms with a 2 bedroom mortgage helper suite in the basement. Well maintained and cared for both inside and outside by the current owners makes this home move in ready. Huge covered sun-deck on-looking the fully fenced private back yard making this perfect for entertaining family and friends. Move in today or build your new home on this huge rectangle lot 61' x 119. Close proximity to transportation, walking distance to all amenities makes this the perfect location to call home.

**13079 56 Avenue**



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**6144 120 Street**



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**14865 95A AVENUE**



**\$1,499,000**  
This FULLY RENOVATED home has great value! Potential for development! Currently tucked away in a very charming and quiet neighbourhood. Situated on a 7,500+ sqft lot, this property features a BONUS back lane access! Minutes away from the newly proposed skytrain and close to all schools, shopping centres and major bus routes. The main floor boasts a spacious family room, a formal dining room leading to a covered deck, a master bedroom with an ensuite and two additional bedrooms and full bathroom! The basement features a two bedroom mortgage helper with its own laundry. Basement rented month to month for \$1,400. MUST SEE!

**7830 Swanson Drive**



**\$1,548,800**  
WELCOME HOME! Centrally located home in the most desirable neighborhood of Scottsdale offering 5 bedrooms / 4 baths, UPDATED Kitchen with BRAND NEW appliances, NEW flooring, Windows, Laundry, FRESH Paint, and Roof Updated in 2017. Also features 2 Bedroom suite on the main level. HUGE sundeck for all your summer entertainment. Close to both levels of schools, parks, shopping, transit, and other amenities. Easy access to major routes. Book your showing TODAY, before it's TOO LATE!!!

**13068 64 Avenue**



**\$1,645,000**  
PANORAMA RIDGE BEAUTY! Development potential for a duplexes (check/verify with the city of Surrey) 5 bedrooms 3 FULL washrooms WITH a massive 2 bedroom suite & Potential for Bachelor Suite! Perfect home for the growing family. Sitting on a MASSIVE 7718 SQFT Lot. Main floor has open layout with loads of windows to allow for the natural sunlight. 3 Bedrooms and 2 Full washrooms. Below you have the separate 2 bedroom suite- great rental potential in a central location. Loads of parking with lane access. MUST SEE!

**19755 32A Avenue**



**\$2,680,000**  
Luxury semi-custom built home in Langley Brookwood! Home is located in centre of the new subdivision under Brookwood Ferrnridge 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. Good size mudroom with bench. Upstairs features 4 bedrooms and 3 washrooms. In the basement you have a large media room + bar + a full washroom, perfect for entertaining and partying! Unique living style surrounded by Parks and Trails is perfect for families. Must see

**19767 33 Avenue**



**\$2,499,000**  
Luxury semi-custom built home in Langley Brookwood! Home features 8 bedrooms and 9 bathrooms with fully finished large 2 suites! (2+1), fenced backyard, and fully landscaped front. Over 5400 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 and a master bedroom with a full ensuite. 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!

**9122 144A Street**



**\$2,499,000**  
BEAR CREEK CORNER MANSION! This custom built home features over 5000 SqFt of Living Space on a 6000 SqFt CORNER LOT! 9 Bedrooms and 8 Washrooms with 2 basement suites (2+1) and bonus Theatre room + Bar for your enjoyment. Main floor features stunning finishes with loads of oversized windows to allow for maximum natural light. Open Concept design and layout. Master Bedroom on the main with full ensuite and additional bedroom and powder room. Massive family room and chef's kitchen and spice kitchen. Upstairs has 4 bedrooms, library and 3 full washrooms. In the basement you have 2 mortgage helpers and theatre/bar. Loads of parking. Double Garage. Located in a great pocket of Bear creek.

**19775 33 Avenue**



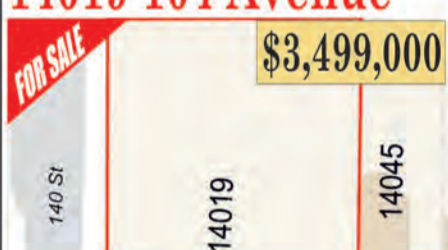
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**19629 32 Avenue**



**\$2,890,000**  
0.96 ACRES OF DEVELOPMENT LAND IN BROOKSWOOD! Highly desirable acreage adjacent to recently developed 114 lots project. Small home on property is of little value. Currently rented. Development potential of 7000 Sq.Ft Lots! Call for more information. Details: .965 of an acre, flat with few trees, immediately adjacent to Havenwood, Langley's latest upscale community with over 90 high end homes currently under construction. All services have been installed within close proximity to this site. Detention pond and large sanitary pump station have been constructed immediately to the north of this property. This parcel is within the benefiting catchment of this infrastructure. Development Works Agreements are in place allowing for the use of this infrastructure for any future development.

**14019 104 Avenue**



**\$3,499,000**  
LAND FOR SALE! Corner Parcel sitting on OVER 42,000 SQ.FT. C-35 Zoning allows for a variety of uses.

**LT.2 33 Avenue**



**\$4,450,000**  
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**19671 32 Avenue**



**\$8,550,000**  
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**\$1,999,000**

**103 19835 64 AVE, LANGLEY**



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**\$599,000**

**104 7349 140 ST, SURREY**



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**\$799,000**

**45804 REECE AVE, CHILLIWACK**



**OPEN HOUSE :  
SAT & SUN 2-4 PM**

**3 BED • 1 BATH • 2,316 SF**

Investor's Alert! SUBDIVIDED LOT WITH BACK LANE ACCESS WITH PLA APPROVED. Two Bedrooms on the main floor with 1 Bedroom upstairs. Already rezoned, ready to tear down the Livable house down & start construction or rent it out now & start construction next year. Currently Tenanted on month to month Bases, Tenant willing to stay. Gardner's delight with amazing arts and crafts all off the large patio.

**\$1,199,000**

**14974 RAVEN PL, N. SURREY**



**3 BED • 1 BATH • 1,155 SF**

Investor's Alert! Updated Home on a 7280 Sq. Feet Lot with a 70 feet wide front with 3 Bedrooms & 1 Washroom in Boliver Heights. Good condition for Living now & Build later. Roof was done in 2016. Full exposure for lot of natural light with a huge backyard. Very close to Guildford Mall, T&T Super Market & Walmart. Easy Access to Highway 1. The Best thing is that this property comes with a Back Lane Access.

**\$1,399,000**

**103 6299 144 ST, SURREY**



**3 BED • 3 BATHS • 1,541 SF**

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# Canadian Scientists, Researchers Work Full-Time, Or Longer, For Less Than Minimum Wage: NDP MP

NDP MP Richard Cannings (South Okanagan—West Kootenay) rallied scientists from across the political spectrum in Ottawa to urge Prime Minister Trudeau and the Minister for Innovation, Science and Industry François-Philippe Champagne to pay Canada's researchers at the very least a living wage. As the costs of living skyrocket – wages of young scientists have been stagnant since 2003, and they're struggling to make ends meet. "Canada is lagging behind the world on innovation and research at a time when we know these are the hallmarks of successful economies. We need to do more to ensure funding does not just

funnel into institutions but supports the actual people doing the research so that they can afford to pay their bills. Without people, there is no research," said Cannings, who is a scientist himself and sits on the House of Commons Standing Committee on Science and Research. Cannings, in a letter to the Prime Minister, criticized the Canadian postgraduate research scholarship funding landscape that the Liberals have left entirely inactive for almost 20 years – despite overwhelming increases to tuition and housing costs. "Canada is asking our best and brightest minds to work full-time, or longer, for less than minimum wage. It is an impos-

sible task, let alone immoral, for government agencies to pay well below their own mandated standards," added Cannings. "It is completely unacceptable and wrong that this is how the Liberals are treating young scientists while relying on their research." The 7000 scientists and researchers that signed the urgent letter point out that low wages are preventing people from pursuing advanced education and jeopardizing important and needed research. Preliminary results from the National Graduate Student Finance Survey conducted last year by the Ottawa Science Policy Network seem to agree. Almost half of the respondents

don't have enough to get by and struggle financially every month; 87% reported anxiety about finances, and nearly a third have considered dropping their research due to financial concerns. The group is asking for a necessary pay increase to match inflation and increases in the number of research awards granted by the government. The House of Commons Standing Committee on Science and Research made similar recommendations last year, but the Liberal Government's budget ignored the committee and left researchers out in the cold. "In the coming months, the Liberals have a chance to do



NDP MP Richard Cannings

the right thing and make these important investments that will help scientists and their families make ends meet. New Democrats will keep fighting to help workers in the face of the affordability crisis. If we don't step up now, for workers, research and innovation, the future of families and our economy are on the line," added Brian Masse, NDP Critic for Innovation, Science and Research.

# First Documentary On Bhai Ram Singh Released By Canadian Ramgharia Society

By Hardam Maan

Surrey-Canadian Ramgharia Society celebrated 300 years of birth of Sardar Jassa Singh Ramgharia, King of the Sikh Nation, by giving rich tributes to the first prominent Sikh Architect Bhai Ram Singh on his 164th birthday. On the initiative and directions of Canadian Sikh Scholar Sardar Jai Teg Singh, an impressive 36 minute documentary dedicated to Bhai Ram Singh

was shot. Sardar Jai Teg Singh found prominent scholars in the field of architecture and planning who have done work on the great Sikh Architect Bhai Ram Singh. Achievements of Bhai Ram Singh are also documented. In the list of Scholars are Prof Mohammad Pervaiz Vandal, (Former Vice Chancellor, Institute of Art and Culture, Lahore,) Prof Sajid Haider Vandal, Former Principal of National College of Arts and Former Vice Chancellor

of Institute of Art and Culture, Lahore, Prof. Dr. Balvinder Singh, Conservation Spatial Planner, Former Head, Guru Ramdas School of Planning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Dr. Jatinder Kaur, Associate Professor in the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi and Mr. Ripu Daman Singh, Associate Professor in Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University Bathinda.



Bhai Ram Singh

Prof Vandal's book "Raj Lahore and Bhai Ram Singh" has also been released on this occasion. Prof. Dr. Balvinder Singh's two papers on Khalsa College Amritsar were also referred by Sardar Jai Teg Singh. Dr Jatinder Kaur expressed the architectural skills of the great architect. Mr Ripudaman Singh talked about his research on Bhai Ram Singh. Ms Maria Waseen another architect



Jai Teg Singh

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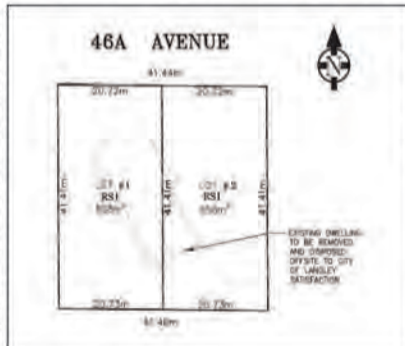
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# Save Money and Fuel Through the CleanBC Heavy-duty Vehicle Efficiency Program

\$3.5 million in rebates available for approved fuel-saving devices

The BC Trucking Association (BCTA) has announced that as of August 12, 2022, they will be accepting rebate applications for Year-four of CleanBC Heavy-duty Vehicle Efficiency (HDVE) Program.

For the fourth year in a row, BCTA has partnered with the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to administer the CleanBC HDVE Program— an incentive program that provides carriers with fuel management strategies and rebates of up to \$15,000 per vehicle and \$100,000 per fleet for approved fuel-efficiency devices.

“B.C.’s commitment to address climate change and move towards a cleaner, carbon-free future is exemplary, and the Ministry is pleased to continue to work with the BC Trucking Association to help with the transition,” said Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. “The

trucking sector is making great strides to lessen its carbon footprint, and we hope B.C. carriers take advantage of this rebate program to not only save money, but also help to save the environment.”

As part of the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, the CleanBC HDVE Program is a key element of the Government of B.C.’s work to accelerate climate action and get the province on track to a net-zero economy through low carbon industry and negative emissions technologies. Medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles are responsible for approximately half of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from B.C.’s road transportation sector. However, by providing carriers with fuel management strategies and incentives of up to 50% for approved fuel-efficiency devices, participation in the program can currently reduce fuel consumption and associated GHG emissions by up to 35%. As ze-

ro-emission commercial vehicles are in the emerging state of availability, encouraging the use of fuel-saving technology that is available today is vital to getting a jump on emission reduction. To demonstrate their commitment to the fight against climate change, the provincial government is providing \$3.5 million to Year-four of the Program, more than double the rebates offered previously.

Year-four of the CleanBC HDVE Program will run until August 31, 2023, or until the funds are fully allocated, whichever comes first.

### CleanBC HDVE Program Key Features

- The newly revamped and condensed CleanBC HDVE Program Course teaches participants the importance on why truck and motor coach fleets of any size should have a fuel management program that focuses on driver training, benchmarking, adoption of fuel-saving equipment, and



**Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure**

fleet turnover, including consideration of alternative fuel options. Course registration is free.

- Rebates of up to \$15,000 per vehicle and up to \$100,000 per fleet for purchase and installation of approved fuel-saving equipment and technology are available. See the full list of approved equipment and rebates here.

- Funding is allocated equitably among successful applicants by region and carrier type and size.

Priority funding allocation for Year-four will be given to new applicants. Applications will be accepted from new applicants beginning August 12, 2022, and from all applicants beginning September 15, 2022.

BCTA is working in collaboration with Indigenous businesses and communities to encourage program participation and achieve stronger representation of Indigenous talent in the commercial vehicle sector.

For more details about the program, please see the CleanBC HDVE Program Guide.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for program rebates, BCTA membership is not required. Companies must meet the eligibility criteria that are available in the CleanBC HDVE Program Guide, including:

- Must have one or more heavy-duty commercial vehicles in their fleet with a gross vehicle weight greater than 11,794 kilograms.

- Vehicle must be licensed and insured to operate in B.C.

- Must conduct business in the province with a terminal located in B.C.

All applicants must first successfully complete the free pre-requisite Year-four CleanBC HDVE Program Course before submitting their application. The newly revamped and condensed course, which is offered by webinar and in-person, teaches participants the benefits of having a fuel management program, and how to incorporate measures to improve fuel economy with an emphasis on B.C. specific data. The course also demonstrates how to develop a baseline of fuel consumption and track progress as part of the company’s program. Registration for the CleanBC HDVE Program Course is now open.

### How to Apply

The application process for the HDVE Program is broken down into three stages:

- Stage 1: August 12, 2022- Registration opens for the pre-requisite CleanBC HDVE Program Course.

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| <b>20th August, Saturday</b>  | 10:00 am Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Kuldeep Singh family         |
| <b>21st August, Sunday</b>    | 10.00am Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Balwinder Singh Chopra family |
| <b>22nd August, Monday</b>    | 10:00 AM, Amrik Singh Bhachu family will perform the Anand Karj ceremony.          |
| <b>24th August, Wednesday</b> | 10:00 am Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Paramjit Singh Chahal family.    |
| <b>25th August, Thursday</b>  | 10:00 am Parminder Chauhan family will perform the Anand Karj ceremony.            |
| <b>26th August, Friday</b>    | 10:00 am Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Jasvir Singh Sanghera family.    |
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## Why Shekhar, Archana Can't Stop Laughing On 'India's Laughter Champion'

Mumbai: Rajkot comedian Jay Chhaniyara will be seen in 'India's Laughter Champion', talking about Gujarati people and tickling the funny bones with his jokes on judges Archana Puran Singh and Shekhar Suman.

His funny acts make the judges laugh out loud as he receives a lot of appreciation.

After his performance, Shekhar praises him by saying: "I loved your spontaneity and the way you were delivering the jokes..."



it was fantastic. The way you answer back is brilliant. I am amazed by the level of performance that you are giv-

ing us, just like the audience is."

"Thank you so much Jay for entertaining us. I pray to god that you stay with us in this journey for a long time so that we get entertained by you in the finals as well," he adds. Archana says: "Jay honestly, you have come along with many other contestants, but today there are so few contestants left. Looking back, the journey has been great. I hope you keep entertaining us this way throughout the show."

## Mandakini to make a comeback with music video of her son's 'Maa O Maa'



Mumbai: Mandakini, who became famous with her debut film, Raj Kapoor's blockbuster film 'Ram Teri Ganga Maili', and then courted notoriety briefly with her rumoured association with Dawood Ibrahim, is making a comeback in the upcoming music video titled 'Maa O Maa'.

The teaser of the song, which was released on Friday, features Mandakini with her son Rabbil Thakur, actress Babita Banerjee, and child artistes Simran and Chirag. This is the first time that Mandakini, who became a follower of the Dalai Lama in 1990, and has been a teacher of Tibetan yoga, will be seen in an entertainment product after she quit Bollywood with the 1996 film 'Zordaar'.

Taking to Instagram, Mandakini unveiled the teaser of the song with a matter-of-fact caption: "Song coming out soon".

The 'Maa O Maa' music video, directed by Sajan Agarwal, will soon be released on the Filmy Clap YouTube channel.

## 'Flop Actor', MP Home Minister Reacts To Arjun Kapoor's Statement On Boycotts



Mumbai: Arjun Kapoor recently spoke out against the boycott trend that seems to have plagued almost every Bollywood film of late. His comments have irked the Home Minister of

Madhya Pradesh Narottam Mishra, who called the Bollywood personality a "flop actor". During a press event, the footage of which he also shared on his Twitter, Mishra said: "Instead of threatening people, Arjun Kapoor should rather focus on his acting."

"Actors targeting Hinduism in their films and supporters of the Tukde-Tukde gang should not try to threaten the public," he added.

Earlier, in an interview with 'Bollywood Hungama', Arjun Kapoor had said, "I think we made a mistake by being silent for so long. Our decency was taken as our weakness. We always believe in let the work speak for itself, all this doesn't matter." He also mentioned that the film

industry needs to come together and get to the root cause of the issue. Talking about the cancel culture on social media affecting Bollywood, Arjun Kapoor added: "We tolerated a little too much. Now people are used to it."

Post his comments around the boycott trend, Arjun, who was recently seen in 'Ek Villain Returns', is being brutally trolled online. The boycott trend, of late, seems to have affected Bollywood. While a huge negative campaign ran against Aamir Khan's 'Laal Singh Chaddha' over the film's lead actor's 2015 remark around growing intolerance, Akshay Kumar's 'Raksha Bandhan' too faced the boycott heat as trolls dug out the film's writer Kanika Dhillon's tweets.

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## Shimla Film Fest To Begin With Divya Dutta As Celebrity Guest

Shimla: The eighth edition of the International Film Festival of Shimla will be held from August 26-28 at Gaiety Theatre in Himachal Pradesh capital with Bollywood actress Divya Dutta as the celebrity guest, it was announced on Thursday.

Festival Director Pushp Raj Thakur said the screening of Divya Dutta's transgender-based film *Sheer Korma* at the film festival will be presided over by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. This time, 81 films will be screened at the International Film Festival of Shimla. Twenty-seven films in the international category, 34 Indian films, 4 Himachali films and 15 national award winning films will be screened in the three-day festival.

This time, films from 17 countries including Canada, the US, Spain, Iran, Brazil, Iceland, Mexico, Australia, Greece, Russia -- will be screened. These include documentary, animation feature and short films.

Gujarati feature film '21 M U Tiffin' directed by Vijay Giri Baba, Hindi feature film 'Alpha Beta Gama' directed by Shankar Sri Kumar, Kannada feature film 'Dolu' directed by Sagar Puranik, Hindi feature film 'At Down Toofan Mail' directed by Aakriti Singh, Marathi film 'Funeral' directed by Rajendra Dubey, Telugu film 'Natyam' directed by Revanth Kumar Kurukunda, Kannada film 'Neeli Hakkia' directed by Ganesh Hegde, Hindi documentary 'Jugalbandi' directed by Chetan Bhakuni, Marathi documentary 'Marble of the Jungle' directed by Sohail Vaidya, Manipuri director Haubam Pawan Kumar's documentary 'Pabung Shyam', Garhwali film 'Sanpat' directed by Rahul Rawat, Odia documentary 'Backstage' directed by Lipika Singh Derai, Hindi documentary 'Naakara' directed by Anant



Mahadevan, Gujarati documentary 'The Spell of Purple' directed by Prachi Barjania and Assamese documentary 'Veerangana' directed by Kishore Kalita will be showcased.

Fifty film directors from across the country and abroad will participate in the festival. They will also be interacting with audience at the British-era Gaiety Theatre, where Nobel laureate Rudyard Kipling and legendary actors Prithviraj Kapoor and Balraj Sahni once performed. This time, a film exhibition is also being organised by the National Film Archives of India of Pune at the festival. Various work related to the films will also be put on display in the exhibition.

Mumbai: On National Grooming Day on Friday, actor Rana Daggubati has shared some simple and quick tips for men to bring their best face forward. He says that for him, washing the face at least twice a day followed by moisturising it, and using sunscreen are essential.

"On National Men's Grooming Day, I am sharing a few tips for all the men out there that will make grooming simple and quick for them. As in most cases, consistency is key - spend a few minutes every day to groom yourself and make it a daily routine," said Rana, who has co-created the men's grooming brand - DCRAF along with Roposo, a creator-led live entertainment commerce platform.

He added: "To me, washing the face at least twice a day followed by moisturising it, and using sunscreen (even if indoors) are essentials and will go a long way towards having great skin. For your beard, try to keep them well-trimmed, no matter what the length."

The actor, who has worked in magnum opus such as the 'Baahubali' franchise, shared that he loves maintaining his beard.

## Hrithik Reveals The Connection Between 'Krrish' And 'LOTR'

Mumbai: Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan, who is currently gearing up for his film 'Vikram Vedha', has shared the connection that he has with the epic film franchise, 'Lord Of The Rings (LOTR)'. Regarded as one of the greatest trilogies, 'LOTR', based on the novel written by J.R.R. Tolkien, has long fascinated the lovers of fantasy films since its release. The 'War' actor walked down the memory lane and shared an incident from the year 2004 when his father Rakesh Roshan re-watched 'Lord Of The Rings' one fine day.

Speaking at the sidelines of a promotional event for the upcoming streaming series 'The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power', Hrithik said: "It was in

ning revelation. He said: "After completing the film, he called me and we discussed about the grandeur of the film and everything about it in terms of filmmaking, the



2004 when my father saw first part of 'Lord Of The Rings'. After finishing the movie, he couldn't help but head to the second part. Post that he put on the third part too for viewing. Yeah he completed the trilogy in a single day back then."

Hrithik then made a stun-

characters and the setting."

He continued: "At one point during our conversation he asked me, 'Why can't we have subsequent editions to our films? How about we extend 'Koi... Mil Gaya'?' That's how 'Krrish' came into being."

The 'Krrish' franchise started with 'Koi... Mil Gaya', which released in 2003, a year prior to when the epiphany hit Rakesh Roshan. The franchise was rounded up with the third film titled 'Krrish 3' which released roughly a decade after the first part in 2013.

Expressing his gratitude, the actor further said, "I have to thank the makers of 'LOTR' for the idea behind the franchise of 'Krrish'".

He said: "I love maintaining my beard and would suggest using a mix of beard wax, oil or serum to make beards look good!"

"Getting haircuts at regular intervals, washing and combing, as well as using basic hair serums or gel, if required for styling, will also help men look well-groomed. Most of all, looks are useless without a personality, products alone will not get you anywhere, discipline will."

## Dapper dude Rana Daggubati shares simple tips for men on National Grooming Day

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# In open letter, Geeta Phogat says she wants to be She-Hulk's gym buddy

**M**umbai: Olympic wrestler and Commonwealth Games 2010 gold medalist Geeta Phogat, on whose life the 2016 sports drama 'Dangal' is based, has shared an open letter in appreciation of the recently released series 'She-Hulk: Attorney at Law'.

Phogat, who is an icon of women empowerment mentioned in her letter that she strongly resonates with 'She-Hulk' and wants to be gym buddies with her.

"Marvel ki sabse nayi superhero ko dekhke laga ki yaar ye bilkul humare type ki hero hai! (Looking at the new superhero from Marvel, it feels like she is one of us)."

The series will see actress Tatiana Maslany as Jennifer Walters or the titular character of She-Hulk. Tatiana will navigate her new smashing green persona and her role as a lawyer in the series.

Geeta further wrote in her letter, which she posted on her Instagram: "Ekdum hatti khatti aur lambi chaudi, mujhe to She-Hulk ko apna gym buddy banana hai (She is physically fit, I want to make She-Hulk my gym buddy) Uski aur meri life bhi dekhaa jaaye to kaafi ek jaisi hai (our lives are similar, if you see)."

"Wo lawyer ban ke logon ki raksha karti hai aur main DSP ban ke", the wrestling legend added.

Along with Tatiana, the nine-episode comedy series stars Ginger Gonzaga as Nikki Ramos, Jennifer's best friend and paralegal; Jameela Jamil as superhuman Titania, She-Hulk's nemesis and Tim Roth as surprise new client Emil Blonsky/Abomina-

tion. The series also features special appearances by Mark Ruffalo as Jennifer's cousin Bruce Banner/Hulk, and Benedict Wong

as Wong. Marvel Studios' 'She-Hulk: Attorney at Law' is available to stream on OTT platform Disney+ Hotstar.

# Salma Hayek, Annie Murphy in talks to star in 'Black Mirror' Season 6

**L**os Angeles: Salma Hayek and Annie Murphy are in talks to star in the new season of "Black Mirror".

According to 'Variety', the dystopian Netflix series is slowly assembling a star-studded roster of talent for its long-awaited Season 6, with Hayek and Murphy the latest actors set to join the cast.



Clara Rugaard, Auden Thornton, and Anjana Vasan.

Rory Culkin, who was most recently seen in FX's "Under the Banner of Heaven", is also joining the show, it reported, citing "Deadline".

Hayek recently wrapped on Angelina Jolie's new movie "Without Blood", which has been filming in Italy, and stars in Steven Soderbergh's forthcoming

"Magic Mike's Last Dance". She also starred in Ridley Scott's "House of Gucci" and Marvel's "Eternals".

Variety previously revealed that the new season has signed Zazie Beetz, Paapa Essiedu, Josh Hartnett, Aaron Paul, Kate Mara, Danny Ramirez,

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# Harry Styles 'Loves To Unwind By Playing Golf'

Los Angeles: 'One Direction' star Harry Styles has been playing golf for years but has been trying to get in as many rounds as possible since touring as a solo star.

The 28-year-old singer has been playing the game for years but has been trying to get in as many rounds as possible since touring as a solo star, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

A source told The Sun newspaper's Bizarre column: "Harry loves to unwind by playing golf. When you've got over 60,000 fans screaming your name with every movement it can be overwhelming."

"A round of golf is the complete opposite of a stadium show - it's peaceful and by its nature, comes with privacy, so it's perfect. Harry has made sure to check out as many golf courses as possible as he tours the world. He's even added golfing clothes to his luggage."

During their One Direction days, Harry and his bandmate Niall Horan, 28, of-



ten enjoyed a round of golf together and Niall formed the golf management company, Modest! Golf in 2016.

Previously, speaking about his passion for the sport, Horan had told todaysgolf-

er.co.uk: "Obviously, my day-to-day job is a musician and it's something I dreamt about being since I was a child. But away from my job, my biggest love is golf, and has been from when I used to watch the Masters as a kid with my father."

"When I started Modest! Golf my intention was always to do my bit to get more young people into the game and to support the younger generation of professional golfer."

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"Having travelled all over the world, I've obviously witnessed the power of my fans. A lot of them would be young females and they're so passionate. Knowing what power the young ladies have, that can only lead to great things. "I watch and study all sorts of golf to be

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• "Small firms are in for a rough recovery, but governments can step in and help by taking concrete measures," Kelly added. "Governments need to decide whether they will make the problem worse by raising taxes or take immediate actions to keep many businesses from disappearing for good."

days. During an interview with Apple Music 1's Zane Lowe, Demi explained: "One influence that really changed where I wanted to go directionally into music was Kelly Clarkson's 'Since You've Been Gone.'

It was a monster record. And I saw the transformation of her as an artist go from R&B soul pop to pop rock. And I was like, wait, that's what I want to do."

# Demi Lovato's New Studio Album 'Holy Fvck' Marks Singer's Shift In Image



Los Angeles: Singer-actress Demi Lovato has undergone yet another evolution for their eighth studio album, 'Holy Fvck', which was released on Friday.

The Grammy-nominated artiste's new record marks a stark shift in image and sound from their revelatory 2021 album "Dancing With the Devil: The Art of Starting Over", reports 'Billboard'.

Led by the singles 'Skin of My Teeth', 'Substance,' and

'29,' 'Holy Fvck' arrives approximately seven months after Demi first teased a 'funeral' for her pop music on Instagram.

While both a 'Skin' and 'Substance' failed to crack the Billboard Hot 100, the songs made waves on the Hot Rock and Alternative Songs Chart where they peaked at No. 13 and No. 37, respectively.

Released as a promotional single just two days before the album's release, '29' quickly resonated with fans

across the world with its careful articulation of grooming in relationships.

According to 'Billboard', 'Holy Fvck' features collaborations with Royal and the Serpent, YUNGBLUD, and Dead Sara, as well as writing and production credits from Warren 'Oak' Felder, Michael Pollack, and Lovato herself.

Like the sound of the album's singles, 'Holy Fvck' is a departure from the pop gloss of her 'Tell Me You Love Me'

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