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# Battle over Surrey Police Transition intensifies as Surrey Council votes to keep the RCMP, what's coming next?

**By Link News Network**

- A corporate report was presented to the city council to either maintain RCMP as Police of Jurisdiction or to continue the transition to the Surrey Police Service
- Five City council members voted in favour of keeping the RCMP where as 4 were against it
- City staff will now prepare a transition plan that will be forwarded to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General for his approval
- Minister Farnworth in a statement said that the city must put forward a transition plan that deals with all the components of reversing the transition, in-



**Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke**

cluding addressing human resources issues, the capital plan, and the financial cost of the reversal

- However, all the components mentioned by Farnworth are a bone of contention between SPS and the City council
- Mayor Locke's best bet in



**Surrey Police Service Chief Const. Norm Lipinski**

taking care of human resource obligation is that many of the Surrey Police Service officers will work for the RCMP, however, 94% of SPS officers have pledged that they have no intention of working with Surrey RCMP

- Unrecoverable sunk costs are forecasted by Surrey Police Service to be as high as \$107M, where as city still needs to crunch the numbers
- SPS has also sighted other inaccuracies in the corporate report in terms of staffing, financial implications etc
- The vote also directed Surrey Police Service (SPS) to put a freeze on hiring and spending, where as SPS staff said they won't stop hiring unless directed by the province
- South Asian Truckers have stepped up to endorse Surrey Police Service as the police for the City and requested that the impacted RCMP staff be hired by SPS (read story on Page 3)

*(Read Full story on Page 8)*

# 16 New In-Demand Occupations Now Eligible For Permanent Residence and That Includes Transport Truck Drivers!

OTTAWA, ON: Canada has announced that foreign nationals with work experience in 16 more occupations are now eligible to apply through Express Entry. The announcement comes after an update to the National Occupation Classification (NOC) that is used to track and categorize all jobs in the Canadian labour market and is updated to reflect changes in the economy and in the nature of work.

Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced the implementation of the National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2021 for immigration programs managed

under the Express Entry system. Using the new NOC categories will allow Canada to bring in global talent in high-demand sectors like health care, construction, and transportation. Nurse aides, long-term care aides, hospital attendants, elementary and secondary school teacher assistants, and transport truck drivers are examples of some of the 16 occupations now included in Express Entry.

"We are using all of the tools at our disposal to tackle labour shortages, particularly in key sectors like health care, construction, and transportation. These changes will support

Canadians in need of these services, and they will support employers by providing them with a more robust workforce who we can depend on to drive our economy forward into a prosperous future. I'm thrilled to announce expanded pathways to permanent residence in Canada for these in-demand workers," said Fraser.

Foreign nationals with work experience in the following 16 occupations are now eligible to apply through Express Entry:

- o payroll administrators
- o dental assistants and dental laboratory assistants
- o nurse aides, orderlies and pa-



**Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration**

tient service associates

- Pharmacy technical assistants and pharmacy assistants
- Elementary and secondary school teacher assistants
- Sheriffs and bailiffs
- Correctional service officers
- By-law enforcement and other regulatory officers
- Estheticians, electrologists and related occupations

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## Surrey Residents Need To Decide Who Polices Their City

The fact is 72 per cent of the people who voted in the municipal election did not vote for Brenda Locke, so any suggestion that there is some sort of overwhelming mandate is ridiculous – Linda Annis



Surrey First Councillor Linda Annis

**S**urrey: Surrey First Councillor Linda Annis is calling for a referendum that gives Surrey residents the opportunity to decide who will police their city. Annis has also written to Minister Mike Farnworth, encouraging him to call on the City of Surrey to hold a referendum on the police transition issue.

“This issue has become too divisive, too costly, and too much like a political football,” said Annis. “It’s time to put an end to all of this by giving Surrey voters their say, allowing them to make the final decision about who polices our community. Doug McCallum never gave Surrey residents their say, and unfortunately, Mayor Brenda Locke seems to be headed down the same path, trying to stop the transition without including the people of Surrey. The fact is 72 per cent of the people who voted in the municipal election did not vote for Brenda Locke, so any suggestion that there is some sort of overwhelming mandate is ridiculous. Only a referendum that gives the people of Surrey their say will give the final decision on policing any

legitimacy.”

Annis, who campaigned on a referendum, said voters need all the facts and the chance to make that final decision.

“This decision is so big, so costly, and so divisive that it will take a vote of our citizens to bring it to a legitimate conclusion,” added Annis. “The nine of us elected to council on October 15 should not be making this final decision. We need to give Surrey voters their say, something that has been missing for four years under Doug McCallum. Mayor Locke should do the right thing and let the people of our city have their say, otherwise what’s the difference between her way and Doug McCallum’s way of doing things? If we are an open and transparent city council, we should start by giving our voters their say on who polices our city.”

## South Asian truckers come out in support of Surrey police force; want RCMP officers to be hired by Surrey Police

### Surrey is in desperate need of change to preserve our future as a community and as a city

**S**URREY, BC: If on one hand Mayor Brenda Locke and the council are suggesting SPS officers be hired by RCMP, United Truckers Association (“UTA”) are requesting that policing transition to Surrey Police Service should continue and instead Surrey Police should hire the RCMP officers who will be impacted by the transition.

UTA held a vote on supporting the Surrey policing transition over the weekend, with the over 478 members in attendance voting unanimously in favour.

“After months of internal contemplation by the UTA executive, and in light of Monday night’s successful Surrey City Council vote to proceed on a de-transition plan and report for Minister Mike Farnworth, the UTA decided now was the time to make a public declaration,” said UTA spokesperson Gagan Singh.

It also marks the first major South Asian community organization which has offered a public endorsement of continuing the transition to a municipal police force since the recent election.

“While the UTA’s membership has always been in favour of a



UTA spokesperson Gagan Singh

more local, community-based model of policing in Surrey, it was critical to set a precedent within the South Asian community,” Singh said. “Too many of our young people have fallen victim to the criminal lifestyle, and Surrey is in desperate need of change to preserve our future as a community and as a city.” The UTA, however, remains appreciative and supportive of the hundreds of Surrey RCMP officers currently working locally and is concerned for these front-line officers as the transition continues.

“The UTA requests the Provincial Government continue with the approved police transition and provide certainty to the residents of Surrey in a timely man-

ner. A municipal police service will be accountable to the residents of Surrey in ensuring adequate staffing levels and aligns with the recommendations of the report by the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act.”

That is why the UTA is imploring the Surrey Police Board and the Surrey Police Union to consider priority hiring status for these RCMP officers, the majority of which have been attached and integrated into the local community for many years.

“Away from the divisive politics that we have seen in recent times, UTA members understand the human cost to both sides with the prospect of job loss hanging over families,” added Singh. “The UTA calls on those in charge of the Surrey Police Service hiring process to consider this wealth of experience from the RCMP detachment as they continue to hire additional capacity over the coming months and years.”

The UTA is proud to be a community-based South Asian organization whose Surrey-based members put public safety ahead of politics and all other considerations.

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# Canada lifts limit on flights to India, allows unlimited flights between both countries

TORONTO: There is good news for Indo-Canadian travellers. The Canadian government has announced that the government will allow an unlimited number of flights from designated airlines between Canada and India. The announcement is part of the transport agreement expansion that previously limited each country to 35 flights per week.

From visiting friends and family to getting goods to markets around the world, Indo-Canadians have been struggling to book flights to and from India. The ever increasing cost of the flights have forced many Indo-Canadians to either postpone or cancel their plans to visit their loved ones.

This significant move will allow airlines of Canada and India to better respond to the needs of the Canada-India air transport market.

The Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra made the announcement at the recent conclusion of an expanded air transport agreement between Canada

and India.

Expanding Canada's existing air transport relationships allow airlines to introduce more flight options and routings, which benefit passengers and businesses by providing greater choice and convenience.

India is Canada's 4th largest international air transport market. "The expanded air transport agreement between Canada and India is a positive development for air transport relations between our countries. We are pleased to expand this relationship with additional flexibility for airlines to serve this growing market. By making the movement of goods and people faster and easier, this expanded agreement will continue to facilitate trade and investment between Canada and India and help our businesses grow and succeed," said Alghabra.

Canada's first air transport agreement with India was concluded in 1982, and was last expanded in 2011. This new agreement was reached under Canada's Blue Sky policy, which encourages long-term, sustainable competition and the development of international air services.

The agreement gives Canadian air carriers access to Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai, and Indian air carriers access to Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton, Vancouver, and two additional points to be selected by India.

Air India has 14 weekly direct flights with a daily between Delhi and Toronto and another daily between Delhi and Vancouver.

"The Canada-India economic relationship is built on deep-rooted people to people ties. With this expanded air transport agreement, we are facilitating even more exchanges of professionals, students, business people, and investors. As we strengthen our trade and investment relationship with India, we will continue building bridges like this that enable our entrepreneurs, workers, and businesses to access new opportunities," said Mary Ng, Canada's Minister of International Trade.



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## Surrey man charged in connection to uttering threats to an American journalist

Surrey RCMP approved charges in an investigation that involved death threats to an American journalist online. In June 2022, the Surrey RCMP's General Investigation Unit took conduct of the file, and identified a suspect. On July 10, 2022, a 38-year-old man was arrested and a search warrant was executed at his residence. He was released from custody on conditions.

On November 10, 2022, 38 year-old Nicholas Sullivan was charged with five counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm through social media. He is scheduled to appear in court later this month. Surrey RCMP worked with U.S. authorities, including the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to bring this matter before the courts.

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# Turning The Tide On The Drug Toxicity And Overdose Crisis



By Niki Sharma

The toxic drug crisis is an unprecedented public health emergency that has touched the lives of people around the world and right here in British Columbia. People are passing away every day, even as countless lives are saved by the heroic interventions of first responders, front-line workers, peers, friends and family.

In B.C., the illicit drug supply is more toxic and unpredictable than ever before, causing an urgent health emergency. For too long, people have struggled to get the mental health supports they need before small challenges become big ones. We also know that for too long, substance use was treated as a criminal justice issue instead of a public health matter, making this crisis even more destructive.

This fall, the all-party Select Standing Committee on Health released our report on the drug toxicity and overdose crisis with 37 recommendations aimed at saving lives and moving British Columbia out of the current public health emergency.

Putting aside political differences, members of all elected parties in B.C. agreed on recommendations to expand access to a safer supply, implement decriminalization, and increase enforcement of organized crime that preys upon vulnerable people with an increasingly toxic supply.

It is our belief that moving out of this public health emergency will require not just policy-makers and key investments but all British Columbians to put aside any preconceived notions about this crisis and, fundamentally, to address our society's deeply held stigma to-

wards people who use drugs.

It is important to understand who is most often impacted by toxic drugs. We heard that the populations that are most affected include men aged 19-39 (77% of deaths), and people working in trades, transportation, or as equipment operators. Most deaths are also occurring when people are alone and in private residences. While the drug toxicity crisis can affect anyone, understanding these factors helps us to target solutions.

It was clear to all members that the toxic drug crisis is not – and should not – be a partisan issue and we need to work collectively to find and focus on solutions that will save lives and help people achieve wellness.

Over the course of its work, the committee received briefings from federal and provincial government ministries and agencies,



health authorities and other experts. The committee also held public hearings and invited written input to ensure all British Columbians had the opportunity to participate. The committee heard from 118 presenters and received 881 written submissions.

It was a big step forward to see all-party support for 37 recommendations to fight the overdose

crisis, including evidence-based policies like safer supply and decriminalization. Each committee member comes from different parts of B.C., has different political affiliations and lived experience. Yet we all came together to build consensus and meet at our places of agreement. Ultimately, the work of this committee was an act of solidarity with all Brit-

ish Columbians impacted by this crisis.

B.C. is taking a comprehensive approach to addressing the ongoing public health emergency, including acting on decriminalization, adding new treatment and recovery services, and investing in new harm reduction supports, like prescribed safe supply. After decades of neglect, we are building up treatment and recovery services in B.C. to make sure help is available when someone is ready to take that step toward wellness.

We know there is more to do, and we won't stop working until we turn the tide on this crisis. It's our hope to build upon the work the province has done already and fill the remaining gaps.

*Niki Sharma is Chair of the Select Standing Committee on Health and MLA for Vancouver-Hastings*

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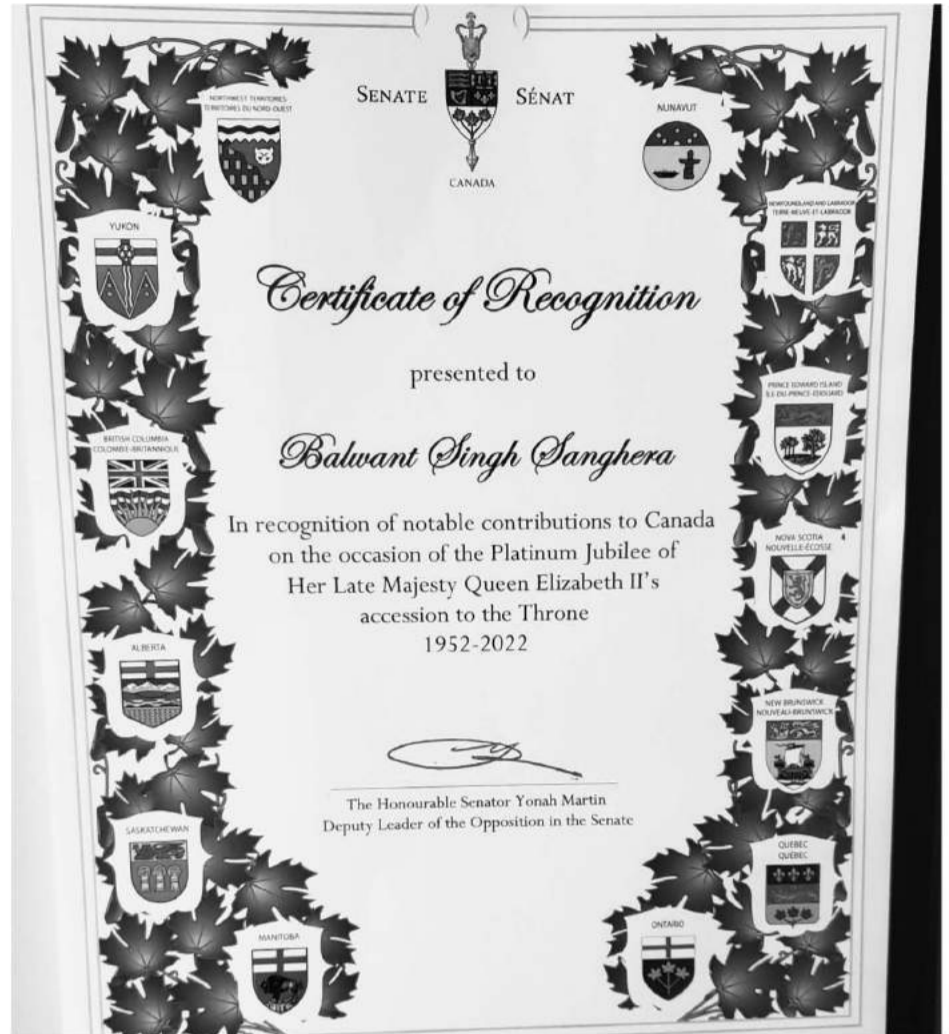
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# Long Term community Volunteer Balwant Sanghera receives Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award



Long term community volunteer and General Secretary, India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, in Richmond, Balwant Sanghera received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal and Certificate of Recognition in Richmond on November 12, 2022 by Yonah Martin, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. This completes the series of Queen's Awards for Sanghera. He received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 and now Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022.

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# Surrey's Lovepreet Brar recognized for supporting crime prevention and community safety

Lovepreet Brar of Surrey has been recognized with Community Safety Award by the BC government for her work supporting crime prevention and community safety, with a focus on transformative Indigenous-led approaches.

Brar got this award along with 2 other community leaders and two community organizations. The 25th-annual Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards were held last week.

Brar is Surrey family liaison victim services manager, RCMP Integrated Homicide Investigation Team. The BC Winner of the Services to Victims Award, Brar has shown outstanding leadership and dedication assisting crime victims' families as the family liaison victim services manager of the RCMP's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT).

Crown counsel, investigators, community support programs and families have praised Lovepreet for her work providing trauma-informed and empathic support to those in need.

"These inspiring award recipients prove we can create a safer province by working together to prevent crime," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "I congratulate them for their leadership, commitment and innovation, and I thank them for all they do in building safer communities."

The awards acknowledge individuals, non-profit organizations, and justice and community partners for their work in advancing crime prevention, restorative justice, support for

vulnerable people and other initiatives that keep British Columbia's communities safer. These efforts support provincial initiatives in crime prevention, victim services and policing.

"These award recipients are our partners on the front lines of crime prevention and community safety, and they make a lasting impact on people's lives," said Grace Lore, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity. "I am deeply appreciative of their outstanding work supporting some of our province's most vulnerable people, including marginalized women and children who face violence."

**The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards were presented to:**

- Shawn Bayes, Vancouver, CEO, Elizabeth Fry Society of



- Greater Vancouver
- Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness, Victoria
  - Lovepreet Brar, Surrey, family liaison victim services manager, RCMP Integrated Homicide Investigation Team
  - Mary Brown, Heiltsuk Nation, program director, Heiltsuk Gvi'las Restorative Justice Program
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Learn more about the Body Worn Camera program and history at [deltapolice.ca/bwc](http://deltapolice.ca/bwc) or email your feedback to [bwc@deltapolice.ca](mailto:bwc@deltapolice.ca)



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# Battle over Surrey Police Transition intensifies as Surrey Council...

SURREY: The ongoing battle over the Surrey police transition between Surrey Police service and the city's newly elected mayor Brenda Locke has become more complicated and has intensified after Surrey City Council voted to keep the RCMP.

On Monday, council voted 5-4 in maintaining the RCMP as Police of Jurisdiction in Surrey. According to the city, Council's this vote means the staff will now prepare a transition plan to be forwarded to BC's Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Locke and councillors Harry Bains, Rob Stutt, Pardeep Kooner and Gordon Hepner voted in favour, while Safe Surrey Coalition councillors Doug Elford and Mandeep Nagra voted against keeping the RCMP as did Surrey First councillors Mike Bose and Linda Annis.

Locke also said that on behalf of Council, staff will be issuing a letter to the Surrey Police Board to pause all new hiring and expenditures pending further Council direction.

The Surrey Police Service however said that it won't stop hiring unless directed by the province because it remains bound to meet targets outlined in the police transition plan through May 2023.

"Until or unless we hear differently from the Province,

SPS has an obligation to continue with the deployments laid out in the plan (and the related hiring to achieve those deployments) in order to maintain public safety in Surrey," spokesperson Lisa Eason said in an email.

SPS chief Const. Norm Lipinski also told Global News that the police board does not report directly to mayor and council, so the mayor doesn't have the authority to direct the police department to do any particular thing.

The Surrey Police Service also hit back on the Mayor and the council by sighting inaccuracies in the corporate report that was presented to the council on the day of voting.

"City staff have prepared a report for council's consideration without the benefit of a briefing by the SPB or SPS, which would have ensured an accurate accounting of all human resource and financial aspects of the issue," said Melissa Granum, Surrey Police Board.

Granum mentioned that the report inaccurately reflects SPS's current staffing, citing only the 154 deployed SPS officers, which the reports notes is 21% of the "targeted strength of 734 police officers". "However, SPS has a total of 315 police officers, which represents 43% of the targeted strength. The additional 161 officers are waiting for deployment (35 at

the end of November) and/or working in administrative roles that are required for either the normal functioning of any police agency, or to develop the infrastructure for a new police service," according to Granum. According to SPS, the report also fails to highlight a number of significant financial implications for Council's consideration (see attached financial backgrounder), which include almost \$108.3 million in costs incurred to date, as of October 31st and the prospect of a massive severance liability. "Reversing the transition would result in an estimated \$188.5 million loss of investment into SPS, which is approximately six months away from being operationally ready to become the police of jurisdiction. Furthermore, our recently completed financial forecast of steady state operations projects a \$18.3M cost difference between SPS and the RCMP, which should be considered, for an informed decision. The report also inaccurately attributes the \$20.6 million policing budget shortfall to SPS, when the City previously attributed the overage to the RCMP in their Q2 2022 financial corporate report," Granum said.

While this corporate report presented to the City council is not a final plan on transition. The City staff will put together a plan to re-establish the RCMP

as the sole police force in the city that will address staffing and human resource implications. "Tonight's vote not only affirms my promise to restore Surrey RCMP as Police of Jurisdiction, but it will finally reveal the costs of the transition, which will be made available to the public," Mayor Locke said. She also added that the plan to re-establish Surrey RCMP will address a number of key elements, including the following.

- Outline a plan for staffing Surrey RCMP to a full complement of 734 officers.
- Outline a process to fulfil City HR obligations to impacted civilian staff and any support required for the Board to manage human resources implications for Board employees.
- Prepare planning for future increases for Surrey RCMP members to keep pace with population growth and increased calls for service.
- Prepare a plan to repurpose or otherwise dispose of equipment (vehicles, IT, use of force equipment etc.) and other assets purchased to date.

The plan will be then sent to Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General for the final approval. Farnworth, however, has made it clear in a statement that any plan would be reviewed by the Director of Police Services and himself to ensure adequate and effective policing is main-

tained in Surrey, and across the province.

He said, "As the Solicitor General, it's my responsibility to ensure the City of Surrey's policing plan meets the requirements of the Police Act, and that it continues to provide safe and effective policing."

"The City of Surrey must now put forward a transition plan that deals with all the components of reversing the transition, including addressing human resources issues, the capital plan, and the financial cost of the reversal. I also expect that the plan would be made public for the citizens of Surrey, so that they are aware of how the process will unfold," he added.

Staff will now be working diligently on a report as requested by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General for final approval. As I have said, the plan will be people-centric, which means no SPS officer or civilian staff will be left behind. Regardless of badge, we all share the common goal of keeping Surrey and its citizens safe."

It is interesting to note that all the components mentioned by Farnworth that are important to decide the transition like human resources issues, the capital plan, and the financial cost are a bone of contention between SPS and the City council.

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## Province urges people to get vaccinated amidst rise in respiratory illness cases; but there is no mask mandate

VICTORIA - Public-health officials are asking all British Columbians to get their influenza and COVID-19 immunizations as soon as possible as rates of respiratory illnesses are on the rise throughout the province. But BC's top doctor has said even with rising rates of respiratory illness, especially among children, a mask mandate is not necessary at this time. "I don't believe we need that heavy hand of a mandate," said Henry. "I don't see the need for a mask mandate by itself because we have many other tools and a high level of protection."

Vaccinations remain the best defence against COVID-19 and influenza. Everyone over the age of six months can get both immunizations for free. People can book their shots through the provincial Get Vaccinated system.

While COVID-19 continues to circulate in communities, the situation has changed. In B.C., more than 90% of the population has built some immunity to the SARS-CoV-2 virus through vaccination, infection or both, and the number of people at risk for serious outcomes from COVID-19 has dropped significantly.

There are many tools to get people through this respiratory illness season. The most important is to maximize protection through vaccination. People are also encouraged to check daily for symptoms of respiratory illness, wash their hands regularly and practise respiratory etiquette. This includes wearing a mask if they have mild symptoms, covering coughs and disposing of tissues appropriately. If people have symptoms of respiratory illness, they should stay home and limit close contact with others, especially those at higher risk of developing severe illness from



Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer (Photo credit: BC Government)

COVID-19 or influenza, until they no longer have a fever (without needing fever-reducing medications) and are well enough to participate in usual daily activities.

The Province has been expecting and preparing for an increase in respiratory illnesses, such as COVID-19, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (known as RSV), as people gather more indoors and many viruses that cause respiratory illnesses circulate more in the fall and winter.

Hospitals throughout the province have well-established systems in place to manage high patient volumes, including regional and provincial surge plans. They have been planning for various scenarios and are ready to respond to an influx of patients requiring care for respiratory illnesses.

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## Canada acknowledges scarcity of kids fever medication, secures additional supply

*"Do not use adult fever and pain medications on children under 12 years of age unless you consult with a health care professional."*

Health Canada has shared the concerns of parents and caregivers about their inability to find infant and children's acetaminophen and ibuprofen. It said that these products are essential for families, caregivers, and health care professionals to reduce fever and pain.

Health Canada issued a statement said announcing that it has secured foreign supply of children's acetaminophen that will be available for sale at retail and in community pharmacies in the coming weeks. "The amount to be imported will increase supply available to consumers and will help address the immediate situation. At this time, Canadians should buy only what they need, so that other parents and caregivers can access medication so we can meet the needs of sick children."

Each proposal received from a company to import a foreign authorized product undergoes careful review by Health Canada to confirm that the product was manufactured according to the same high quality standards the people of Canada expect.

Health Canada carefully reviewed this new proposal and found that the product was safe and effective. All information related to cautions and warnings, dosing directions, ingredi-

ents, and other important details will be made available in both English and French to ensure parents and caregivers clearly understand what medication they are using and how to give to their children. This work is being done in parallel to obtaining the additional foreign supply.

To further increase supply, Health Canada also recently approved the exceptional importation of infant and children's ibuprofen and acetaminophen to supply hospitals in Canada. The importation of ibuprofen has occurred, and distribution has begun.

"We continue to work very closely with the manufacturers and distributors of infant and children's acetaminophen and ibuprofen products, provinces/territories, children's hospitals, the Canadian Pediatric Society, the Canadian Pharmacists Association and the Food, Health and Consumer Products of Canada to facilitate information-sharing along the manufacturing and distribution supply chain, and to identify and implement additional measures to alleviate this shortage."

Health Canada's top priority is the health and safety of Canadians and we are committed to exploring every possible option to end this shortage. In the meantime, if you cannot find infant or children's fever and pain medication that you need, you can speak to the pharmacist about available alternatives. Do not use adult fever and pain medications on children under 12 years of age unless you consult with a health care professional.

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# On the 24th Commemoration of the assassination of newspaper editor & publisher Tara Singh Hayer

By Dave S. Hayer

**T**ara Singh Hayer (Nov. 15, 1936 – November 18, 1998) was an Indo-Canadian Times newspaper editor & publisher, who was assassinated in Surrey, Canada on November 18, 1998 after reporting about terrorism, he was recognized with hundreds local, provincial, national and international awards. Some of those awards include: The Order of British Columbia, the Journalist Award by the Municipality of Surrey for courageous and outstanding contribution to Punjabi Journalism in Canada, the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canada, the International Award of Distinction for Journalism from the International Association of Punjabi Authors and Artists, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). In 1999, Canadian Journalists for Free



Expression renamed its Press Freedom Award the "Tara Singh Hayer Press Freedom Award" in Hayer's honour. Each year, the award is given to a Canadian journalist who, through his or her work, has made an important con-

tribution to reinforcing and promoting the principle of freedom of the press in Canada or elsewhere.

In 2000 Tara Singh Hayer's name was added to the Canadian News Hall of Fame. He was the first Canadian of non-English, non-French origin to be added to the Hall. In 2000, Hayer was also selected as one of the International Press Institute's 50 World Press Freedom Heroes of the past 50 years.

One of the presenters of the Award for Late Tara Singh Hayer as "World Press Freedom Hero" in 2000 was USA Senator Ted Kennedy [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted\\_Kennedy](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted_Kennedy) in Boston, USA and Award was accepted by Dave Hayer & Isabelle Martinez Hayer on behalf of the Hayer family.

Chetna Association of Canada, a community based organization has also bestowed an S. Tara Singh Hayer Journalism Award and honors every year a journalist who has been courageous and brought out stories of the marginalized communities.

On Friday, November 18th we commemorate Tara Singh Hayer, my father's message of freedom of expression and freedom of speech, his message against hate, violence, extremism and terrorism.

My father's life was devoted to democracy, freedom of speech, and freedom of the press to speak out against those who try to prevent those freedoms, the right that we in Canadian society hold so precious, to live and speak without fear.

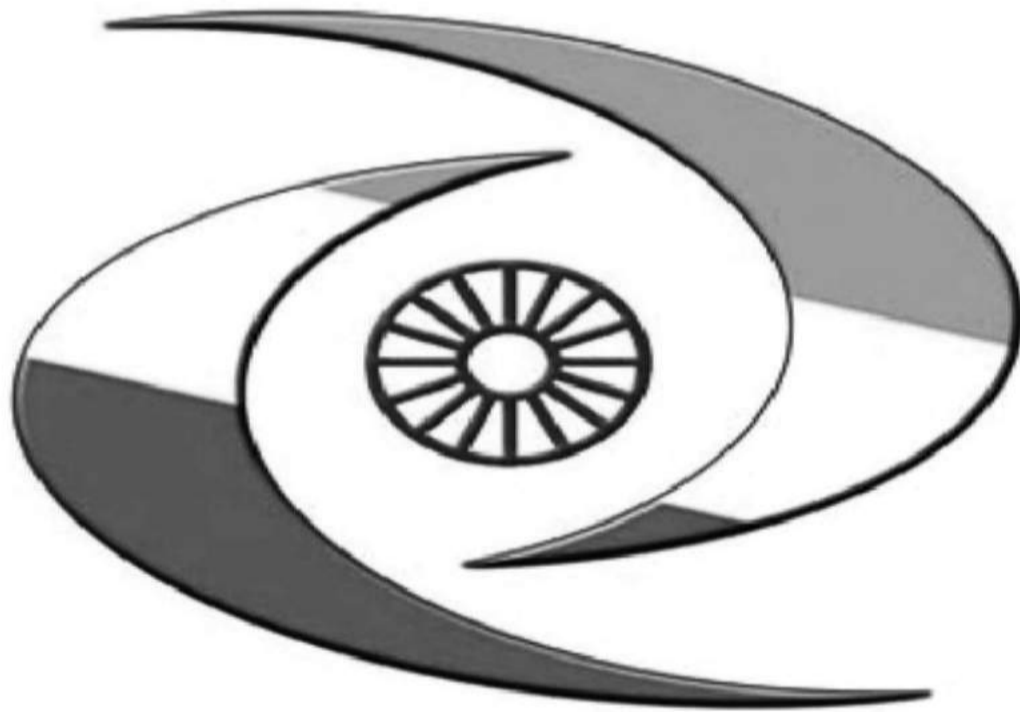
He believed in leading by example, and even though he knew he was putting his life in danger, he had the courage to not only speak out about his own beliefs but also speak out for victims and the innocent.

My father believed that it was not right to remain quiet while some individuals worked against our freedoms, because then they would win ... and we must never let those who promote hatred, extremism, violence and terrorism succeed.

Fear is what drives terrorism around the world, but we must stand united against that, and fight back peacefully as my father did through his newspaper and through his words. And we must have the courage, as he did, to keep talking about, and keep fighting for our freedoms and our rights.

As a result of my father's teachings, and his example of standing up for others, I and all of my family will continue the fight for the rights of victims, for the rights of families of victims & for the rights of all law-abiding Canadians. We will continue to do all we can to ensure that the rights of victims, and our rights as law-abiding Canadian Citizens, are stronger than the rights of those who commit crimes against us.

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# BC floods displaced more than 3,300 people last year, still a long road to recovery

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, has released the following statement marking one year since the November 2021 atmospheric river:

"Today marks the one-year anniversary of the atmospheric river in British Columbia that flooded homes and farmlands, washed away roads and infrastructure, displaced more than 3,300 people, and tragically took the lives of five people. I share the grief and anguish of everyone affected by this disastrous event.

"The past year has been tremendously difficult for people recovering from this devastating flooding – waiting for support funding, insurance payments and any needed repairs. And while there have been many challenges, British Columbians and communities have come together to support each other during these unprecedented circumstances.

"Last week, I travelled through the Fraser Valley, met with First Nations and local governments, and visited with homeowners, farmers and small business owners affected by last year's atmospheric river. I was impressed by how much progress had been made in repairs and rebuilding efforts. Rivers have been

cleared of debris, and homes and barns that were completely flooded last year are now standing strong and operational. Even more so, I was inspired by people's resiliency and perseverance.

"We have made significant progress as a province – from rebuilding highways to clearing nearly all debris, and from repairing dikes to providing more than \$24 million in Disaster Financial Assistance to people, small businesses and charitable organizations. Last week, I was happy to announce that the Sumas River main dike is being permanently repaired with \$1.6 million in Disaster Financial Assistance funding. Repairs are expected to be complete by the end of the month. There is much to be proud of, and yet I recognize there is much work still to do.

"We must continue to adjust to the reality of climate change. That means better flood planning and mapping, and that work is underway through the B.C. Flood Strategy. That means more funding for communities to mitigate disaster risks through programs like the Green Infrastructure Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation program and the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. It also means modernizing our emergency management legislation,

which we're co-developing with First Nations, Treaty Nations and Métis leaders.

"We know that recovery will take years and that we cannot do it alone. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with First Nations, and local and federal governments. We will continue to persevere and work to build back better, together."



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## Province urges people to get...

While hospitals are seeing higher-than-normal volumes of patients with respiratory illnesses, including children, they are not yet experiencing volumes that necessitate activating provincial surge plans that include postponing non-urgent scheduled surger-

ies and moving patients to other care settings to free up hospital beds. The Province will continue to carefully monitor respiratory illnesses in B.C., across the country and around the globe, and adapt the responses and measures in place as needed to protect public health.

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# British-Sikh Taxi Driver Murdered On Duty In UK

A 35-year-old man has been charged with murder after a British-Sikh taxi driver died following an assault in Wolverhampton, central England.

Anakh Singh, 59, was found with serious injuries in Nine Elms Lane of the city while on duty as a driver for a private hire taxi company and died of his injuries.

West Midlands Police said Tomasz Margol has been charged with murder and appeared before Wolverhampton Magistrates Court earlier this month. A post-mortem was carried out but the results were inconclusive.

"We've kept Mr Singh's family updated with this development as officers continue to



support them during this tragic time," said Detective Inspector Michelle Thurgood from the West Midlands Police Homicide Team.

"We continue to appeal to anyone with information who has not yet been in touch to contact us," she said.

An online fundraising campaign was launched for Singh's family with a target of 2,000 pounds to help them following the tragic killing. The Just Giving fundraiser has since far surpassed that target to raise over 11,000 pounds.

"Anakh Singh, private hire driver was at work driving his taxi when he lost his life," reads the fundraiser page.

"This is an awful time for his family, our thoughts are with his family. The donations will go directly to Anakh's family to help support them at this difficult time. We have hit the original target, let's keep going," it adds.

# We Need to Earn Minimum of \$24.08 an Hour In Metro Vancouver To Support Family

Living wages increase across BC due to 40-year inflation high & rising costs of living, especially housing

VANCOUVER - The living wage has gone up to \$24.08 an hour in Metro Vancouver for 2022—the highest increase since the living wage was first calculated in 2008 and significantly higher than the rate of inflation, this year's Living Wage Update report shows.

And for the first time, Victoria's living wage, \$24.29 an hour, is higher than Metro Vancouver's because of the increased cost of food on Vancouver Island.

The living wage is the hourly wage that two parents working full-time need to earn to support a family of four. In Kelowna it is \$4.39 (23.7 per cent) higher than last year's rate

of \$18.49, in Victoria it is \$3.83 (18.7 per cent) higher than last year's \$20.46 and in Metro Vancouver it is \$3.56 (17.3 per cent) higher than last year's \$20.52.

This year the living wage has increased across BC in all of the communities where it has been calculated in the past and is driven by two essentials that every family needs: food and shelter.

"With general inflation shooting up to a 40-year high this year, and with the cost of food rising even faster and rent increasing everywhere, especially for families that need to move and are no longer protected by rent control, it's not surprising to see such big increases this year,"

says Anastasia French, Living Wage for Families provincial manager.

The price of groceries needed for a healthy diet for a family with two young children has spiked sharply this year, according to the latest BC food costing survey data.

In Metro Vancouver, food costs \$1,114 per month, an increase of \$161 per month or 16.9 per cent since last year. Food is the second-highest cost for families in most communities, only exceeded by the cost of housing. Food used to be the third most expensive item for the living wage family, but edged ahead of child care costs after the BC government made major investments in child care affordability in 2018 that significantly reduced out-of-pocket child care costs for the living wage family, French says.

"Until this year the living wage across most of BC remained below its 2018 peak because policy changes introduced by the BC provincial government significantly improved affordability for families with young children and offset increases in the cost of food, housing and other essentials," says report lead author Iglia Ivanova, senior economist at CCPA-BC.

"However, the savings generated by these policy changes, including significant child care investments and the elimination of MSP premiums, have now been effectively wiped out by ballooning rent and food costs," she adds.

Increases in child care fees were low this year, rising on average less than one per cent over last year, with costs reduced to an average \$892 per month in Metro Vancouver because of the BC Affordable Child Care Benefit. While these public investments have helped improve affordability for families, the rising cost of other essentials have made it harder for families to manage.

The living wage is enough for a family with two young children to cover necessities, support the healthy development of their children,

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# Surrey's Health and Technology District expands with Ground breaking of City Centre 4

## CC4 to feature 75,000-square-foot mixed wet lab space

SURREY: Surrey Health and Technology District is set to expand with the latest ground breaking of its City Centre 4 (CC4) building.

The Health and Technology District is a series of high-tech office towers and an innovation ecosystem across from Surrey Memorial Hospital, where a cluster of professional, health, technology and academic based organizations have been collaboratively focused on BC's emerging health, education and technology economy.

According to a release sent by the group, "City Centre 4 is ICT Group and Lark Group's largest phase within the Health and Technology District to date with 23 storeys and more than 350,000-square-foot of office space available for purchase or lease, plus high-profile premium strata retail and restaurant space across two floors. CC4 will also provide opportunities



Architectural renderings of ICT Group and Lark Group's City Centre 4 and City Centre 5 buildings as part of the Health and Technology District in Surrey, BC.

for life science, bio manufacturing and research organizations access to five floors or 75,000-square-foot of wet lab space, with additional possibilities to expand up to 1-million-square-foot of wet lab space in the future building phases."

"We are blazing a trail in Surrey's business and innovation landscape with the continuing expansion and growth momentum of the Health and Technology District," said Kirk Fisher, Senior Vice President of Lark Group. "The incredible demand for office and wet lab space, especially in Surrey which is one of Canada's fastest growing large cities, propels us forward with the construction of our City Centre 4 building, and City Centre 5 following quickly thereafter. The District plays a crucial role in helping transform the city's downtown core and attracting businesses and institutions to Surrey."

With the distinct advantage of being immediately adjacent to Surrey Memorial Hospital, one of Canada's busiest hospitals, as well as the King George Skytrain station, CC4 is part of a unique innovation ecosystem where a cluster of professional, health, technology and academic based organizations have been focused on BC's emerging health, education and technology economy. The District is home to a network of researchers, entrepreneurs, educational institutions, multinational and start-up companies that are collaborating with patients and clinicians in a number of health care environments to accelerate the implementation of technologies and solutions to achieve health care improvements.

A number of high profile organizations have recently expanded into the District including UBC, which bought space within the City Centre 1 building for their Master of Physical Therapy program for the South of Fraser region, with the space set to be furnished with laboratories, seminar rooms, student learning commons, and multi-purpose spaces. In 2021, UBC also announced a \$70-million purchase of a 135,000-square-foot property down the street that is anticipated to be a combination of residential and commercial space which will generate revenue to enable the construction of dedicated academic facilities. The Surrey Board of Trade is also adding their presence within the District, with the opening of their second location as part of a co-ownership deal with Western Community College to launch the Surrey Technology and Skills Centre as a premier centre for research, business, and innovation. It will feature health and technology training programs, international partnerships and Surrey International Trade Centre expansion, as well as an Indigenous Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre, Cyber Crime Centre of Excellence, Blockchain Centre of Excellence, Immigration Innovation Lab, and entrepreneurship hubs for women and youth.

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## BC Home Sales Remain Slow While Active Listings Plateau

VANCOUVER, BC : The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that a total of 5,242 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) in October 2022, a decrease of 45.5 per cent from October 2021. The average MLS® residential price in BC was \$932,979, a 3.1 per cent decrease from \$963,011 recorded in October 2021. Total sales dollar volume was \$4.9 billion, a 47.2 per cent decline from the same time last year. "Sales activity remains



slow across the province and inventories appear to be plateauing," said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. "While prices have fallen from peak levels reached in early 2022, average prices have recently leveled off."

Year-to-date, BC residential sales dollar volume was down 26.3 per cent from the same period in 2021 to \$73.3 billion. Residential unit sales were down 33 per cent to 72,824 units, while the average MLS® residential price was up 10 per cent to \$1.01 million.

Around the Province October 2022		
<i>(year-over-year % change in italics)</i>		
Board	Avg. Price (\$)	Unit Sales
BC Northern	404,504	263
	0.5	-44
Chilliwack	710,690	147
	-11.9	-60.9
Fraser Valley	952,950	861
	-8.3	-53.9
Greater Vancouver	1,231,805	1,924
	0.7	-45.7
Okanagan	727,257	619
	-2.5	-43.2
Kamloops	592,617	168
	-3.9	-46.2
Kootenay	478,281	239
	-0.5	-36.8
South Peace River	255,473	33
	-2.7	-29.8
Powell River	577,107	30
	9.3	57.9
Vancouver Island	732,864	496
	0.8	-38.8
Victoria	943,834	462
	-4.3	-33.9
British Columbia	932,979	5,242
	-3.1	-45.5

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MLS# R2706879

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MLS: R2722123

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WEST NEWTON BEAUTY! 8 bedrooms 6 FULL washrooms WITH 2 SUITES (2+2) - GREAT mortgage helpers. Renovations Include Paint, Electric Work and Flooring. Perfect home for the growing family. Sitting on a MASSIVE 7661 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. 4 Bedrooms and 3 Full washrooms upstairs. Below you have 2 separate suites of 2 bedrooms each- great rental potential in a central location. Load of parking with double garage and large driveway. MUST SEE!

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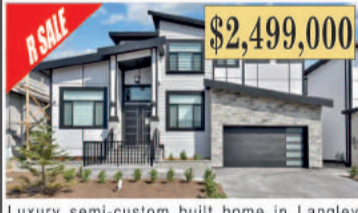
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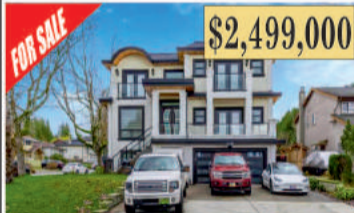
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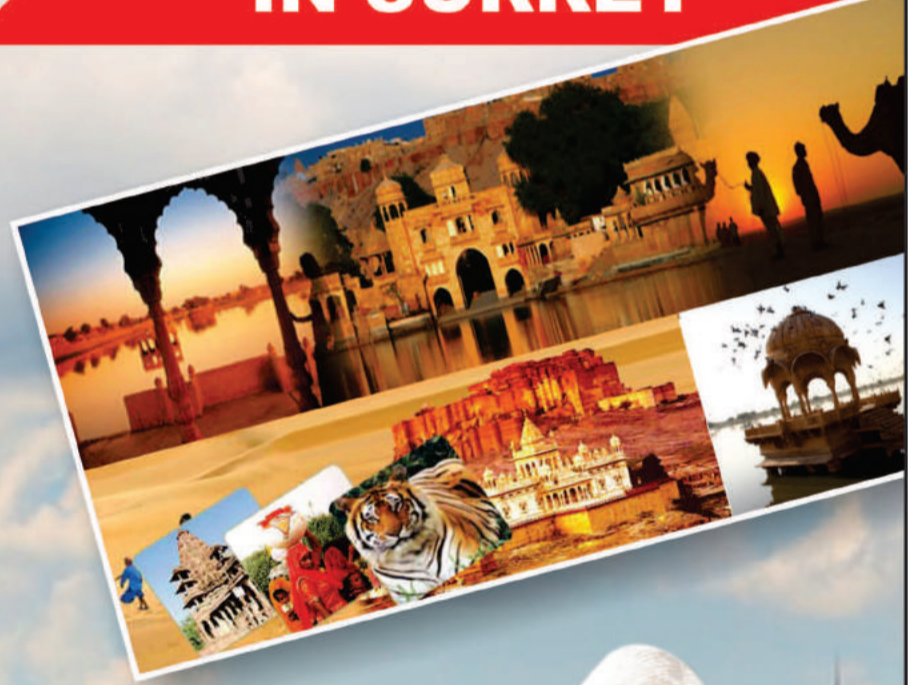
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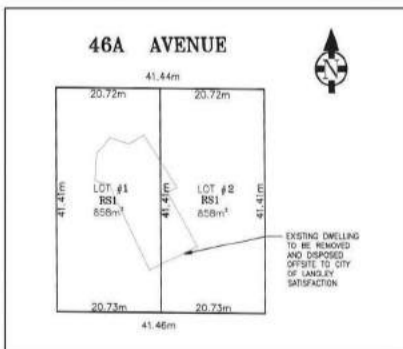
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<b>FORCLOSURE</b> Langley older home 3 bedrooms 2 baths 7847 SQ, Ft lot <b>\$1,048,000</b>	<b>FORECLOSURE</b> Cloverdale 13 years old 3 storey home, 3328 SQ, Ft, 7 bedrooms 4 baths, 3617 SQ, Ft lot, 3 bedroom suite! <b>\$1,188,000</b>	<b>FORECLOSURE</b> Mission: 12 years old 8 bedrooms, 6 baths 3767 finished SQ, Ft home, 4298 SQ, Ft lot <b>\$1,060,000</b>	<b>FORECLOSURE</b> ACRES: 2.25 Langley 7 years old home, 6 bedrooms, 7 baths, 4152 SQ, Ft, 28X28 garage, custom built close to Campbell valley park. <b>\$3,299,000</b>
<b>FORCLOSURE</b> Town house! Cloverdale 17 years old, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1628 Sq Ft, 3 storey, double garage. <b>\$739,000</b>	<b>FORCLOSURE</b> New westminster: Older home 82 years old 1 bath 3 bedrooms, 7240 SQ Ft lot, built your new home <b>\$1,250,000</b>	<b>FORECLOSURE</b> Maple Ridge One Acre Lot, 3 Bed, 3 Bath Older Home. <b>\$1,514,000</b>	
<b>FORECLOSURE</b> Vancouver Shaughnessy! Area, 3 Years Old, 1,483 Sq, Ft home, over half Acre Lot, 7 Beds, 11 Baths. Everything in this home <b>\$23,800,000</b>	<b>BANK FORCLOSURE</b> Surrey, 11 years old, 8 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, 6848 ,SQ, Ft lot, 4836 Sqft 3 storey home with double garage. <b>\$1,998,000</b>	<b>BANK FORCLOSURE</b> Langley, 36 years old home with, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 7847 ,SQ, Ft lot, good deal. <b>\$948,000</b>	
<b>FORECLOSURE</b> Coquitlam: only 5 years old, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3488 finished area, 5118 SQ, Ft lot, <b>\$2,199,000</b>	<b>BANK FORECLOSURE</b> Surrey 12 years old, 9 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, 6203 SQ, Ft, lot 4522 SQ, 6t home, 3 story home with double garage. <b>\$1,829,000</b>	<b>BANK FORECLOSURE</b> North Surrey! older home 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, 8712 SQ, Ft, lot. <b>\$1,279,000</b>	
<b>FORECLOSURE</b> Coquitlam 6 Years Old 5166 Sq, Ft Lot, 3,500 Sq Ft home, 5 Bed, 4 Baths. <b>\$2,199,000</b>	<b>FORECLOSURE</b> North Surrey! Condo 2 Bed, 2 Bath, 8 Years Old, 788 Sq. Ft, Taxes \$2,180.00, Rent \$1,675.00 <b>\$555,000</b>	<b>FORECLOSURE</b> Prince George, 5 Acres, 29 Years Old, 4 Beds, 3 Baths, Taxes \$2400. Meter Roof, Gas Heat <b>\$415,000</b>	

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# Teach students how to think—not what to think

By Michael Zwaagstra

In school, children should learn basic facts to help them become critical thinkers. Not only should high school graduates be knowledgeable and skillful, they should also be able to think for themselves.

While everyone generally agrees with the importance of promoting critical thinking, there's significant disagreement over how to get there. A common sentiment in schools nowadays is that teachers should focus on social justice, which means training students to become politically active so they can change the world.

Swedish activist Greta Thunberg is a role model for many in this crowd. By skipping school to engage in "climate" strikes, Thunberg became world famous and many teachers and their unions endorsed climate strikes in Canada. But some teachers go even further and use their classroom time to turn students into environmental activists. This can include everything from making students engage in extended "climate change" action projects to taking students to protest rallies.

This type of activism sometimes pervades entire schools. Last year, an elementary school in rural Saskatchewan posted a message on its outdoor sign stating that chemicals used in farming "hurt habitats & species." Needless to say, this message did not go over well in the predominantly farming community.



After parents chimed in with their feedback, the sign was quickly changed.

It's not just environmental issues where politics enter the classroom. So-called "antiracist" teachers encourage students to see everything through the prism of race. Students are classified as "privileged" or "oppressed" based solely on their skin colour. Far from promoting racial equality, this type of indoctrination leads to more divisions between students.

The same is true of teachers who want everyone to think the same way about gender and sexuality. Ignoring the fact that public schools serve students from all backgrounds, including families with more traditional views, these teachers will settle for nothing less than everyone thinking the same way about these issues.

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# Foundry Richmond Opens Doors To Young People To Offer Mental Health And Substance-Use Services

RICHMOND – Young people in Richmond will have access to more mental-health and substance-use services with the opening of the Foundry centre's permanent location.

Foundry Richmond provides young people 12-24 and their families free and confidential age-friendly services to fit their unique needs, such as mental-health and substance-use counselling, medical services, peer support and social services.

"Young people have been dealing with immense pressures and health challenges made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic, the toxic drug crisis and climate emergencies," said Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "Foundry Richmond is a beacon for young people where they can get the help they need, when they need it, right in their own community."

Foundry Richmond is operated by Vancouver Coast Health, and after providing limited services at a temporary location, the centre is fully operational at 101-5811 Cooney Rd. The Province is providing \$700,000 in annual funding for operations and services at Foundry Richmond.

There are 13 Foundry centres open throughout the province in Vancouver-Granville, North Shore (North Vancouver), Campbell River, Ridge Meadows, Abbotsford, Kelowna, Prince George, Victoria, Penticton, Terrace, Comox Valley, Langley and Richmond.

An additional 10 new Foundry centres are in development in Burns Lake, East Kootenay (Cranbrook), Port Hardy, Sea to Sky (Squamish), Surrey, Cariboo-Chilcotin (Williams Lake), Fort St. John, Tri-Cities, Kamloops and



Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health

the Sunshine Coast. Foundry services can also be accessed from anywhere through the Foundry BC app, phone or at: foundrybc.ca/virtual Sean Ford, youth and caregiver counsellor, Vancouver Coastal Health, said, "When facing struggles with mental-health and substance-use challenges, it is essential for youth and their families to have access to support services that are prompt and sensitive to their unique needs. The opening of Foundry Richmond will provide youth and their caregivers services that are accessible in a space that creates a sense of safety and support. We are here to ensure that when young people are struggling they do not have to feel alone while searching for their next steps."



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# Christmas at Canada Place Returns from December 2 to January 2

Join in celebrating Christmas at Canada Place presented by the Port of Vancouver! This year, from December 2 until January 2, the public is invited to celebrate the season and experience this popular annual holiday tradition, featuring the nostalgic tradition of the Woodward's Windows, a spectacular holiday lighting display presented by Best Buy, the iconic Sails of Light, and the festive Avenue of Trees. Guests can look to the skies for an exciting new addition, Bright Skies powered by Best Buy. This incredible drone show will tell a holiday story with the drones forming holiday-inspired images and messages. The shows will take place on December 2 and 3 at 6:00pm.

Christmas at Canada Place 2022 includes: Canada's Great Bright North, powered by Best Buy. Enjoy a magical holiday experience at the North Point of Canada Place, Canada's Great Bright North light display presented by Best Buy. The display features wintery light displays and a 15-foot illuminated moose figure named "Chrismoose" to properly capture the Canadian holiday spirit.

**Woodward's Windows**  
Walk along the west promenade of Canada Place to enjoy this treasured part of Vancouver's history. Originally displayed in the popular Woodward's department store, the Woodward's Windows feature classic holiday scenes with animatronic characters and elaborate decor.

**Avenue of Trees** The Canadian Trail along the outdoor promenade at Canada Place will be transformed into a holiday wonderland. Guests can stroll the outdoor promenade enjoying beautifully decorated Christmas trees and lights, sponsored by community-minded organizations.

**Sails of Light at Canada Place**  
The night sky will be illuminated by the Sails of Light at Canada Place when the iconic white sails come alive with Christmas-inspired colours starting at dusk every evening. Christmas at Canada Place is open to the public December 2 to January 2, 8am to 11pm every day.

For additional information and photos, please visit [www.canadaplace.ca/events/christmas](http://www.canadaplace.ca/events/christmas)



Dr. Kala Singh, a well-known Sikh Scholar, was the Hon'ble speaker to discuss Guru Nanak Dev Ji's preaching to the members of Vedic Senior's Parivar Centre Surrey on 11th Nov. 2022. Photographs by Girja Shankar Sharma.

# Surrey to host annual Surrey Tree Lighting Festival & Holiday Market celebration at Civic Plaza this Saturday

This free community event—presented by Concord Pacific—will feature live entertainment on four stages, a Holiday Market, photos with Santa, Enchanted Eats on University Drive and the 60-foot tree lighting ceremony.

**When: Saturday, November 19, 2022**

**Time: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Schedule: 12:00 p.m. – Performances begin on Snowflake Stage, North Pole Stage, Candy Cane Dance Tent, and Grand Staircase

12:50 p.m. – Indigenous Welcome with Kwantlen First Nation

1:00 p.m. – Photos with Santa begin

6:00 p.m. (Snowflake Stage) – Tree Lighting Ceremony with Mayor and Council

7:00 p.m. (Snowflake Stage) – VOC Sweet Soul Gospel Choir

Location: Surrey Civic Plaza  
13450 104 Ave, Surrey BC, V3T 1V8

For the full schedule, visit [surreytreelighting.ca/schedule](http://surreytreelighting.ca/schedule). Additional highlights include over 20 local Surrey performers, choirs, holiday groups and children's acts, light displays, photo opportunities, and family activities. The Surrey Food Bank and the Surrey Christmas Bureau will be on site collecting donations. For more information, visit [surreytreelighting.ca](http://surreytreelighting.ca).

# The Reimagined Lumière Festival Returns to Vancouver

The re-envisioned Lumière Festival returns to Vancouver this week, the festival runs from November 17-27, 2022, with an expanded footprint across Downtown Vancouver to shine a light on local artists and brighten the city. Under this year's festival theme, Dream the Future, the elements of light, art and storytelling weave together to redefine winter as a season of inspiration and connection.

Follow Lumière through Downtown Van-

couver, West End, Yaletown and Gastown, and discover 55+ artists and performers, illuminated Dream beacons, pop-up performances, workshops and demonstrations, as well as neighborhood parades throughout the course of the festival. Each night, at a new location, festival Dreamers will come together and celebrate with light, music, art and dance; no two nights will be the same during this free family-friendly celebration.

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# Randeep Hooda's 'Cat' exposes how drug cartels penetrated Punjab

Mumbai: Actor Randeep Hooda, is set to bring an intense and authentic story from Punjab with his upcoming crime thriller series 'Cat'. This will be Randeep's second venture in the streaming space after 'Extraction,' in which he shared the



screen with Hollywood star Chris Hemsworth. The trailer of the series was unveiled on Friday and it shows Randeep's character of Gurnam Singh, a simpleton, who is compelled to infiltrate the drug cartels of Punjab as he works for the police in a bid to save his brother. While Gurnaam is not new to this, the stakes are high, this time around. He finds himself plunged into the dark world of politics, corruption and crime. The trailer is laced with drama, gore, thrill and brings together the world of Punjab's underbelly, politics, police and drug lords. Commenting on the occasion of trailer release, Randeep said: "Gurnaam Singh is fierce yet calm, he is strong yet fragile and while you will find a familiarity with this character, you will not be able to guess his next move. I am thoroughly excited with 'Cat'

and that Balli (Balwinder Singh Janjua, the creator) has brought authenticity and genuineness to each and every scene."

Created and helmed by filmmaker Balwinder Singh Janjua, the series goes beyond the romanticised version of Punjab and puts forth a story of a brother's love, remission and espionage. Speaking about his foray into direction, creator Balwinder Singh Janjua shares, "'Cat' is a very unique story and I am glad we could collaborate with Netflix to bring this story to life. As a writer and director, I will define 'Cat' as a story of relationships - be it family, friendship or deceit! It's a story set in Punjab and explores two timelines as well as the underbelly and its complexities through well defined characters." "We've shot in over 80 locations across Punjab to bring authenticity and flavour to the fore. Working on 'Cat' has been a rewarding journey and I can't wait for the audience to experience it," he added.

Along with Randeep Hooda, the series stars phenomenal actors such as Suvinder Vicky, Hasleen Kaur, Geeta Aggarwal, Daksh Ajit Singh, Sukhwinder Chahal, K.P. Singh, Kavya Thapar, Danish Sood and Pramod Pathal. Produced by Movie Tunnel Productions in association with Jelly Bean Entertainment, 'Cat' will debut on Netflix on December 9 in Punjabi, Hindi and English.

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## We Need to Earn Minimum...

escape severe financial stress and participate in the social, civic and cultural lives of their communities. It affords a decent but still very modest standard of living, without the extras many take for granted, French explains. A strikingly large gap exists between the 2022 living wages for communities across BC and the province's minimum wage (currently \$15.65 per hour). While many BC employers see the value of paying living wages (with nearly 400 certified Living Wage Employers across the province), Ivanova explains the labour market alone cannot solve all problems of poverty and social exclusion. "Good public policy can make life more affordable for families and when government transfers don't keep up with the rising cost of living, the families hardest hit are headed by already marginalized earners, including single mothers, Indigenous people and recent immigrants," she says.

Living wage employers include small businesses, non-profit organizations, unions and cooperatives. Fourteen local governments have adopted living wage policies as of October 2022, including the cities of Burnaby, Langley, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Quesnel, Vancouver and Victoria. These employers have committed to pay all their direct staff and contract employees a living wage and to require their major service providers to also pay a living wage, including for janitorial, security and food service contracts.

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## On the 24th Commemoration of the assassination of newspaper editor...

All of us must work long and hard to ensure that Canadian Laws protect the rights of victims, rights of the victims' families and the rights of all innocent individuals. The rights of all law-abiding Canadians must be stronger than the rights of those who commit crim-

inal acts. Our justice system must recognize that. Too often our courts and judges allow the rights of criminals to triumph, to supersede the rights of innocent victims, and as a result there is little redress or closure for the victims. We must, as my father often said,

and our community members tell me, close the revolving door of our courts that allow criminals to essentially walk free, while victims and their families continue to suffer, grieve and be held hostage to the "rights" of the criminal. I would like everyone to remem-

# Ratna Pathak Shah to make Gujarati film debut with 'Kutch Express'



Mumbai: Veteran actress Ratna Pathak Shah, who is known for her iconic character Maya Sarabhai from the Indian sitcom 'Sarabhai vs Sarabhai' is set to make her foray in Gujarati cinema with 'Kutch Express'. The actress called the film an "unusual opportunity". The film, the poster of which was recently released, also stars Manasi Parekh, Darsheel Safary from 'Taare Zameen Par' and Dharmendra Gohil.

Speaking about the film, Ratna Pathak Shah said: "I've been looking forward to doing a Gujarati film for a long time, but couldn't find anything really interesting. Then came this film with a good script and a good team and to be shot in Kutch, so this was irresistible." She also mentioned that the reason she chose the film is because it has a point to make: "It also happened to be a film that had a point to make and was not sentimental or regressive. An unusual opportunity." The film will be released on January 6, 2023.



## Yami Gautam Dhar's 'Lost' to be screened at 53rd IFFI on Nov 23

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Yami Gautam Dhar's investigative drama thriller movie 'Lost' will have its special screening at the soon to be held 53rd edition of the International film Festival of India. IFFI shared the information about the film's screening via Twitter. They shared a video of the actress in which she can be heard saying: "Greetings! I know all of you are very excited for my film 'Lost'. I'm eagerly waiting to meet everyone at the Asian premiere of 'Lost' organised by IFFI. Let's meet on November 23." The film, directed by Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury of 'Pink' fame, will be screened at 6 p.m, IST on November 23 at INOX Panjim. Yami will be seen playing a crime reporter in the film which also stars Pankaj Kapur, Rahul Khanna, Neil Bhoopalam, Tushar Pandey and Pia Bajpai.

ber my father as a voice for freedom, democracy and for the courage that supported him to speak out against the terrorism that resulted in the deaths of 331 innocent people, over 268 Canadians & 86 children were killed in Air India bombings. I would like everyone to remember that only by

speaking out, by being strong and unafraid of threats can we win the fight against terrorism, hatred and violence. We all need to work together. We all need to be united in achieving those goals. Only then we will be truly free, and truly able to live in a society where our rights are equal.

# Transforming society through films: The life and cinema of V. Shantaram

Cinema can be a powerful medium for social transformation and no one gauged it better than the legendary V. Shantaram who used his memorable films to attack the malaise of untouchability and caste, forced marriages of young women to (rich) old men, dowry, communalism and regionalism, as well as to humanise policemen, prostitutes, and convicts. And, he was not deterred when any of his courageous films ran afoul of vested interests. When his "Apna Desh (Hindi)/ Nam Nadu (Tamil)" (1949), an eloquent appeal against the deepening fault-lines threatening to destabilise the newly-independent country, faced an ill-informed and easily-swayed public and a malicious media campaign, there were powerful backers to ensure it faced no problems. These were

no less than Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Morarji Desai, the then home ministers of India and Bombay state, his daughter recounted in his autobiography. Far ahead of his times but constantly re-inventing himself, Shantaram Rajaram Vankudre, or V. Shantaram as he was popularly known, was a pioneer of not only path-breaking films in Marathi and Hindi, but the Indian film industry itself, seeing its journey from silent to "talkies", from black and white to colour, from depicting mythology and historical episodes to reflecting the immense diversity of contemporary life and society and the infinite spectrum of the human imagination. Born on this day (November 18) in 1901 in the then princely state of Kolhapur, he started his film career in 1920 by doing odd

jobs on sets of the Maharashtra Film Company, but came to the forefront when drafted at the last minute to portray Lord Vishnu in "Surekha Haran" (1921). That started his epic journey. Directing his first film "Netaji Palkar" in 1927, he founded the Prabhat Film Company in Pune along with his friends in 1929 which produced the first Marathi film "Ayodhyecha Raja" in 1932 under his direction. Under his direction, Prabhat Films went on to make "Maya Machindra" (1932), "Sairandhri" (1933) -- India's first colour film, processed and printed in Germany, "Amrit Manthan" (1934) about a reformist king who bans the sacrifice of animals and humans in his kingdom and the first Indian film to celebrate a silver jubilee!, "Sant Tukaram" (1936), "Kunku"/ "Duniya Na Mane"



(1937) about a forced marriage between an elderly man and a teenaged woman, and "Aadmi (Hindi)/ Manoos(Marathi)" (1939) about a doomed love affair between a police constable and a prostitute. Before leaving Prabhat in 1942 to set up his own "Rajkamal Kalamandir", Shantaram made "Shejari (Marathi)/Padosi(Hindi)" (1942) about how outsiders stir up trouble between peaceful-

ly-living communities for their vested interests - and noted for actor Mazhar Khan playing the role of Pandit and Gajanan Jagirdar playing Mirza. Prabhat did not long survive Shantaram's exit and was soon wound up - with its Pune premises now playing host to the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).



## Mani Ratnam's 'Ponniyin Selvan-1' breaches Rs 500-cr mark in 50 days

Lyca Productions, the makers of the movie. Chiyaan Vikram, who played a lead role in the ensemble cast, tweeted: "Somebody pls pinch me... & tell me this is not a dream. #PonniyinSelvan." A historical saga chronicling the life and times of Tamil emperor Raja Raja Chola, the Mani Ratnam film was in the making for quite a long time and it had aroused all round curiosity over its fate at the box office. However, 'PS1' with its galaxy of big-ticket actors, including Aishwarya Rai, was lapped up by the audiences, young and old. The movie now finds its place in the list of south Indian blockbusters

-- the two 'Baahubali' films, 'RRR' and 'KGF Chapter 2' -- which have breached the Rs 500 crore barrier. 'PS-1' lags much behind 'RRR' and 'KGF2', both of which crossed the Rs 1,000-crore mark in 2022, but it is now firmly ensconced as this year's No. 3, ahead of 'Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva' and 'The Kashmir Files'. With Mani Ratnam wrapping up shooting for both instalments of the movie in one go, the sequel to 'Ponniyin Selvan-1' is expected to be released within six to nine months.



## Kartik Aaryan To Perform At The Opening Ceremony of 53Rd IFFI

Mumbai: Bollywood star Kartik Aaryan, who has had quite a successful run at the box-office, is set to perform the closing act at the soon to be held 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India, in Goa on November 20. The festival, which opens on November 20 and will run through November 28, will see the actor shaking a leg to some of the hit numbers from his films as a part of the opening ceremony. Kartik has amped up

the curiosity of the viewers with the teaser of his upcoming movie 'Freddy'. Recently, the song 'Kaala Jaadu' from 'Freddy' was released to a positive response from the audience. He will be performing on the very song for his act along with the title track of his movie 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2'. Kartik Aaryan is currently making headlines for his upcoming film 'Freddy'. After its intriguing teaser, the superstar made the nation

groove on this recently released song 'Kaala Jaadu' from 'Freddy' and now he is all set to bring the magic of his dancing spectacles on the stage of IFFI 2022. On the work front, as 'Freddy' is set to release on December 2 on Disney+ Hotstar, Kartik will also be seen in 'Shehzada', 'Captain India', 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' and Kabir Khan's untitled next.

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## Teach students how to...

Obviously, it's important to ensure all students including those who identify as LGBTQ+ are treated with respect. However, teachers should not pressure students to abandon their religious convictions. Classrooms should be safe for all students, not just those with progressive values.

The correct approach is quite obvious. Instead of indoctrinating students or pushing them to take a particular political or ideological position, teachers should make classrooms as neutral as possible and not push their personal views and political preferences on students.

For example, a student whose parents work in the oil sector should not be forced to attend environmental protest rallies by a teacher who opposes the petroleum industry. Similarly, students from traditional Muslim or Christian homes should not be pressured to abandon their views about sexuality, marriage and family.

There is plenty for teachers to do without pushing their opinions and values on their students. All students must learn how to read, write and acquire fundamental knowledge about science and history. None of this requires political or ideological indoctrination.

If students decide on their own to become passionate about a cause, that's great. There's nothing wrong with students joining environmental clubs, starting gay-straight alliances or engaging in other forms of activism. But students must be allowed to make these decisions on their own.

In the end, classrooms should be politically neutral. Teachers should provide students with the fundamental knowledge and skills they need to be successful, then let students decide for themselves what they want to do with it. In other words, teach students how to think, not what to think.

Teachers who want to be politically active should do so on their

## Latin-Arab fusion: Nicki Minaj, Maluma team up with Myriam Fares for FIFA World Cup anthem

Mumbai: Global music stars Nicki Minaj, Maluma and Myriam Fares have joined forces for a new song titled Tukoh Taka. Its the official single of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

The cross-continental banger sees the music stars rapping and singing about uniting fans all over the world and celebrating together.

Talking about the collaboration, Colombian singer-songwriter Juan Luis Londo Arias, better known as Maluma, said, "I am so happy to be part of this FIFA World Cup anthem! I always dreamt of an opportunity like this. Representing Latin music on this global track alongside amazing artists who sing in English and Arabic, takes our culture to another level."

The song was produced by Gordo,

Play-N-Skillz, and Massari. On Saturday, November 19, Maluma and Myriam Fares, the well-known Lebanese singer and actress, will perform the song together live for the first time at the opening of Doha's FIFA Fan Festival.

Fares said: "I am so happy to be chosen by FIFA and Universal Arabic Music to perform the song Tukoh Taka'. I was honoured to participate in its composition, arrangement, and choreography. It made me more passionate about it, in addition to working alongside two of my fa-



avourite international artists, Nicki Minaj and Maluma." She added: "I truly wish that 'Tukoh Taka' will be transmitting Eastern culture and Arabian music to the entire world."

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## The Reimagined Lumière...

Kicking off the Lumière Festival is an open air spectacle at 6x7x9x9 Sqw'le7enK Square (formerly: Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza) on the evening of Thursday, November 17, 2022, and wrapping up in iconic Morton Park on November 26, 2022, is another outdoor stage showcasing artists, light and performances.

Featured artists include two-time Western Canadian Music Award winning soul, jazz and R&B singer Krystle Dos Santos, explosive, high-energy dance band Queer As Funk and Vancouver event band Triløjay. Visual artists include Zachery Cameron Longboy, Lee Rosenbaum, and Jed Mangahis. Dancers from Harbour Dance, Mozaico Flamenco and many more of Vancouver's best will be Dreaming along with us at Lumière.

## Christina Ricci shares how 'Wednesday' cast was impacted by the Ukraine war

Los Angeles; Actress Christina Ricci, who stars as the mysterious new character Marilyn Thornhill in Netflix's 'Wednesday', explained how a global tragedy affected the filming of the series.

After E! News asked if Ricci had "any stories from set," the actress shared that the cast was filming in Romania when Russian president Vladimir Putin announced an invasion of Ukraine on February 24, reports eonline.com.

"We were seven miles from that power plant that almost was the nuclear power plant that almost exploded," Ricci exclusively told eonline.



com. "So it was a little tense. But we all bonded over how soon our government would get us out of there if anything crazy happened."

Filming of 'Wednesday' began in September 2021 in Bucharest, Romania, and wrapped up the next March.

Ricci famously played the role of Wednesday Addams in 1991's 'The Addams Family' and its 1993 sequel, 'Addams Family Values'. Now, she's handing the role over to Jenna Ortega, who will be portraying Wednesday as she transfers to Nevermore Academy, which is a "safe haven" for even the freakiest of supernatural children, according to the series' trailer.



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