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Surrey Council Declares School Infrastructure A "Crisis"

City council and Surrey School Board point urgency to build more infrastructure instead of relying on short term solution of portables.

SURREY: The city of Surrey Council has voted to declare the state of school infrastructure a crisis due to population growth in Surrey outpacing the available spaces in school.

The city and the board also feel that Provincial government's strategy to add portables to manage population growth in schools is not only temporary but expensive and adversely impacting other school activities.

During the Regular Council Meeting Monday, Council directed staff to organize a meeting between the City, Surrey



Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke



BC Education Minister Rachna Singh

School District, the Minister of Housing and Minister of Education and Child Care to "remediate this crisis situation immediately."

"The state of school infrastructure in Surrey has reached a crisis level," said Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke.

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Unsafe Conditions at Surrey Memorial Hospital "Compel" Emergency Physicians to write open letter to public

This letter comes after Doctors of BC Emergency Section sent a press release to media stating that emergency departments across BC hospitals are on high alert.

SURREY: The emergency physicians at the Surrey Memorial hospital (SMH) have written an open letter to the citizens of Surrey detailing "unsafe conditions" at the hospital. The letter states, that the doctors have been "compelled" to take this action due to "lack of communication about this crisis to pa-



Adrian Dix, BC's Minister of Health



Surrey Memorial Hospital (Facebook picture)

tients and public." Fraser Health has repeatedly told ER Physicians to not openly discuss our "challenges" with the public, the doctors said in the letter.

The letter pointed that BC

health minister's feels that conditions are "challenging" however, an important point is missing, "patients are suffering severe adverse outcomes including death at SMH."

The doctors said that 3 critical

issues ailing Fraser Health, have led to these conditions -- lack of acute care beds, shortage of hospitalist physicians and politicians' failure to provide meaningful solutions.

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BC To Send Cancer Patients To Bellingham Clinics For Radiation Treatment

VANCOUVER - To ensure people have faster access to life-saving radiation treatment, and reduce wait times for radiation treatment, starting May 29, 2023, BC Cancer is temporarily offering eligible patients radiation treatment at one of two clinics in Bellingham, Washington. The move will launch a temporary initiative outside the province that could support as many as 50 additional radiation patients each week. Breast cancer and prostate cancer patients will be the first patient groups eligible to travel to Bellingham for their treatment because they are the largest group of patients receiving radiation therapy.

The clinics in Bellingham, Wash., are located at the PeaceHealth St. Joseph Cancer Center and the North Cascade Cancer Center.

Through BC Cancer and the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), eligible patients will have all costs related to their treatment covered, including travel, meals and accommodation.

As a temporary addition to the public health-care system, all costs for medical services, testing and medication related to the patient's radiation treatment, prescription medications and laboratory testing will be covered by the Province.

Adrian Dix, Minister of Health,

said, "To ensure every effort is being made to get cancer patients the treatment they need, we are temporarily referring patients to clinics across the border. This immediate action will support patients while we expand cancer services and hire more cancer care staff throughout the province."

While many welcomed this move, BC United Shadow Minister for Health Shirley Bond called the step "an alarming indictment of the state of B.C.'s health care system under this government's leadership."

"B.C.'s cancer care system used to be recognized as one of the best in the world, but now it is among

the worst in the country," said Bond. "I'm glad these measures will give more British Columbians timely access to desperately needed treatment, but it's absolutely devastating that the NDP has to send these patients across international borders for the care they should be able to get in B.C. Imagine facing radiation treatment far from home, in another country, without your support system. It just shouldn't be this way."

According to Dix, over the next two years, approximately 4,800 patients will benefit from this temporary program, representing approximately 2,400 patients per year. This would provide approx-

imately 24,000 sessions of radiation treatment over the course of the program, or 12,000 sessions per year.

During the same time, B.C. is expecting to see approximately 1,000 new patients requiring radiation treatment. By adding capacity for an estimated 4,800 more patients over the next two years, B.C. is taking action to ensure more people receive their radiation treatment by clinical benchmark. These efforts will help B.C. meet growing demand while creating redundancy to replace equipment and position the province to keep up with demand into the future.

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Two Arrested In Homicide Of Surinderjit Singh

Police have arrested a man and a woman in relation to a March homicide in Maple Ridge.

On March 4, 2023 at 7:30 a.m., the Ridge Meadows RCMP responded to a call after a deceased male was located in the 21800-block of 122 Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC.

Officers and British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) attended the location and found the 55-year-old man, later identified as Surinderjit "Jack" Singh of Maple Ridge,



Joseph McWilliams

who was confirmed to be deceased.

In consultation with the BC Coroners Service, Singh's death was deemed suspicious and as



Kimberley Buitenweg

a result, IHIT took conduct of the investigation. On May 12, 2023, 33-year old Kimberley Buitenweg and 44-year old Joseph McWilliams, both of Maple



Surinderjit "Jack" Singh

Ridge were arrested in relation to the homicide.

Charges of murder in the second degree have now been laid against both Buitenweg and

McWilliams.

"We are asking that anyone who had recent contact with either Buitenweg or McWilliams, please contact IHIT immediately as we continue to investigate," says Sergeant Timothy Pierotti of IHIT. "This was a complex investigation and we're thankful for the hard work and dedication of the Ridge Meadows RCMP."

IHIT is asking anyone with recent contact with Buitenweg or McWilliams, to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

As this is now before the courts, there will be no media availability at this time.

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Vancouver Based South Asian Lawyer Launches Book To Teach Kids Gratitude

Children Who Dance in the Rain follows Sophie a young girl who's trip to India unveils an understanding of privilege and gratitude

VANCOUVER, B.C. BC-based legal children's advocate and author Susan Justice has launched her first book Children Who Dance in the Rain in US on May 15. Compassion Project Press announced her book will be available in Canada on June 15, 2023.

The book has already won the 2023 Human Relations Children's Book of the Year, said press release Compassion Project Press. Justice, a dedicated lawyer and advocate based in Vancouver, B.C., co-founded South Asians Against Childhood Abuse an organization dedicated to ending cycles of abuse and prevention through strong advocacy and unyielding awareness. Her

mission to better the lives of children continues with her inaugural children's book, Children Who Dance in the Rain.

The captivating 32-page picture book aspires to gently enlighten young readers about the complex realities that pervade our world, fostering gratitude for the resources and opportunities they are fortunate to have at their disposal.

"I have always been driven to make a positive impact on the lives of underprivileged children, particularly those in the South Asian community," says Justice. "As a mother, a woman of colour and a passionate advocate for the next generation, I wanted to write a book that shines a light on the vast disparity among how children live globally, our negative relationship with material possessions, technology, and the natural world. It's an uplifting story that touches on these pressing issues, the importance of our human interconnectedness and the value of living with gratitude



and generosity." Children Who Dance in the Rain follows Sophie, a young girl who travels to India to visit her grandmother. She is surprised that people in the village live very differently, with little electricity, no internet, and none of the luxuries that she has in her daily life. Sophie is disheartened and wants to go home. She isn't able to see the beauty around her, appreciate the animals roaming freely, or feel the connection the children have to the natural world around them until she meets an orphan named Nanaki. Nanaki has very few possessions, doesn't go to school, and works hard in order to take care of her brother. She has so little, yet is full of joy and grateful for the world and people around her. When Sophie returns home, she has a newfound gratitude and appreciation for things in her life that she took for granted and understands the meaning of privilege.

Children Who Dance in the Rain will pro-

vide families and educators of young children an opportunity to have a dialogue about these important themes. True to one of its core themes about giving back, 100 percent of net proceeds from every fourth copy of Justice's book will go to Save The Children, GiveWell and Bright Sparks School in Mohali, India, who are dedicated to providing education opportunities for underprivileged children. The book is available now for pre-order in the US on Amazon, the ebook is available in Canada now on Amazon and the physical book will be available in Chapters-Indigo stores on June 15th, 2023.

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Surrey Tunes In New Strategy To Boost City's Music Industry

Surrey's music scene is thriving with internationally recognized South Asian talent who have fans across the world

The City of Surrey has launched the Surrey Music Strategy with a vision that "Surrey will be a music industry leader that supports musician development and a thriving music economy." Key findings from the Surrey Music Strategy include that the city has an internationally recognized South Asian music sector, and that at least 775 paid musicians call Surrey home. In 2019, the total amount of consumer spending before and after music events by Surrey residents was \$138 million, and the Surrey music industry contributed more than \$90 million in total GDP. The strategy is a cross-departmental and industry tool that provides recommendations on how to best develop a growing music economy that strengthens the social and cultural fabric of the city.

"Surrey is a city of immense musical talent, passion, and potential," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "With an estimated 350,000 residents regularly engaging with music, the Surrey Music Strategy provides a blueprint on how best to develop and expand a sustainable, innovative and diverse local music scene. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the development of this creative strategy." The Surrey Music Strategy was developed through intensive research and a widespread community engagement campaign that included musicians, music businesses, music stakeholders, and fans. A strategic analysis of Surrey's music venues, audiences and economic impact was also conducted.

The strategy's implementation plan includes seven pillars with coinciding ongoing, short, medium, and long-term recommendations and proposed actions. The pillars include:
 A. Amplify Surrey's music talent and supportive resources
 B. Continue building bridges between the City and Surrey's diverse music communities
 C. Improve access to places and spaces for music
 D. Establish Surrey's music identity
 E. Expand audience awareness and engagement
 F. Advance municipal leadership and support
 G. Encourage music tourism and placemaking



"Music BC is proud to support the Surrey Music Strategy, which acts as a roadmap for sustainable, long-term growth of Surrey's music economy," said Executive Director of Music BC Lindsay MacPherson. "Through implementation, the strategy will create

more opportunities for the region's music creatives and professionals." This project is supported by Music BC, Creative BC and the Province of British Columbia. To view the Surrey Music Strategy, visit surrey.ca/music.

Obituary: Sardarni Dalip Kaur Hundal



It is with great sadness the Hundal family announces the passing of their beloved mother Sardarni Dalip Kaur Hundal (of Village Sheikhpur (Nasirabad) near Phagwara District - Kapurthalaat) at the age of 100 years on May 9 at her residence. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m. at Five Rivers Funeral Home, 7410 Hopcott Road, Delta. It will be followed by Prayers and Bhog at 3:30 p.m. at Khalsa Diwan Society Gurudwara Sahib York Centre, 7938 128 Street, Surrey. All family and friends are invited to share their respects with the family at our residence at 12708 62 Avenue, Surrey. Warm Regards,
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Canada brings in Bill C-48 to improve bail system and promote public safety

BC considered leader as it introduced a revised bail policy that directs crown prosecutors to seek detention in cases involving repeat violent offenders.

OTTAWA: Canada has introduced a legislation to improve Canada's bail system and promote public safety. Bill C-48 proposes to make targeted changes to the Criminal Code's bail regime. The changes would address under which repeat violent offending with weapons

including knives and bear spray, gun violence, and intimate partner violence (IPV). The proposed reforms would make it more difficult for accused persons to get bail if it is alleged that they engaged in serious violent offending involving weapons, specific firearms offences and IPV. The Bill focuses on reverse onus provisions, which refer to circumstances where an individual would be detained while awaiting their trial unless they can prove to the court that their detention is not required. The proposed changes seek to improve the safety of people and communities across Canada. The proposed changes are the result of ongoing cooper-

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ation and collaboration with the provinces and territories. The proposed reforms are also informed by engagement with other partners and stakeholders, including law enforcement and Indigenous partners. David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, "Since the month of October we have been working with the provinces. It was first raised at a Federal Territorial Provincial meeting by the British Columbia government, an NDP government. We have worked since that time on a technical level with all governments across Canada of every political stripe." Attorney General Niki Sharma said, "The amendments reflect B.C.'s advocacy for a broad definition of violence, better pro-

tections when intimate partner violence is involved and an increased ability for community impact to be considered in bail hearings." "The proposed amendments would make it more difficult for people to get bail if they have been accused of specific firearms offences, repeated serious violent offending involving weapons, and repeat intimate partner violence. The amendments will also require justices to keep public safety at the forefront of their decision-making and state on the record how protecting community safety has been considered when making a bail order. I urge the federal parliament to pass these amendments quickly - communities can't wait," she added.

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Motion Introduced For "Comprehensive Plan" To Deal With Crescent Beach Summer Traffic, Parking Gridlock Issues

Surrey First Councillor Linda Annis introduced three notices of motions in Surrey council meeting aimed at resolving summer parking and traffic issues at Crescent Beach, fast-tracking applications for non-profit rental housing, and reducing City Hall's financial pressures on the volunteer-run Fraser Valley Heritage Rail Society.

"As we head into summer, we're once again seeing traffic and parking issues at Crescent Beach, it's like clockwork this time of year," noted Annis. "These issues are regular and ongoing every year, and they're only getting worse as the popularity of Crescent Beach continues to grow. The fact is, the neighbourhood was never designed for the sort of traffic and crowds we see today, and it's about time we dealt with the issues in ways that accommodate residents and visitors alike." Annis wants city staff to come back to council with a "comprehensive plan" that provides options for council to consider going forward. "For instance, can we work with TransLink and provide a special



summer shuttle to Crescent Beach from park-and-ride lots, as one way to reduce the volume of traffic, and should we distribute resident-only park stickers that give residents a single parking spot in front of their home since many of the original homes do not even have driveways. We need to find a balance that provides easy public access to Crescent Beach while not turning the neighbourhood into a gridlocked parking lot every summer."

The second notice of motion is aimed at fast-tracking development applications from non-profit organizations looking to build much-needed rental housing.

"When a not-for-profit organization in our community steps up with an offer to build much needed affordable rental accommodation, we should fast-track that application, and help out by reducing city charges that add costs that can make or break a not-for-profit development," explained Annis.

Annis said her third notice of motion is aimed at helping the volunteer-based Fraser Valley Heritage Rail Society come to an agreement with the city about its future. The society operates the popular seasonal heritage rail line between Cloverdale and Sullivan Station and the heritage rail museum.

Two Female Suspects Attempt To Lure 10-Year-Old Coquitlam Girl Into Car For "Treats"

Coquitlam RCMP is looking for witnesses and video to help identify the suspects who attempted to lure a child into their vehicle as the child walked home. On Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 3:21 p.m. Coquitlam Frontline officers responded to a report of an attempted child luring in the area of Robson Drive and Purcell Drive in Coquitlam. While a 10-year-old girl was walking home from

Panorama Heights Elementary school located at 1455 Johnson Street in Coquitlam, they were approached by two unknown adult females in a vehicle. The suspects asked the girl to get into the vehicle for "treats".

The girl ran away to a nearby Coquitlam City Bylaw officer for assistance.

The suspect vehicle fled the scene. "We applaud this girl who imme-

diately found a trusted adult for assistance and contacted Police", said Corporal Alexa Hodgins from the Coquitlam RCMP. "We would like to thank the Coquitlam City Bylaw officer for providing quick assistance and safety during this concerning incident"

The suspect females can be described as middle-aged with one of the females having ginger-coloured hair.

Surrey Shawn Clarke located deceased

Forty-nine-year-old Shawn Clarke from Surrey, who was last seen in Surrey on April 18, 2023 has been identified as the deceased male. His body was located in the 13000-block of 103a Avenue, Surrey, BC. Officers attended the location and found the adult male who was confirmed to be deceased.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was deployed to Surrey after the body of a deceased man was located on May 10, 2023 at approximately 5:00 p.m.

In consultation with the BC Coroners Service, the victim's death was deemed suspicious and as a result, IHIT took con-

duct of the investigation.

"We are still in the early stages of our investigation. We'll be working with the Surrey RCMP's Serious Crime Unit and their Missing Person Unit to advance what's now become a homicide investigation," says Sergeant Timothy Pierotti of IHIT. "From the information we have gathered so far, this does not appear to be connected to the BC Gang Conflict."

IHIT is asking anyone with information to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. No media availability at this time.

Charges laid following stabbing at Surrey Memorial Hospital

Charges have been laid in relation to a violent incident that occurred at Surrey Memorial Hospital over the weekend which left two people with injuries.

On May 13, 2023, at 10:28 p.m., Surrey RCMP received a report of a stabbing at the Surrey Hospital. The initial report indicated that two people had sustained injuries and the suspect was being detained by hospital security.

Police arrived on scene and took the suspect into custody. It is alleged that the man assaulted two people who were in the hospital visiting another patient. A 16-year-old and a 51-year-old from the same family sustained

non-life-threatening injuries. Initial indications are that it was an unprovoked assault.

On May 14, 2023, 24-year-old, Alex Joseph Flett was charged with aggravated assault and assault with a weapon. Flett remains in custody awaiting his next court appearance.

"This was a disturbing incident for all those impacted, including the victims, their family, patients, visitors and staff at the hospital," says Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer, Cpl. Vanessa Munn. "We are grateful for the very quick actions of hospital security, who were able to intervene, holding the suspect as police quickly arrived to take the man into custody."



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Surrey council declares school infrastructure a "crisis"

Surrey School District saw more than 2,200 new students enroll this past September, bringing the student population to over 78,000. Based on population estimates, enrolment is projected to continue increasing at a rapid pace in almost every community. This is concerning as many of Surrey's schools are already operating far over capacity as population growth continues to outpace available space, according to the City.

"The pressure to create more housing cannot be done in isolation. Core infrastructure such as schools must be built in lock step with new housing. It's shocking to hear that by September 2024, we may have nearly 400 portables across our city," said Mayor Locke.

The city states that to manage growth, the district is utilizing portables however this temporary strategy comes with challenges, including finding outdoor space for the structures, as well as the significant budget pressure they present as the district must pay for the cost of purchasing and moving portables from its operating budget. The district is currently utilizing 361 portables (300 for enrolling classes) and will be moving over 56 this summer to accommodate growth in various areas throughout the city for a cost of over \$7.2 million. The district will also be purchasing 30 additional portables for the next school



Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke



BC Education Minister Rachna Singh

year. According to Mayor Locke, the money used for portables "could utilize in other ways that can help support the students in Surrey to thrive. Last summer, the district submitted its annual capital submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care outlining additional projects that are a priority to address capacity needs."

Surrey Board Of Education has also sent a letter on April 5 to BC's education minister, pointing that the investments into capital projects for the Surrey School District have fallen significantly behind and how portables are impacting other activities in Surrey schools.

"However, this temporary strategy comes with its own set of challenges, including finding outdoor space for the structures, as well as the significant budget pressure they present as the district must pay for the cost of purchasing and moving portables from our operating budget."

The letter stated that 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."

This spring, the district received approval on two additions, creating 700 new seats but this is far less than what is needed. Last week, the School District approved its the 2024/25 capital plan submission to the Province. This will be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Childcare in the coming weeks. Gary Tymoschuk, Vice-Chair of the Surrey Board of Education said that portables are a short-term solution. "We need new schools and additions to existing sites to accommodate this rapid growth, and we look forward to

working with the province and the city to address this growth."

BC's education minister and MLA from Surrey Rachna Singh while responding to this move by council said in various media outlets said that education is on NDP government's priority list. "Since 2017, we have been building schools. We have more than 20,000 seats created. For Surrey also, we are on par to create 10,000 seats and 400 new classrooms," she said.

BC United Surrey South MLA Elenore Sturko said, "Despite the NDP promising in the 2017 and 2020 elections to eliminate portables in Surrey, they've broken that commitment and now, the situation has become so dire that the school district is having to consider double-decker portables."



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Unregulated drugs claim lives of 206 British Columbians in April 2023

VICTORIA - Preliminary data from the BC Coroners Service shows that communities throughout the province continue to be devastated by deaths due to unregulated drugs, with 814 lives lost in the first four months of 2023.

April 2023 was the 31st consecutive month in which at least 150 lives were lost to unregulated drugs in B.C., and the 13th month in which more than 200 deaths were reported. The total number of deaths in April equates to about 6.9 lives lost every day. Rates of death remain extremely elevated throughout the province, with three health authorities - Vancouver Coastal, Island and Northern - reporting record high rates of death in the first quarter of the year. The provincewide rate of death through the end of April is 45.2 per 100,000 residents.

As has been the case throughout the crisis, the illicit drug supply remains highly volatile, challenging people's best efforts to use safely and challenging life-saving responses. Fentanyl is present in about eight of every 10 deaths, almost always in combination with other substances. April 2023's reporting also notes an increase in the presence of benzodiazepines, which is largely the result of enhancements to benzodiazepine testing by the Provincial Toxicology Centre.

"Illicit fentanyl continues to be the main and most lethal driver of B.C.'s drug-toxicity public-health emergency, having been detected in 86% of deaths in 2022 and 79% of deaths in 2023," said Lisa Lapointe, chief coroner. "Cocaine, methamphetamines and/or benzodiazepines are also often present. This drug poisoning crisis is the



Lisa Lapointe, Chief Coroner

direct result of an unregulated drug market. Members of our communities are dying because non-prescribed, non-pharmaceutical fentanyl is poisoning them on an unprecedented scale."

B.C.'s representative for children and youth, Jennifer Charlesworth, said there is no

evidence that diverted safer supply has been a factor in the toxic drug-related injuries and deaths of youth that are reported to her office.

At least 12,046 British Columbians have been lost to toxic, unregulated drugs in the seven years since the public-health emergency was first declared in April 2016.

"It's critical that we rely on science, reliable data and legitimate reporting as we respond to an emergency that has taken the lives of so many of our family members, friends and neighbours," Lapointe said. "We mustn't lose sight of the fact that the root of this crisis was the arrival of illicit fentanyl in B.C. in 2013, and that it has been driven by illicit fentanyl ever since. Safer-supply prescribing and the decriminalization of small amounts of some drugs for per-

sonal use are recent health-centred approaches to a complex health challenge. Anonymous allegations and second-hand anecdotes suggesting that these new initiatives are somehow responsible for the crisis our province has been experiencing since early 2016 are not only harmful, they are simply wrong."

Rest stop upgrades planned for truck drivers, motorists

VICTORIA - Upgrades and enhancements to key highway rest areas are planned for the summer as part of a multi-year plan to improve safety, accessibility and other amenities along B.C.'s highways.

In 2023, improvements, such as installing new lighting and signage, updating playground equipment, increasing accessibility and improving rest area facilities, grounds and picnic areas, are planned for:

- * Highway 1 Arbutus rest area on the Malahat Highway north of Victoria;
- * Highway 1 Kamloops Lake rest area west of Kamloops;
- * Highway 1 Skuppa rest area south of Lytton;
- * Highway 97 Mile 80 rest area north of Fort St John; and
- * Highway 16 Cluculz Lake rest area east of Vanderhoof.

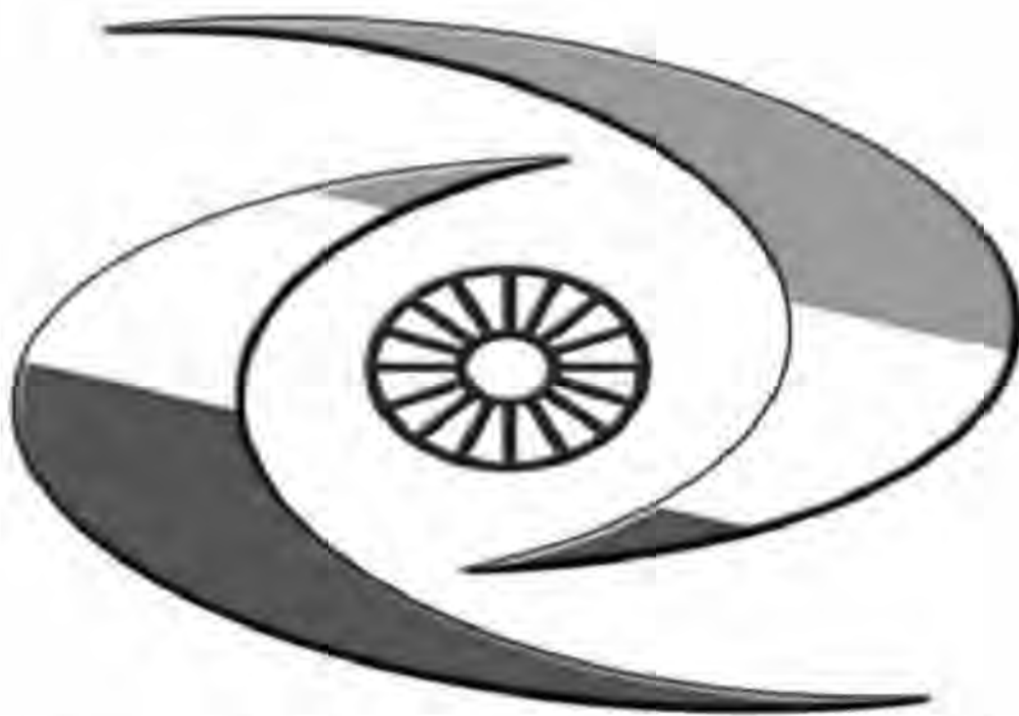
In addition, as many as 30 seasonal students will be hired to provide landscaping and enhanced maintenance of rest areas, covering several highway corridors throughout the province.

Longer-term planning, engineering and design work is also underway on substantial improvements at several key locations that will specifically support the trucking industry, including:

- * Highway 1 Kamloops brake check west of Kamloops;
- * Highway 1 Columbia rest area west of Revelstoke; and
- * Highway 5 Clapperton brake check north of Merritt.

Government will also explore options for commercial vehicle access and parking to be built along Highway 1 near Golden. Planning, engineering and initial site development will start this year.

Planned improvements will also include upgrades to charging stations for electrical vehicles at the Anarchist rest area along Highway 3 and the Wire Cache rest area on Highway 5. Faster charging stations support the further development of the province's "electric highway" and help meet the Province's Clean BC Roadmap commitment for 100% of vehicle sales to be zero-emission by 2035.



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RBI To Withdraw Rs 2,000 Notes; Notes Can Be Exchanged, Deposited Till Sept 30

The Reserve Bank on Friday announced withdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes from circulation but gave public time till September 30 to either deposit such notes in accounts or exchange them at banks. Unlike the November 2016 shock demonetisation when old Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were invalidated overnight, the Rs 2,000 notes will continue to be a legal tender till September 30. In a statement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said it has asked banks to stop issuing Rs 2,000 notes with immediate effect. While the RBI did not specify a

limit for depositing the Rs 2,000 currency notes in bank accounts, exchange of a maximum of Rs 20,000 (10 notes of Rs 2,000) for other currency notes will be allowed at a time. The move comes amid concerns of the highest denomination notes being used to hoard black money. The RBI had stopped printing Rs 2,000 notes in 2018-19 and the notes were rarely in circulation. The Rs 2,000 denomination bank note was introduced in November 2016, primarily to meet the currency requirement of the economy in an expeditious manner after the withdrawal of legal

tender status of all Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 bank notes in circulation at that time. The RBI said it has also been observed that Rs 2,000 denomination note is not commonly used for transactions. Further, the stock of bank notes in other denominations continues to be adequate to meet the currency requirement of the public, it added. "In view of the above, and in pursuance of the 'Clean Note Policy' of the Reserve Bank of India, it has been decided to withdraw the Rs 2,000 denomination bank notes from circulation," the RBI said.



Rs 2,000 bank notes into their bank accounts and/or exchange them into banknotes of other denominations at any bank branch. "Members of the public are encouraged to utilise the time up to September 30, 2023 to deposit and/or exchange the Rs 2,000 bank notes," the central bank said. Deposit into bank accounts can be made in the usual manner, that is, without restrictions and subject to extant instructions and other applicable statutory provisions, it said. "In order to ensure operational convenience and to avoid disruption of regular activities of bank branches, exchange of Rs 2,000

bank notes into bank notes of other denominations can be made up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time at any bank starting from May 23, 2023," the RBI said. To complete the exercise in a time-bound manner and to provide adequate time to the members of public, the RBI has asked all banks to provide deposit and/or exchange facility for Rs 2,000 bank notes until September 30, 2023. Also, the facility for exchange of Rs 2,000 bank notes up to the limit of Rs 20,000 at a time shall also be provided at the 19 Regional Offices (ROs) of RBI having Issue Departments from May 23, 2023.

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BC To Send Cancer Patients To...

"We are incredibly grateful to BC Cancer physicians and staff for their unwavering commitment to patient care in the midst of increased patient loads," said Dr. David Byres, president and CEO, Provincial Health Services Authority. "This temporary measure will support those facing cancer while we continue our efforts to recruit specialized clinical and support staff, upgrade our infrastructure, and work with our health authority partners to deliver on the priorities in B.C.'s 10-year cancer action plan." A BC Cancer support team will help patients by arranging appointments, co-ordinating travel plans and greeting them when they return to their regional BC Cancer centre. "Being diagnosed with cancer can be over-

whelming. We appreciate that travelling for treatment can cause added stress at a difficult time, both for people with cancer and those who care for them," said Heather Findlay, chief operating officer, BC Cancer. Patients who wish to receive treatment in Bellingham, as well as their accompanying caregivers, will need to have passports and visas as applicable. Any emergency (unplanned) treatment and associated hospital costs will be 100% covered for patients requiring unexpected medical care. For patients who experience these additional health challenges, safely transferring them to a B.C. hospital will occur in collaboration with the regional health authority, BC Cancer and - if necessary - BC Emergency Health Services.


The bank notes in Rs 2,000 denomination will continue to be a legal tender, it added. The central bank has asked the public to deposit

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Punjabi Market Wins Vancouver's Heritage Award

Outstanding efforts to preserve and sustain our city's cultural heritage were recognized at the 2023 Vancouver Heritage Awards ceremony.

Punjabi Market Revitalization received Heritage Award for Outstanding Achievement under Living Heritage for exemplary multigenerational community engagement and partnerships, and excellence in placemaking through art and celebrations.

The Heritage Awards were presented for achievements in three categories. The Living Heritage awards were given for projects or initiatives that highlight the self-expressed heritage of Vancouver's communities, or for projects that support reconciliation, cultural redress, or safeguarding



or regeneration of living heritage.

Heritage Conservation awards were given for the restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive re-use or continued maintenance of buildings, structures, cultural landscapes or other natural

features, including seismic or sustainability upgrades. Hollywood Theatre, 3123 West Broadway, St. Andrew's Wesley United Church, 1012 Nelson Street and Sun Tower, 128 West Pender Street won Outstanding Achievement in this

category. Education and Awareness awards were given for the use of a publication, exhibit, activity, social media, or website to promote tangible or intangible heritage, or celebrate diverse cultures and histories. Chinatown Storytelling Centre won Outstanding Achievement in this category.

The Heritage Awards acknowledge and celebrate the different facets of heritage in Vancouver that are reflected not only in historic buildings and places, but also through intangible heritage and the self-expressed heritage of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Nations, Urban Indigenous Peoples, and the many cultures that enrich our city.

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Unsafe Conditions at Surrey Memorial Hospital...

The first is severe shortage of acute care beds which leads to admitted patients wait in ERs instead of on the ward making ERs congested. This also effects nursing support which would normally be used to treat incoming emergencies. "The bed-block forces us to routinely treat strokes, heart attacks, traumas, miscarriages and palliative care in the hallway."

Shortage of hospitalist physicians is another reason contributing to unsafe conditions. Hospitalist Physicians admit the majority of patients from the ER to the hospital wards. "Today if a patient is admitted from ER to hospital, it is common for them to linger on for days without an

admitting physician looking after the, many patients have and some have died while waiting. We believe that some of these horrible outcomes could have been prevented if Hospitalist physicians were available to see patients in timely manner," wrote doctors in the letter.

According to the letter, ED congestion and staff shortage in SMH has been steadily worsening for years. "We have been repeatedly sounding the alarm bells to our regional and provincial leaders; these alarms have been ignored."

Adrian Dix, BC's minister of health, present in Surrey couple of days after the letter went public, to speak about future of health care at a Surrey Board of Trade event. During his address, pushed back these claims saying that this was result of years of neglect under the previous Liberal government and NDP was in fact trying to undo this neglect.

"Fraser Health was particularly badly treated by the previous government, it was. The idea that you would do less MRIs in Fraser Health with 800,000 more people than in Vancouver Coastal Health just showed a secondary priority, and so we've changed that," he said. He added that he is optimistic emergency room congestion will ease in the province's fastest growing city when a second Surrey hospital opens in 2027.

The SMH ER physicians letter was released in response to the Doctors of BC Section of Emergency Medicine news last week.

"Our emergency departments are on red alert," says Dr Gord McInnes, co-president of the Section of Emergency Medicine. "Our patients are suffering, and the doctors struggling to provide their care are tired and distressed. Our patients need and deserve better. They deserve to know that they will be safe, and that they will be cared for when they go to an emergency department for help. The dire situation we are facing now cannot continue."

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New Manufacturing Initiative To Offer Paid Work Placements To School Students

NANAIMO - Secondary school students and recent graduates will soon have access to short-term, paid work placements at local manufacturers through a new program designed to help build a future workforce.

As part of the Future Ready Action Plan, the Province is providing \$3 million to the Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC) to deliver the new Youth in Manufacturing Initiative. Starting in fall 2023, this initiative will provide short-term, paid work placements for as many as 500 B.C. youth aged 16 to 21.

The intake process is expected to begin in mid-June 2023 through EMC's website.

"Manufacturing is a growing part of our economy with 49,000 new job openings coming to the sector over the next 10 years. Now is the time to introduce young people to the sector so they're ready to fill those jobs," said Brenda Bailey, Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation. "Today's investment in new

training opportunities will ensure youth can develop the high-demand skills they'll need to find rewarding jobs when they are ready to begin their careers. That's how you build a strong and sustainable economy that benefits all British Columbians."

In addition to paid work experience and industry-recognized training, youth will be able to receive credits toward secondary-school graduation and apprenticeship certification. The initiative will be open to all B.C. youth and will promote the inclusion of under-represented groups, such as women and Indigenous people.

Eligible employers will receive as much as \$3,500 per placement to offset onboarding and wage costs for this on-the-job training.

"Manufacturing and trades like mine, heavy-duty mechanics, are great, well-paying career choices," said Sadie Craine, a secondary school student in Nanaimo. "I appreciate the opportunity I had to take a trades-sampler program so

I could make an informed decision on my future. It is exciting that people my age looking for a career in manufacturing will get the opportunity to have paid work experience. I know from my own experience that once you have your foot in the door, many doors open up."

According to BC government, B.C. manufacturing jobs pay well, with an average wage of \$34.26 per hour (more than 10% higher than the national average manufacturing wage).

Some manufacturing industries in B.C. have average wages of more than \$50 per hour, including aerospace, medical products, shipbuilding, machinery and wood products.



Brenda Bailey, Minister of Jobs

The Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC) will work with the Province and school districts to ensure youth interested in the Youth in Manufacturing Initiative are made aware of the opportunities available to them.

Surrey Launches Free Digital Technology Hub for Older Adults

The City of Surrey has launched a Digital Technology Hub, a free online platform that offers resources to help older adults navigate the digital world and make it easier to connect to services, programs, and people.

The Digital Hub offers six categories of information: internet access, devices, training, tech support, virtual health care, and online activities. To access the hub, visit surrey.ca/digitalhub.

"We are excited to offer this tool to support positive use of digital technology and to help our older residents stay connected and engaged," said Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Project Manager, Age Friendly Strategy for Seniors.

The Digital Technology Hub provides simple curated information on various topics, covering everything from how to use email, social media, video chats, and online safety, to how to register online for programs and take advantage of virtual health tools. The easy-to-use resources were developed based on feedback from surveys, focus groups, and participants of the Technology Forums, with 87% of respondents indicating their interest in a Digital Technology Hub.

"We are delighted to offer the Digital Technology Hub, a platform that is easy to use and accessible with a focus on advancing digital inclusion, supporting our residents' participation in our digital society," said Geoff Samson, Manager, Strategic Projects.

The Digital Hub is designed to help older adults navigate and use personal technology, enabling them to stay connected with loved ones, access important information, and enjoy all the benefits that the digital world has to offer.

City's community partners on this project are Surrey Libraries, Fraser Health, DIVERSEcity, Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS), Digital Health Circle (AGEWELL), and Brella Community Services.

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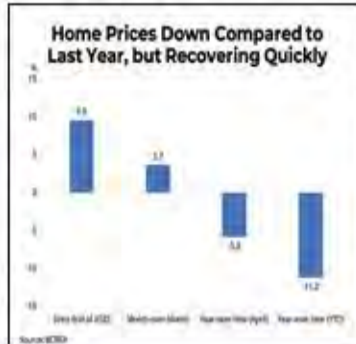
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Lack of Inventory Creating Tighter Market Conditions Across BC

VACOUVER: The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that a total of 7,427 residential unit sales were recorded in Multiple Listing Service (MLS) systems in April 2023, a decrease of 17.7 per cent from April 2022. The average MLS® residential price in BC was 995,506 down 5.6 per cent compared to the average price of close to \$1.1 million in April 2022. The total sales dollar volume was \$7.4 billion, repre-

senting a 22.5 per cent decrease from the same time last year. "BC home sales have now risen for three consecutive months, but that recovery in sales has not been matched by listings which continue to fall well below normal levels," said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. "As a result, average prices across the province are once again rising, recovering much of the decline since prices peaked early last year."



Average home prices, while still down year-over-year, are rising

on a monthly basis in most markets. The average price in BC has now risen for three consecutive months and is up over 9 per cent since the start of 2023.

Year-to-date, BC residential sales dollar volume was down 44.1 per cent to \$21.4 billion, compared with the same period in 2022. Residential unit sales were down 37.1 per cent to 22,417 units, while the average MLS® residential price was down 11.2 per cent to \$954,984.

Board	Apr Price (\$)	Unit Sales
BC Northern	403,733	292
Chilliwack	735,614	277
Fraser Valley	1,025,814	1,462
Greater Vancouver	1,294,875	2,741
Okanagan	748,937	795
Kamloops	580,436	210
Kootenay	517,158	230
South Peace River	298,383	27
Powell River	860,600	18
Vancouver Island	719,688	722
Victoria	990,918	623
British Columbia	995,506	7,427

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NEW LISTING

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54 - 15288 36 Ave \$1,475,000
Gorgeous Fully Detached Townhome
Stunning fully detached townhome at Cambria by Parkland. Approx 3,000 sq ft, 4 br, 4 bath. Elegant, comfortable home w quality upgrades: hardwood floors throughout, wainscoting & crown mouldings, plantation shutters, kitchen w custom cabinetry, granite counters, SS appliances, gas stove. Formal dining room is currently home office and music room. Bright open family-friendly layout: kitchen, living room & casual dining area open onto lovely landscaped private patio and backyard. Upstairs: luxurious primary bedroom w walk in closet & spacious ensuite, 2 more bedrooms & large flex space for hobbies or office. Fully finished basement w 4th bedroom, full bathroom, huge rec room, media area, flex room & storage. The perfect family home.

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<p>10320 140 St</p> <p>FOR SALE \$1,849,900</p> <p>This property is located at 10320 140th Street, Surrey, BC, in the neighbourhood of Whalley. This property is listed by Century 21 Coastal Realty Ltd.. The current median list price for similar homes for sale in the vicinity is \$2,250,000.</p>	<p>45 6671 121A ST</p> <p>FOR SALE \$799,000</p> <p>Located in the Beautiful "SALUS" complex, 3 Bedroom townhouse with 2 bathrooms. Best location Features with high end appliances. Double Tandem Garage with extra 300 sq.ft. Central Location with Mountain resort PSA. Clubhouse features SPA, Outdoor Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, Sauna, Steam Shower, Exercise Center and 3500 sq.ft. Roof top Deck. Maintenance fee includes Management, garbage pick up, recreation facility and gardening. Located steps away from Boundary Park and Sunshine Hills Shopping Cafe. Schools, Bus Stop, North Delta Water Shed Park, Trails. Easy access to USA Border, South Surrey, Langley, Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, Richmond and Airport.</p>	<p>12986 68 AVE</p> <p>FOR SALE \$1,499,000</p> <p>WEST NEWTON RANCHER! 72 feet wide flat and rectangular lot in West Newton with no trees, easements, or right of ways. This is the one you have been searching for. Currently a 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom rancher WITH A 2 BEDROOM SUITE! Main house rented for \$2700 and basement rented \$2000. This property is ideal for first time home buyers, investors and builders. Located in a very demanding area, these types of properties do not come up often and this will move fast. The land is 72 feet wide by 99 feet deep and is centrally located close to parks, schools, shopping centres, temples, and major transportation! Please call for more information.</p>	<p>12686 56 Avenue</p> <p>FOR SALE \$2,349,900</p> <p>PANORAMA RIDGE 4 bedroom rancher on beautiful half acre (approx) 19,997 sq.ft lot - nice and rectangular parcel with a 154 F FRONTAGE! BUILDER/INVESTOR ALERT! Rare opportunity to invest in the luxury neighbourhood of Panorama Ridge. Perfect location to build your dream home! Collect rent while you wait for plan approval. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to own one of the best on highly sought after 56 avenue. Surrounded by multi million dollar homes. Ultra clean home with open layout, enclosed sunroom, newer roof, detached garage & RV parking. Plan to build your 3 level dream home (verify 3 level)</p>	<p>17566 61A</p> <p>FOR SALE \$2,649,900</p> <p>Beautiful Custom Home on a 10,227 sq.ft. CORNER lot in IN CLOVERDALE with a 135 Ft Frontage! There is 4370 sq.ft of living space on 2 floors. Home has 8 bedrooms and 7 full bathrooms. You are welcomed with high ceilings and fine details throughout. The main floor features living, dining and family room plus a media room and covered patio. The spacious kitchen has a large nook area, island and spice kitchen. Your family will sleep well in one of the FIVE bedrooms upstairs all with their OWN private ensuites. There is also a 1 bedroom suite which is currently rented but can be converted into a 2 bedroom suite. The other bedroom is currently being used by the owners. Gated front and loads of room to park your cars. Very centrally located close to Cloverdale rec centre, shopping and highway!</p>
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<p>4216 240 ST</p> <p>FOR SALE \$2,279,900</p> <p>INVESTOR ALERT, RARE 3.95 ACRES - park like setting with a small old farmhouse in the popular Salmon River area of Langley. Come build your dream home here, where you can be close to town, but still be in the country. Back portion of the property is forested and waiting for your ideas. Long driveway from the front of the property to the back. Please do not drive on the property or walk the property without an appointment. Great holding property with a lot of future potential or build the home of your dreams. This fully renovated home offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living</p>	<p>13079-56Ave, Surrey</p> <p>FOR SALE \$3,349,000</p> <p>LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! PRESTIGIOUS PANORAMA RIDGE! PRIME 1.3 ACRES IN THE ORIGINAL PANORAMA RIDGE! *ALERT 1.3 acres* Build your DREAM home. Rare to find such prime piece of land in Panorama! Take advantage of this rare opportunity and make your dreams a</p>	<p>14019-104Ave, Surrey</p> <p>FOR SALE \$2,099,000</p> <p>LAND FOR SALE! Corner Parcel sitting on OVER 42,000 SQ.FT. C-35 Zoning allows for a variety of uses. Located in the rapidly growing Surrey Downtown area surrounded by major developments and high-rises and new projects coming nearby. Excellent corner parcel with high exposure on one of the busiest streets in Surrey - 104 Avenue! Please call listing agent for more details.</p>	<p>11071 Wren Crescent</p> <p>FOR SALE \$1,299,000</p> <p>Well kept rancher on a quiet street. Great building lot that is 68 x 105 with a west facing backyard. Great family neighbourhood. Perfect as an investment or a place to raise a family. All amenities are in the close vicinity, with nearby Riverdale Elementary, Guildford Park Secondary school. Full exposure for lots of natural light, huge backyard for you, your dogs & kids. 3 minutes drive to Guildford Mall, T&T Supermarket & Walmart. Easy access to Highway 1. Mainly Land Value. Plans ready for 2 storey home. Big Rectangular Lot on a quiet street. Great family neighbourhood. Perfect as an investment & build new home & perfect place to raise a family.</p>	<p>10095 121A</p> <p>FOR SALE \$1,325,000</p> <p>First time home buyer and investor alert! Very well maintained rare to find big and rectangular lot with unobstructed view. Located in Cedar Hills, Surrey with high potential in future. Fully finished, separate entry 2 bedroom basement with full bath as mortgage helper. Currently rented with excellent tenants and rents are main floor \$2,000 + utilities & basement \$1,500 + utilities. New flooring, new painting, new hot water tank and more! Great investment opportunity. Call to book your private viewing!</p>
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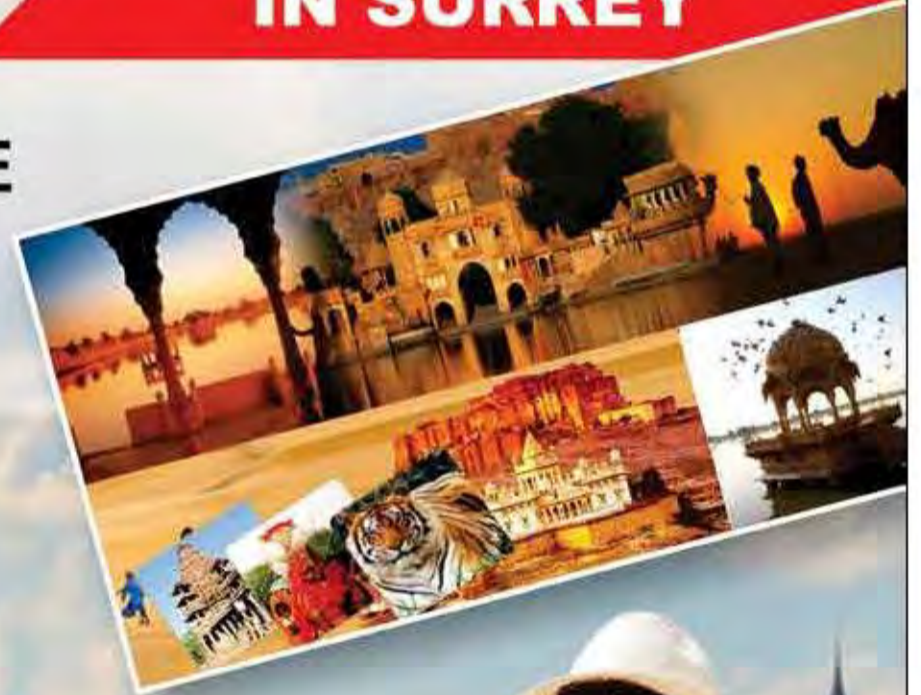
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28th Raising Day event organized by Ex Servicemen Association of BC on 14 May in Surrey. The Association brings together veterans of the Armed Forces and takes care of their well being. The Consul General of India also attended the event to salute their services to India.

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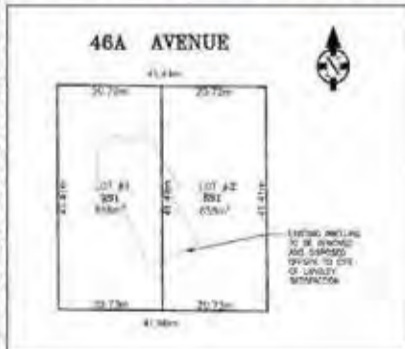
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Surrey RCMP running in support of Special Olympics BC

Surrey RCMP officers are getting ready to hit the ground running in support of Special Olympians in B.C. on May 24, 2023. Surrey RCMP is proud to host the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics B.C. on Wednesday May 24th at 11:30 a.m. Our Surrey RCMP team will join Special Olympics athletes for a 1.45 kilometre run/walk, starting and

ending at the Main Detachment (14355 57 Avenue, Surrey). The annual event raises awareness and donations for Special Olympics B.C., and supports year-round health, youth and sport programs so athletes with intellectual disabilities can participate in the sports they love. For the past 33 years, law enforcement officers across the province have been honored

to carry the Flame of Hope and help make a difference in the lives of Special Olympic B.C. athletes through the Law Enforcement Torch Run, says Superintendent Aaron Paradis, Community Services Officer for the Surrey RCMP. These programs break barriers, promote inclusion, and provide important opportunities for healthy activity and social connections.

In B.C., the Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised more than \$5 million since 1990, and has helped increase the number of registered athletes to more than 5200 in 55 communities around the province. If you'd like to support this important cause, you can visit the Surrey Torch Run page, or learn more about the event by visiting www.specialolympics.bc.ca/letr.

Help United Way BC's Period Promise campaign to fight period poverty

BURNABY: It's always pricey to have your period, but with current inflation, it's more expensive than ever before. Period poverty is more widespread than is commonly known. United Way British Columbia (United Way BC) - working with communities in BC's Interior, Lower Mainland and Central & Northern Vancouver Island, has launched its 2023 Period Promise campaign from May 16 to June 13 to fight period poverty. United Way BC is calling on British Columbians to match last year's collection record of over 700,000 menstrual products. This goal can be achieved through a combination of financial and product donations. British Columbians can tackle period poverty by giving financially, donating period products, or organizing their own Period Promise campaign. The campaign is presented by Pacific Blue Cross in partnership with

CUPE Local 1816, At least half of people who menstruate will struggle with access to products at some point in their lives - and with the rising costs of basic goods, this amount is increasing. As Per United Way's research as seen in the Period Promise Final Report, 26% of people who menstruate in BC say that they had gone through a period without having menstrual products available to them. Not having access to menstrual products is an isolating factor: 18% of respondents indicated that they missed school, 22% work, 29% community events, and 27% social events when they didn't have access. Also nearly 75% of respondents indicated that having access to products at community organizations allows them to be more engaged in their community. Learn more: www.uwbc.ca/periodpromise



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VICTORIA - Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) is available for eligible British Columbians in southeast and central areas of the province who were affected by flooding between April 27 and May 16, 2023.

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British Columbians can access the DFA application online here: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance>

International student loses nearly \$6,500 from employment scam

VANCOUVER, BC: Securing a job as a post-secondary student can be an exciting time in a young person's life, but one international student studying in Vancouver learned the hard truth about employment scams, which resulted in them losing nearly \$6,500.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Mainland BC and Yukon is reminding those applying for jobs to remain cautious about quick job offers and work-from-home gigs that require little to no experience.

In December 2022, an international student living in Vancouver was interviewed and offered a position as a 'Remote Data Entry Operator' by a scammer posing as an employer at an established Canadian media company.

After being hired, the student was told they would need expensive equipment to work from home. They were provided an employment contract and asked to share government-issued ID, proof of address, bank state-

ments and banking information for payroll.

The fake employer then sent purchase orders for the equipment to the student, at a total cost of \$6,481. A bill the student then paid via e-transfer, with the understanding they would be sent a reimbursement cheque. But everything went sideways when the reimbursement cheques started bouncing at the bank. The student ended up finding the real employer and found out the job was not real. Unfortunately, the student hasn't been able to get their money back.

"Although this media company was hiring at the time, this specific job listing was fake and not associated with their organization," said Aaron Guillen, Media and Communications Specialist for BBB Serving Mainland BC. "Our BBB Investigations Specialist found that there was more than one incident where a job-seeker was lured into this same hiring ad and counterfeit website combo. It's so unfortunate to hear

about this kind of story, because this student was trying to make some income with a part-time job and they were thrown for a loop with this scam."

Employment scams rang in as the fifth riskiest scam in 2022, according to the BBB Canadian Risk Report. On average, 1 out of 8 people who encountered the scam ended up falling for it and becoming a victim (12.5%), with \$3000 in median losses.

Here are BBB's top five tips to avoid employment scams:

Be wary of job offers that don't require an interview. Even during the peak hiring season, reputable companies prefer to talk to top job candidates before hiring them. If a job offer is presented without an interview or meeting you in person, question the company's hiring practices and do a little more digging. If you use a separate email address when applying for jobs, you can avoid fake offers from scam employers you did not contact. Employers will never ask for up-

front payments. Beware of businesses that ask applicants to pay for job supplies, application, or training fees. Be careful if a company promises you great opportunities or a big income under the condition that you pay for coaching, training, certifications or directories. These expenses are the employer's responsibility and asking for money is a big red flag that something is wrong.

Government agencies post all jobs publicly and freely. Government jobs never charge for information about jobs or applications for jobs. You can go on the Government of BC or Government of Canada websites directly to see job openings for yourself instead of a third-party job listing website. Be wary of any offer to give you special access or guarantee you a job for a fee - if you are paying for the promise of a job, it's probably a scam.

Never deposit unexpected or fishy checks. Be cautious sharing any kind of personal infor-

mation (including your banking and credit cards) or accepting any kind of prepayment. Similarly, don't fall for an overpayment scam. No legitimate job would ever overpay an employee and ask for money to be wired elsewhere.

Be cautious about the information you share in a resume or job application. Online applications usually won't ask you for your birthday, banking information, or proof of address until they actually offer you the job. According to Service Canada, you are not required by law to provide your SIN before you are hired. If you're ever feeling unsure about the amount of information an application is asking you for, consider it a red flag and research the employer name and the word "scam" to see if there are any reports involving job scams. Look for the Sign of a Better Business by watching for the BBB seal or by searching on BBB.org for a reputable employer you can trust.

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After Cannes, Sara Ali Khan wins over Red Sea film festival gala in shimmery gown

Sara Ali Khan has shared a poem along with several pictures of her look for the Red Sea Women in Cinema Gala.

After making her Cannes debut in a lehenga, Sara Ali Khan headed to the Red Sea International Film Festival. She has now shared pictures of herself in a shimmery gown as she posed as an honouree at the Red Sea Women in Cinema Gala in association with Vanity Fair. She looked stunning in the Rachel Gilbert gown with her hair tied in a loose bun and little jewellery.

Sharing her pictures, she wrote on Instagram, "Sorry for the spam. Feeling too Glam. Seeing this clear water- Sara nearly swam. But then decided against it- only for my gram fam."

One of the pictures also shows her posing at the gala with

other influential women from the Arab, Africa and Asia including Razane Jammal, Fatima AlBanawi, Mohammed Al Turki, Simone Marchetti, Tara Emad, Mila Al Zahrani and Jade Osiberu .

The Red Sea International Film Festival hosted the first 'Celebration of Women in Cinema' Gala this week to celebrate visionary female talent both on and behind the camera from around the world. Sara represented India at the gathering that plays an important role in ensuring women's stories are showcased to as many people as possible while empowering a new generation of talent.

On being among the women at the event, she said, "I feel very very privileged. I'm a very proud Indian and I'm a very proud girl so I think that it's lovely that I can come here to this international forum and celebrate my Indianness and my Womanhood. While that's definitely a huge part of my identity, I think that in cinema gender doesn't matter, nationality doesn't matter."

Aishwarya Rai responds to why she's not offered 'roles with depth'

Here's how Aishwarya Rai, who is at Cannes Film Festival 2023, reacted to a question about not being given enough meaty roles, like in Ponnin Selvan I and II. On Thursday, Aishwarya Rai grabbed attention as she walked the red carpet for the first time at this year's Cannes Film Festival. She wore a larger-than-life silver and grey gown. Before making her debut at Cannes 2023, Aishwarya sat down for an interview on the sidelines of the prestigious festival, where Aishwarya has been a regular for decades. She was dressed in a shiny green dress.

In the interview, Aishwarya spoke about her last release, Ponnin Selvan: II (PS2), her roles in the film – Aishwarya played dual roles as Nandini and her mute mother Mandakini Devi – and the 'silent question' everyone keeps asking about her career.

Aishwarya was asked during her interview with NDTV, "Why aren't we, as in the Hindi cinema, offering you roles with such complexities, such depth? Look at what you brought out and what you did with it (her roles in PS2)." In response, the actor said, "Well that's a silent question I think everybody normally ends up asking. We are all creative people, when something turns out so good and feels so right, creatively for the people working on it, as well as for the audience, that's the response it evokes. I think one of the most beautiful and most rewarding moments is when questions like these arise for the actors, the leading ladies..."

Aishwarya further said about PS2, "There's a reason we salute Mani Ratnam and directors like him, who do create work like this, and that's why it is such a pleasure for us as artistes to work with them, and to come away with results like this and movies like this, where we are proud of the work we have done. We feel immensely satisfied and Ponnin Selvan has definitely been immensely satisfying for all of us..."

Ponnin Selvan: II is the second installment of the period drama based on Kalki Krishnamurthy's popular historical novel Ponnin Selvan (The Son Of Ponni). Along with Aishwarya, the Mani Ratnam film's cast includes Vikram, Trisha, Karthi, Jayam Ravi, Sobhita Dhulipala and Aishwarya Lekshmi.



Country Singer Jimmie Allen Faces Serious Allegations Of Sexual Assault, Lawsuit Reveals Disturbing Details

A civil claim filed by Jane Doe in Tennessee accuses the popular Country Singer Jimmie Allen of sexual assault, harassment, and more. Jimmie Allen, American Idol in 2011, has achieved notable success with hit singles like 'Best Shot' and 'Make Me Want To.' These popular songs propelled him to the Grammy nomination for 'Best New Artist' and he made history as the first black solo singer to win new male artist of the year at the Country Music Association Awards in 2021. Allen's talents extend beyond music, as he has also authored a children's book titled 'My Voice Is a Trumpet.' Recently, he appeared as a judge on the music competition series 'My Kind of Country' by Reese Witherspoon for Apple TV+.

Amidst his numerous accomplish-ments, the 'Best Shot' artist is currently facing serious allegations of sexual assault and other heinous crimes.

A civil claim has been filed in Tennessee by an individual identified as Jane Doe, a former day-to-day staffer, accusing the country singer of rape, sexual assault, harassment, and more.

According to Variety, Jane alleges that she experienced a distressing pattern of sexual assault throughout her 18-month tenure as a member of Allen's professional team.

The charges brought by the Victim include sexual violence, assault, false imprisonment, sex trafficking, and mental anguish against the famous singer-writer. She has also filed allegations of gross negligence, participation



in a sex trafficking endeavor, and other offenses against the singer's former management business, Wide Open Music. The lawsuit brings forth serious accusations that demand a thorough investigation and legal proceedings. Allegations claim that Wide Open Music was aware of Allen's history of inappropriate and vigorous sexual behavior and deliberately assigned the plaintiff, a recent college graduate, to work closely with him, requiring frequent solo travel and significant alone time.

Bear Grylls on his recent trip to Ukraine: Russia-Ukraine crisis is a reminder that war is never the answer



Survival expert Bear Grylls opens up on visiting Ukraine and meeting President Volodymyr Zelenskyy amid the ongoing crisis with Russia.

Recently, survival expert Bear Grylls went to Ukraine amid the ongoing crisis with Russia to meet President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and admits it was heart-breaking to witness the "loss and hardship" that the country continues to go through. Now, he hopes that the world stands up to the "bully" to help peace prevail.

"It has been one of the most important journeys that I have done in my life. There was a risk involved as we were going into a war zone. But I really wanted to do it because I wanted people around the world to hear some of the real stories, not just the political angle, or at the macro level. But look at the micro level, what are people going through. What is the leader, who has become such an inspiration and a figure for resilience and courage, doing for the country? What is he like? Everyone I spoke to in Ukraine about the President, they mentioned that it doesn't matter what they thought of him before. It's about being united behind him today," he says.

In fact, he documented his experience of going to the war zone, meeting the people of the country and the present in his show, War Zone: Bear Grylls Meets President Zelenskyy.

Looking back at the experience, the 48-year-old mentions, "It was the most challenging TV show that we have ever done. We have been to many difficult places in my life, many jungles, deserts, mountains, unforgiving places, but never an active war zone. We flew to Poland, and then we drove to the border. That's when everything got serious with lights off, everyone dressed in green, no aeroplanes in the sky... We went into the war zone to meet the incredible Ukrainians who have gone through so much hardship and suffering and heard their stories, and visited some of the places that have been worst affected. We had missile threats every day. The mission was to go and spend time with the President... Getting to know the man was a real privilege."

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Kapil Sharma Shows His Dance Moves After Matching Steps With Rema On His Show

A promo from The Kapil Sharma Show's upcoming episode shows Kapil Sharma matching dance steps with Rema and then showing off his own moves. Comedian-actor Kapil Sharma recently welcomed Nigerian singer Rema on The Kapil Sharma Show. He is on his country-wide tour at present and is the first international celebrity to appear on the current season of the hit comedy show. A promo from the upcoming episode shows Rema and Kapil Sharma dancing to Calm Down on stage. Many of

Kapil's fans have raised doubts if he will be seen speaking English during his interaction with Rema and some have also reacted to his dance moves.

Sharing the promo on Instagram, Kapil wrote, "Can't calm down bcoz #rema is here @heisrema (star-eyes laughing emoji) #calm-down #thekapilsharmashow." Badshah commented on the video, "Pehle 10 second to control kiya paaji ne bas fer khul gaye (Kapil controlled himself for first 10 seconds and then danced freely)." Tanmay Bhat wrote, "This

gonna be epic."

A fan also wrote, "Kapil bhai please talk to him only in English," with laughing emojis. Another asked, "Vai English bolna padha hoga. kaise (you had to speak in English...how did you do it)?" Commenting on Kapil's dance steps, a fan wrote, "Desi bana diya hahaha (you made it desi)." "Paji got moves", read a comment. A fan also commented, "Aj Kapil ko translator ki jarurat padegi (today Kapil will need a translator)." Many also said Selena Gomez should have also



accompanied Rema on the show. Rema is known for creating Afrobeats music with musicians like Wizkid and Burna Boy. On February 11, 2022, Rema re-

leased Calm Down from his debut studio album Rave & Roses. A Remix of the song with American singer Selena Gomez followed in August.

Bigg Boss 7's Ajaz Khan Granted Bail, To Walk Out Of Jail On Friday After Two Years of Imprisonment



Ajaz Khan is set to walk free Friday evening after the Supreme Court granted him bail. His wife has said in a statement that she 'missed him immensely'.

Former Bigg Boss 7 contestant Ajaz Khan has been granted bail and he will be released from Arthur jail Friday evening. Ajaz has been in jail for more than two years, in a drug case.

Responding to the development, Ajaz's wife said in a press statement, "It is a happy moment for us, and we can't wait to see him at home with us. We have missed him immensely these years."

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) arrested actor Ajaz Khan in 2021, in connection with a drug case. His name reportedly surfaced during the interrogation of notorious drug supplier Farooque Shaikh alias Batata's son Shadab Shaikh alias Shadab Batata. Shadab is also a drug peddler. Zonal director Sameer Wankhede told the media at the time, "During interrogation, Khan's name cropped up and we have found some incriminating evidence against him."

Soon after his arrest, Ajaz had claimed that a few sleeping pills was all that he had in his possession. Coming out of the court after a hearing, he told the media, "Nothing. Ask them where they got it. What they got was just four sleeping pills. My wife had a miscarriage and was in depression. She was taking those pills." According to the NCB, Ajaz was arrested with 31 tablets of Alprazolam - equalling a total weight of 4.5 grams.

Bombay High Court had rejected Ajaz's bail plea last year. "The length of the period of custody or the fact that the charge[s]heet has been filed, but the trial has not commenced itself cannot be a ground for releasing the applicant on bail, when he failed to cross the rigors of Section 37. Hence, the application deserves rejection and is accordingly rejected," the court had said.

Sunny Leone

On Constant Chatter About Her Past And How She Dealt With It: My Job Is To Take Care Of Me And My Family

Actor Sunny Leone, who is gearing up for her Cannes debut, says she is unbothered by the constant chatter about her past.

Sunny Leone is someone who is regularly subjected to trolling and negativity owing to her past, especially her adult film career. But, the actor chooses to filter out the noise and focus on her work.

Leone, who is gearing up for her Cannes Film Festival debut, tells us, "As long as I'm working and making money, I don't really care what other people have to say. My job is to take care of me and my family and enjoy my work and be safe and be happy. My main focus in life when it comes to work is to ignore everybody and just do what I want. I think that when you can do it your way, it's the best way."

Not too long ago, the 41-year-old had shared her journey and struggles while boosting a contestant's morale in a reality show that she hosted. She had said, "If I had taken everyone seriously since I got here in this country, I would have packed my bags and gone back home."

Was there a point when she came close to quitting acting? "I don't think that I would ever quit anything. So that was never the problem. I don't believe in defeat or failure. Sometimes we make mistakes and sometimes things don't go right. There are many different variables and factors that go into making a film or a show or working on a campaign. There are so many moving pieces, and if it was a single person's act of doing everything, that would be totally different. But there is no quitting in my vocabulary. There's a time to pack up if you are a smart business person, but know when to get out when things are not working a certain way, and then you just move on and find something else to do," says Leone, who has featured in projects such as Ek Paheli Leela, Kuch Kuch Locha Hai, Raees, Karenjit Kaur - The Untold Story of Sunny Leone and Ragini MMS Returns.

At the moment, the actor has a film lined up with filmmaker Anurag Kashyap and she is also exploring film industries down South.

"I've been doing lots of different South films lately, and that's always very challenging because the way that the industry works is completely different from Bollywood," the actor continues, "Working in different regions in India is great and it's so much fun."





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