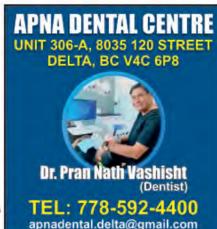


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# **BC's Public Safety Minister Writes Stern Letter To Surrey Mayor To Resolve Policing Matter 'Promptly'**

BC's Public Safety Minister Mike Farnworth has written a strong letter to Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke in which he has asked the mayor to resolve the policing matter as soon as possible. He has also asked the city to provide an actual timeline to resolve this ongoing uncertainty over policing transition.

The letter dated June 1 was sent to various Surrey city council members. It sets a clear tone of Minister Farnworth being unhappy about delaying decision on policing in Surrey by playing blame games.

The letter comes in response to Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke delaying signing of agreement



Brenda Locke

to access confidential copy of Director's report on policing in

According to him just over half of Surrey Council members have signed the confidentiality agreement to access the



Mike Farnworth

report on policing in Surrey. He is "gravely concerned that the Council may proceed without considering all relevant information available." is of view that it is of utmost importance that each council

member "should review and consider the information in confidential report."

The Province was definitive in its recommendation for SPS and provided evidence-based rationale in a report prepared by the Director of Police Services to support this direction. But the City of Surrey continued to weigh its options. It was Mayor Locke who pointed that she would not accept a redacted report and demanded access to unredacted copy. The province asked the city staff to sign confidentiality agreement to access the

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# **New Radio station launched** by Media Waves Live



Ashiana Khan, the CEO of Media Waves Live launched New Radio 106.9 MY FM. with an exclusive ceremony held at the exquisite Reflections Banquet Hall. The event witnessed a gathering of distinguished dignitaries from various fields. (Read full story on page 14, Photo credit -- Sukhwant Dhillon/ AM600 Sher E Punjab Radio)

# **Amarpreet Samra shot** outside a Vancouver banquet hall in ongoing gang conflict

VANCOUVER: Vancouver Police informed public on May 28 that a 28-year-old man was shot outside a South Vancouver banquet hall near Fraser Street.

Although police did not reveal the identity of the victim, various media reports carried the identity of Amarpreet "Chucky" along with his pic-

Samra was on Combined Forces Special Enforcement ing gang conflicts and their (CFSEU-BC), list of 11 in- violence.



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# Canada Announces Major Changes In Family **Class And Express Entry Immigration**

- Spouses waiting for PR can now apply for temporary resident visa along with new open work permit

- open work permit extensions for open work permit holders expiring between August 1 and the end of 2023

- Launch of categorybased selection Express Entry, people knowledge with French or professionals in STEM, health care will benefit

Within past two weeks Canada has announced changes to family class immigration and express entry process with an aim to address labour shortages. Under family class immigraspousal application can get faster temporary resident visa with in 30 days and an open work permit. Under Express Entry, Category-based selection will allow Canada to issue invitations to apply to prospective permanent residents with specific skills, training or language ability

Canada's immigration minister Sean Fraser announced changes to family class immigration during his visit to Vancouver last week. Under the new measures those waiting for PR after marriage can apply and get faster temporary resident visa (TRV). The government announced launch of new and dedicated processing tools for spousal TRV applicants.

Going forward, most of these applications will be processed within 30 days, and applicants will benefit from processing measures specific to their circumstances as spouses and dependants.

tion those waiting for PR under Once in Canada, newcomers often seek jobs to support themselves and their families. That is why Canada has also made open work permits available for spousal applicants and their dependent children who reside with their sponsor in Canada and have temporary resident status. Spouses, partners and dependants are now able to apply for and receive an open work permit as soon as they submit a complete permanent residence application under the spouse or common-law partner in Canada class (SPCLC) or other family class programs.

Minister Fraser announced that spousal applicants, along with other open work permit holders, whose open work permits expire between August 1 and the end of 2023, will be able to extend their work permits for an additional 18 months. A similar option was recently offered to many with expiring post-graduation work permits.



Minister Sean Fraser Twitter

This week Canada announced the first-ever launch of category-based selection for Canada's flagship economic immigration management system, Express

Category-based selection will allow Canada to issue invitations to apply to prospective permanent residents with specific skills, training or language ability. Further details on the timing of invitations for individual categories and how to apply will be announced in the coming weeks. The first category-based invitations to apply are expected to be sent this summer.

This year, category-based selection invitations will focus on candidates who have a strong French language proficiency or work experience in fields like healthcare, science, technology. engineering, and mathematics (STEM) professions, trades such as carpenters, plumbers and contractors, transport, agriculture and agri-food.

The categories have been determined following extensive consultations with provincial and territorial partners, stakeholders and the public, as well as a review of labour market needs.

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# 4 Punjabi Origin Candidates Elected in Alberta Elect

Four Punjabi origin candidates have been elected to the provincial legislature of Alberta on Monday. A total of 15 Punjabis contested in Calgary and Edmonton.

Sitting cabinet minister from United Conservative Party (UCP) Rajan Sawhney won from Calgary North West. Sawhney defeated Michael Liscratic Party (NDP).

Incumbent NDP MLA Jasvir Deol won from Edmonton Meadows. He defeated Amritpal Singh Matharu of the UCP. Parmeet Singh Boporai of the NDP defeated sitting MLA Devinder Toor of the UCP from Calgary Falconridge. In Calgary North East, NDP's

boa-Smith of the New Demo- Gurinder Brar defeated Inder Democrats in 2023. Eleven Grewal of the UCP.

> Alberta's election was a tight race between the two main parties: the Alberta NDP and United Conservative Party.

The United Conservatives will form a majority government. but will have 14 fewer MLAs than after the 2019 election, seats that all went to the New

of those new NDP seats are in Calgary.

The unofficial turnout was 62.4 per cent, down from nearly 70 per cent in 2019. In total, 1,763,441 valid votes were cast - 52.9 per cent on election day. 42.9 per cent in advance voting, 2.9 per cent by special ballot and the rest by mobile voting.

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# Special Prosecutor Appointed In Senior NDP Health Advisor **Gurveen Dhaliwal Alleged Elections Violation Case**

TICTORIA, BC: The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) has announced appointment of John M. Gordon KC as Special Prosecutor in relation to an investigation of an election candidate, Gurveen Dhaliwal, who was ultimately elected as a member of the Board of Education for New Westminster Schools.

Dhaliwal is being investigated for possibly breaking election rules by being present at a voting place as a scrutineer, which the Local Government Act prohibits, as candidates are only allowed at polling appointed Gordon under section 7 stations to vote on election day. On May 1, 2023, Ms. Dhaliwal he considered it in the public interwas appointed as a ministerial advisor to the Minister of Health.

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of the Crown Counsel Act because est to do so. "The appointment of a Special Prosecutor is intended to The Service said in a press release avoid any potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of justice consid-

litical appointee."

Gordon is a senior Vancouver was given a mandate to provide as may be necessary, conduct any after these allegations were made

related charge assessment, assume conduct of the prosecution if any charge is approved.

Official Op-BC position United MLA Peter Milobar welcomed the appointment to investigate

ering the nature of the allegations the matter of whether this senior and the identity of the accused as health advisor to the NDP violatan elected public official and a po- ed the Local Government Act last

"It is deeply troubling that the lawyer in private practice. He NDP saw fit to promote this staffer to a Ministerial Advisor position legal advice to the investigators in the Ministry of Health even

On Saturday news conference, Premier Eby told reporters that Dhaliwal has been "immediately" placed on administrative leave.

"At this point, it's in the hands of the special prosecutor and certainly we'll continue to monitor the situation," he said.

# Gruesome video of stabbing of **Punjabi Woman Goes Viral**

Sikh woman, Davinder Akaur, was tragically stabbed in Brampton last Friday allegedly by her husband 44-year-old Nav Nishan Singh. According to a CBC report the woman was contemplating divorce from her husband.

Kaur was stabbed after agreeing to meet her estranged husband at Sparrow Park, located near Cherrytree

Drive and Sparrow Court, CBC reported. Peel Police, Brampton Fire and Peel Paramedics attended the scene and found an adult female with obvious signs of trauma. Life-saving efforts were attempted; however, she succumbed to her injuries at the scene. The victim was identified as 43-year-old Kaur from Brampton.

Police located and arrested the suspect, 44-year-old Singh from Brampton, a short distance from the scene. He has been charged with first-degree murder and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.



According to her brother Lakhwinder Singh, who lives in the United States, Kaur was considering a divorce from her husband, Singh. He mentioned that her husband left six months ago.

Her brother also has created a GoFundMe page to raise money for her funeral. "She is killed by her husband today. He stabbed her many time until she was dead.

Please help for her kids and funeral. It's very sad day for us. Please help us." the page mentions.

What is much more tragic is that a video was shot while the woman was struggling to survive during the stabbing.

Police and Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown said in a statement that he is aware of the "harrowing video."

"It's very disappointing that a video as heinous as that would be available for viewing. I know the police took this very seriously - they made their best efforts to have the video removed," he said.





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# Vancouver City to give secondary street name of Komagata Maru Place to Canada Place

Vancouver City Council has future." announced that "Canada Place" will be given a secondary, honorary street name of "Komagata Maru Place." This decision forms part of the City's ongoing efforts to redress historical discrimination against South Asian communities and is informed by community input and support.

The site for the honorary naming was chosen due to its historical significance, being the location closest to where the Komagata Maru ship, also known as Guru Nanak Jahaaz, docked in 1914. The ship had 340 Sikh, 27 Muslim and 12 Hindu passengers onboard. They were mostly from Punjab, British India, and most were denied entry into Canada, marking a significant historical incident of systemic discrimination.

"Today's decision is a meaningful step towards acknowledging and rectifying our city's historical missteps," said Mayor Ken Sim. "By designating 'Komagata Maru Place' as a secondary name for 'Canada Place,' we look to honour those affected by the 1914 incident and renew our commitment to learn from the past and build a more inclusive

**Vancouver** police asking public help to search missing Suleiman Khawa



ancouver - Vancouver Police are asking for the public's help to locate a missing 23-year-old man.

Suleiman Khawar was last seen May 25 while at Mansion Night Club near West Georgia and Thurlow. At around midnight, he told his family he was on his way home, but he did not show. Suleiman's family is very concerned for his well-being.

Suleiman is South Asian, 6 feet tall, and has a slim build. He has short black hair and a black beard with a mustache. He was last seen wearing a blue button-down shirt over a white t-shirt, black jeans and black shoes with white soles.

Anyone who saw Suleiman in Vancouver's downtown core on Thursday night/early Friday morning, or if anyone has information regarding his whereabouts, please contact VPD's Missing Persons Unit at 604-717-2530 or email vpd.missing@vpd.ca.

"The primary street Canada Place being provided a secondary honorary name "Komagata Maru Place" will help educate the community and remind us of how unique Canada, British Columbia, and Vancouver's diverse makeup is," said Raj Singh Toor, Vice President of Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society. "We are all richer when we remember how special it is to have so many different ethnic communities living together. I hope that it will help to connect Canadians, British Columbians and Vancouverites with their past to build a more peaceful and tolerant tomorrow."

City Council has also committed to recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the 2nd Avenue Gurdwara site in Kitsila-

no, known for its importance to South Asian communities. This is a historically significant location in relation to the Komagata Maru incident, as this was the site where the local South Asian community mobilized to support the passengers. Future initiatives will further explore other areas of historical and cultural significance to the South Asian Canadian communities in Vancouver.

"Cultural redress is a complex and ongoing process that the City is undertaking with South Asian communities - and this work needs to continue to be done with the understanding that these communities are not a monolith. The secondary street renaming and the historical account of the partial history shared in this report are a first step in recognizing histor-



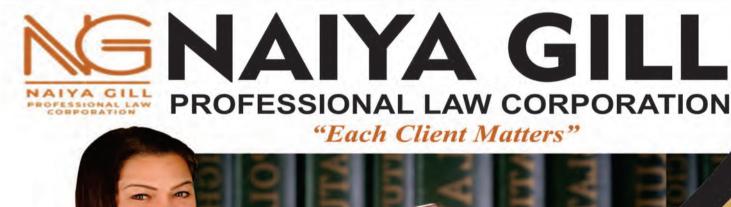
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ical discrimination and holding ties." our City to account," said Monica Cheema, community researcher and storyteller. "I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to the members of the South Asian community who have been involved in this difficult process. We look forward to continuing to address historical discrimination and untold histories as part of the City's larger work with South Asian communi-

Upon approval of these recommendations, the City will initiate a community process for the design of the sign for "Komagata Maru Place" and the creation of public education materials.

Efforts will also be made to enhance the monument at Harbour Park, and an unveiling ceremony is expected for late 2023.

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# B.C. Minimum Wage Increases To \$16.75 An Hour From June 1 For Lowest-Paid Workers

VICTORIA - On June 1, 2023, B.C.'s lowest-paid workers will get a pay boost when the general minimum wage increases from \$15.65 to \$16.75 an hour. The 6.9% increase on Thursday, June 1, 2023, also applies to minimum-wage rates for resident caretakers, live-in home-support workers and live-in camp leaders. The increase will positively affect approximately 150,000 workers who currently earn less than \$16.75 per hour.

On Jan. 1, 2024, piece rates for the hand-harvesting of the 15 crops specified in the Employment Standards Regulation

will increase by the same percentage. Government has made regular, gradual increases to the minimum wage to provide certainty for workers and predictability for businesses. This is the second year that the adjustment reflects government's commitment to tie annual minimum-wage

increases to inflation. Prior to 2017, B.C. had one of the lowest minimum wages in the country, but was one of the most expensive places to live. B.C.'s minimum wage is now the highest of any province.

Options are being developed to contin-

ue to fulfil government's commitment to tie minimum wage to inflation for future years.

The Government of Canada announced an increase to the minimum wage for federally regulated employees from \$15.55 to \$16.65 as of April 1, 2023.

Most jurisdictions in Canada are increasing their minimum wage this year, except Alberta and Nunavut.

In 2022, B.C. increased the minimum wage by 2.8%, which was the increase in the cost of living in the province in 2021. At least eight other jurisdictions also base

**Emergency Department Wait Times** 



their minimum-wage increases on annual changes to Consumer Price Indexes. Learn More:

To read the news release from the April 5. 2023, original announcement, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023L-BR0013-000445

#### Fraser Health Emergency Department Wait Times **Viewable Online**

SURREY - Every day, Fraser Health cares for more than 2,000 people in emergency departments across the region. Considering the busy and unpredictable nature of emergency department volumes, Fraser Health has launched new informa-

tion about average wait times (http://www. edwaittimes.ca/WaitTimes.aspx) for care at hospital emergency departments across our region.

"We recognize that some patients and their loved ones are experiencing lonVANCOUVER & AREA - NORTH SHORE, SEA-TO-SKY & SUNSH RICHMOND & DELTA - FRASER VALLEY & FRASER CANYON 0 03:20 05:36 0 01:36 05:07 01:51 0 01:02 01:53

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ger-than-usual emergency department wait times which can be frustrating and cause concern for loved ones," the news release said.

This new information about the emergency departments will help patients and families make informed decisions about accessing care. These estimates help demonstrate how long it may take to see a physician and the expected length of stay in the emergency department.

"Over the past fiscal year, we have seen a seven per cent increase in emergency de-

partment visits compared to pre-pandemic levels. By providing information about wait times and expected length of stay, we hope to improve the experience for our patients and their families by reducing uncertainty and anxiety they may feel while waiting for care," the release said. While Fraser Health encourages people to familiarize themselves with this dashboard, anyone with an emergent health issue should immediately seek emergency care. If you require treatment for lifeor limb-threatening health concerns, visit your nearest emergency department or call 9-1-1 immediately.

Wait times vary across emergency departments and fluctuate when patient volumes suddenly increase. If this occurs, estimated wait times can also change suddenly. Patients with an injury or illness that requires urgent medical attention, but is non-life-threatening can visit an urgent and primary care centre or call the Fraser

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The Canadian mortgage leader builds an alliance with Canada Lending House to serve British Columbia and the western provinces

ORONTO, ON: Pineapple Financial Inc., the tech-focussed mortgage brokerage with an integrated network of partner brokerages and agents across Canada, will now be offering mortgage services in Western Canada via its alliance with Pineapple Canada Lending House. Pineapple is excited to provide more Canadians with its revolutionized approach to mortgage services through this market expansion.

"Our goal at Pineapple has always been to give as many Canadians as possible the opportunity to purchase a home," said Shubha Dasgupta, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Pineapple. "To achieve this, we've simplified the journey through data-driven processes and intelligent technology, all while strategically and sustainably expanding our presence in the Canadian market. Thanks to our alliance with Canada Lending House, Pineapple will be able to provide more homebuyers and brokers across Canada with the best experience and products the industry has

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# Pineapple Financial Inc. Expands Mortgage Services to Western Canada

Since its inception, Canada Lending House has offered brokers an established system of training and extensive support services to accelerate their success rate by eliminating time-consuming processes. Pineapple Financials' innovative, automated and digitalized technology approach will supercharge the Canada Lending House system to provide their brokers with a streamlined approach that will free up more time to focus on result-driven tasks and building relationships," the release said.

"We are thrilled to join the Pineapple network and bring the future of mortgage brokering across British Columbia," said Harbir Dhillon, Managing Broker at Pineapple Canada Lending House. "Our focus is dedicated to providing small-town brokers with the most advanced, digital tools that are not often available. Our partnership with Pineapple Financial will improve on delivering that experience and augment our proven system of time-saving processes designed to accelerate a broker's career." Harbir continued, "After

our brokers complete the Pineapple training program, they will be able to focus 100% of their attention on the things that matter most - providing superior customer service and deal-generating activities."

The expansion into Western Canada is proof of Pineapple's ambition to build momentum and drive its growth. The company is expanding its business presence nationwide, all while modernizing the Canadian mortgage industry. Even as the real estate landscape has changed significantly over the past 12 months with higher interest rates and turbulent conditions, Pineapple has continued providing mortgage-seeking Canadians nationwide with the best service and solutions to meet their needs today and into the future.

"We are honoured to partner with Canada Lending House," said Christa Mitchell, Chief Strategy Officer at Pineapple. "This partnership is key to unlocking Pineapple's national expansion and delivering on our commitment to provide the best service and mortgage solutions to borrowers across Canada."



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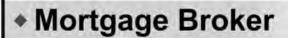
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# BC's Public Safety Minister writes stern letter to Surrey Mayor to...

Minister Farnworth pointed that once confidentiality agreement was finalized, "distribution by ministry officials to the city representatives was delayed at City staff request."

The mayor wrote a letter to Premier David Eby on May 16 also claiming that it was highly unusual for a local government to sign a confidentiality agreement. To which Minister Farnworth stats, "In fact, confidentiality agreements are a commonly used tool by the provincial government to support the sharing of confidential and sensitive information."

in the letter why on first place a redacted report was sent. He said, "It contains confidential information that outlines police operations, information regarding intergovernmental relations, and information on the federal, provincial and municipal business lines within the RCMP. The safeguarding of this sensitive information is paramount to public safety."

He said that at no point did the ministry officials negotiate with the City staff on what information would remain redacted or would be released in the report.

Minister Farnworth explains Minister Farnworth states that just over half of the City Council has signed the agreement. The Public Safety Farnworth has expressed deep concern over the implications of City's decision on policing if it is proceeded without considering all relevant information available in the report.

The Minister also confirmed in the letter one more time that the province is ready to provide \$150 million to the City to assist in completing the transition to Surrey Police Service. And he clearly emphasised that the provincial funding is only available to City if it continues with the transition. "If the City of Surrey choose to retain RCMP as its service provider, the City will be fully responsible for the fiscal, operational and all other consequences of that decision, without monetary support from the province," the letter states.

The minister has asked the city to advise him the date by which all members of the Council will sign and return the confidentiality agreement. The minister in the letter has also asked for a "commitment from the City that the mandatory condition,

requirements, and financial implications for the applicable police model will be met.

A date by which the city council intends to decide on this matter has also been asked by the Minister.

"I look forward to working with you and City staff resolve this matter promptly. I know we share the same goal of ending the long period of uncertainty for the people of Surrey and ensuring the safety and security of Surrey, and the well-being of those police officers that serve your community," the letter

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# Amarpreet Samra sho

Vancouver police said that multiple 9-1-1 callers reported one man had been shot outside a South Vancouver banquet hall near Fraser Street and South East Marine Drive at 1:30 a.m. Patrol officers performed CPR on the victim until paramedics arrived, but he died from his injuries.

CTV News said that CF-SEU-BC confirmed the victim was 28-year-old Amarpreet Samra.

According to a local newspaper, the Vancouver Sun, Samra was on the dance floor at the Fraserview Banquet Hall, dancing with other guests just before 1:30 am when the shooting incident happened.

"We know there was an event at that banquet hall. Despite this being a targeted incident, a gang-related incident, this was very concerning - any innocent bystander could've

been in the crossfire," Vancouver Police Department Const. Tania Visintin told CTV News.

Investigators believe this was a targeted shooting related to the ongoing gang conflict. The investigation remains ongoing. Samra had been part of public warnings in 2021 and in 2022. "There is the possibility that there is somebody from a rival gang in the near vicinity who may be looking for an opportunity to take an act of violence," CFSEU-BC Sgt. Brenda Winpenny said in May 2021. Another man in the 2021 public warning. Meninder Dhaliwal, was shot and killed in a brazen daylight shooting in Whistler July 2022.

Anyone with information that could assist investigators is asked to call the Vancouver Police Homicide Unit at 604-717-2500.

# Pharmacists Can Now Prescribe Contraceptives, Treatments For 21 Minor Ailments

prescriptions from their pharmacist for contraceptives and medications to treat 21 minor ailments, such as allergies, shingles, cold sores, pink eye and uncomplicated urinary tract infections.

"We are delivering on our commitment to give pharmacists the power to provide prescriptions," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "Starting tomorrow, people can go to their local pharmacy to get the medication they need for many minor ailments and contraceptives. This not only makes it easier and faster for patients to access these services, it also takes pressure off the primary-care providers and our public health-care system as a whole."

To access the new minor ailment and prescription contraception service, B.C. residents with a Personal Health Number (PHN) can visit a pharmacy in person or call

VANCOUVER - Starting June to schedule an appointment. Starting June 29, 2023, they can also book appointments online.

> "Community pharmacists are here and ready to help people in B.C. when they need it," said Chris Chiew, president of the BC Pharmacy Association. "Across the province, thousands of pharmacists are eager to support patients by using our expertise and training to increase access to care. Pharmacists are one of the most accessible health-care providers in B.C., and we are here for patients when they need us for the treatment of a minor ailment, a prescription for contraception or ensuring they have the medications they need." Through the new service, a pharmacist can make an assessment

of the patient's presenting symptoms, check their medical history and recommend an appropriate treatment, which may include self-care advice, over-the-counter medications or prescription med-

See a pharmacist for minor ailments and contraceptives See a pharmacist for minor ailments

ications. Some patients may also be advised to see another healthcare provider if the condition is deemed non-minor or if there are other concerns warranting further exams by a doctor or nurse practitioner.

The online appointment booking system will be similar to the Get Vaccinated system that people used to book COVID-19 and influenza vaccination appointments.



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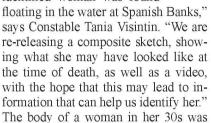
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# **VPD Renews Appeal To Identify Woman Found Dead Near Spanish Banks**

VANCOUVER: Vancouver Police are renewing an appeal for information about a woman who drowned in the waters off Spanish Banks last September, and are asking anyone with information to contact police. "Today marks eight months since this unidentified woman was found





found in the water at Spanish Banks on September 29, 2022 at around 9 p.m. by a tug boat crew. Paramedics and Vancouver Fire and Rescue Service attempted to revive the woman, but were unsuccessful.

She was wearing a backpack, but did not have a

wallet or identification. A blue inflatable kayak and an orange life vest was found floating nearby. A vial of insulin was also found near the woman, and investigators believe she may have been a diabetic who suffered medical distress before capsizing and falling into the wa-

# Man facing charges after fleeing from police on a Motorcycle

Surrey RCMP Gang Enforcement Team has arrested a motorcyclist with the assistance of Air1.

On May 24, 2023, at approximately 9:00 p.m.,

Surrey RCMP Gang Enforcement Team (SGET) was notified that Air 1 was following a motorcycle travelling 200 km/h on King George Boulevard near 56 Avenue. The bike stopped at a red light and police officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop but the rider fled. Police did not pursue the motorcycle, however Air 1 continued to follow it to the 14900-block of 68A Avenue where it stopped. Police converged on the area and arrested a 25-year-old man for dangerous opera-



tion of a motor vehicle and flight from police. He was later released on an appearance notice with a future court

The motorcycle was seized as offence related property and is being considered for the civil forfeiture process. In March 2023, the driver had his motorcycle impounded in another jurisdiction for excessive speed. This kind of reckless driving behavior shows a complete disregard for the safety of everyone on the road, says Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer, Corporal Vanessa Munn. The coordinated effort between Air 1 and SGET lead to the driver being taken into custody safely.

# Slain gangster Jimi Sandhu's killer extradited to Thailand from Canada

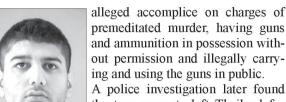
former Canadian soldier Mat-Athew Dupre, 38, has been extradited to Thailand where he has been charged with the alleged murder gangster Jimi "Slice Sandhu.

Dupre who allegedly gunned down Jimi 'Slice' Sandhu in February 2022, arrived in Bangkok on a special air force flight on Sunday night, The Bangkok Post reported.

Sandhu, who grew up in Abbotsford,

was connected to the United Nation Gang, which was founded in the Fraser Valley in

On February 11, 2022, the Phuket court issued a warrant for the arrest of Dupre and his



the two suspects left Thailand for Canada on February 6, the report

Dupre was arrested on February 20, 2022 by the Royal Canadian Mount-

ed Police at his home in Sylvan Lake, Alberta. His extradition was approved last December by the Court of Alberta, Edmonton. The second wanted suspect killer in the case died in a small-plane crash in Canada in May 2022.

# **Arrest warrants issued for Terry McDonald and Joseph Gregory**

Surrey RCMP is asking for the public's assistance with locating two men who are wanted for failing to comply with their release conditions and encouraging anyone with information to contact police.

On May 25, 2023, two

men facing firearms related offences were released on bail by the courts. Their release conditions included electronic supervision (ankle monitor), full time house arrest and to reside at a designated location. The following day, Surrey RCMP received a report that both men had removed their ankle monitors and left their court mandated residence. The Surrey RCMP Serious Crime Unit took conduct of the investigation and have been actively working to locate the men.



Arrest warrants have been issued for Terry Rodney Jeffrey McDonald and Joseph Julian Gregory for breach of release order.

Terry McDonald is described as a 25-year-old man, 5'6, 150lbs. with black hair and brown eves. He was last seen wearing

a black and grey Jordan tracksuit with black Jordan shoes. Joseph Gregory is described as a 26-year-old man, 6'2, 221 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing an all black Jordan tracksuit with a gold

colored Jordan symbol. Both men should be considered armed and dangerous, if you see them call 911 immediate and do not approach them. Anyone with information is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502.



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# Simpson Thomas and Associates Celebrate Victory for Injured British Columbians

ANCOUVER: Simp- example of a neurosurgeon son Thomas and Associates, a prominent law firm based in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia, is thrilled to announce a significant victory by the Trial Lawyers Association of BC for British Columbians injured in motor vehicle accidents prior to the introduction of no-fault auto insurance. The BC Court of Appeal has upheld a decision in the Supreme Court of BC that struck down the regulation limiting a successful plaintiff's disbursements recovery to 6% of the settlement or judgment amount.

The court's decision recognizes the disproportionate harm caused by the 6% cap on already disadvantaged British Columbians. The

and a nurse, both injured in the same accident and suffering identical injuries, was repeatedly cited during the proceedings. The neurosurgeon, due to their higher income and greater ability to prove their injuries, was awarded greater damages. The inflexible cap placed high-income earners at an advantage over low-income earners, the young over the old, and the healthy over the disabled. This ruling acknowledges the need for judicial discretion in the recoverability of disbursements.

Counsel for TLABC, Gib van Ert, expressed satisfaction with the Court of Appeal's decision, stating, "We are pleased to see the

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Court of Appeal uphold Justice Smith's view that the disbursement cap in s. 5 of the Regulation is unreasonable." Counsel van Ert further highlighted the importance of the decision in recognizing the impact on litigants and their ability to advance reasonable claims. For more information about the court's decision, please visit the following link: https://www.bccourts.ca/ jdb-txt/ca/23/02/2023BC-CA0200,htm

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# **Further Closures of** Salmon Farms in BC Put Surrey's Economy and Indigenous **Reconciliation at Risk**



Turrey, B.C. - The Surrey Board of Trade has ex-Opressed concerns over the news that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Joyce Murray, intends to propose additional closures of salmon farms as part of her British Columbia salmon farming transition plan.

Surrey is the hub of salmon farming in Metro Vancouver, home to numerous operations in salmon feed milling, fish processing, trucking, packaging, and the provision of goods and services, and is already experiencing negative impacts due to the already 40 per cent reduction in salmon farming production since 2020.

"We have seen the impacts the closures have had on our businesses in Surrey," says Anita Huberman, President & CEO of the Surrey Board of Trade. "Last year Mowi Canada West permanently closed their fish processing plant, which resulted in the loss of 80 direct jobs locally, and this isn't the only example. There still has been no government action to support these workers."

Any further closures of salmon farms will mean the removal of the entire salmon farming sector in BC. The closure of salmon farms does not only impact producing companies but many local businesses on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland as the sector is interconnected, with an extensive supply chain. An earlier report prepared by RIAS Inc., an independent economics firm, found salmon farming companies have a direct economic impact in Surrey from fish processing, feed milling, truck transportation, packaging, and warehousing and distribution operations in that municipality.

Direct impacts at risk within Surrey attributed to salmon farming companies include (RIAS Inc., 2021):

- · \$220 million in annual reve-
- \$46 million in GDP; 344 full-time jobs; and
- \$24 million in annual salaries. The province-wide indirect and induced economic impacts at risk generated by Surrey's

revenues;

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salmon farming hub include (RIAS Inc., 2021): · Over \$363 million in annual

# B.C. MP Jenny Kwan says she is target of foreign interference by China

People like me, who are outspoken against human rights violations must be vigilant of attempts by foreign influence to silence our voices."

New Democrat MP Jenny Kwan said that Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) has informed her that she is and "will continue to be a target of foreign interference." Kwan said this in a statement issued this week following her CSIS briefing. "CSIS briefed me last Friday about the foreign interference I was subjected to by the Chinese Community Party. To protect Canada's national security, I am not at liberty to disclose the details as it was classified information," she said.

She said that coming out of this briefing, what is clear is that the fight for people whose human rights are being violated, who are being silenced, and even threatened, is more important than ever.

"For people like me, who are outspoken against human rights violations, the genocide of the Uyghurs, the erosion of basic law in Hong Kong and the imposition of the National Security Law, we must be vigilant of attempts by foreign influence actors working to coerce, co-op, re-orient, neutralize, or even silence our voices," she added. Kwan said that the threat of foreign interference will not deter her from fighting for those who don't enjoy basic human rights. "For everyday Canadians who have family

those who don't enjoy basic human rights. "For everyday Canadians who have family or loved ones in Hong Kong and China, I want to send a clear message that I know your fear is real. The danger that your family members may face is real. That's why I recommit to standing with you in this fight

and demand action from the federal government. Canadians deserve answers, accountability, and protection."

The federal government's actions are not enough. Furthermore, Mr. David Johnston, the Special Rapporteur appointed by the Prime Minister, does not enjoy the full confidence of the House of Commons.

"The only path forward to restoring Canadians' trust in our democratic institutions is an independent public inquiry into foreign interference in Canada."

Canada's NDP has introduced a motion urging David Johnston to step aside and for the government to immediately establish a public inquiry into foreign interference.

The call comes in response to Johnston's perceived bias. Opposition parties initially decried his appointment because of John-

ston's family connections to the prime minister's family and the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation.

The motion—passed by a vote of 174 to 150— also revives a call for the federal government to "urgently establish" a public inquiry, with specific parameters around what the inquiry would look like, from the scope spanning all foreign states and how the person helming it should be chosen, to the timeline for completion.

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# Vancouver City to give secondary...

The City will work with local South Asian community members, businesses and organizations, xwmə0kwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətal (Tsleil-Waututh) as the broader work to address historic discrimination toward South Asian communities moves forward.

For the full report on the "Komagata Maru Place" secondary street renaming.

On May 23, 1914, the Guru Nanak Jahaaz (Komagata Maru) sailed into Vancouver's Burrard Inlet, bearing 376 passengers from Punjab, British India, seeking a brighter future. Despite possessing valid travel documents and complying with a large discriminatory \$200 head tax, the passengers, who were of Sikh Muslim and Hindu faith, were denied entry into Can-

ada.

Passengers were trapped on board for two difficult months, enduring poor, unsanitary conditions. They often went without food and water for days. Despite reaching out for help, including writing letters to the Mayor of Vancouver, the local authorities ignored their pleas. South Asian communities raised funds to pay for the expensive legal fees of the passengers who were fighting their deportation orders, as well as for food, water and medication, supplies that they attempted to get to passengers. There are also accounts of local Indigenous peoples attempting to get supplies to passengers, but they were unsuccessful as the Government restricted access to the ship. A legal challenge of the deportation order ensued, spearheaded by passenger Gurdit

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Singh and lawyer Joseph Edward Bird and backed by the local South Asian community, which was unsuccessful. The ship was escorted by the Canadian military from Canadian waters and returned to India, where those on board were labelled as political disruptors. This led to a tragic aftermath where 19 passengers were killed by British Indian troops, numerous were injured, and many more were imprisoned.

In 2021, Vancouver City Council issued an official apology for its role in this historical incident as part of its ongoing commitment to redress past wrongs and counter racism faced by the South Asian community.

For more information related to the Komagata Maru incident,

https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/komagata-maru-remembrance-day





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# Indo-Canadian charged with Laundering \$24 million valued Bitcoin

WASHINGTON: A district tions (HSI) Washington, D.C. court in the US has ordered detention of Firoz Patel, 48, of Canada, following indictment on charges of laundering 450 Bitcoin (BTC), valued at \$24,020,699.83 at the time of the transaction, shortly before he reported to prison in another case in 2021.

The two-count indictment, unsealed on May 17, 2023, charges Patel with money laundering and engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity. U.S. District Court Judge Dabney L. Friedrich, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, ordered Patel be detained pending trial.

The announcement was made by U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Graves and Special Agent in Charge Derek W. Gordon of Homeland Security Investiga-

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Previously, Patel, his brother, Ferhan, and their company, MH Pillars, Inc., d/b/a Payza, were prosecuted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for operating an Internet-based unlicensed money service business that processed more than \$250 million in transactions, a press release from US department of Justice said.

Through Payza.com, the defendants ran a money transmitting business that operated without the necessary state licenses and knowingly transmitted funds that were derived from illegal activity. The brothers each pled guilty to conspiracy to commit crimes against the United States by operating an unlicensed money transmitting business and by laundering monetary instruments. As part of his plea agreement, Firoz Patel was required to dis-



close all known assets to the U.S. government. On November 10, 2020, Patel was sentenced to 36 months in prison and was given a reporting date. The court also entered a forfeiture judgment for "any property, real or personal, involved in" the offense to which Firoz Patel had pled guilty.

According to court documents,

between his sentencing and reporting dates, Patel transferred 450 BTC, traceable to Payza. com, to an account at a virtual currency exchange in the United Kingdom. The 450 Bitcoin would have been subject to forfeiture in Patel's previous criminal case. The virtual currency exchange account was opened using someone else's name and date of birth, but with an email address and phone number controlled by Firoz Patel. When the virtual currency exchange requested additional information about the account and the large deposit, it received a response in the name of someone formerly associated with Payza. The account containing the 450 Bitcoin was ultimately frozen.

After finishing his studies and obtaining a degree in Business Administration from the Champlain College in Montreal, he started his online payment solution, AlertPay, which was later renamed Payza, IANS reported. This matter is being investigated

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# Canada **Announces** Major Changes In...

"By allowing us to invite more skilled workers in these professions, category-based selection supports Canada's commitment to welcoming in-demand professionals into communities across the country. Additionally, by placing a special focus on Francophone immigration, the Government of Canada is ensuring that French communities can continue to live their life in Canada in the official language of their choice," said Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration.

Express Entry is Canada's flagship application management system for those seeking to immigrate permanently through the Federal Skilled Worker Program, the Federal Skilled Trades Program, the Canadian Experience Class and a portion of the Provincial Nominee Pro-

In June 2022, the Government of Canada made changes to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to allow for the selection of immigrants based on key attributes that support economic priorities, such as specific work experience or knowledge of French.

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# **Further Closures of Salmon Farms** in BC Put.

- · \$122 million in GDP;
- · 1,189 full-time jobs; and
- \$65 million in salaries.

"We are calling on the federal government to bring a more rational approach to the transition plan and include other Ministers in providing leadership to developing a reasonable path forward," says Brian Kingzett, Executive Director,, BC Salmon Farmers Association.



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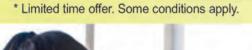
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# Media Waves Live launches New Radio 106.9 MY FM

Media Waves Live, a prominent media organization, celebrated the grand inauguration of its new radio station, 106.9 MY FM, with an exclusive ceremony held at the exquisite Reflections Banquet Hall on June 1. The event witnessed a gathering of distinguished dignitaries from various fields, marking a significant milestone for the media industry in the Lower Mainland.

With the launch of 106.9 MY FM, the organization aims to offer a diverse range of programming, including music, news, talk shows, and community-focused initiatives.

The event commenced with a warm welcome extended by Ms. Ashiana Khan, the CEO of Media Waves Live, who expressed her gratitude to the esteemed guests for their presence and support. She emphasized the station's vision to become a trusted



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source of entertainment and information for the Lower Mainland region.

Among the dignitaries present were prominent personalities from various fields, including government officials, business leaders, renowned artists, and community advocates. Their collective presence demonstrated the significance of Media Waves Live's new venture and their acknowledgment of the organization's role in serving the community

The inauguration ceremony featured speeches highlighting the potential of 106.9 MY FM in fostering local talent, promoting cultural diversity, and encouraging community engagement. The speakers lauded Media Waves

Live's commitment to providing a platform for voices that reflect the region's rich tapestry of cultures and traditions.

The event also witnessed a glimpse of the diverse programming that 106.9 MY FM will offer, with live performances by local artists showcasing the station's dedication to promoting emerging talent. The guests were treated to a delightful musical ensemble, capturing the essence of the station's commitment to delivering an exceptional listening experience.

Media Waves Live expresses its heartfelt appreciation to all the dignitaries, guests, and attendees who graced the inauguration event of 106.9 MY FM. The organization looks forward to building strong partnerships, fostering community connections, and delivering exceptional radio programming that resonates with the diverse population of the Lower Mainland.

# Byelections called June 24 for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, Langford-Juan de Fuca

VICTORIA - Premier David
Eby has called two byelections for the electoral districts of
Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and
Langford-Juan de Fuca.

Final voting day for both electoral districts will be June 24, 2023. Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Langford-Juan de Fuca became vacant when Melanie Mark and former premier John Horgan resigned as MLAs earlier this year. Mark was the first First Nations woman to serve in the B.C. legislature and as a cabinet minister. Mark resigned as cabinet minister and went on medical leave in September 2022. Then in February, Mark said she would be stepping away from politics, citing her recent diagnosis of attention-deficit-hyperactivity disorder

Horgan resigned on March 31, after first making the announcement in 2022 that he would not be running in the next provincial election.

For Vancouver-Mount Pleasant Wendy Hayko is B.C. Green Party candidate, Jackie Lee is running as the BC United candidate and for the NDP, Joan Phillip has been announced as the candidate. Karin Litzcke is the Conservative candidate.

For the Langford-Juan de Fuca riding, the Greens, United, NDP and Conservatives have announced their candidates. Autism advocate Elena Lawson is running for BC United, Ravi Parmar is the NDP candidate, Langford real estate agent and carpenter Mike Harris is the BC Conservative Party candidate.

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## **Vancouver To Prioritize Project Applications** With The Highest Numbers Of Net New Housina Units

ANCOUVER: Vancouver City Council has voted to make significant changes to expedite the delivery of new housing units and address the City's backlog of housing applications. The changes include new direction regarding the prioritization of housing applications and the elimination of an unnecessary stage in the application process. Council's decision means that the City will now prioritize project applications with the high-

est numbers of net new housing units, leading to more housing being built while significantly reducing the risk of displacement for existing residents.

"Today, we took another significant step forward towards getting more housing built faster," said Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim. "By streamlining the application process and prioritizing projects with the most net new housing units, we are speeding up the delivery of much-needed housing

across the City of Vancouver."

"We need more housing of every type - in addition to social and supportive housing, we need more rental, mixed-use, and opportunities for affordable homeownership," said Councillor Peter Meiszner. "With today's actions, we are sending a clear message that the delivery of more housing units is the priority."

Additionally, Council voted to discontinue the Policy Enquiry Process (PEP), a time-consuming

stage of the housing development application process. The PEP had led to months of additional wait times on projects and significantly limited City staff capacity in processing applications.

"This is a win for all Vancouver residents who want to see a future for themselves and their families in Vancouver," said Vancouver City Councillor Mike Klassen. "Discontinuing the PEP allows City staff to focus resources on approving projects that create

the maximum number of housing units and protect renters against displacement."

Council's actions build on previous commitments to lower permit wait times to a "3-3-3-1" system, ensuring applications for renovations and single-family homes are completed within three days, townhomes and multiplexes within three weeks, low and mid-rise apartments within three months, and major projects within one year.

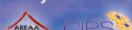
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13271 80 AVE \$2,099,000



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5935 132 ST



FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY! PANORAMA RIDGE- always in high demand valued for its prestigious location. \*Subdivision opportunity\*
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12986 68 AVE



12686 56 Avenue



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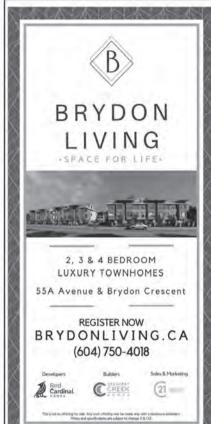
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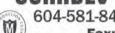




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# Hindi Literary Society organizes Children's Hindi Competition





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President Acharya Dwivedi welcomed all and introduced the young and talented MC Gunjan Thakur who is the secretary of the Society. She invited President, VP Reshma Misra and chief guest Mr. Surjeet Singh, Consul of India for igniting the lamps. A bouquet was presented to Surjit Singh by

Dwivedi and senior member of the Board Bina Jain. The Consul addressed the participants.

There were three categories: I Below 9 years age II Below 13 years and III Up to 15 years. The cash prizes were sponsored by Bina Jain, Madhu Varshney, Preeti Grover

and Deepa Sharma for the winners First, Second and Third of each category and Kanti Dwivedi and Pushplata Sharma to all non-winners, and. Dr Geeta Sharma distributed the gifts.

The competitors, with their full enthusiasm and confidence presented poems, song or short stories. The judges Harish Masand, Pushplata Sharma and Geeta Sharma felt that competition was tough. The results were declared by the President Dwivedi, and the first prize was

handed over by Bina Jain, second by Madhu Varshney and third by Priti Grover. The certificate of appreciation was given to all participants. Seema Malik, the treasurer thanked the chief guest, participants, par-

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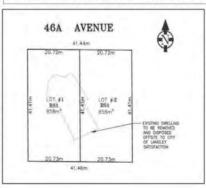
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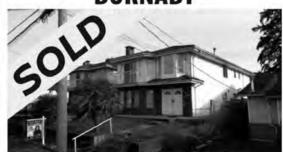
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# Our City campaign showcases student-led neighbourhood

enhancement projects

Surrey: The City of Surrey celebrated the kickoff of the Our City campaign, showcasing inspiring neighbourhood enhancement projects led by students from LA Matheson Secondary School. As part of the ongoing campaign that launched earlier this month, the event brought together Mayor Brenda Locke, City councillors, school trustees, school staff, and City representatives to support and applaud the students' efforts in making a positive impact by beautifying and improving their neighbourhood.

"I am incredibly impressed and inspired by the dedication and creativity displayed by the LA Matheson students in their neighbourhood enhancement projects," said Mayor Brenda Locke, "Their contributions will make a lasting impact on Surrey. The Our City campaign is about empowering everyone to take an active role in shaping their neighbourhoods, and these students have set a fantastic example for all of us."

Approximately 80 students participated in an array of projects, including tree planting, invasive species removal, fence art utilizing recycled street banners for beautification, and litter cleanup made possible through the Our City campaign. These initiatives not only enhance the aesthetics of the school and surrounding neighbourhoods but also promote environmental sustainabil-



ity and community pride.

During the event, the City of Surrey announced the successful completion of a new path through the area to connect with Moffat Park, further enhancing accessibility and connectivity for students and residents.

The Our City campaign encour-

ages all Surrey residents to get involved and take an active role in enhancing their neighbourhoods. Through grants, resources, and tools, individuals and groups can turn their ideas into reality. Whether it's a community garden, public art project, block party, or park improvement, the

Our City campaign provides the support needed to create lasting positive change.

Join the Our City campaign today at surrey.ca/ourcity and check out the story map showcasing other neighbourhood improvement projects to inspire and celebrate.



Agroup of Surrey students is celebrating following an awards-heavy showing at this year's Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF), the nation's largest youth STEM event.

Held last week in Edmonton, this year's CWSF brought together about 400 of Canada's top young scientists from Grades 7-12 to showcase their projects in person for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Representing Surrey Schools were students Ryyan Hammoud, Antony Zhang, Ali Soufi and Fayhaa Kafi from SAIL (Surrey Academy of Innovative Learn-



ing), Albert Guo from Fraser Heights Secondary and Henry Xu from Elgin Park Secondary. Students were invited to attend nationals after winning at the

South Fraser Regional Science Fair earlier this spring.

Together, the group of students brought home a combined total of nine medals and awards, some of which had cash prizes attached to them. Craig Sutton, science helping teacher for Surrey Schools, said events like the CWSF are invaluable for fostering STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) enthusiasm among students, providing them a stage to showcase innovations beyond their local school and regional fairs.

"These types of projects are far beyond the traditional baking soda volcano that people tend to envision," explained Sutton. "Albert Guo, for example, did his project on Alzheimer's research and biomarker-base diagnosis. When I was their age, there was no way I was doing that kind of project, so things have really come a long way."

Other winning projects from Surrey Schools students this year included Kafi's Orange Brick 2.0, a building material developed from amorphous waste plastics; Soufi and Zhang's Refugee Pal, an app developed to help new immigrants to Canada; Hammoud's Smart Naloxone Kit, which helps individuals self-administer naloxone in the event of an overdose; and Xu's Solar Follower, a solar panel designed to follow the sun's path throughout the day.



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# Surrey based 2SLGBTQ group Sher Vancouver Unveils Official T-Shirt Collection Just in Time for Pride!

CURREY: Sher Vancou- t-shirt. Pyar is Pyar is a Over has launched four stunning t-shirt designs as part of its official collection, crafted by the renowned local visual artist, illustrator, and graphic designer Jag

The exclusive t-shirt collection is now available for purchase on Sher Vancouver's official website: www. shervancouver.com/shop. Sher Vancouver Pyar is Pyar T-Shirt

Just in time for Pride 2023, Sher Vancouver proudly presents the "Pyar is Pyar"

play on the words Love is Love in Punjabi and Hindi. Pyar is Pyar is also the name of Sher Vancouver's weekly peer support group for queer South Asian youth and friends aged 19 to 30. The group convenes every Sunday at 2:00 pm in Room 402 of the City Centre Library.

Sher Vancouver Podcast T-Shirt

In October 2021, Sher Vancouver revolutionized the landscape with its groundbreaking BIPOC

symbolize courage, strength, bravery, and pride, Jag Nagra has designed a vibrant, multicolored illustration of a lioness, showcasing her signature colorful aesthetic. For more information on the Sher Vancouver Podcast, visit www.shervanpodcast.com.

Sher Vancouver Original T-Shirt

To commemorate Sher Vancouver's 10th anniversary in April 2018, Jag Nagra reimagined Sher Vancouver's visual identity with a



captivating two-color logo paired with an updated icon. The original t-shirt features remarkable design, embodying the spirit of the milestone.

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# **Surrey Fusion Festival Wins Awards for Best Public Event and Best Cultural Event**

Surrey Fusion Festival has earned two high-profile awards for the 2022 festival, showcasing its importance locally and nationally. This month, the festival has been awarded Best Public Event by the International Live Events Association (ILEA) -Vancouver Chapter and Best Cultural Event by the Canadian Event Awards.

"Winning awards from the ILEA - Vancouver Chapter and the Canadian Event Awards would not be possible without the dedication of cultural pavilion organizers, performers, volunteers, sponsors, and attendees," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "These awards showcase



Surrey Fusion Festival's significant contribution to Surrey and reinforces our City's commitment to championing inclusivity and cultural diversity by hosting the ultimate celebration of food, music, and culture."

ILEA is the principal association representing creative event professionals globally. The ILEA Vancouver Chapter was founded in 1993 and its membership represents skilled event professionals. The Canadian Event Awards

achievements in Canadian event production.

Surrey Fusion Festival is a free, annual festival that will be held on Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23, 2023 at Holland Park. The festival will showcase over 50 pavilions run by community groups that represent cultures from around the world. This festival also features over 200 local, national, and international performers across eight stages. The 2023 Surrey Fusion Festival lineup will be released in early June.

Learn more about the festival at surreyfusionfestival.

# **Applications** opening for 2023 Citizen and Youth **Police Academy**

Have you always been interested in policing, or want to see how a criminal investigation works? The Surrey RCMP will soon be accepting applications for its 2023 Citizen and Youth Police Academy, which will run every Wednesday evening from September 20th to November 15th, 2023.

This 9-week interactive program is for Surrey residents, students, or business owners, and is designed to provide an inside look at policing, as well as a hands-on learning experience where participants help solve a mock crime scenario from beginning to end. Academy attendees will also gain insight into the varied work of law enforcement through presentations and demonstrations covering a range of topics, including forensics, police dog services and traffic investigations.

Youth applications are being accepted from June 1-30, while adult applications will be available from July 1-31 on our website.

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The Citizen and Youth Police Academy is a great opportunity to learn directly from police officers about how different units and specialized sections at Surrey detachment work together on crime prevention and investigations, says Inspector Harm Dosange, Community Support and Safety Officer. The course offers participants a unique insight on policing in our city, while helping to strengthen relationships between the community and police as part of a shared objective to enhance public safety.

For more information, visit the Citizen and Youth Police Academy page on our website, or email Surrey.CPA-EPA.Surrey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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# Sonakshi Sinha

on turning 36 and response to Dahaad: I feel I have made my debut all over again

Actor Sonakshi Sinha talks about the response to her web debut Dahaad, being underutilised, and more. The timing of her show, Dahaad's release couldn't have been better, and Sonakshi Sinha is only too happy about it. As we get down to talk about her special day today and the response, she gushes, "It's been incredible, overwhelming. People who have not spoken to me in years are messaging me, those I don't know from the industry have reached out. I was in a restaurant, random people walked up to me- not even for a photograph, but just to say they loved me in Dahaad. I don't know how to deal with this right

Turning 36 today, the actor feels exactly how she felt when Dabangg, her debut, released in 2010. "I do feel like I have made my debut all over again. The last time I was appreciated like this, it was very long back, for Lootera in 2013, and then Akira. Even Kalank, but not on this level," she smiles.

now!"

She played the role of a fierce cop in the series directed by Reema Kagti who said in a recent interview that she alwas felt Sonakshi was 'underutilised'. Did Sinha herself feel the same over the years?

"Sometimes, not all the time. I always try and give my 100 percent and do the best that I can whatever role you put me in, good or bad, I am glad people like Reema and Zoya Akhtar have taken note of that and actually given me a character to justify my ability, so to speak. I hope more people do that with me," says the actor, who is working next in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Heera Mandi.

What made it special for Sinha is the fact that her dad, yesteryear actor Shatrughan Sinha, felt the reach her performance had. "My dad's friends have messaged him saying this is my best performance, even his peers from the industry. That's the best compliment an actor can get. Another one was 'you became the character completely- that's huge for an actor," she ends.

Vicky Kaushal recreates his viral Obsessed dance video live on

stage at event, internet 'can't stop watching'

Vicky Kaushal danced to Punjabi singer Riar Saab's song Obsessed during an event in Delhi after fans requested him. Here's how internet reacted to the clip.

Vicky Kaushal is promoting his new movie Zara Hatke Zara Bachke with Sara Ali Khan. The actors were recently in Delhi for the film's promotion. At the event, Vicky showed his dance moves after fans asked the actor to recreate his viral Instagram

Reels from April, in which he was vibing to the popular Punjabi song Obsessed by Riar Saab and Abhijay Sharma.

Vicky Kaushal's Zara Hatke Zara Bachke co-star Sara Ali Khan can also be seen in the video. He was dressed in a blue jacket and beige pants, while Sara was in a white ethnic outfit, and

> danced. A video of Vicky's live perfomance at an event is being widely shared online. A paparazshared the clip and

> > wrote

was also seen vibing

to the popular Pun-

jabi song as Vicky



Instagram, "We are absolutely obsessed with these amazing moves and the hotness of Vicky Kaushal. Just can't get over it!!"

Reacting to the clip posted by the paparazzo, a fan wrote, "Top level swag." One more said, "Why is Vicky so perfect?!" A fan also wrote, "Just fabulous!" Sharing the video on Twitter, a fan tweeted, "Nope nope nope! I can't stop watching this video, send help!"

This is not the first time that Vicky is seen grooving to Riar Saab's song. A few weeks ago, Vicky shared a video on Instagram Reels of himself vibing to Obsessed. The actor wore an all-black outfit and was surrounded by his team as Riar Saab and Abhijay Sharma's Obsessed played on high volume.

In the clip, the actor gets his groove on as he jams to the song and his team is also heard cheering for him. The video had taken over social media as fans loved Vicky's energy and some had even asked Vicky to share his Punjabi playlist with them. Before this too, the actor has shared many videos of him dancing to the latest Punjabi songs.

Kamal Haasan pens note on Mani Rantam's **67th birthday** 

> Sharing a happy picture of them together, Kamal wrote, "If one were to count life by the happiness that they create around them and if age is calculated by the friends around you, my dear #ManiRatnam you are going to be a much older man today! A doven of Indian Cinema who has

touched the hearts of millions through his art and one who transformed dialogues into a lovely visual experience."

He further added, "You have constantly pushed the boundaries of cinema unmindful of the scale of challenge by constantly learning. Today you are a master inspiring the next generation of filmmakers through whom your legacy shall reverberate perpetually. From Nayakan to #KH234, our journey together has been personally rewarding and enriching for me. Many more happy returns of the day and more to come my friend! #HappyBirthdayManiRatnam."

Kamal had played the lead role in Mani's 1987 Tamil film Navakan. It revolved around the gradual transformation of Velu Naicker (Kamal) from an ordinary slum dweller to a feared don.

After a successful first installment last year, Ponniyin Selvan 2 released in April and was praised by the critics and audience alike. Giving credit to Mani for the film's success, Kamal had said that the filmmaker is taking Tamil cinema to its golden age. He wrote on Twitter, "Mani Ratnam takes a lot of valour to do a film of this size like a production. Mr Mani Ratnam, the team the cinematographer, the musician, everybody they have worked together to make Tamil cinema international.

n his note for Mani Ratnam, Kamal Haasan wrote that the Ponniyin Selhas constantly pushed the boundaries of cinema by constantly learning. Kamal Haasan has shared a sweet birthday note for film-

maker Mani Ratnam. Kamal lent his voice to Mani Ratnam's Ponniyin Selvan 2 which has Vikram, Aishwarya Rai, Trisha, Karthi, Sobhita Dhulipala in the lead roles. Kamal has written that Mani is inspiring the next generation of filmmakers who will take his legacy

forward.

# Naseeruddin Shah's The Kerala Story comment slammed by Manoj Tiwari:

'He is a good actor but unki niyat achi nahi hai'

has a

anoj Tiwari has reacted to Naseeruddin Shah's take on The Kerala Story. He said the actor's statement was 'not good as an Indian and as a human be-

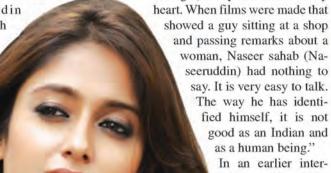
On Thursday, actor and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Manoj Tiwari slammed veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah for his criticism of The Kerala Story. Naseeruddin had reacted to the film's box office success and called it a 'dangerous trend'. In a new interview, Manoj Tiwari said that Naseeruddin Shah may be a good actor, but his 'intent is not right'.

Written and directed by Sudipto Sen, The Kerala Story stars Adah Sharma, Yogita Siddhi

Bihani, Idnani and Sonia Balani in lead roles. The film released on May 5. It produced by Vipul Shah and has become one of the highest-grossing films of the

year. In an interview with Aaj Tak, actor-turned-politician Manoj Ti-

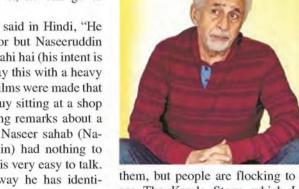
wari said that films such as The Kerala Story are based on facts. He said if Naseeruddin Shah



view with India Today, Naseeruddin Shah had said, "Worthwhile films like Bheed, Afwaah, Faraaz, all three collapsed. Nobody went to see

problem with it, he can go to

Manoj Tiwari said in Hindi, "He is a good actor but Naseeruddin ki niyat achi nahi hai (his intent is not right). I say this with a heavy heart. When films were made that showed a guy sitting at a shop



see The Kerala Story, which I have not seen, and I don't intend to see it as I have read enough about it."

He had added, "On one hand, it is a dangerous trend, no doubt. We seem to be heading the way of Nazi Germany where, in Hitler's time, the filmmakers were co-opted, attempted to be co-opted, by the supreme leader to make films praising him and what he has done for the countrymen, and



running down the Jewish community."

Earlier, actor Kamal Haasan had also talked about The Kerala Story. The actor-politician had called the Sudipto Sen directorial a 'propaganda film'. He was in Abu Dhabi for an awards event, when he addressed the media. During the interaction, he said that it was not enough for the makers to add a 'true story' at the bottom of the film's name and make anyone be-

Cruz

Shares First Photo With Boyfriend
Since Pregnancy Announcement

Tleana D'Cruz has finally shared a photo with her boyfriend. She posted a close-up pic of them holding hands and the ring on Ileana's finger was hard On Friday, Ileana D'Cruz shared many

photos and videos from her 'babymoon'. The actor, who is pregnant with her first child, also shared a sweet photo with a mystery man, presumably her boyfriend, from their dinner date. a picture of Sharing hands, Ileana their

> of romance - clearly can't let him eat in peace." The actor also gave a peek at a diamond ring she was wearing on her ring finger in the black-and-white

D'Cruz wrote on Insta-

gram Stories, "My idea

photo. In the photo Ileana shared on Instagram Stories, a plate of pasta was seen on a table as Ileana and her boyfriend held hands. Their faces were not visible. Both of them flaunted their rings in the photo taken during the actor's 'babymoon'.

Ever since sharing the news of her pregnancy in April, Ileana has kept mum about the identity of her future baby's father. Although she did not reveal who is with her on her 'babymoon', this is the first time, the actor has shared any detail about her baby's father.

The actor has jetted off to an undisclosed location for her 'babymoon'. On Friday, Ileana revealed she was on her 'babymoon' as she shared a sunny clip from a beach outing. Sharing a beach video on Instagram Stories, the actor wrote, "Babymoon (sparkles emoji)."

She shared another short clip of some drinks kept on a table. The actor did not feature in the clips, and it is not known where she is. She also shared a photo of a dessert she ate during her recent dinner outing. Along with it, she wrote, "Oooh baby."

Ileana D'Cruz created a buzz on social media a couple of months ago after she announced that she will be welcoming her first child. On April 18, the actor had posted two photos on Instagram as she announced her pregnancy. The first of a baby's romper with the slogan 'And so the adventure begins' and the second of a pendant, which said 'Mama'. In her caption, Ileana had written, "Coming soon. Can't wait to meet you my little darling

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behalf of Rachhpal Gill family.

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on behalf of Dalbir Pabla family.

4th June, Sunday At 10:00 am, The wedding ceremony will be performed

on behalf of Shiv Jyoti family.

7th June, Wednesday At 10:00 am, The wedding ceremony will be performed

on behalf of Mani Randhawa family.

8th June, Thursday At 10:00 am, The wedding ceremony will be performed

on behalf of Jaswinder Singh Bhatti family.

9th June, Friday At 10:00 am, the funeral ceremony will be performed

by the Gurdeep Singh Saran family.

10th June Saturday At 10:00 am, The wedding ceremony will be performed

on behalf of Sukhminder Kaur family.

10th June Saturday At 6:00 pm, Kirtan and Langar sewa by Kashmir Singh Dosanjh family.

11th June, Sunday At 10:00 am, Kirtan and langer sewa by Avtar Singh Bains family.

11th June, Sunday At 5:00 pm Sukhmani Sahib's path, kirtan and langar sewa by Charanjit Singh

Bains family.

#### Note: Friday 4th August 2023 is free for wedding bookings

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Amrik Singh Jawanda (Treasurer) Kangana Ranaut bids goodbye to airport looks after 'starting the

trend', says she 'was brainwashed by fashion industry'

angana Ranaut has said the Ksystem hailed her as a fashionista to encourage her to promote more international brands. Kangana Ranaut has taken the credit for starting the trend of airport look in India. Taking to Instagram Stories, she shared a picture of her 2018 look which she sported at the Mumbai airport. She captioned it, "Only person to blame for starting the stupid trend of airport looks."

Kangana had made headlines in 2018 when she was spotted at the airport in a lavender-hued Dior dress paired with a soft pink Prada overcoat. She complemented it with black heels and oversize sunglasses. Many had praised her for her high-fashion choice. She went on to share many of her eye-catching airport looks and called herself "Victim of capitalism". She added, "Brainwashed by magazine editors and fashion industry to look a western woman so that I only fill the pockets of international designers. Ashamed to repeat clothes always buying without any care about the impact of my choices on the environment."

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Sharing more pictures, she wrote, "While I act like a bimbo, the system hails me as a fashionista to encourage me to promote more international brands while my own people like weavers and handicrafts men dying slow and steady death. Then they shrewdly start to price tag everything I wear making it a vanity issue for me and guess what I fall for the trap now more than style it's about brands even for a genuinely stylish person. Fashion brands make you work for them for free by just sending clothes and bags...they start to hijack cultures and tradition of an entire civilisation."

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# Surrey based 2SLGBTQ...

Sher Vancouver Lotus T-Shirt

The Lotus illustration portrays a vibrant lotus flower with a rainbow at its core, while its petals are adorned with the colors of the intersex-inclusive progress pride flag. Sher Lotus is also the name of the latest peer support group offered by Sher Vancouver, catering to queer and trans women, non-binary individuals, and two-spirited people. January Marie Lapuz Youth Leadership Award

Partial proceeds from the sale of these remarkable t-shirts will be donated to the Sher Vancouver January Marie Lapuz Youth Leadership Award. January, the Social Coordinator of Sher Vancouver, tragically passed away in New Westminster in September 2012.

"Sher Vancouver members have consistently expressed a strong desire to acquire Jag Nagra's artwork and t-shirts. We are now thrilled to offer these t-shirts to the wider community and the world, all for a noble cause," states Alex Sangha, Founder of Sher Vancouver.

"Spearheading the support for the BIPOC and 2SLGBTQ+ community, Jag has been an integral part of Sher Vancouver since its inception over 15 years ago. It is a true honor to have her create these magnificent designs and artworks," Sangha adds.

Urvashi Rautela's claim of starring in Parveen Babi biopic is 'bogus news'? With Urvashi Rautela claiming that she stars in an upcoming Parveen Babi biopic as a lead, we dig into to find out more about the project Besides her wacky sartorial choices at Cannes, actor Urvashi Rautela's unfounded claim of having attended the film festival for a photocall launch of

Babi, has shocked many. However, the absence of the makers of the said project from the photocall, raised suspicion, as did the fact tat many actors go to Cannes and just get clicked at the red carpet, even when their films are not being premiered.

her upcoming film, purportedly a biopic on

Now, we have learned from several industry insiders that there is no buzz yet about a biopic on the life of the late star. "It is very clear that she is lying, and it is bogus news. There is no such project being made. There are no conversations around any such project in the trade circuit too," says a source.

"Also, a photocall launch without anyone from the makers side is just not possible. So, Urvashi was there all by herself, there was no producer, writer, director... So what is this photocall launch? It shows how much truth is in her claim. She has not even revealed the names of the makers. She could have said that she wants to do, or is thinking of doing, but alleging that it is being made without the name of the team is definitely not credible," the source asserts.

Another source from the trade circuit agrees to it, and mentions that it is an act to get attention. "No artiste has the power to announcement a project just like that. And something like a biopic on Parveen Babi will only get announced once the production work has begun. And that too usually comes from the director or production house's end. Urvashi's claim is only to get some limelight," the insider tells us.

Till now, there is just one project which has been officially announced around the life of the yesteryear actor, and it is a mini-series based on the book by author Karishma Upadhyay. Producer Sneha Rajani, who has earlier backed films such as Piku, is associated with

project, that is still a work under progress. As per a source close to the project, Rautela is not involved with the project in "any manner".

"The series is being made with an A-lister director on board, and Urvashi is not being considered for the lead role. She has nothing to do with it. When she made the announcement, we got several queries about the same, and we just shrugged off the claims. She has not mentioned any detail about the project, and a photocall can't happen just with the lead star, which shows the merit associated with her claim," says another source attached to the project.

When we reached out to Rautela to get clarity on the makers of the film, she didn't give any name and insisted that the project is at a

very nascent stage.



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