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Surrey Council Votes To Keep The RCMP as Police of Jurisdiction "Behind Closed Doors"

- City Councillor Linda Annis says the mess is "far from over"
- The decision seems to be about egos, not facts – Linda Annis (Full statement on Page 3)
- Council examined both sides; the impacts of continuing with the transition were significant – Mayor Locke (Full statement on Page 8)
- A number of incidents before and after the announcement put a question mark on the City's transparency related to policing decision.



Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke announcing policing decision in a press conference on Friday, June 16

SURREY: Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke announced in a press conference on Friday that the City Council has voted to keep the RCMP as the police of jurisdiction for the city of Surrey. The press conference followed a two-hour closed meeting held at the City Hall on Thursday.

She started by thanking RCMP and SPS for serving the city. "I want to thank each and every one of them. They are all welcome to continue policing in Surrey." "I also know that both RCMP and Surrey Police Service members deserve a final answer so they can turn the

page on uncertainty and focus on their future and careers. Today they will have clarity. But the return to normalcy will take time, commitment and professionalism." Then she announced that the Surrey City Council has voted to retain the RCMP is Surrey. "There is no question that the decision on policing rests with Surrey Council. The Premier and the Solicitor General have confirmed that fact." The announcement muzzled not only city councillors but also media, since a vote on policing was not expected this soon. A number of incidents before and after put a question mark on City's transparency related to policing decision.

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Canada Halts Imminent Deportation Of International Students, But With A Clause

Genuine students victimized by fraud won't face deportation and will be eligible to remain in Canada with Temporary Resident Permit. But those complicit in fraud will face removal



OTTAWA: After facing immense pressure from oppositions groups and various organizations, Canadian immigration minister finally announced to put a pause on imminent deportation of 100s of international students, majority of them from Punjab, caught in fake admission letter scandal. Canada immigration minister Sean Fraser said those students will also be issued Temporary Resident Permits (TRP) to prevent

any imminent deportation. However, this is not a sweeping order where everyone facing deportation due to

fraudulent documentation, will be offered TRP. According to the minister only those students who came to Canada with a genuine intent to study, and without knowledge of the use of fraudulent documentation, will be issued the permit. The minister said that many of these international students sincerely came to Canada to pursue their studies at some of our world-class institutions and were duped by bad actors who claimed to be helping them in their immigration application process. "Other foreign nationals had no intent of pursuing higher education, and used fraudulent acceptance letters to take advantage of Canada's immigration system. Within this cohort of individuals, some have been involved in organized crime," he said.

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BC Demographic Survey Launched With Aim To Improve Government Programs For Indigenous, Racialized Communities

By Surbhi Gogia

SURREY: BC's Education Minister Rachna Singh along with Speaker Raj Chauhan and other NDP MLAs announced the launch of a Demographic Survey on Wednesday, June 14, at Grand Taj Banquet Hall in Surrey.

The officials are encouraging every BC resident to participate in this survey which is available in 15 languages. The survey includes questions about ethnicity, gender, education, income and other aspects of identity.

According to Singh, "We've heard from many Indigenous and other racialized people that they are being left behind because our services weren't designed with them in mind." She said that the government will link information from the Survey to examine how well different programs and policies work for different people, and to identify gaps and barriers that are stopping people from fully benefiting from public services such as education, health care and social supports.

The Survey, according to Singh, is part of bigger aim of the government to identify and eliminate systematic racism.



In June 2022, the Anti-Racism Data Act came into effect. Its aim is to enable the safe collection and "use of personal information for the purposes of identifying and eliminating systemic racism and advancing racial equality," according to the province.

"This year's BC Demographic Survey is the first to be administered under the Anti-Racism Data Act. The act - and the collection of data on the impacts of racism - flows from 'the grandmother perspective' framework on disaggregated data collection that my office has called for. Demographic data can assist the provincial government to identify and eliminate racial inequities in service delivery systems. I encourage everyone interested in ensuring our public services

are equitable to engage with this new survey and make your voices heard," said Kasari Govender, B.C.'s human rights commissioner.

Raj Chauhan, Speaker and MLA, who was present on the occasion communicated his message in Punjabi to talk about the magnitude of racism in Canada. He said that kind of racism that exists today is different from the racism that people faced in 70s. "It was harsh. People were called names on their faces and even attacked due to their ethnicity or race. Even the complaints to authorities were not taken seriously. We have come a long way, but still a lot needs to be done. People might be polite on your face but they do not acknowledge your credentials."

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Behind-Closed-Doors Police Transition Vote An Insult To Surrey Residents

Surrey First Councillor Linda Annis said yesterday's behind-closed-doors council decision to keep the RCMP, and reverse the police transition, is "an insult to the people of Surrey".

"It muzzled councillors and any open opposition," Annis said, "It makes the decision a personal face-off between the mayor and the Province of British Columbia."

"The in-camera meeting meant there was absolutely no transparency around this incredibly important issue," said Annis. "Councillors were only told late Wednesday about the in-camera meeting, when we were handed a 400-page city staff report and given only hours to read it. No transparency, no community involvement, no agreement between the city and the province on the facts. It was followed by yesterday's rushed in-camera meeting that muzzled all of us who were there."

"We know the province wanted to make sure the facts in the report were accurate, and that had no opportunity to happen. When it comes to policing and the police transition, we did it all wrong, and our taxpayers are on the hook to pay the bill with nothing to show for it."

Annis also notes the in-camera meeting means councillors cannot talk about any of the details, or even say how they voted.

"Once again, the people of Surrey

have been sidelined. It reinforces how divisive and messed up this issue has become," added Annis. "It's discouraging that city hall did not collaborate with the province to ensure we had accurate numbers, and the truth. We should have been working with the province's policing experts to make sure we all agreed on an accurate set of facts. That did not happen, and not sharing the city report with the province, or giving councillors adequate time to review it ahead of time, is simply irresponsible. It smacks of the mayor daring the solicitor general to step in. Frankly, it's unprofessional and certainly doesn't put the people of our city first."

Annis campaigned on having a policing referendum and questioned the fact that the city, province, RCMP and Surrey Police Service all had their "own numbers" around police transition. She added the whole issue reflects badly on city hall.

"Both McCallum and Locke decided they knew best, and the mayor's secret vote on Thursday, where our residents could not see or hear what was going on, reinforces how badly this entire issue has been handled from day one."

"Our city and its residents deserve better, starting with sharing the facts, the real ones. Our residents deserve a city council that puts them first, and that certainly didn't happen today."

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Police Arrest Suspect In 2022 Stabbing Of Tamanawis Student Mahekpreet Sethi

A man has been arrested in relation to the 2022 stabbing of 18-year old Mahekpreet Sethi. On November 22, 2022, at approximately 12:08 p.m., the Surrey RCMP responded to a report of a stabbing outside of Tamanawis Secondary School, located in the 12600-block of 66 Avenue, Surrey. Officers located an 18-year old, later identified as Mehakpreet Sethi of Surrey, suffering life-threatening injuries. Despite the best efforts of responding officers, the victim sadly succumbed to his injuries shortly thereafter. The Surrey RCMP identified a 17-year old as a suspect with help of witnesses, and took him into custody. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) took conduct of the investigation and continued to work closely in partnership with the Surrey RCMP, the RCMP

Forensic Identification Service and the BC Coroners Service. On June 14, 2023, as a result of advancements in the ongoing investigation, IHIT arrested a suspect in relation to the murder of Mr. Sethi. "There are still witnesses out there that have yet to come forward. Now is the time to do the right thing," said Sgt. Timothy Pierotti of IHIT. "If you or one of your loved ones have information about this tragedy, and you have yet to speak to the police, contact IHIT or the Surrey RCMP immediately." IHIT is asking that any witnesses or anyone with any information regarding the homicide who have yet to speak with police, to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Komagata Maru Place Street Sign Revealed



City of Vancouver presented Komagata Maru Place Street sign to Raj Singh for his advocacy from March 16, 2018 for recognizing the Komagata Maru passengers. The city informed that the signs Komagata Maru Street Signs might be different when the City will install the Signs late this year 2023



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Surrey Residents Asked to Give Input for Focus Newton Project



The City of Surrey has launched Focus Newton, a project to engage, beautify and enhance spaces across Newton. The City wants to hear from residents, local businesses, and community groups to create an action plan to celebrate the community and enhance shared amenities, for example in parks, at plazas, and along streets.

"Newton is a vibrant, diverse, and growing community, and with Focus Newton we are taking the necessary steps to beautify and enhance its livability," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "With the participation of our residents, businesses, and community groups, we can create a plan that reflects the aspirations of our community. I encourage everyone to get involved in this exciting initiative, share your ideas and help shape the future of Newton."

Throughout June and July there are multiple ways to provide input. The first open house will be held on June 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Newton Recreation Centre. This in-person engagement provides an opportunity to learn about the Focus Newton project, ask questions, and share ideas for enhancing Newton. An online survey is open until July 30 to gather input from the community.

"Focus Newton is an opportunity for every member of the Newton community to have their voice heard," said Councillor Harry Bains, Chair of the Focus Newton Task Force. "We want to know your vision for a vibrant Newton, and we invite you to share your ideas and insights. Together, we can make a positive impact and create a neighborhood that we are proud to call home."

As part of the City's commitment to making a positive impact in the area, Focus Newton will kick off with a series of clean-up blitzes and beautification projects throughout the summer, working towards creating a cleaner and more vibrant Newton.

For more information about Focus Newton, upcoming events, and to participate in the online survey, please visit en-

gage.surrey.ca/focusnewton. Additional open house dates will be announced here as well.

Surrey Police Looking For Male Who Deliberately Set Fire At Building Entrance

Surrey RCMP are seeking assistance from the public to identify a suspect in an arson.

On June 5, 2023, at approximately 12:45 p.m., Surrey RCMP responded to the report of a fire at the front entrance of a building located in the 13900-block of 100 Avenue. Surrey Fire Service was also in attendance and quickly extinguished the fire. There was minimal damage and no injuries reported. It is clear that the fire was deliberately set, however the motive is unknown. The Surrey RCMP General Investigation Unit have conduct of the ongoing investigation and are working closely with the Surrey RCMP Arson Coordinator.

The suspect is described as a Caucasian male wearing a grey hoodie, green shirt underneath, grey shorts, black shoes with low cut socks and carrying a dark backpack on his back, was seen running from the scene.



Police are asking anyone who was in the area and may have witnessed anything suspicious, or anyone who recognizes the man in the photo to contact Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502.



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152 Street Road Upgrades Project Breaks Ground

SURREY: The City of Surrey has broken ground on the 152 Street Road Upgrades project including the twinning of the Nicomekl River Bridge crossing to improve public safety and the movement of people, goods and services on this major north-south route. The project involves raising and widening of 152 Street between the Nicomekl and Serpentine Rivers, which will increase flood protection and increase the resilience and safety of communities.

“Road investments help Canadians move around their communities safely and efficiently. This investment will not only enhance transit options for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists and address future traffic demands, but will also help protect Surrey against flooding risks. We will continue to work with our partners to create a healthier, safer, and more resilient Canada for everyone,” said Sukh Dhaliwal, Member of Parliament for Surrey—Newton on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities.



From left, Surrey Councillor Doug Elford, Surrey-Newton MP Sukh Dhaliwal, Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke, Surrey Councillor Pardeep Kooner, TransLink Director of Infrastructure Programs Shezana Hassko and Surrey Councillor Linda Annis celebrate the groundbreaking of the 152 Street Road Upgrades on June 13, 2023.

152 Street upgrades include four travel lanes (from two lanes), a multi-use path for cyclists and pedestrians, transit and bus shelter improvements, and the twin-

ning of the Nicomekl River Bridge crossing. The project is part of the first phase of implementation of Surrey’s award winning Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy (CFAS) to build community resilience to coastal flooding and sea level rise. The project cost is \$44.4M and is funded in part by TransLink and the Government of

Canada’s Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund.

“With over 30,000 trips a day, 152 Street is a key corridor connecting the communities of Surrey as well as providing access to White Rock and the Canada/U.S. border crossings,” said Mayor Brenda Locke. “Widening the road will ensure residents can get to where they are going efficiently. The project also includes raising the road to make 152 Street resilient to extreme weather events including atmospheric rivers to keep our community safe. I would like to thank the Government of Canada and TransLink for helping make this project possible.”

“TransLink proudly invests in infrastructure upgrades throughout Metro Vancouver to help build, maintain, and improve transportation connections throughout the region,” says TransLink CEO Kevin Quinn. “Through this project, we are excited to help build new cycling infrastructure, bus speed improvements, and road upgrades to help keep the people of Surrey moving.”

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One Injured In Shooting In North Delta

On June 11th, 2023, at approximately 11:15 pm, the Delta Police Department responded to a disturbance at a residence in the 11800 block of 80th Avenue. Upon arrival, officers learned that an unknown suspect had fired a firearm during the dispute. A short time later, one person arrived at a local hospital with a minor gunshot wound. The person has since been treated and released from hospital with a minor injury.

The motive for the disturbance and shooting has not been identified.

Investigators will be in the area today to conduct witness and video canvasses.

If you were near 118th St and 80th Ave at approximately 11:15 pm, June 11th, 2023, and have dash camera video or cctv video, or if you saw the disturbance, please contact the Delta Police Department at (604)946-4411 and quote file number 2023-13694.

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Conservatives Ask Government To Grant Interim Study And Work Permits To International Students Caught In Deportation Conundrum

OTTAWA, ON — Tom Kmiec, Conservative Shadow Minister for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, and Brad Redekopp, Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, made the following statement regarding international students facing deportation, despite being given a visa:

"For weeks, Conservative Members of Parliament have urged the Government to provide a solution for hundreds of international students suffering because of Justin Trudeau's incompetence.

"We moved four motions at Immigration Committee, and each time, the Liberals and their NDP coalition partner blocked our at-



tempts to address this issue. Only after immense pressure from the protesting students and Conservative members did the Liberals finally relent and implement our ideas.

"**Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada,**

has called on the Liberals to:

1. Launch individual investigations into each case.
2. Stop the deportation of international students affected by fake admission letter scams.
3. Grant interim study and work permits while the investigations

are underway.

4. Allow all those who did not act in bad faith to stay and apply for permanent residency.

5. Immediately stop making the mistakes that caused this mess and, from now on, contact universities or colleges to confirm that acceptance letters are authentic before student visas are offered.

"Thanks to Conservative pressure, we are pleased to see that Immigration Minister Sean Fraser finally announced the first tentative steps towards these goals prior to his appearance at committee. These students are victims. Conservatives will never stop fighting to fix our broken immigration system.

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Hundreds of international students have been staging a 24-hr protest in front of the CBSA office at 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga. Both Conservative and NDP leaders had stepped in to support the students and asked government to stop their deportation.

IRCC finally acted and issued a formal statement. "I understand that this situation is distressing for those affected by unscrupulous actors, and I want to assure them that their well-being is of paramount importance. As a result, I have already struck a taskforce of my officials and have asked them to work closely with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to identify the victims of fraud; that is, those students who came to study here in Canada and did exactly that," Fraser said.

"I want to make it clear that international students who are not found to be involved

in fraud will not face deportation. The Immigration Refugee Protection Act offers me discretionary authority which I believe should be exercised in the present context. Therefore, if the facts of an individual case are clear that an international student came to Canada with a genuine intent to study, and without knowledge of the use of fraudulent documentation, I have provided instructions for officers to issue a Temporary Resident Permit to that individual. This will ensure that these well-intentioned students and graduates can remain in Canada, and ensure that they are not subject to the 5-year ban from re-entering Canada that normally follows in cases of misrepresentation. While this process runs its course, preliminary Temporary Resident Permits will be issued if they are required in order to prevent an imminent deportation for anyone under review."

NDP Critic for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Jenny Kwan who has been supporting international students welcomed the news but said Fraser failed to say if he'll waive inadmissibility on the

basis of misrepresentation or grant a pathway to permanent status for the students as called for systematically by the NDP. New Democrats urge the Minister on act on those quickly.

"While the task force evaluates these cases, the government must also ensure that these students will be able to continue to work or study in Canada—otherwise they cannot survive. If they don't have an Open work permit or study permit, they cannot afford rent or food. And these students have already invested everything they had to come study in Canada. The Minister must urgently act to ensure they are supported," she said.

Further to the minister's instructions to officials, Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has been working even closer with Designated Learning Institutions (DLIs), provinces and territories, and organizations representing Canada's colleges and universities to better detect and combat fraud, and uphold the integrity of our immigration programs. "We are taking every opportunity to crack down on



dishonest and fraudulent consultants who seek to abuse Canada's immigration system and take advantage of those seeking to visit, work, study or settle here in Canada."

"We recognize the immense contributions that international students make to our country, and we are committed to providing a path to Canada that is honest and transparent. All applicants must continue to ensure that, before applying for a study permit, they do their research, have an acceptance letter from a DLI, and refer to the official website to get information about our programs.

Full Statement from Mayor Brenda Locke on Policing in Surrey

The RCMP has effectively policed this City since 1950. Their commitment and work to ensure public safety has never been an issue - not four years ago and not now. Surrey Council and I also have complete confidence in the Surrey RCMP and Surrey Police Service members currently policing Surrey. Under very trying circumstances, they have all continued to put their lives on the line to keep the rest of us safe. And they have done exceptional work. I want to thank each and every one of them. They are all welcome to continue policing in Surrey.

I also know that both RCMP and Surrey Police Service members deserve a final answer so they can turn the page on uncertainty and focus on their future and careers. Today they will have clarity. But the return to normalcy will take time, commitment and

professionalism. The citizens of Surrey know that the police are all up to that challenge despite the emotions today's decision will evoke among some. Similarly, the City of Surrey, the Province, the Surrey Police Service, the Surrey Police Service Board and the RCMP must all show the same qualities, as we work together to achieve a single and effective policing model in Surrey. That spirit of co-operative policing will have to carry on for some time.

Surrey needs a final answer on policing and Surrey Council has decided, with a vote held yesterday, to retain the RCMP as our police force of jurisdiction. There is no question the decision on policing in Surrey rests with Surrey Council. The Premier and Solicitor General have confirmed this fact. Surrey Council and I were committed to making



an informed decision. We signed the non-disclosure agreement with the Province and have reviewed the Ministry report and requirements, thoroughly. We asked our City staff to prepare a report supplementing the information within the Ministry's report. It includes up-to-date financial information in terms of the transition costs to date on

both policing options. As Council, we had a duty to examine both sides. The impacts of continuing with the transition are incredibly significant and had to be considered. Our report did exactly that and helped inform our resolve. Politicians and senior police leaders must commit to faithfully support the dedicated police officers on the streets of this City during the coming months.

The Solicitor General has imposed a number of binding conditions on the City, which we fully intend to meet, however we require the cooperation of the Province to do so. Yesterday I spoke with both the Premier and the Solicitor General and am satisfied that they are prepared to work in the spirit of cooperation. Surrey Council and I want to stress the importance of working with the Provincial Government.

It helps our City and our Province. As the Mayor of Surrey and the one that oversees this policing contract, I have very high expectations of the RCMP. I spoke at length with the RCMP Commanding Officer for British Columbia and the Officer in Charge of Surrey Detachment, and both have assured me they can, will and are already in the process of meeting the obligations that this dissolution of the Surrey Police Service places upon them.

The City of Surrey has unlimited potential for growth in the years to come and this is not just an opportunity to work closely with the Province but a joint obligation to work cooperatively to build both a strong city and a strong British Columbia. I want to thank the Premier for his efforts and commitment to working with Surrey on policing and other critical initiatives in our City.



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Delta Police Arrest Suspects from Edmonton and Surrey for In-Progress Catalytic Converter Theft

Catalytic converter theft continues to be an ongoing crime trend in the Province of British Columbia. Year to date, the Delta Police Department has received a total of 144 reports of catalytic converter theft. Catalytic converters are stolen because they contain small quantities of precious metals that have a high monetary value when recycled or reclaimed.

On June 8th, 2023, at approximately 7:30 pm, a Delta Police officer observed suspects stealing a catalytic converter. The suspect vehicle was pulled over and three suspects were arrested. A search of the suspect vehicle following arrest located four stolen catalytic converters, a variety of battery-powered saws, saw blades and other tools including a jack and jack stands, used to commit catalytic converter thefts. Two of the three suspects were found to be breaching Undertaking conditions from prior criminal offences currently before the Courts.

A 32-year-old man from Edmonton, Alberta, has been released on an Undertaking. Recommended charges include one count of theft under \$5000, one count of possession of stolen property, and one count of failing to comply with an Undertaking.



A 31-year-old woman from Edmonton, Alberta, has been released on an undertaking. Recommended charges include two counts of theft under \$5000, possession of stolen property, and one count of failing to comply with an Undertaking.

A third suspect, a 30-year-old man from Surrey, BC, was arrested and released on an Undertaking with a charge recommendation of one count of theft under \$5000 and one count of possession of stolen property.

Identities of the accused will not be released until charge approval has been completed by BC Prosecution Services. The vehicle used during the theft, the tools, and the stolen property have been seized.

North Van School Teacher Charged With Sexual Assault, Police Seeking Further Witnesses

A former teacher from St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School has been arrested for allegations of sexual assault against a student.

On May 2nd, 2023, Anthony Vesco was formally charged with Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Assault under the Criminal Code and a Canada wide warrant was issued. He was arrested on June 6 by Police in Windsor, Ontario and released on bail.

It is alleged that during his tenure as a teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary School, Vesco sexually assaulted a student while he was teaching at the school from 2017 to 2019.

Police are aware that there has been communication through social media between some individuals who may have been impacted or had knowledge of the incident. Investigators are ask-

ing those people to speak with police. "Our priorities right now are to speak with those who have not yet come forward, to gather all available evidence, and to support the victim as we undergo this process," said Cst. Mansoor Sahak spokesperson for the North Vancouver RCMP.

Investigators believe there may be additional witnesses with information about these incidents, and if so, are asking them to contact police by calling (604)-985-1311 and quote file #22-1350.


"We know that this will be upsetting news for members of the community," said Cst. Sahak. "For some, hearing about this may reignite memories of past trauma. If you are a victim of sexual assault, please, reach out for support. We want you to know that we are here,

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Shots Fired in South Surrey

Surrey RCMP is investigating a report of shots fired on Crescent Road in the early morning hours. On June 13, 2023, at approximately 3:08 a.m., Surrey RCMP received a report of shots heard in the 13000-block of Crescent Road. Police attended and located evidence of shots fired on the roadway. No injuries or damage to any surrounding properties have been reported. The Surrey RCMP

General Investigation Unit has conducted the investigation and will be conducting additional canvassing in the area. Crescent Road is closed in both directions between 130 Street and 132 Street while the scene is being processed. Anyone with any information, dash camera footage from the area or residential CCTV footage is asked to contact Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502.




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Surrey Council Votes To Keep The RCMP as Police of Jurisdiction "Behind Closed Doors"

According to City Councillor Linda Annis, the councillors were informed about in-camera meeting in a rush. The in-camera meeting means councillors cannot talk about any of the details, or even say how they voted.

"The in-camera meeting meant there was absolutely no transparency around this incredibly important issue," Annis said. "Councillors were only told late Wednesday about the in-camera meeting, when we were handed a 400-page city staff report and given only hours to read it. No transparency, no community involvement, no agreement between the city and the province on the facts. It was followed by yesterday's rushed in-camera meeting that muzzled all of us who were there."

An argument between a reporter and Mayor's communications person also followed. The news conference was brief and not enough time was given to reporters to ask questions. A reporter intervened and called it "unacceptable". After which Mayor decided to answer few more questions.

The public safety minister Mike Farnworth had also written a stern letter to Surrey Mayor about city staff not disclosing information on the final report, based on which the city council would vote. According to Farnworth, it was important for the minister officials to review the policing report prepared by the city staff before the council gives its mandate.

However, it seems like the vot-

ing was done without sharing complete information with the province. "We know the province wanted to make sure the facts in the report were accurate, and that had no opportunity to happen. When it comes to policing and the police transition, we did it all wrong, and our taxpayers are on the hook to pay the bill with nothing to show for it," Annis said.

Although according to the City's mayor the decision is final. She referred to policing Act according to which she said the final decision of policing rests with the city. But the saga of the beleaguered police transition seems far from over. The province has not yet approved the plan voted on and whether it meets the conditions imposed by

the province.

Although Mayor Locke sounded confident that BC's Premier and the Public Safety Minister would cooperate on this decision. She said that she spoke to the ministers. However, her call was before the final vote.

Minister Farnworth said in the letter that in order for Council to make the most informed decision, it is imperative that the report prepared for Council consideration meets all associated requirements on timelines, costs and implications for each condition.

"I am concerned that should Council vote on a plan that does not adequately address the mandatory and binding conditions on the transition, this already precarious situation could become

further destabilized in an expedited timeline. This could create a policing crisis which puts into question safe and effective policing in the City of Surrey."

The cost of rolling the transition back, dissolution of SPS, province's response, are still to be announced.

Amritpal Singh's aide Avtar Singh Khanda dies in England



Avtar Singh Khanda of Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF), a close associate of arrested Amritpal Singh, died in Birmingham, UK.

According to Indian media reports, Khanda was admitted to a Birmingham hospital after he complained of uneasiness on Monday.

Khanda, according to media reports, allegedly had led the protests at the Indian High Commission in London earlier this year while Amritpal Singh was on the run.

Although the exact cause of Khanda's death is not clear, some reports suggest that he had been suffering from blood cancer. But the official reasons forwarded by the authorities did not go down well with many Sikh groups.

Ravi Singh of Khalsa Aid International in a letter to Birmingham's Coroner Service has requested a full investigation and a full coroner's report into the "untimely death" of Khanda to ensure it was not "politically motivated."

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BC Becomes First Province In Canada To Provide Universal Coverage For Opioid Treatments

British Columbia government will be providing universal coverage for eligible medications used for the treatment of opioid-use disorder. "Improving access to medication is an important part of strengthening the public health-care system," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "By reducing financial barriers to opioid agonist treatment medication, we're making it easier for people to get the care they need and helping create more equitable health outcomes for people in B.C."

Effective June 6, 2023, opioid agonist treatment (OAT) medi-

cations will be covered through Plan Z, the Province's universal coverage plan, providing full coverage for B.C. residents with an active medical services plan (MSP).

OAT, also referred to as medication-assisted treatment, is an option for people struggling with opioid-use disorder. It has been shown to improve retention in treatment, sustained abstinence from illicit opioid use, and helps reduce the risk of death. OAT differs from prescribed safer supply. Safer supply is a harm-reduction model of care in which clinicians prescribe pharmaceutical alterna-



Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

"The toxic drug crisis continues to claim lives at an unprecedented rate. When people reach out for help, we want them met with support regardless of the size of their pocketbook," said Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "Removing these cost barriers to medication-assisted treatment will help more people stabilize their lives, prevent deaths and stay on their journey to wellness as our government continues to build a system of mental-health and addictions care that works for everyone."

In fiscal year 2021-22, of the 34,520 patients who utilized OAT medications, 32,882 received coverage through PharmaCare. Effective June 6, 2023, approximately 1,638 patients who paid out of pocket will now be 100% covered for eligible OAT medication costs under Plan Z for residents with MSP coverage.

Additionally, eligible B.C. patients who did not access OAT medications due to the cost or because of challenges getting registered for Plan G or getting tax information to register for Fair PharmaCare will now have immediate, barrier-free access to OAT medication.

tives to illicit drugs in order to separate people from the toxic illicit street-drug market. However, prescribed safer supply can often be a first step for someone to begin accessing addictions care, including OAT.

Motorcyclist Dies In Collision With Motor Vehicle In Nanaimo

Nanaimo Police, along with BCEHS and Fire responded to a collision between a large truck and a motorcycle. The incident occurred just at approximately 5:15 AM on Monday June 12, 2023, at the intersection of Highway 19A and Oliver Road. The motorcyclist, an adult man from Nanaimo, operating a newer model black Yamaha, sustained critical injuries in the collision and was transported to the Nanaimo hospital by attending BCEHS. Soon after arriving at the hospital, he was pronounced deceased. The driver of the truck involved, a grey Dodge D350, was not injured. He remained at the scene, co-operated with investigators, and alcohol and drugs have been ruled on his part.

While only preliminary, it appears to police that the motorcycle was proceeding north bound on Highway 19A when it collided with the pickup, that was turning left onto Oliver Road. No other vehicles or individuals were involved and a portion of the highway was closed for several hours while investigators examined the scene and collected forensic evidence. Nanaimo RCMP Victim Services have been engaged and the family of the deceased have been notified. Police are asking for anyone with dash-cam footage of the crash or pre-collision driving of the vehicles involved, to please call the Nanaimo RCMP non-emergency line at 250-754-2345.

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Canada Opens New Economic Immigration Streams For Skilled Refugees And Other Displaced People

Canada has launched two new Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP) streams for skilled refugees and other displaced people

These new immigration streams provide Canadian employers with the opportunity to access a talent pool of skilled refugees and other displaced people from around the world. This access allows Canada to not only increase its economic immigration and fill in-demand jobs, but also to complement its existing humanitarian commitments.

Of the two new streams announced today, one is tailored to candidates who have a job offer from a Canadian employer and the second is available to highly-skilled refugees without job offers.

Through the EMPP Federal Skills Job Offer Stream, Canadian employers can hire qualified candidates to fill a wide range of in-demand jobs, including nurse aides, personal support workers, long-term care

aides, software engineers, web designers, mechanical and electrical engineers and technicians, logistics and warehouse workers, tourism and hospitality workers, and truck and delivery service drivers.

The EMPP Federal Skills Without a Job Offer Stream recognizes that certain candidates have skills that are in high enough demand that they will find work after they arrive in Canada.

“Helping employers access a new global talent pool is another way we are using our immigration system to address ongoing labour shortages. Finding these skilled workers among people who hap-



pen to be displaced abroad and lack a durable solution is a made-in-Canada solution that we are promoting globally. Canada will continue to develop and scale up these types of innovative measures that allow us to welcome more vulnerable people, while helping businesses find the skilled workforce they need to grow,” said Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.

EMPP gives refugees and other displaced people the chance to make the most of their skills to improve not only their lives and those of their families, but also the communities and workplaces that welcome them.

Expanding and scaling up the EMPP is part of Canada’s ongoing efforts to embrace its role as Chair of the Global Taskforce on Labour Mobility by modelling labour mobility programs for like-minded countries, and to make Canada’s immigration system more responsive to the needs of our economic and humanitarian commitments.

Candidates can also continue to apply through existing regional EMPP economic pathways. Eligibility to apply for the EMPP under the new economic streams is based on a candidate’s work experience, education and language skills.

To apply for the EMPP through the job offer stream, candidates must meet minimum requirements for language, past work experience and education. They do not need to show proof of an education credential assessment or proof of settlement funds.

To apply for the EMPP through the EMPP Federal Skills Without a Job Offer Stream (no job offer stream), candidates must meet higher requirements for language, past work experience and education because they will need to find work after they arrive in Canada. They also need to show proof of an education credential assessment and have a certain amount of funds available to show that they are able to establish themselves in Canada.

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Effect Hope Is Giving A New Lease Of Life To Neglected Tropical Diseases Patients



By Balwant Sanghera

Disease of any kind is always very painful not only for the patient but also for the entire family. However, a skin disease can sometime be devastating for all concerned. Fortunately there are wonderful human beings and professionals who do everything to help such patients. They even put their own well-being and health at risk. People like Mother Theresa and Bhagat Puran Singh are shining examples of this.



There are countless examples of such heroes who stand out as shining examples.

Skin diseases in general and leprosy in particular are dreadful diseases. In tropical countries

like India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Africa there are a lot of people suffering from skin diseases.

On Sunday, May 28, two representatives of a non-profit charitable organization, Effect Hope, Leprosy Mission of Canada visited India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas. Their main purpose was to create more awareness about these diseases.

Three members of our management committee-Balbir Jawanda, Mohan Singh Sandhu and Balwant Sanghera as well as our Giani Gurjot Singh- were pleased to learn that this organization is doing an excellent job in some countries of Asia, Africa and South America.

Skin diseases like leprosy are devastating. They destroy individuals and families. It has been reported that there are 1.7 billion people affected by these Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) around the globe.

Most of their victims are from poor disadvantaged families. We were told that this organization is exclusively serving these people. Effect Hope's representatives Deb Hopper, Director, Donor Development and Becky Hilbich, Major Donor Development Officer gave a detailed picture of this skin disease and its impact.

Hopper and Hilbich explained that in co-operation with other partners, Effect Hope delivers programs that address wellness in a holistic way. This includes physical and mental health, social well-being and breaking cycles of poverty. It serves people from all walks of life. They stated that Effect Hope partners with other global health organizations, local governments, and community leaders to prevent diseases and strengthen health-care systems across Asia and Africa.

Hopper and Hilbich explained in detail their work in countries like India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Africa and South America. It was a moving experience for us to listen to their stories, dedication and drive in helping those who have been isolated or abandoned by the society.

Effect Hope, The Legacy Mission of Canada, 2022 Annual Report states that with the help of donors and supporters, this organization has been making a positive global impact on hundreds of thousands of people around the world. Its numerous programs, efforts and initiatives have been giving new hope to countless victims of the skin disease and their families.

Before leaving; both of these special guests enjoyed a delicious vegetarian langar and thanked the Gurdwara management for a very warm welcome. We wish this organization well. Balwant Sanghera is the General Secretary of India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, Richmond, BC, Canada

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don Ogmundson. "Normally we'd expect to see a more persistent, negative impact from the last year of rising interest rates on sales. Instead sales staged an early recovery in the

spring returning to a normal pace of sales well ahead of schedule."

The average home price in BC has now recovered much of the decline over the past year and is now back over \$1 million for the first time since April 2022.

Year-to-date, BC residential sales dollar volume was down 33.9 per cent to \$30.8 billion, compared with the same period in 2022. Residential unit sales were down 28.1 per cent to 31,631 units, while the average MLS residential price was down 8.2 per cent to \$973,085.

Around the Province May 2023		
(year-over-year % change in italics)		
Board	Avg. Price (\$)	Unit Sales
BC Northern	418,776	430
	<i>-4.2</i>	<i>-18.1</i>
Chilliwack	811,397	377
	<i>-1</i>	<i>72.9</i>
Fraser Valley	1,091,235	1,651
	<i>2.9</i>	<i>26.1</i>
Greater Vancouver	1,315,617	3,411
	<i>2.8</i>	<i>15.7</i>
Okanagan	788,379	1,029
	<i>1.3</i>	<i>-3.3</i>
Kamloops	601,152	294
	<i>-6.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>
Kootenay	544,989	335
	<i>6</i>	<i>0.9</i>
South Peace River	309,359	29
	<i>6.2</i>	<i>-59.7</i>
Powell River	778,299	27
	<i>14.8</i>	<i>-32.5</i>
Vancouver Island	731,781	860
	<i>-12.9</i>	<i>2.3</i>
Victoria	1,018,619	748
	<i>-3.6</i>	<i>2.5</i>
British Columbia	1,019,145	9,191
	<i>3</i>	<i>9.9</i>

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12432 75 Avenue

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12986 68 AVE

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4216 240 ST

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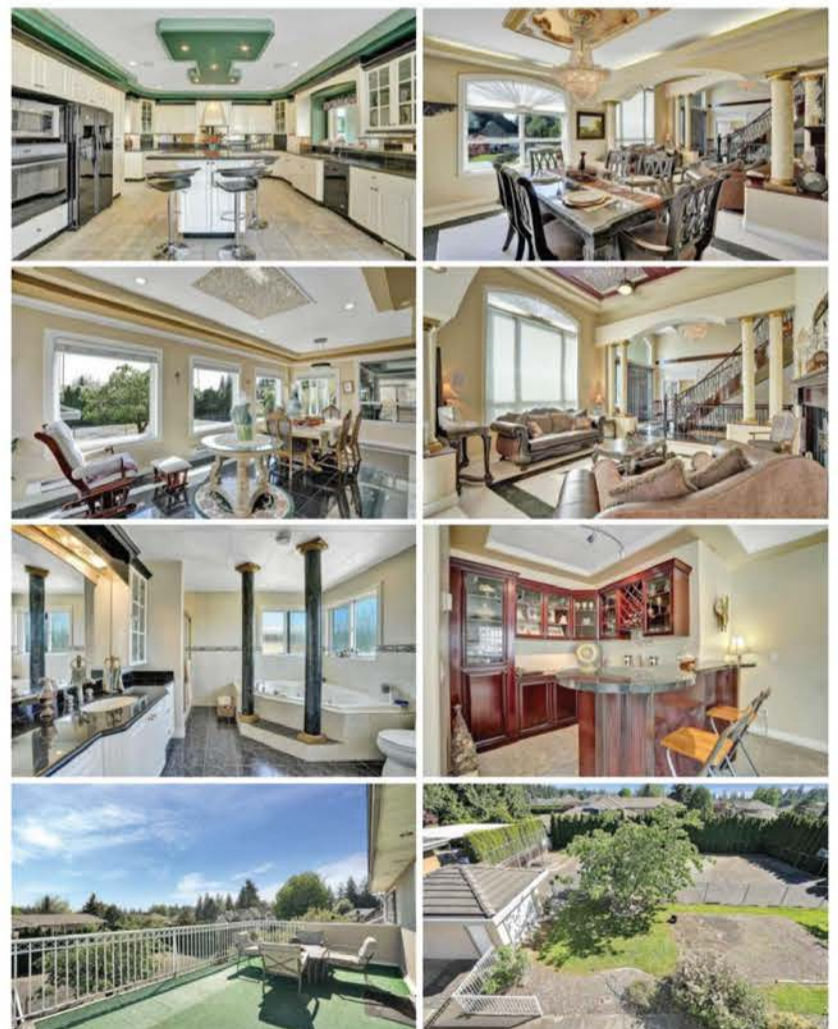
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Tarannum Thind Presents Chai With T Podcast

South Asian media personality, Tarannum Thind has launched a new Punjabi language podcast. Chai With T brings fascinating conversations with some of the most insightful people in the South Asian community to listeners all over the world. Chai With T is a bi-weekly podcast that focuses on engaging conversations with celebrities, trailblazing community members, and changemakers of all ages.

Guests converse on everything from life's big and small lessons, successes and failures, to vul-

nerable conversations around mental health, anxiety and wellness. "Now more than ever it's critical we address topics that are silent in the South Asian community," said Tarannum Thind. "With my many years of experience working in both television and radio I hope to touch on a variety of topics including Punjabi arts, lifestyle and culture."

Chai With T is geared towards the Punjabi



speaking community. The podcast helps bridge the gap between youth and their parents while fostering a safe space to have open conversations regarding taboo topics in the community. This podcast is meant to entertain, help educate, inspire and empower listeners to live life to the fullest.

Chai With T launched on May 5, 2023 with subsequent podcasts being released on alterna-

tive Wednesdays on a bi-weekly basis. Listeners can tune into episodes on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and YouTube.

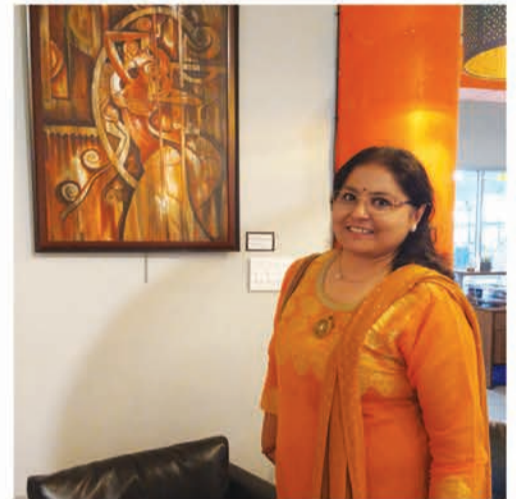
On June 22, 2023, South Asian women's networking group, Be Your Own Best Friend Network is hosting a Chai and Chat speaker series with Tarannum Thind in Surrey. At this interactive event, Tarannum will have an opportunity to share her journey as an immigrant and how she's navigated the hurdles with the highs and lows and successfully launched her podcast. Pre-registration required.

Jagrup Brar Presented With Appreciation Award



On behalf of the Steering Committee for the Dr. Ambedkar International Symposium on Emancipation, Jai Birdi met Jagrup Brar, Minister of State for Trade and presented appreciation award for his support to the symposium hosted in April 2023. The meeting was to follow up on the recommendations of the symposium to explore pathways for enhancing diversity in trade between BC and India. "Minister Brar and CEO Anita Huberman (Surrey Board of Trade) are both very open and receptive to hosting a dialogue. Plans are being developed to host a session to further explore entrepreneurship as a pathway for emancipation," Birdi said.

Art on Display



Artist Rupa Ajith's painting Akriti- Beauty Redefined, is on display along with others in an exhibition at ClubHouse Coworking in New Westminster.

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14317 31A AVENUE, SURREY



Architectural elegance at its finest; this West Vancouver-inspired property is located within the prestigious Elgin Park Estates neighborhood in South Surrey. This extravagant home portrays the unique blend of timeless sophistication and secluded park-style living. Sitting on approximately 14,000 sqft of land, this property offers 6488 sqft of luxurious living space; meticulous by design, it features four opulent bedrooms upstairs and similarly one spacious bedroom on the main floor. The kitchen is equipped with Miele appliances throughout and features a beautiful transparent wine cabinet. Furthermore, the property possesses an abundance of outdoor entertainment space in conjunction with a designated theatre room, gymnasium, games room, and bar. Call now to book your private showing!

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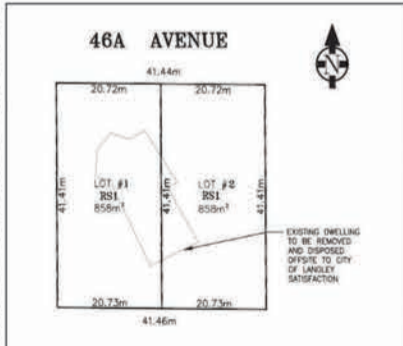
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\$35 Million Fundraising Campaign For Urologic Sciences

VANCOUVER, BC: Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) and UBC Hospital Foundation has announced the launch of their Urologic Sciences campaign, with the goal of raising \$35 million.

The funds raised will be used primarily to amplify clinical care, research, and education across urologic sciences, bringing improved care to BC patients in areas including prostate, kidney and bladder cancer, kidney stones, bladder and female pelvic health, kidney transplant, sexual and reproductive health and adolescent transitional urology.

According to a release by VGH, with support from over 30 local business leaders and philanthropists, the campaign has already raised over \$25 million.

Vancouver Coastal Health's VGH is the provincial referral site for complex urologic care and the only research and training centre of its kind in BC. For over 30 years, the Vancouver Prostate Centre (VPC) at VGH has received national and international recognition for their work in basic and clinical research.

The team is now looking to build upon VPC's global success to broaden their reach and impact across a full range of urological conditions affecting men, women and children. The long-term vision is to create a broad-reaching Institute of Urologic Sciences, comprising of a collection of research centres with different specialties, that will provide patients in BC and beyond access to the very best medical experts, diagnostics,



Dr. Martin Gleave, Director at Vancouver Prostate Centre

therapies, research trials and state-of-the-art technologies.

"We have a track record of success that has earned us a reputation as a globally respected cancer research and treatment centre," said Dr. Martin Gleave, Director at Vancouver Prostate Centre and Head, Department of Urologic Sciences at UBC. "Now, with the lift of philanthropy, we can extend our research model and strategies across other urologic conditions, magnify our impact and translate seminal discoveries into lifesaving therapies. The funds raised from this Urologic Sciences campaign will support the recruitment of top talent from around the world. We have a vision to continue to expand urologic care and research capabilities right here in BC. An in-

vestment into our clinicians and scientists today is an investment in that future vision."

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For more information and to donate visit vghfoundation.ca/urology

New Long-Term Care Home Coming To Delta

DELTA - More people in Delta and surrounding area will have access to high-quality long-term care as Fraser Health prepares to build a new care community with 200 beds.

"Ensuring seniors across B.C. have confidence that when they age, they will receive care services that will allow them to stay healthy, active and safe in their community is a priority for our government," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "That's why we continue to take meaningful action and invest in care homes, like the one in Delta, to ensure people have access to home-like care in the community."

Fraser Health will construct and operate the long-term care community on vacant land at the Delta Hospital site. The project is in the procurement phase with construction expected to begin in 2025 and be complete in 2027. During the design phase, First Nations will partner with Fraser Health to design a culturally safe care home.

The new care homes will replace the 92 beds at Mountain View Manor, which is 46 years old, and add 108 new beds. The facility will be designed as "households" accommodating 12 or 13 residents. Each res-

ident will have a single-bed room with a bathroom.

The new facility will include the social and recreational spaces found in a typical home, such as a living room, dining room, activity space and access to the outdoors. As well, an innovative stand-alone child daycare facility will be constructed and offer 49 spaces for families.

This new care community model takes lessons learned during COVID-19 into account with designs using the new best-practice infection-control standards and improves pandemic resiliency while being culturally sensitive to serve a diverse population.

There will also be community spaces and services for residents, families, visitors and staff, including art and activity rooms, a hair salon, a sacred space and a 32-space adult day program for people living more independently.

The capital costs are funded with \$179.7 million from the Ministry of Health. The care community will be constructed, owned and operated by Fraser Health. The Delta Hospital and Community Health Foundation has also committed to raise \$18.5 million for the project.

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BC United Calls for Ban on Open Drug Use in Public Spaces Frequented By Children

LANGFORD, BC: The BC United Leader Kevin Falcon and Langford-Juan de Fuca candidate Elena Lawson shared their concerns about the NDP's rushed decriminalization plan and the impact of open drug use in public spaces frequented by children.

"With children across the province mere weeks from starting their summer break, David Eby's NDP continues to put our kids at risk by refusing to ban open drug use at parks, playgrounds and beaches," said Falcon. "Instead of fighting local government attempts to restrict open drug use, David Eby needs to listen to parents, municipalities and the Opposition and act immediately to protect our children."

Every day in British Columbia, parents, fear their children will encounter needles and drugs in parks and playgrounds due to the Premier's reckless decision to permit the open use of illicit drugs like crystal meth, crack cocaine, and fentanyl, said Lawson.

"As a mother of two young boys, I firmly believe that children deserve safe spaces for exploring and learning," said Lawson. "Our children should not be exposed to illicit drug paraphernalia at their favourite outdoor play areas. The NDP's rushed decriminalization plan has put

our kids at risk."

In response to the pressing issue of public safety, numerous communities across British Columbia have taken it upon themselves to address concerns independently by implementing bylaws to provide law enforcement with the necessary tools to combat open drug use in public spaces frequented by children. However, rather than supporting these local community efforts, the NDP, through health authorities, have pushed back against these efforts. BC United Leader Kevin Falcon is advocating for a province-wide solution.

"I'm calling on David Eby and the NDP to call back the Legislature and immediately pass province-wide legislation to ban the open use of drugs in public places like parks, beaches, and playgrounds," said Falcon. "BC United is prepared to return to Victoria to keep our kids safe."

In addition to the call for a province-wide ban on open drug use in public spaces, BC United has initiated a petition to exert further pressure on David Eby and the NDP, urging them to take immediate action to protect the safety of children.

To learn more about BC United's petition to ban open drug use in public spaces, please visit: votebcunited.ca/ban-open-drug-use/

School Children Release Hundreds of Butterflies at Surrey Centre Cemetery

Over 250 students from AJ McLellan Elementary School participated in the eighth annual Butterfly Release Celebration yesterday at Surrey Centre Cemetery. The annual event is part of the Grade One lifecycle curriculum at AJ McLellan, educating students on the cycle of life. For weeks, 11 classrooms raised butterflies from egg, to chrysalis, to adult butterfly and learned about their environmental impact before releasing them at the cemetery.

Butterfly gardens effectively attract and sustain other insects and organisms. Their larvae provide food for birds, mammals and other wildlife. In return, those birds and mammals help keep gardens free from pests.



"The idea behind the event is to teach children about the cycle of life and enhance connections between the community and the neighbouring cemetery," said Yalda Asadian, City of Surrey Manager of Community Enhancement. "This event opens

up conversations around life and death - an important and sometimes neglected topic among parents and teachers." Visit Surrey Cemeteries online for more information. Surrey Centre Cemetery is located at 16671 Old McLellan Road.

City Reminds Residents That Open Burning In Any Kind Is Banned In Surrey

SURREY: As we enter the summer season, the Surrey Fire Service wants to remind its citizens and visitors that as of May 1, 2023, open burning, of any kind, is banned in the city. Seasonally high temperatures and dry weather conditions present an increased risk of brush fires & nuisance smoke throughout the City of Surrey. Fire Service responses to brush/grass fire incidents continue to trend higher than the five-year average. Last year between May 1, 2022, and Nov 1, 2022, we attended over 525 brush/grass fire incidents. Open burning including backyard fires and beach fires are not allowed in the City of Sur-

rey. Any fire service attendance to an open burning complaint will require extinguishment and may be subject to cost recovery. Natural gas, propane or charcoal briquettes are permitted as long as they are being used in ULC/CSA-approved devices for that particular product. Charcoal briquettes are allowed on private property but may be prohibited (when the fire danger rating is at high or extreme) in city parks and on city beaches. For detailed information you can visit our website at <https://www.surrey.ca/about-surrey/surrey-fire-service/burning-regulations-and-permits>.

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Rahul Bose Reveals He Is Not Doing Jee Lee Zara: Definitely Not Part Of The Project

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responsibility like that which is important then you do it. Not because time or sab kar rahe hain toh karlo (everyone is doing it so you should too)."

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that choice. The generation before would always think 'yeh time ho gaya to yeh kar lo (It's time so get married)' etc. Apart from scientifically a biological block, there is nothing really else going against you as a woman. So suddenly I have realized that my ideas then were so people friendly, they weren't my ideas. I only discovered my ideas when I turned 30," the actor further added.

Tamannaah's latest release Jee Karda released on Thursday. She will be next seen in Netflix's Lust Stories 2.

It stars her with Vijay Varma for the first time.

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Adipurush First Reactions Are Here And Fans Call It Prabhas' Best Film Yet

Prabhas and Kriti Sanon's Adipurush released on June 16 in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada languages. Fans have been thronging to theatres to watch the drama that is based on the epic Ramayana. It features Prabhas as Raghava and Kriti Sanon as Janaki. Adipurush also stars Saif Ali Khan as the antagonist Lankesh. Some of those, who watched Adipurush on its opening day, took to Twitter to share their reactions and reviews. One even called it Prabhas' 'best film' yet.



Prabhas and Kriti Sanon film have been positive. One Twitter user was in 'awe' of Prabhas, and wrote, "What a performance, goosebumps!" A person also tweeted, "This has to be Prabhas' best film yet..."

Another praised the whole Adipurush team, writing, "Fantastic performances from Prabhas and Kriti as Raghava and Janaki. Hanuma, Sugriva, Lakshmana support and help conquer Lanka. Saif is terrific as Ravana. He is ferocious and no one can fulfill this role. Kudos to Om Raut."

Another tweeted, "Some frames in the climax are too good. An epic story told in a tremendous way. Main leads' performances are too good. VFX is partially okay. Hanuman scenes are worth watching on repeat!"

Many reacted to a tweet that said, "Fans say they got Pushpa Raj's Allu Arjun cameo in Prabhas's Adipurush in theaters on day 1." The meme compared a character from Adipurush to Allu Arjun's Pushpa. In response, a person said, "This is funny (laughing emoji)... no offence though!"

The mythological drama was released in theatres on June 16. It has been produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Om Raut, Prasad Sutar, and Rajesh Nair.



Priyanka Chopra Reveals She 'Leaned On' Nick Jonas While Filming Citadel



Actor Priyanka Chopra, who welcomed her daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas last year, has spoken about balancing her family and career. In a new interview, Priyanka revealed that she 'leaned on' her husband-singer Nick Jonas and he 'came through' when she was filming her spy series Citadel. She also added that having a sense of balance with one's partner and family is very important.

Priyanka and Nick Jonas got married in a Christian and a Hindu ceremony in Jodhpur's Umaid Bhawan Palace on December 1 and 2 in 2018. Later, the couple also hosted two receptions in Delhi and Mumbai. In January 2022, the two announced that they welcomed daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, via surrogacy.

In an interview with Ocean Drive, Priyanka said, "Having a sense of balance with your partner and your family is very important to be able to pull that off. I leaned on my husband, and he came through when I was filming the series (Citadel), but work-life balance is really important. This is my career, and this is what I do for a living. But being able to find the time to prioritise what's important is crucial."

Priyanka also said, "I feel like I still have a long way to go in my English language work or in Hollywood. I would love to be able to delve deep into my acting work in this part of the world."

Priyanka and Nick have been enjoying some family time in Liverpool. Recently, the actor shared pictures on Instagram from her recent trip with Nick, daughter Malti, mother Madhu Chopra, and her mother-in-law Denise Jonas. Priyanka captioned the post, "Magic.... family."

Priyanka was recently seen in Citadel, created by The Russo Brothers. The action-packed show revolves around two elite agents Mason Kane (Richard Madden) and Nadia Sinh (Priyanka) of the global spy agency Citadel. Priyanka will be seen with Alia Bhatt and Katrina Kaif in Jee Le Zaraa. The film will be directed by Farhan Akhtar.

She also has the upcoming movie Heads of State in the pipeline. The film comes from Amazon Studios, the banner behind Priyanka's series Citadel. Ilya Naishuller will helm the project which also stars Idris Elba and John Cena.

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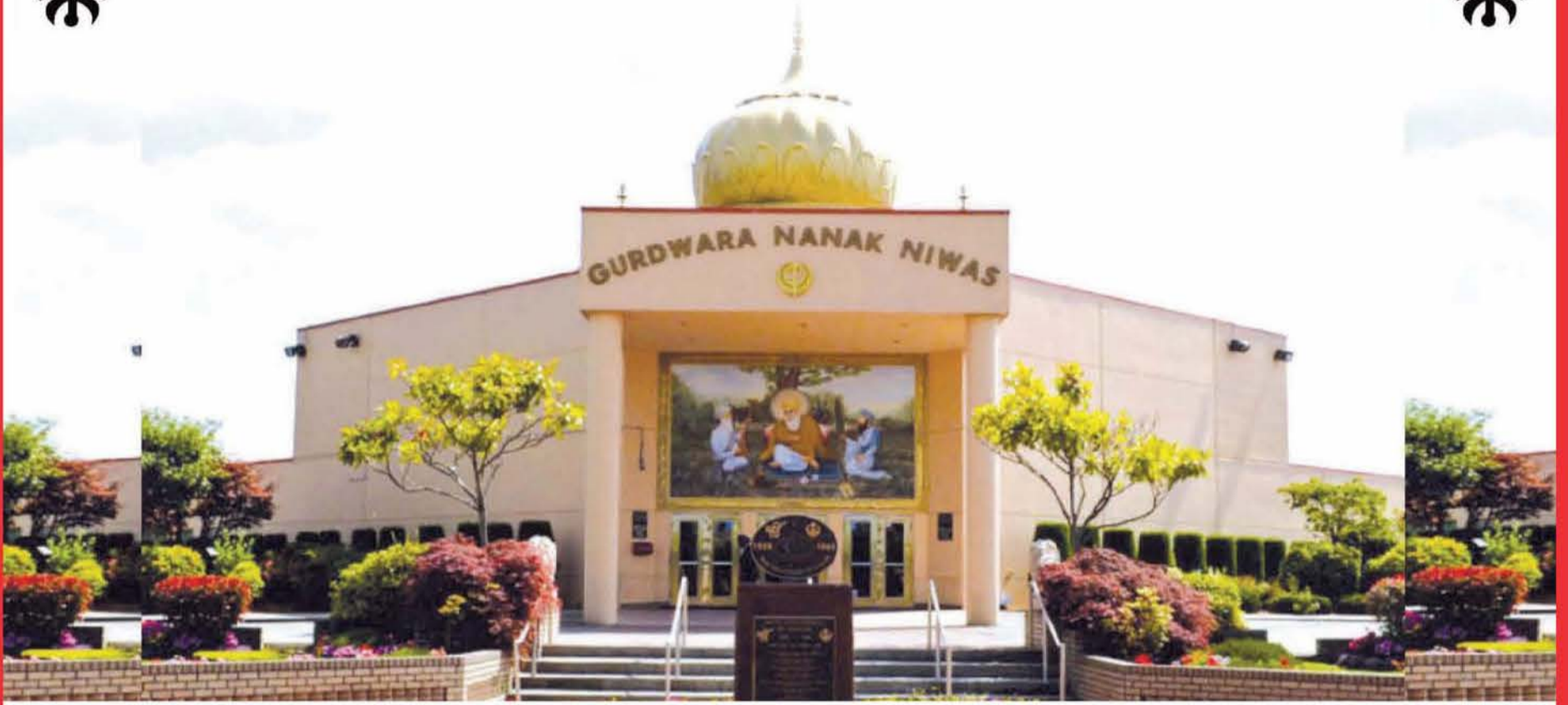









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Taapsee Pannu

On Camps And Power Play In Bollywood

Actor Taapsee Pannu talks about the existing camps in Bollywood and how she was always prepared for the unfair games that she will become a target of in her career.

In her recent interviews, Priyanka Chopra Jonas had made some shocking revelations about the existence of camps in Bollywood, and her experiences that point towards the dark side of showbiz. And now, Taapsee Pannu, who recently completed 10 years in the Hindi film industry, has a similar story to tell about Bollywood, though she refrains from nitpicking on comments and asserts that she has "maintained my own stand on it".

She tells us, "Yes, Bollywood camps isn't something that people don't know about. It's been there since forever. It can be basis an actor's friend circle, a certain agency or group that they're a part of and people's loyalties differ based on that."

However, she prefers not holding any grudge against the industry or blames it for being biased [towards outsiders]. "Everyone should have the right to choose whosoever they want to work with, or have in their films. I can't blame them for thinking about their own careers," opines the actor, who was seen in *Blurr*, *Dobaaraa*, *Shabaash Mithu* and *Loop Lapeta* last year.

While she admits it's a constant fight for an outsider like her to stay relevant, the Haseen Dillruba (2021) actor says she doesn't let it make her a "bitter person" because she was always aware of the unfair nature of the industry.

"I never came with a point of view that it's going to be all fair in the film industry. I always knew it's going to be biased. So why crib about it now?" she questions, and adds, "For me, rule of the game is that it's going to be unfair. The tide is going to be against you most of the time. And if after all that, you still decide to be a part of this industry, then it's your choice and you can't complain about it later."

Having said that, what gives her a sense of relief and the courage to keep moving forward is the realisation that life in general is biased to everyone in some way or the other.

She explains, "Forget about this industry... I don't know of any profession, apart from sports probably, where camp and favouritism does not exist, at least to some extent. The results are fair and square, and proportional to ones talent. It's not dependent on luck."

With films such as *Dunki*, *Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba* and *Woh Ladki Hai Kahaan?* lined-up for release this year, Pannu stresses how this discussion is nothing new and outsiders, including her, have time and again talked about the struggle to make their way in Bollywood.

"To become a part of this industry, you first get a foot in the door, and if you manage to do so, there is a struggle to be able to make your presence felt. You have to struggle to prove yourself with every film. It's not like you have one successful film and the next 10 years are sorted for you. It does not happen like that with people who come to this industry with no background. We have to consistently keep doing good work to be able to have a standing of our own," she concludes.

Vicky Kaushal film earns Rs.63 crore in 2 weeks, to face competition from Adipurush now

Laxman Utekar's small-town romantic comedy *Zara Hatke Zara Bachke* has garnered a total of ₹63 crore at the box office in its two-week run, so far. The film starring Vicky Kaushal and Sara Ali Khan has maintained a constant stronghold on numbers across a fortnight.

Directed by Laxman Utekar, *Zara Hatke*

Zara Bachke features Vicky Kaushal and Sara Ali Khan in the lead. The film released in theatres on June 2. Co-produced by Maddock Films and Jio Studios, *Zara Hatke Zara Bachke* also stars Inaamulhaq, Sushmita Mukherjee, Neeraj Sood, Rakesh Bedi and Sharib Hashmi.

Taking to Twitter, trade analyst Taran Adarsh wrote, "*Zara Hatke Zara Bachke* puts up a



healthy score in week 2... Shows no signs of fatigue or slowdown on weekdays... HIT... [Week 2] Friday ₹3.42 crore, Saturday ₹5.76 crore, Sunday ₹7.02 crore, Monday ₹2.70 crore, Tuesday ₹2.52 crore, Wednesday ₹2.25 crore, Thursday ₹1.98 crore. Total: ₹63 crore. India biz (business) box office."

Zara Hatke Zara Bachke made ₹37.35 in its opening week and the second week has fared fairly well

too, with a total of ₹25.65 crore.

Zara Hatke Zara Bachke is sure to face stiff competition from Om Raut's epic saga *Adipurush*, an interpretation of Ramayana, starring Prabhas as Rama, Kriti Sanon as Sita and Saif Ali Khan as Ravana.

Taran Adarsh added that while the number of screens for *Zara Hatke Zara Bachke* has reduced considerably thanks to *Adipurush*, it's likely to show increased earnings over the weekend, given the film's solid word of mouth and its consistent run during the weekdays.

As quoted by news agency PTI, Vicky had said, "The film was narrated to us right after the second wave of Covid-19 when the situation was a lot more tense. It was like, 'What will happen to Bollywood? What kind of films are coming, not coming?' Then a simple story like this came to me. I just knew this will connect with people."

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BC Demographic...

The racism is still part of the system, he said. "But we need to be alert. And work to eliminate the systematic racism that exists. This Survey is important in recognizing those barriers and will help in closing those gaps."

While it may seem similar to other demographic surveys, the province says it's not. "While we do collect some personal information to deliver services in B.C., in general, we do not ask for or collect information on race, ethnicity, faith or similar identity factors. This means that we don't have data on where specifically people face barriers when using government services."

Balbir Gurm, a nursing professor at Kwantlen Polytechnic university, who was present on the occasion, said that Data collection was a good first step but we have to act fast after we have the data in hand.

Also, when asked how does government plan to address racism with just data collection and not recording any personal experiences, she said, "These questions were chosen based on what we heard from Indigenous, Black and other racialized communities during engagement on the Anti-Racism Data Act. Findings from the BC Human Rights Commissioner's report, The Grandmother Perspective were also used to shape the questions and the focus on institutional or systemic racism."

But the province wants to hear about your experience. "In 2024 we will be introducing broader anti-racism legislation which will require government to address the inequities uncovered by this demographic survey. You can add your voice to the development of that legislation by taking the short online questionnaire."

The results of the survey along with updates on how we're using this information will be available in early 2024 on this website.

The survey is available online at: <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey>. People without access to a computer or smartphone can take the survey by calling toll-free: 1 833 376-2452.

While the survey is voluntary, everyone, regardless of ethnicity, is encouraged to take it. The more people who complete the survey, the better and more accurate the data to identify, then eliminate, systemic racism in B.C. government services.



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