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Province "Strongly Recommends" Surrey To Have Surrey Police Service As City's Police Force

The most awaited decision of the year for Surrey residents is out. BC's Public Safety minister Mike Farnworth has strongly recommended City of Surrey continue its transition to the Surrey Police Service, because it ensures public safety for people in Surrey and throughout British Columbia.

While announcing the decision during a media conference on Friday, April 28, he said, "This is one of the most difficult decisions I had to make as the Public Safety Minister. However, this is one of the most important decisions because public safety is undeniable. The consequences won't be felt in the city of Surrey or in Lower Mainland but across the province."

The recommendation comes



after a systematic report by the director of police services concerning plans put forward by the City of Surrey, RCMP and the Surrey Police Service (SPS). The report analysed best way forward to ensure public safety and safety of all the communities. The director

of policing service has produced a thorough and unbiased 500 pages report regarding policing transition. "And the recommendation is that City of Surrey continues the transition to the Surrey Police service." In addition, an independent analysis by Deloitte provided

analysis of operation cost and transition cost for both the services.

The report details how the transition to SPS can be safely undertaken. The report also details concerns about the RCMP's current retention and recruitment challenges and outlines potential implications on the RCMP police presence in other regions of the province if the transition is reversed.

Currently, there are approximately 1,500 RCMP vacancies throughout the province. The report states that Surrey reverting back to the RCMP would exacerbate the challenges faced by municipalities and Indigenous communities by increasing demand for officers and aggravate public-safety concerns.

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Doug McCallum Thanks Province for Supporting Surrey Police Service Transition and Ensuring No Tax Increases for Residents

SURREY -Former Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum thanked the Province of British Columbia and Minister of Public Safety Mike Farnworth for making the right decision to continue with the transition to the Surrey Police Service (SPS), a move that he calls as a victory for the people of Surrey and believes is in the best interest of Surrey and its taxpayers.

"The Province has recognized



that the transition to SPS is the best option for Surrey and the entire province," said McCallum. "I want to thank Minister Farnworth and the Province for their support in this important matter. With the ongoing RCMP vacancy challenges, it is clear that a municipal police force is the best way to ensure public safety in our community."

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Alleged killer of Brampton's Pawanpreet Kaur deliberately went missing months before murder as part of plan

Peel Region police have issued a Canada-Wide warrant against 30-year-old Dharam Singh Dhaliwal, for the offence of First Degree Murder of a 21-year-old Pawanpreet Kaur. The police say that Dharam Dhaliwal intentionally went missing in September 2022 but investigation has revealed that this was part of a plan in the murder of Pawanpreet Kaur.

Kaur was shot dead on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at a Mississauga's gas station.

The police received information that a woman had been shot in the area of Britannia Road and Creditview Road in Mississauga. Police located the victim suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Life saving measures were attempted, however the victim succumbed to her injuries.



Amarjit Dhaliwal



Dharam Singh



Pawanpreet kaur



Pritpal Dhaliwal

The Homicide Bureau has identified the person responsible for this fatal shooting, and a Canada-wide arrest warrant has been issued for a 30-year-old Dharam Singh Dhaliwal, for the offence of First Degree Murder. Dharam is described as a South Asian male, 5'8", 170 lbs and has a tattoo on his left hand.

Dharam Singh Dhaliwal should be considered armed and dangerous. If observed, do not approach and call police immediately. Peel Regional Police strongly encourages Dharam Singh Dhaliwal to seek legal counsel and turn himself in. Anyone found assisting or harbouring Dharam Singh Dhaliwal will be charged accordingly.

On April 18, 2023, two family members were arrested in Moncton, New Brunswick. Pritpal Dhaliwal, a 25-year-old man and Amarjit Dhaliwal, a 50-year-old woman were charged with Accessory to Murder After the Fact. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Dharam Dhaliwal or has any further information that may assist with this investigation,

please contact investigators at 905-453-2121 extension 3205. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by visiting peel-crimestoppers.ca.

According to media reports, Pawanpreet, was a resident of Brampton and came to Canada on a student visa when she was 18. Her parents, in one of the media interviews, said that they regret sending their young daughter to Canada. "There is a craze in India for everyone to send their children to Canada, so we also sent her," a choked father said, adding that they had planned to settle permanently in Canada with their daughter. The news of their daughter's death was broken to them by their relatives in Brampton.

More students in Surrey will be learning in portables due to Significantly Behind Capital Project Investment

At the April 19, 2023 Surrey Board of Education meeting, trustees unanimously agreed that provincial investments into capital projects for the Surrey School District have fallen significantly behind and urgent action is needed from the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

On April 25, the board sent a letter to Minister of Education and Child Care Rachna Singh, as well

as to all Surrey and White Rock MLA's, highlighting the dire situation the school district faces as school enrolment far outpaces available school space.

Continually finding costly and short-term solutions, such adding portables to school sites, is increasingly becoming a challenge, says the board, and increased provincial funding is critical. The list of schools needing additions and

the communities requiring new schools is only going to continue to grow.

"This past September alone we saw more than 2,200 new students enrolling in the district, bringing our student population to over 78,000. Based on population estimates from the provincial government, the City of Surrey and the district, it is clear that enrolment will continue increasing at a rapid



pace in almost every school community in our district," the letter

mentioned.

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Sharnjit Singh Gill and Team Win BC Mortgage Broker of the Year 2023 award



Sharnjit Singh Gill, President and CEO of Surrey-based VERICO Superior Mortgage Inc., and his team have been announced winner of BCMortgage Broker of the Year 2023 (Regional -) Award at the Canadian Mortgage Awards that were organized on 21 April, 2023. Raj Gill and Sunny Bal attended the Canadian Mortgage Awards function at To-

ronto and received the Award. They said, "It is great to be recognized in the front of other mortgage brokers and lenders. There are over 18,000 mortgage brokers in Canada. We feel awesome winning this award." Recently Gill and his team were ranked Canada's Top 26 Mortgage Broker in 2022. "More important is that our



Team has been ranked one of the TOP MORTGAGE BROKERS for the last 12 Years," Gill said. Another team member, Sunny Bal had been selected as one of Canada's Rising Star of Mortgage by Canadian Mortgage Professional (CMP) at the young age of 23, Gill informed. Sharnjit S Gill has served as financial services manager at the Bank of Montreal, Surrey and Abbotsford from 1996 till 2001. He then started his own business. Both Sharnjit Singh Gill and Raj Gill became the top mortgage broker with ENVISION CREDIT UNION in 2002 & 2003 and also 2018 & 2019. We were ranked top mortgage broker

with Coast Capital Savings in 2015, 2016 & 2017, Gill said. Sharnjit S Gill served at UCO Bank in India as Manager- Alamgir Dist. Ludhiana, Nawanshahr Doaba, Moga and Phagwara Branches. From Phagwara Branch, Sharnjit S Gill was transferred to UCO Bank London (UK) as Manager. He said that the secret behind their success that "our team value to the services and demonstrate the same to our clients, thus getting 85% repeat clients." They two branches in Surrey and Vancouver. They deal with construction and commercial mortgage as well. For more call 604 507 1000 & Vancouver 604 564 1000.

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Surrey's Nagar Kirtan Showcased Faith, Food And Punjabi Culture



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More than half million people turned out to attend one of the largest Vaisakhi Parades in North America and outside India. The Nagar Kirtan was a display of the strength and culture of the Punjabi community of Canada. The Surrey Khalsa Day Vaisakhi Parade, organized by Gurdwara Sahib Dasmesh Darbar, took place on Saturday April 22 for the first time in three years, had been paused since 2019 due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Attendees packed the streets during the parade. British Columbia Premier David Eby, NDP MLAs and MPs, Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada, Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke were amongst the many politicians attending the parade.

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Firms shortlisted for Surrey Langley SkyTrain systems, track work contract

SURREY - Three pre-qualified teams have advanced to the request for proposals (RFP) stage to design, build and install the electrical systems and trackwork for the Surrey Langley SkyTrain.

As part of the competitive selection process for the project, a request for qualifications (RFQ) for the systems and trackwork was posted on the BC Bid website in November 2022 and closed in January 2023. **After a thorough evaluation of the submissions, the teams invited to participate in the RFP stage are:**

- Transit Integrators BC
- * Graham Infrastructure LP
- * SNC-Lavalin Major Projects Inc.
- * SNC-Lavalin Inc.
- * Western Pacific Enterprises Ltd.
- Surrey Langley SkyTrain Connectors

- * Aecon Infrastructure Management Inc.
- * SICE Canada Inc.
- * Parsons Inc.
- Kiewit Infrastructure BC ULC
- * Kiewit Infrastructure BC ULC
- * Mass. Electric Construction Canada Co.
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The contract includes the design and installation of the SkyTrain track work, as well as the design, installation and integration of electrical systems, such as power, telecommunications and automatic train control.

The Province anticipates the preferred proponent will be announced in early 2024. The Surrey Langley SkyTrain project is a 16-kilometre extension of the Expo Line from King George Station to Langley City Centre, the first rapid transit expansion

south of the Fraser River in more than 30 years.

Once complete, the project will provide high-quality and low-cost transportation for people in Surrey, Langley and throughout Metro Vancouver. Major construction on the Surrey Langley SkyTrain is expected to begin in 2024.

Scheduled for completion in 2028, the Surrey Langley SkyTrain is being delivered through three separate contracts for the guideway, stations, and systems and trackwork.

In January 2023, the RFP for the first contract to build the elevated guideway, roadworks and utilities, as well as cycling and pedestrian paths along the extension, was issued to two shortlisted teams. The contract award is expected in fall 2023.



The second RFP, announcing the firms shortlisted to design and build eight new stations for the Surrey Langley SkyTrain, as well as cycling and walking paths around the new stations, was posted in March 2023. The contract award is anticipated in late 2023. Contact:

Telus Health to make operational changes to its LifePlus program to ensure compliance with Medicare Protection Act

The Medical Services Commission of British Columbia and Telus Health have reached a settlement regarding Telus's LifePlus program.

Under the program Telus allegedly was charging membership fees to patients in return for to get priority access to a family doctor.

In February, B.C. Health Minister Adrian Dix asked the commission, which oversees the Medical Services Plan, to review private fee-based services offered by Telus Health Care Centres to ensure there's no queue-jumping for patients who pay the fee, which isn't allowed under the Canada Health Act.

The Medical Services Commission applied for an injunction to stop. The Medical Services Commission and Telus Health have now reached a settlement regarding LifePlus program.

Telus Health has worked with the commission and committed to make agreed-upon operational changes to its LifePlus program to ensure its compli-

ance with the Medicare Protection Act. As a result of the pending modifications to the LifePlus program, the commission has suspended its pursuit of an injunction.

"We are pleased with the collaborative efforts between the Medical Services Commission and Telus Health to reach a settlement that upholds the principles of the Medicare Protection Act," said Dr. Robert Halpenny, chair of the Medical Services Commission. "Telus's commitment to amending its LifePlus program helps maintain the integrity of public health care in British Columbia."

The settlement addresses concerns raised by the commission in its petition for injunction filed on Dec. 1, 2022, and ensures compliance with the Medicare Protection Act.

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Taljinder Khangura was 'extra' excited to video call her daughter after winning the \$500,000 Extra prize from the April 12, 2023 Lotto 6/49 draw.

As soon as she learned she won, Khangura video called her daughter and then told the rest of her family.

"Everyone was so happy!" The Surrey resident purchased and validated the winning ticket at the lottery kiosk at Scottsdale Centre in Delta.

"I asked Tony [my lottery retailer] if he can check my two tickets," recalled Khangura. "One was not a winner, and the other was a winner, then I saw the prize amount!"

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Province “strongly recommends” Surrey to have Surrey Police Service as city’s police force

Filling RCMP vacancies is the responsibility of the federal government.

According to the report the costs of severance from disbanding the SPS and reverting to the RCMP would cost the City of Surrey approximately \$72 million.

There is cost associated with the transition too. However, Minister Farnworth said that province is ready to sit down with the City officials and offer financial support to the City of Surrey in the transition to a municipal police force to ensure no additional costs to Surrey residents and businesses. “The province said it will provide financial support to cover the costs of the transition if Surrey sticks with the Surrey Police Service (SPS) — estimated at up to \$150 million over the next five years — but will not provide financial as-

sistance if it reverts back to the RCMP, which would include approximately \$72 million in severance that would have to be given to SPS officers.”

“Everyone deserves to be safe in their community and all British Columbians deserve secure, stable policing they can count on,” Farnworth said. “The people of Surrey are very frustrated by years of uncertainty over this debate, but we must move forward without reducing police presence when we need it the most. Now is not the time to put public safety at risk in Surrey or in any community in the province.”

Although Surrey people would have preferred a decision one way or the other, so that they could get the issue behind and move on, the minister decided to use word “recommend”. When asked why the Public Safety Minister was not mak-

ing any straight decision and just using the term recommendation he said, “I have made a decision on the powers that I have under the existing policing act and the decision is that strong recommendation that the City of Surrey continues with the policing transition of Surrey Police Service.”

He said that his responsibility is to ensure public safety in Surrey and not overburdening the taxpayers with the transition. Farnworth has agreed that the best way to achieve public safety in B.C., especially given the ongoing RCMP vacancy challenges, while putting this difficult time behind Surrey, is with a municipal police force.

Surrey First Councillor Linda Annis said the provincial government’s report on policing in Surrey provides the sort of details needed for a public

referendum on who should police British Columbia’s second largest city.

“I would have preferred a decision one way or the other, so that we could get the issue behind us and move on,” added Annis. “That didn’t happen today, but I’m grateful for the serious review the province has done, and I think this is the sort of information voters should have so they can decide who they want to police their city.” Under B.C.’s Police Act, a municipality with a population of more than 5,000 has the authority to provide its policing and law enforcement by means of establishing its own municipal police department. In 2018, City of Surrey council decided to move away from Surrey’s RCMP police model and opt for its own municipal police department, the SPS.

The Minister of Public Safe-

ty and Solicitor General approved the transition plan in February 2020 and the City of Surrey has been implementing the transition since that time.

In November 2022, the City of Surrey’s newly elected mayor and council decided to maintain the RCMP as its police model and reverse the transition.

But the transition to the SPS is well advanced, with approximately 400 officers and support staff hired. The ministry commissioned an independent financial analysis of the submissions that concludes the SPS’ plan to staff 734 officers will cost approximately \$30 million more per year than the RCMP.

What happens to RCMP? Statements from Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke and Surrey RCMP were not issued by the time this paper went to press.

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Doug McCallum Thanks Province for Supporting Surrey Police Service Transition and Ensuring No Tax Increases for Residents

McCallum also emphasized that it is time for the City to move forward and focus on implementing the SPS. “The people of Surrey deserve a safe and secure community, and with the Province’s financial assistance, we can ensure that there will be no additional costs to Surrey taxpayers. It’s time to put this debate behind us and work to-

gether to make Surrey an even safer place to live, work, and raise a family. This is a victory for Surrey residents who deserve the best modern urban police force.”

Doug McCallum also explained why the RCMP is not the best option for Surrey. “The RCMP has faced recruitment and retention challenges that have led to

a shortage of officers, which is not something we can afford in Surrey. We need a police force that is fully staffed, diverse and dedicated to serving our community’s needs. The SPS will provide us with that level of service, professionalism and more boots on the ground.”

The Province has pledged financial support to the City of

Surrey in the transition to SPS to ensure that there will be no significant property tax increases for residents. “It’s important to note that going back to RCMP will be a bigger financial burden for taxpayers compared to continuing with SPS. The transition to the SPS is well advanced, with approximately 400 officers and support staff

already hired,” added McCallum.

“This is a positive step forward for Surrey and the Province,” concluded McCallum. “We are grateful for the Province’s support, and we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure that Surrey remains a safe and welcoming community for all.”



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Suspected Impaired Driver Causes Extensive Damage To Building

North Vancouver RCMP responded to a suspected impaired driver who drove into a building and subsequently flipped her vehicle onto its side.

At around 4:30 pm on April 25th, front line officers responded to a vehicle that had driven into a business in the 900 block of W 1st St and subsequently reversed, hit a parked vehicle, and flipped her vehicle onto its side.

When officers arrived and spoke to the driver, who was unharmed, they noted signs of impairment on the driver. Officers conducted an impaired driving investigation, during which the driver failed to provide a sample of breath into an Approved Screening Device (ASD). The driver, a North Vancouver woman in her 40s, is facing charges of failing or refusing to provide a breath sample and a 90-day driving suspension. The penalties for failing or refusing to provide a sample of breath carry the same or higher penalties as someone who failed a road



side breath test.

"Sadly, each year in B.C., 64 people die in crashes involving impaired driving, according to ICBC road safety statistics," said Cst. Mansoor Sahak of the North Vancouver RCMP. "Even one

impaired driver is one too many. The risk they represent is unacceptable, and that's why we will continue to search for them and take them off the road."

"In the case of this incident, we are just so glad that none of the patrons inside

the business were injured," said Cst. Sahak.

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Brampton's Homeopathic doctor Sunil Anand charged for sexually assaulting patient during medical exam

Peel Regional Police have arrested and charged Sunil Anand, a 62-year-old man concerning a sexual assault investigation.

On April 23, 2023, police received information that a young person had attended a clinic in Brampton to see a homeopathic doctor. During the medical examination, it is alleged that the young person was sexually assault-

ed.

Following an investigation, Sunil Anand, a 62-year-old man from Brampton was arrested and charged with the following offences: sexual assault and sexual interference.

He was held for a bail hearing and attended the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.

At the time of the incident,

Sunil Anand was employed as a Homeopathic doctor working in Brampton. Sunil also works at a separate Homeopathic location in the Toronto area.

Investigators are appealing for anyone with information, or anyone else that believes they have been a victim, to contact officers from the Special Victims Unit at 905-453-3311, extension 3460.

Shots fired at vehicle in Newton area

Surrey RCMP has reissued an appeal for CCTV and dash camera footage and extending the area of canvassing for the ongoing investigation related to a shooting in the 7600-block of 148 Street in Surrey. Police responded to a report of shots fired at a vehicle near 76 Avenue and 148 Street. A male suffering from what is believed to be non-life threatening injuries was treated at an area hospital.

The initial investigation indicates that a white van was seen fleeing the

scene.

Through the ongoing investigation, police have identified a need to expand the canvassing area. Investigators are seeking CCTV and dash camera footage from anyone who was travelling southbound on 152 street between 80 Avenue and 32 Avenue, on April 17, 2023, between the time of 4:00 pm and 4:30 pm.

In addition, if anyone have any information about this incident and have not yet spoken with police, please call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502.

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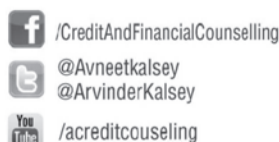
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Simpson, Thomas & Associates, a legal services firm with over five decades of experience in advocating justice, care, and dedication in the legal services industry, recently participated in the Vaisakhi Parade in Surrey. The event marked an important step forward in community engagement, post Covid-19 pandemic and allowed the firm's lawyers to interact with the community once again. Adam Ueland, one of the firm's partner,

shared his enthusiasm for the event, saying, "It's great to see the community coming together again and having a good time. The Vaisakhi Parade is a beautiful event, with so many people, stands, and booths with a common objective of community welfare. It's a lot of fun and an excellent experience to be part of the community

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Youth with firearm leads to multiple Hold and Secures at 3 Nanaimo schools

A report of a youth seen walking along a roadway pointing a firearm at passing motorists lead to a Hold and Secure at three nearby schools. The incident occurred at approximately 11:50 AM on Thursday April 27, 2023, in the area of Departure Bay Road.

Several 911 calls were received reporting the incident which lead to a significant response by the Nanaimo RCMP and Hold and Secures being put in place at Wellington High School, Rock City and Departure Bay Elementary.

At 12:21 PM, just 33 minutes after the initial 911 call, the suspect youth was located at a home in the 3800 block of Departure Bay Road and arrested without incident.

The firearm initially seen was also located and determined to be an airsoft rifle. Only when it was established that there were no other persons involved and the primary suspect was in police custody, did police recommend to the respective schools that the Hold and Secures be lifted.

"This was an extremely tense and dynamic situation that could not have been resolved as quickly as it was without the cooperation of the general public and the schools involved", said R/Cst. Gary O'Brien of the Nanaimo RCMP.

The youth, age 14, was arrested for Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose and remains in police custody. The investigation continues.

Lack Of Employment Opportunities And Drugs Are Biggest Reasons For Punjab's Brain Drain



By Balwant Sanghera

The phenomenon of students from India in general and Punjab in particular going abroad to study is not something new. It started under the British rule in the early 20th century. A number of prominent lawyers, activists and professionals used to go abroad to study. A few would decide to settle abroad. However, a vast majority of them would return to India and become active participants in Indian politics or other professions. Some of them became prominent freedom fighters. This trend has continued in the twentieth and twenty first century. Most of these foreign educated individuals proved to be a great asset to their motherland India. However, the current trend that began more than twenty years ago is very different.

During the past twenty plus years, hundreds of thousands of students, mainly from Punjab, have shifted to the western countries on the pretext of studying. However, ultimately, they would like to settle down in their adopted countries, if possible. This has provided a new lease on luring advertising and bill boards.

Not long ago, such advertising was confined mainly to the big cities. But now, even small towns and villages are full of these luring bill boards urging students to study abroad and settle there. Canada, USA, UK, Australia and New Zealand



are some of the favoured countries being promoted. Out of these Canada is number one on their list. During the two months I was in the Punjab, I had an opportunity to travel extensively throughout the state. Every-where I went these bill boards were staring at the public.

The question of international students has affected Punjab very much. Not only that, it is affecting the Indian diaspora abroad also. This brain drain, especially from Punjab, should be a major concern to both the central and provincial governments. A recent report in the media here in Canada reported that last year (2022), 226,000 international students from the Punjab arrived in Canada alone.

This is just Canada receiving so many students from the Punjab. When other western countries where students from Punjab go to study are taken into account, the numbers are staggering. A vast majority of young people in the Punjab are eager to leave for any of the western countries regardless of the consequences.

I had an opportunity to visit a higher secondary school in our area. The principal

mentioned that just out of curiosity he asked his students as to what did they plan to do after graduating. He said that he was surprised to learn that nearly 80 % of the students expressed a desire to study abroad, particularly in any of the western countries. This is a scary trend. Punjab is losing not only its brains but also millions and millions of dollars, euros and pounds that are leaving the country.

One must ask oneself as to why our students are eager to study and settle abroad. The reasons are many. First one seems to be the concern about law and order situa-

tion and drugs in the Punjab. A lot of people don't seem to feel safe. As such, they think their children will be safer in western countries.

Incidentally, Bhagwant Mann's government is very concerned about this too and has already taken a number of measures to improve the situation. Lack of quality, affordable and accessible education seems to be another factor. There are private schools but most of them seem to be quite expensive and beyond the reach of ordinary families.

However, one of the major reasons for youth's disappointment seems to be the lack of opportunities and suitable jobs after the students complete their studies. This is a big disappointment for parents and students.

Some of the unscrupulous elements capitalise on these frustrations and offer young people false promises of studying abroad and "enjoy the good life." A vast majority of these young people do very well abroad. However, unfortunately, this may also mark the beginning of a rather unpleasant journey abroad for some of them. (Balwant Sanghera is a retired School Psychologist and Community Activist)

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Surrey Cares Grants \$20,000 To Moving Forward Family Services To Support Women, Gender-Diverse Individuals

Surrey Cares Community Foundation disbursed a \$20,000 grant through the Communities for Gender Equality Fund (the Fund) to Moving Forward Family Services. Moving forward has been leading initiatives in Surrey to support women, girls, Two-Spirit and gender-diverse individuals working towards a future grounded in equity, inclusion and justice.

This initiative is part of a partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, funded through the Government of Canada. SurreyCares Community Foundation is one of 21 local community foundations from coast to coast that are taking part. In total, these community foundations are granting over \$3.4M towards the gender equality movement.

Moving Forward Family Services used the Fund's \$20,000 grant to hire a part-time Director of Programming and Development. This Director is responsible for developing and advancing programming and community outreach specifically for women, girls, two-spirit and gender-diverse peoples. This allows them to expand their organization internally, build capacity, accept more clients, collect important data, and partner with new organizations that focus on women and gender-diverse individuals. It also allows them to reflect, build on what they already have, and provides time to audit their processes to ensure their



performance is at the level they want. Furthermore, the grant has enabled them to do more staff training, hire a female therapist, and bring women and LGBTQ2S+ identifying leadership on board.

"A staff survey has been developed and sent out to better identify the diversity of our staff as well as identify gaps. Some pressing needs identified through this survey include postpartum support, more training around emotional/narcissistic abuse, greater resources for counselors who work with LGBTQ2S+ clients, and group support for Farsi speaking women," explained Gary Thandi, Founder and Executive Director of Moving Forward Family Services. "The next phase of the project will be doing an audit with external partners and collaborators on our working relationships, identify gaps in programs that need to be filled, and then to move forward in building those programs."

During and post-COVID, the amount of racialized women that needed services increased. Without this Community Gender Equity Fund grant, the organization would have had to turn people away. Overall, the grant filled in the gaps for the organization and has given them a bigger vision for the future. The Moving Forward Family Services is now able to communicate to the community about their services and how they ensure safety for those served.

Christine Buttkus, Executive Director of SurreyCares Community Foundation said, "Investing in this movement is key to supporting women who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. We can work towards a just recovery by tackling systemic issues like racism, wage inequality, and gender-based violence. Along with the other 20 participating community foundations, we are committed to creating lasting systems-change in philanthropy, by writing gender equality into our investment practices and organizational policies."

In 2022, with proceeds from an International Woman's Day Tea event hosted by former MLA Stephanie Cadieux, MLA Trevor Holford, City of Surrey Councillor Linda Annis, and MP Kerry-Lynne D Findlay, SurreyCares Community Foundation also created a Women's Equity Fund to ensure that we build a base from which to deepen capacity for this important work in our community annually.

Additionally, SurreyCares Community Foundation's annual grant application portal is open until April 28th, 2023 to continue to support organizations providing vital services to the Surrey community. To learn more and apply, visit: <https://www.surreycares.org/2023-grant-application>



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Suspect Arrested in Uber Driver Aman Sood's Assault

On April 18th at 6:47 am, AbbyPD Patrol Officers responded to the 2300 block of McCallum Road for an assault on an Uber driver. Prior to police arrival, the suspect fled the scene on foot.

Patrol officers conducted extensive patrols in the area, but the suspect was not located. The victim in this incident was injured and extremely shaken due to the suspect's violent actions.

The victim was identified as Aman Sood. His camera in the interior of his vehicle captured the terrifying attack.

Sood picked up a rider just after 6:30 am on April 18 and said the man became angry because he wanted to take a different route than Sood had chosen. Sood offered to switch routes, but the man apparently said it was too late and that he didn't want to talk to a "f***ing Uber driver."

At that point, Sood stopped the car and asked the man to leave because he didn't feel safe.

That's when the passenger screams and punches Sood in the head, as captured on video. Sood reaches his arm back to stop the



Aman Sood's camera in the interior of his vehicle captured the terrifying attack.

passenger from hitting him, and both men exit the vehicle as the passenger is heard saying, "I'll kill you."

Sood called 911, and the suspect leaves the area after learning Sood had a camera in the vehicle.

Over the past week, AbbyPD officers have been advancing this investigation, working with Uber and our law enforcement part-



President of the BCFED Sussanne Skidmore and Uber driver Aman Sood spoke to reporters at the BC Legislature about the attack that left him injured, and the need for real employment protections for gig-based workers. (Photo: BCFED Twitter)

ners to identify and arrest the suspect. On April 27th at 7 pm, AbbyPD officers located and arrested 38-year-old William Tickle of Abbotsford without incident. The BC Prosecution Service has approved charges of Assault Causing Bodily Harm & Uttering Threats. Mr. Tickle remains in police custody, awaiting a court appearance later today.

"Abbotsford is not immune to random violent attacks. However, thanks to the timely and full cooperation from Mr. Sood and Uber, we swiftly arrested this violent offender. Incidents like these remain a top priority for AbbyPD in bringing these offenders before the court to be accountable for their actions," said Inspector Kevin Murray.

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Explaining further about the portables, the letter mentioned, "We have just begun an RFP process to purchase 30 new portables for September 2024. We are also preparing to move 39 portables from one site to another to manage projected enrolment growth for the 2023/24 school year. Moving these portables is creating a further strain on our already stretched operating budget, with a cost of approximately \$4.8 million dollars. We're finding ways to ensure our students continue to have safe and engaging learning environments, but the bottom line is that more and more students in our district will be learning in portables, and communal school spaces such as gyms and libraries will be shared by a greater number of students, affecting the time allotted to each class. And as more portables are added to already limited outdoor spaces, elementary play areas are being affected and our staff and secondary students are having to park on residential streets, which comes with its own challenges."

According to the board members they have tried to advocate for funding privately and held meetings with BC's education minister, the Ministry, and local MLAs, including Minister Ralston, Minister Bains and Minister Brar. "Unfortunately, these meetings have not resulted in sufficient funding to meet the level of growth we are experiencing. In addition, we are still waiting for approvals through internal provincial government processes for other projects, including additions to Tamanawis Secondary and Guilford Park Secondary," said the letter.

The board says that continually finding costly short-term solutions to address these issues is becoming a challenge, and our board may have to make some very difficult decisions about staffing and programs and services, like moving or even eliminating our Programs of Choice, including French immersion, EKology and the Intensive Fine Arts Academy.

Markets Showing Signs of Recovery As Supply Remains Scarce

VANCOUVER, BC: The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that a total of 7,118 residential unit sales were recorded in Multiple Listing Service (MLS) systems in March 2023, a decrease of 38.3 per cent from March 2022. The average MLS residential price in BC was 961,451 down 11.6 per cent compared to the average price of close to \$1.1 million in March 2022, recorded near the market's peak. The total sales dollar volume was \$6.8 billion, representing a 45.5 per cent decrease from the same time last year.

"The BC housing market is currently characterized by slow sales but also still very low levels of listings," said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. "Consequently, even though home sales remain about 20 per cent below normal levels for this time of year, the average home price in BC has now risen two months in a row, reaching its highest level since May 2022 as markets tighten due to a lack of supply." Active listings in the province are up 25 per cent compared to this time last year but have fallen for the second straight month in the wake of a modest recovery in home



sales and continued weak new listings activity.

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Okanagan	758,296	769
Kamloops	576,974	220
Kootenay	486,264	204
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6082 172 STREET



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4216 240 ST



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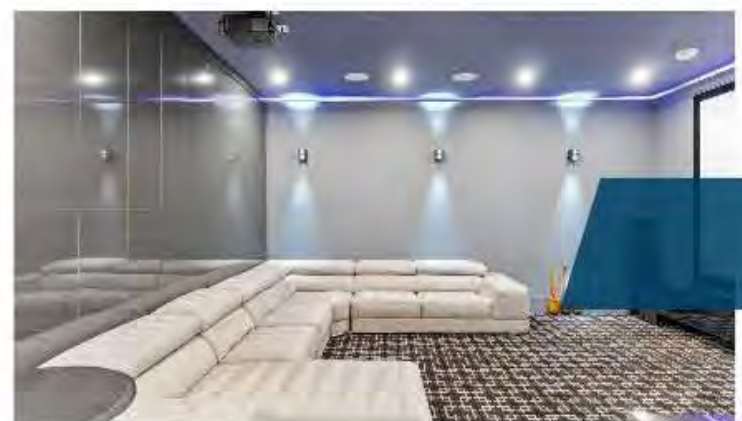
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NEW LISTING

OPEN HOUSE : SAT & SUN 2-4 PM

4 BED • 3 BATHS • 7,210 SF LOT

Welcome to Your Dream Home! This 4 Bedroom & 3 Full Washroom home banks on a 7210 Sq. Ft lot at a prime location in Surrey close to Downtown. Upstairs features with original kitchen, living room, dining room, 3 Bed & 2 Wash with a nice sundeck in the back. Downstairs is a good sized bedroom, Full Washroom & a huge recreation room with roughed in for a second kitchen, which can be a easy mortgage helper. Roof was done in 2015, Master Bath & Downstair Washrooms were renovated & Sundeck sunroof was done along with back Stairs, Downstairs bedroom laminate & paints were done couple of years before. Walking Distance to Betty Huff Elementary and Queen Elizabeth Secondary School. Close to Transit, shopping at Central City and restaurants. 6 mins drive to Sky Train.

ASKING \$1,275,000

**8671 154A STREET,
SURREY**



OPEN HOUSE : SUN 2-4 PM

7 BED • 6 BATHS • 6,760 SF LOT

Welcome to Your Dream Home! Two Years old just like Brand New Home in the prime location of Fleetwood on a Beautifully Landscaped 6800 Sq.Ft Lot. This very well designed beautiful home has all the latest & modern amenities. Decorated with Stone & Hardie Planks all around. This 7 Beds Home features with a custom built Kitchen with premium Quartz Rainfall Countertops, Acrylic Cabinets & High End Bosch Appliances & very good size spice kitchen. Upstairs it has 5 Bedrooms & 4 Full Washrooms & a huge Loft. Gorgeous Chandeliers & amazing lighting all over. Fully fenced. A great mortgage helper with 2 Beds Legal Suite. Centrally located, very close to Transit, School, Highways & Fleetwood Recreation Centre.

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**19775 75 AVENUE,
LANGLEY**



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ASKING \$1,799,000

**14298 62 AVENUE,
SURREY**



6 BED • 6 BATHS • 3,746 SF LOT

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ASKING \$1,749,000

**30 13713 72A AVENUE,
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2 BED • 2 BATHS • 1,196 SF

Welcome to Your Dream Home in Ashley Gate at a prime location in East Newton! This Beautiful 2 Level Well Kept Townhome has 2 Beds, 1.5 Baths with direct access to secured underground Parking & storage. Main Floor Features Living Room with Gas Fireplace & very nice Kitchen, Upstairs it has 2 Good Sized Beds & One Bath. Lot of renovations were done in 2021 including New Paint, New Zebra Blinds, Laminate floor upstairs, Staircase Carpet & Railing, New Pot Lights & lights in Washrooms & Chandelier in Dining Room. Patio by the entrance & covered patio in the back with access to another private green space. Walking Distance to Transit, Shopping (Fruiticana, Costco, Superstore) Banks, Newton Wave Pool & Rec Center.

ASKING \$549,000

**16798 63 AVENUE,
CLOVERDALE**



5 BED • 4 BATHS • 4,144 SF LOT

Welcome to Your Dream Home! This Beautiful & very well kept House features with 5 Bedrooms & 3.5 Washrooms, Open Concept Kitchen with Quartz Countertops, Family Room, Eating Area & Separate Living & Dining Area. There are Three Bedrooms & Two Washrooms upstairs with master ensuite & good size walk in closet. Downstairs comes with 2 Bedroom suite, currently one bedroom suite is rented & one room is used by the owners as their office. Best part of the house is beautiful covered patio in the south facing backyard for your morning tea & entertainment. Lot of parking space in the back yard other than double garage. Walking distance to Cloverdale Athletic Park, Fruiticana, Transit, Gym, School & Shopping Complex.

ASKING \$1,499,000

**33079 MARSHALL ROAD,
ABBOTSFORD**



6 BED • 5 BATHS • 8,804 SF LOT

Welcome to your Dream Home! Beautiful & Fully Renovated House is located in Central Abbotsford and features with 6 Beds & 5 Baths, New Kitchen Cabinets with Quartz Countertops, SS Appliances & comes with a Huge 8804 SF. Lot just across the street from Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre. Main House is 3 Beds & 2 Baths & Downstair you have 3 Beds & 2 Full Baths for great rental income. Basement has a Separate Laundry. Second mortgage helper is a Bachelor's Suite. Centrally located to shops, schools and quick access to Highway 1. Adjoining Property is proposed for Commercial Medical Building. Please confirm with City for Future Potential for Rezoning. Currently whole House is rented for \$5500/month.

ASKING \$1,299,900

**2085 MAJESTIC CRE,
ABBOTSFORD**



5 BED • 3 BATHS • 7,004 SF LOT

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FORCLOSURE Langley older home 3 bedrooms 2 baths 7847 SQ, Ft lot \$924,000	FORECLOSURE Cloverdale 13 years old 3 storey home, 3328 SQ, Ft, 7 bedrooms 4 baths, 3617 SQ, Ft lot, 3 bedroom suite! \$1,188,000	FORECLOSURE Mission: 12 years old 8 bedrooms, 6 baths 3767 finished SQ, Ft home, 4298 SQ, Ft lot \$1,060,000	FORECLOSURE ACRES: 2.25 Langley 7 years old home, 6 bedrooms, 7 baths, 4152 SQ, Ft, 28x28 garage, custom built close to Campbell valley park. \$3,299,000
FORCLOSURE Town house! Cloverdale 17 years old, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1628 Sq Ft, 3 storey, double garage. \$739,000	FORCLOSURE New westminster: Older home 82 years old 1 bath 3 bedrooms, 7240 SQ Ft lot, built your new home \$1,250,000	FORCLOSURE Maple Ridge, 3 Bedroom, One bathroom, Fanches with 25 x 16 Shop, Rv Parking \$859,000	
FORECLOSURE Vancouver Shaughnessy! Area, 3 Years Old, 1,483 Sq, Ft home, over half Acre Lot, 7 Beds, 11 Baths. Everything in this home \$19,880,000	FORECLOSURE Surrey, 4 years old, 7500 SqFt Lot, 13 Bedrooms, 12 bathrooms, 6940 ,SqFt, 3 storey home with, three rental suites. \$1,998,000	ESTATE SALE! WEST Newton Town House 29 Years Old, 2900 SqFt, 4 bathrooms, 2 bedrooms, Strate Fee \$620, Taxes \$2598, No rentals, No Children. \$849,000	
FORECLOSURE Prince George, Beautiful house with suite rented \$2300 per month. \$399,000	BANK FORECLOSURE Surrey 12 years old, 9 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms, 6203 SQ, Ft, lot 4522 SQ, 6t home, 3 story home, with double garage. \$1,829,000	BANK FORECLOSURE North Surrey! older home 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, 8712 SQ, Ft, lot. \$1,279,000	
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2880 169 ST., SURREY
\$3,599,000 Listing ID: R2584077

NEW LISTING



Welcome to North Grandview Estate! Immaculate Mansion on quiet serene street on very private one acre lot. All custom designed and extremely high quality construction. Lots of updates made recently inside the house. Garage and in backyard landscaping. Breathtaking garden of Eden. Enter through the 8' high double solid oak doors into the grand foyer, 4 tier "Wiltshire" Gold plated chandelier. 8 zone radiant hot water in all three floor heating. 2 by 6 construction with Truss Joist "silent floor" 12 on centre. The formal living room offers a 20' double trayed ceiling featuring intricate mouldings and woodwork. There is a butler's pantry. Two staircases. Fully finished basement triple garage, plus much more! South ridge School nearby. Showing Saturday and Sunday 2:00Pm to 4:00Pm.

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ASKING \$3,199,500

Vancouver International Children's Festival Announces 2023 Lineup Including 6-Days of Shows With Over 80 performances!

The 46th Annual Vancouver International Children's Festival takes place May 30 - June 4, in-person on Granville Island and May 30 - June 23, online, where world-class theatre, music, dance, circus, puppetry and storytelling performers come to entertain Metro Vancouver children and families. This year, 18 professional performing artists from as far-reaching as Australia and Madagascar are scheduled to perform 80 shows.

"This year's Festival offers a feast of outstanding shows and interactive visual arts activities that invite children and families to ignite their playful joy. With the stressful demands of daily life and the strong influence of digital devices in our lives, there's an incredible need

to experience the joy of the arts," states Katharine Carol, Artistic and Executive Director.

"We invite families to spend some quality time together at a day at the Children's Festival. The Children's Festival is an opportunity for parents and their children to slow down for a moment and focus on what's important in life: to dance, to be silly and to connect with each other."

Highlights of this year's Festival include A Simple Space and ZOOM from Australia and Sakasaka from Madagascar as well as local and national favourites.

Tickets are now on sale to the general public and can be purchased online at ChildrensFestival.ca, or during the Festival at the on-site box office located between Festival House and the Waterfront Theatre on Granville Island.

In-person Tickets start at \$12.50 per child/senior and \$22 per adult plus service charges and tax. Each In-person performance pass includes an Activity Village wrist-band.

With over 15 arts activities, the Activity Village offers many ways to engage your imagination and enhance your creativity all while having fun together as a family. Online Tickets can be purchased for \$24 per household, plus service charges and tax. Viewers can watch one Vancouver International Children's Festival Online Performance for only \$24 per show. The pre-recorded online performance



is available starting from Tuesday, May 30 at 9:30am until Friday, June 23rd at 4pm and can be watched multiple times. Online tickets also include access to two Online Arts Workshops.

City of Surrey to host 12th annual Earth Day celebration this Saturday

Party for the Planet, a free community event presented by TD Bank Group, will feature live entertainment on three stages, a sustainable marketplace, clothing swap, plant sale, rock climbing wall, Indigenous education and environmental workshops.

When: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Schedule: 11:00 a.m. - Event begins, plant sale and clothing swap open

Performances begin on the Concord Pacific Community Stage

11:30 a.m. - Performances begin on the TD Bank Group Family Stage

12:00 p.m. - Environmental Workshops and Earth Stage performances begin

2:00 p.m. - Indigenous Welcome and Green Ceremony with Mayor & Council

5:30 p.m. - CircusWest performance on TD Bank Group Family Stage

6:30 p.m. - Higher Ground Dance Battle Finale on Concord Pacific Community Stage

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

For the full schedule and more details regarding the event, visit www.partyfortheplanet.ca

Celebrate BC Youth Week In Surrey With Free Activities For Youth Happening All Week Long

The City of Surrey is celebrating B.C. Youth Week from May 1 - 7 with lots of fun, free activities to help youth explore their interests, accomplishments, and diversity. The activities run throughout the week and have been developed for youth aged 10 to 18 years old.

"The City of Surrey is happy to participate in B.C. Youth Week and help youth connect with their community and discover all the City has to offer," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "I invite and encourage our youth to try one of our many activities and celebrate what makes them unique."

From a Super Smash Brothers tournament to skatepark demos and paint night, Surrey youth will be able to find free events to suit their individual interests at various locations around the city, including the SASSY Awards at City Hall on May 2 to recognize exceptional youth in our community.

BC Youth Week is a provincial celebration of youth held annually during the first week of May. The celebration is intended to build a strong connection between youth and their communities.

For a full list of events and how to register, visit surrey.ca/youthweek.



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Surrey's Newton Athletic Park Selected to Host 2023 Canadian Ultimate Championships

The City of Surrey will host the prestigious 2023 Canadian Ultimate Championships at Newton Athletic Park from August 13-20. Players and spectators will have the opportunity to experience some of the best ultimate action, while enjoying top-notch facilities, beautiful parks and a vibrant community.

"Hosting the 2023 Canadian Ultimate Championships showcases Surrey's commitment to promoting diverse sporting

events and enhancing our local economy through sport tourism," said Tara Cleave, Support Services and Accessibility Manager at the City of Surrey. "We are delighted to welcome athletes from across the country to participate in this exhilarating event."

In collaboration with Ultimate Canada, the British Columbia Ultimate Society, and the Vancouver Ultimate League Society, the championships will bring together the best ultimate teams from across Canada, competing in the Junior Championships from August 13-16, followed by the Senior Championships from August 17-20. The event em-

phasizes sportsmanship, inclusivity, and the spirit of the game, while providing an exciting spectator experience.

"We are thrilled to work with the City of Surrey, and both the Vancouver Ultimate League and British Columbia Ultimate Society to deliver a fantastic event," said Danny Saunders, Executive Director of Ultimate Canada. "The championships provide an opportunity for athletes to showcase their skills, connect with fellow players, and celebrate the sport we all love."

The 2023 Canadian Ultimate Championships promise not only top-tier competition,

but also workshops, skills clinics, and additional activities for participants and spectators alike. For more information, visit the tournament website at cuc2023.ultimatecentral.com. Surrey's welcoming, world-class, accessible, and award-winning facilities makes it the premier place for hosting sporting events. The Sport Tourism Strategy has been developed to advance the City of Surrey as a leader in the Sport Tourism industry, maximizing both economic benefits and sport development opportunities. For information about sport tourism in Surrey, visit surrey.ca/sportsurrey.

Surrey Labour Market Report Shows Decrease in Employment for Agriculture and Natural Resource Sectors

The April 2023 Surrey Labour Market Intelligence Report by the Surrey Board of Trade has pointed that employment in Surrey's natural resources and agricultural sector since 2022 has decreased almost by 29% with a loss of 1,200 jobs.

This summary report compares employment changes in Surrey from during the COVID-19 pandemic (January 2021) and through to March 2023 to show the local employment impacts of the pandemic and other factors. The report was prepared by Human Capital Strategies in conjunction with the Surrey Board of Trade.

"Tracking labour market trends in an ongoing way is important to ensure our policy framework is focused on developing a suitably skilled workforce, a broad availability of good-quality education as a foundation for future training, and a close matching of skills supply to the needs of enterprises and labour

markets. It enables workers and enterprises to adjust to changes in technology and markets, and to anticipate and prepare for the skills needs of the future," said Anita Huberman, President & CEO, Surrey Board of Trade. "This will fuel innovation, investment, economic diversification and competitiveness, as well as social and occupational mobility."

According to the report, over the last 12 months, Surrey employment grew by an estimated nearly 4,400 jobs or 1.4% since March 2022. While still significant, this growth was much smaller than the growth in the previous 12 months (March 2021-March 2022) which was almost 11,500 jobs or 3.6% as part of the COVID recovery since 2020.

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The sectors with the most negative employ-

ment change in Surrey over the last 12 months are estimated to be manufacturing (-14.3% or -4,200 jobs), health care and social assistance (-4.6% or -1,900 jobs) and transportation and warehousing (-5.3% or almost -1,700 jobs).

Surrey's construction sector increased by over 5,800 jobs or a significant 22.2% since March 2022. With more children and youth back at school, the Surrey education sector grew by almost 10.0% or almost 1,800 jobs since March 2022. Other services (personal services, high touch positions) employment continues to recover with it growing by almost 14.0% or 1,600 jobs over this period. Driven by major growth in Surrey's service-producing sectors, management jobs grew by almost 39% or almost 6,000 over the last 12 months; sales and service jobs grew by almost 4.0% or almost 2,900 positions in Surrey. Art, culture, recreation and sport employment surged by 35.1% over the last 12 months, creating over

Table 1: Estimated Employment by Industry in Surrey - March 2021 through March 2023
Adapted from Table 14-10-0379-01, Statistics Canada

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)	Employment March 2021		Employment March 2022		Change March 2021 to March 2022	
	Jobs	%	Jobs	%	Jobs	%
Total Employed (all industries)	895,624	100.0	925,111	102.8	29,487	3.3
Food, Beverage, Textile, Printing, Publishing, and Other	4,800	0.5	4,791	0.5	-9	-0.2
Chemical, Plastics, and Rubber	1,853	0.2	1,504	0.2	-349	-18.8
Textiles	1,853	0.2	1,504	0.2	-349	-18.8
Construction	28,781	3.2	35,581	3.9	6,800	23.6
Manufacturing	25,896	2.9	21,697	2.3	-4,199	-16.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	41,210	4.6	42,114	4.5	904	2.2
Transportation & Warehousing	29,386	3.3	27,689	3.0	-1,697	-5.8
Health, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	15,912	1.8	14,967	1.6	-945	-5.9
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	23,431	2.6	24,795	2.7	1,364	5.8
Accommodation & Food Services	15,811	1.8	17,918	1.9	2,107	13.3
Educational Services	14,833	1.7	16,318	1.8	1,485	10.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	19,384	2.2	17,489	1.9	-1,895	-9.8
Information, Culture & Recreation	11,716	1.3	15,686	1.7	3,970	33.9
Accommodation & Food Services	16,577	1.8	18,834	2.0	2,257	13.6
Other Services (except Public Administration)	12,894	1.4	14,146	1.5	1,252	9.7

2,200 jobs. The biggest percentage decrease in employment in Surrey since March 2022 has been in natural resources and agriculture, falling almost -29.0% or by almost -1,200 jobs. Factors such as interest rates, housing costs and availability, talents shortages, supply chain issues, government regulation and other trends continue to combine to prevent a more robust recovery since the worst of the pandemic.

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Alia Bhatt On Privacy: "It's Fair For Me To Expect It In My Own Home"

New Delhi: Alia Bhatt, who earlier this year, had called out a media publication for clicking and publishing unauthorised pictures of her while she was at her home, opened up about her equation with the paparazzi during a recent interview with Vogue magazine. The actress shared a few instances where she felt that the paparazzi has also been "very respectful." One such incident was when the paparazzi did not click her daughter Raha's pictures at the Mumbai airport. "I genuinely believe that we are one industry. The paparazzi are like my work family and they have been very respectful. When I travelled back from London last month, all of them put their cameras away immediately at the airport. Not a single picture of Raha was circulated," Alia Bhatt was quoted by Vogue as saying. Last year, Alia Bhatt and her husband Ranbir Kapoor had especially met the paparazzi in Mumbai along with Neetu Kapoor and had requested the paparazzi for privacy and asked them not to click pictures of their daughter Raha. About the February incident, where a

paparazzo clicked an unauthorised picture of the actress, Alia said, "I did feel bad about the incident that took place in February, but I wish news portals picking up the image had been more mindful. I feel like websites sometimes don't know what they're picking up either. But I just wanted to highlight that they need to be a little more conscious when it comes to actors. There are cameras everywhere and it has become this unspoken rule that when we are in public, we are up for absolute consumption. We can't stop that. But I think it's fair for me to expect privacy in my own home. Honestly, there's no beef, no angst, no upsetness. I said what I had to say and received a lot of support for it. And I think people also understood that what I was asking for wasn't too much."



Salman Khan Says Those Who Should Have Called 'Jaan' Also Call Him 'Bhai' Now: Jinko Chahta Tha...

Salman Khan, who is currently basking the success of his latest Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan, will soon be seen in a new episode of Aap Ki Adalat, which is hosted by Rajat Sharma. The new promo of the show was recently shared by the channel where Salman, despite being grilled about his 'bhai' status by Rajat, was seen responding with his swag and humour. This is not the first time that Salman Khan has been on the show. Earlier, the actor was in the same spot in 2012 during the promotions of Dabangg 2. That time around, when Rajat had asked the Bol-



lywood superstar about his marriage plans, Salman said that there was a time when he thought that he will get married, however, that didn't happen. In a short teaser promo shared by the channel, Salman is now seen in a relaxed avatar when Rajat questioned him about his 'move on' comment from the trailer launch of his film Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan. Salman responded to this by simply saying with a laugh, "Unlucky in love, sir."

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Ranveer Singh Rocks White Suit As He Attends Event At NYC, Responds As Fan Asks Him 'How Is Deepika?'

Ranveer Singh looked dapper in white as he attended the Tiffany & Co. event in New York on Thursday evening. Ranveer also took time to interact with fans who were waiting for him outside the event. A video also emerged where he was seen interacting with stars Dwayne Wade and Gabrielle Union. Ranveer took to his Instagram Stories to confirm that he will be attending the event by showing the official invitation sent by Tiffany and Co. He opened the invitation box that had his invite inside. Later, photos



from the event emerged where Ranveer Singh was seen in a white suit with a plunging neckline. Ranveer ditched a shirt and flaunted his fit physique in just the white suit with a layered neckpiece. The actor donned black shades and completed the look with a slick hairdo. Ranveer also posted a bunch of pictures of his look on his Instagram and captioned it with a diamond emoticon. Several fans gathered outside the event and while Ranveer was spotted, they immediately screamed his name. A fan video from outside the event showed the actor responding the enthusiastic response of his fans and walking towards them on the road and sending flying kisses. Someone from the crowd was also heard saying, "Ranveer I love you. How is Deepika?" To which he

replied, "Good." In another video from inside the event that has surfaced on social media, Ranveer can be seen interacting with NBA champion Dwyane Wade and actor Gabrielle Union. For the unversed, Ranveer is the NBA's brand ambassador for India. Some of the other attendees were Park Jimin, Jacob Elordi, Florence Pugh and Katy Perry. Earlier, Ranveer was snapped by paparazzi Elder Ordonez near Soho house. He wore an oversized trench coat with a knitted sweater and denim pants. He paired it with a pearl necklace as he was walking down the street. Ranveer was last seen in Rohit Shetty's Cirkus, which tanked at the box-office. Ranveer will next be seen in Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani, directed by Karan Johar. The film features Alia Bhatt, Jaya Bachchan, Shabana Azmi and Dharmendra. Earlier the Karan Johar-directorial was scheduled to be released on April 28, 2023. However, the film's cast and crew recently announced that Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani's will have a release date - July 28, 2023.

Sooraj Pancholi Reacts On Instagram After Being Acquitted In Jiah Khan Case: 'The Truth Always Wins'

Sooraj Pancholi reacted online after being acquitted in Jiah Khan's suicide case. A special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court in Mumbai announced its verdict on Friday and the actor was cleared in the case. Taking to his Instagram Stories, the actor put up a status that announced his relief at being acquitted. He stated that the truth always wins. The actor wrote on his Instagram Stories, "The TRUTH always wins!" He also added folded hands and red heart emojis with the hashtag 'God is Great'. Judge AS Sayyed of the special CBI court in Mumbai stated on

Friday there wasn't much evidence to hold Sooraj in the case and acquitted the actor. He stated, "Due to paucity of evidence, this court can't hold you (Sooraj Pancholi) guilty, hence acquitted."



Sooraj is the son of actors Aditya Pancholi and Zarina Wahab. He was accompanied by Zarina in the court on Friday and the two were surrounded by members of the press after they exited the building. A police officer helps them clear a path for them to enter their car.

Jiah Khan was only 25 when she was found dead in her Mumbai home on June 3, 2013. The actor was arrested by the Mumbai Police in June 10, 2013 after a letter written by Jiah was found in which she had allegedly shared that Sooraj mentally and physically abused her. Sooraj received bail in July 2013.

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Swara Bhasker, Sonu Sood Support Protesting Wrestlers: 'Sack And Investigate'

Actors Swara Bhasker and Sonu Sood have spoken in support of wrestlers who have been protesting at Jantar Mantar in Delhi against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh over allegations of sexual harassment against him. Top wrestlers like Sangeeta Phogat, Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia and many others are part of the protest. Taking to Twitter on Friday, Swara shared a video message to show her support for the athletes and wrote, "Shameful that our top International athletes are forced to protest on streets against sexual harassment but accused BJP MP is being consistently shielded by the govt. #IStandWithMyChampions. Sack & investigate #BrijBhushanSharanSingh." In the video, Swara said she is not supporting them because they are international level athletes but because if this is the condition of such notable wrestlers, what will be the fate of a common woman/victim. She also questioned why the



leaders of the ruling party do not mind getting themselves clicked with these athletes when they win medals for the country, but are now maintaining distance from them. She also requested people to come in support of them. She wrote in another tweet, "Literally protecting a rape accused.. again! This is our democratically elected govt. Some part of this is on us too folks. #IStandWithMyChampions." Among others supporting the wrestlers is Pooja Bhatt who tweeted in support of them on Friday and also accused athlete PT Usha of gaslighting them. PT Usha said on Thursday that the wrestlers should have approached the IOA instead of going out in the streets against the WFI and its president Brijbhushan Sharan Singh.

Anupam Kher Pens Cryptic Note About 'Saste Log' After The Kashmir Files Doesn't Win Any Filmfare Award

Anupam Kher has shared a cryptic tweet after his film *The Kashmir Files* was snubbed at the Filmfare Awards held in Mumbai on Thursday. The film was nominated in multiple categories including Anupam being nominated for Best Actor In A Leading Role (Male), which was eventually won by Rajkumar Rao for *Badhaai Do*. The film seems to have been snubbed at the awards ceremony due to director Vivek Agnihotri's refusal to accept the awards. He had written a long note ahead of the event, calling Filmfare "unethical and anti-cinema awards". Taking to Twitter on Friday, Anupam shared a quote that read: "Izzat ek mehenga tohfa hai, uski ummeed saste logo se na karein (Respect is a precious prize, don't expect it from cheap people)." He shared it with the hashtag *The Kashmir Files*. Singer Shivang Upadhyay commented on his tweet, "Box-office, logo ke appreciation aur pyar se bada award koi bhi nhi hai (no award is bigger than box office, people's appreciation and love)." A person tweeted in Hindi, "#TheKashmirFiles has garnered respect from the audience, a few awards cannot be a criteria of respect." Another wrote, "Agnihotri ne mana kiya tha Kher saab (Vivek Agnihotri had refused to accept the award)." *The Kashmir Files* was up for win in 6-7



categories including Best Film, Best Screenplay and Vivek Agnihotri being nominated in the Best Director category. Cast members Mithun Chakraborty and Darshan Kumar were also nominated in the Best Supporting Actor category for the film.

The Best Film went to Alia Bhatt-starrer *Ganubai Kathiawadi*, directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali. He also won the Best Director award at

the event. Mithun Chakraborty and Darshan Kumar lost to Anil Kapoor who won the Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male) award for *Jugjugg Jeeyo*. The Best Screenplay award went to Akshat Ghildial, Suman Adhikary and Harshvardhan Kulkarni for *Badhaai Do*.

Vivek had penned a long note ahead of the Filmfare Awards against the star system and written, "Therefore, as my protest and dissent against a corrupt, unethical and sycophant establishment of Bollywood, I have decided to not accept such awards. I refuse to be part of any oppressive and corrupt system or awards which treats writers, directors and other HODs & crew members of a film inferior to and/or as slaves to stars."

Kangana Ranaut 'Whatever your sexual preferences, they must remain in your bed only, don't flaunt everywhere'

Kangana Ranaut has said one shouldn't judge a person on the basis of their gender and sexuality and those who do, they don't go very far in life. She has also spoken against those who make their gender their identity and "flaunt it everywhere". She said she doesn't like being referred to as "just a woman" as she never perceived her that way. Her statements come as the Supreme Court hears on pleas for legal sanction for same sex marriages. Kangana took to Twitter Friday morning to talk about gender neutrality. She wrote, "Whether you are a man/woman/ anything else your gender is of no consequence to anyone but you, please understand. In Modern world we don't even use words like actresses or female directors we call them actors and directors. What you do in the world is your identity, not what you do in bed. Whatever your sexual preferences are they must remain in your bed only. Don't make them your identity card or medals and flaunt every where. Most importantly don't roam around with a knife to cut every throat who don't agree with your gender. I am again saying your gender is not your identity don't make it that way. I am a woman from rural area life gave me no concession I had to make my own place in the world of actors, film makers, producers and writers." She further added, "Never ever see people from the lens of gender or any other physical attributes. You know what happened to those who thought Kangana is just a woman. They were in for a big surprise because I am not, I never see/perceive myself or anyone else that way,

I am always in a room full of people, individual energies only people not men/women/homo/hetro/ physically strong or weak, no!!!!!! I would have not come this far had I judged everyone around me and myself on so many levels ... Why you all waste so much time on physicality of people around you, please understand you won't go very far if you have such limiting view and perception of the world and those who don't judge others will never judge themselves either So free yourself from gender or any other limiting perception.... Rise and shine as who you are and Dharma says you are God absolute divine way beyond the physical... All the best."

She added that one should tell children that "physical world exists in many layers" while talking about gender.

Kangana was last seen in *Dhaakad* which turned out to be a dud at the box office. She will next be seen as former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in her directorial, *Emergency*. She also has *Tejas*, *Chandramukhi 2* and few other films in pipeline.



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