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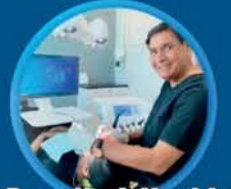
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Province's 'Groundbreaking' Efforts to Cure Surrey's Healthcare Called Insufficient

BC's premier David Eby and health Minister Adrian Dix were in Surrey to break ground on the second promised hospital. While many welcomed the news, many called it an insufficient effort compared to the rapidly growing population of Surrey.



Province broke ground on second Surrey hospital. Construction of this new hospital and cancer center is anticipated to be completed in 2029 and open in 2030. The total cost of the project is anticipated to be \$2.88 billion.

Surrey's new hospital will be built beside the Kwantlen Polytechnic University campus at 5500 180 Street. The new Surrey hospital will have inpatient beds, an emergency department, operating rooms, laboratory and diagnostic services, and outpatient services, with a state-of-the-art BC Cancer Care Centre.

Anita Huberman, President & CEO, Surrey Board of Trade, said, "While we wait for this hospital to be built, exponen-

tial population growth continues." Surrey needs more health infrastructure.

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Hundreds of health-care workers, politicians, business leaders and Surrey residents rallied at Surrey's Civic Plaza on September 9 to voice their concerns about the state of health care in the region.

Indo-Canadian Artists Begin A New Musical Journey



Warner Music Canada and Warner Music India have come together to launch a new joint venture, 91 NORTH RECORDS, aimed at supporting artists of South Asian heritage. 91 NORTH RECORDS' first signings are Canadian-based Punjabi stars Karan Aujla and Jonita Gandhi. The new entity will be guided by renowned artist and producer, Ikky, who has come onboard as Creative Director. Aujla released his new album Making Memories last month and over the last five years has become one of the scene's biggest artists. Since his first major hit "Don't Worry" in 2018, he's received almost three billion views on YouTube, has garnered over one billion audio streams and eight million followers across his social media channels, Warner Music Canada says. (Read the full story on Page 15)

Community Outraged Over Kelowna High School Sikh Student Bear/Pepper Spray Incident

SURREY: A 17-year-old Sikh student was bear/pepper sprayed by another teenage male after exiting a public transit bus on his way home. According to Kelowna RCMP, the incident took place on September 11th, 2023 at the intersection of Rutland Rd S and Robson Rd E. The police said, "Just prior to the bear spray incident, there was an altercation on the bus resulting in those involved being directed off of the bus. After exiting the bus, a second incident occurred where the suspect male deployed bear spray on the victim."

While the effects of bear spray are extremely painful and may only be temporary, the effects of this young man's decisions will last much much

longer. "We condemn any acts of violence in our community and are thoroughly investigating this matter," the police said. The police with the help of bystanders identified and arrested the youth male involved in the incident. The youth was in custody to appear in court for a bail hearing. Investigators will be conducting video analysis and reviewing additional evidence to determine what transpired on the bus prior to all parties being directed off the bus, said Cpl. Michael Gauthier i/c Media Relation Unit. "This evidence will be important for police and prosecutors to understand what led up to the assault with a weapon and the motivation for the crime."

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"Just Write A Cheque ... She Had Limited Value" Seattle Police Officer's Body Camera Footage Reveals Disparaging Remarks About Indian Student Killed By Police Speeding

The officer can be heard in the footage laughing about 23-year-old Jaahnavi Kandula, who was killed by police speeding through a Seattle's crosswalk in January.

A disturbing video of a US police officer's phone call conversation regarding an Indian student accident has shocked everyone.

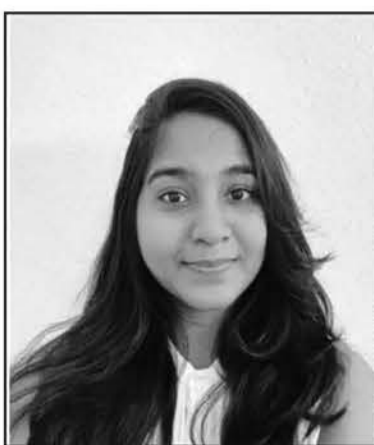
An international student from India Jaahnavi Kandula was killed in January after she was struck by a police vehicle driven by an Officer.

The Seattle Police Department released footage Monday from Officer Daniel Auderer's body camera. In bodycam footage released on Monday by the Seattle Police Department. According to media reports, Auderer left his body camera on after responding to the South Lake Union neighborhood, where

a marked patrol vehicle driven by another officer struck and killed Jaahnavi Kandula on Jan. 23. That officer had been responding to a "priority one call," police said a day after the incident, when he hit Kandula, 23, who had been in a crosswalk.

In the clip, Auderer, the vice-president of the Seattle Police Officers Guild, was on a call with the guild's president. Auderer is heard explaining in the video how the woman was at the crosswalk when she was hit by the police car. She hit the windshield and she flew of the car. "But she is dead," he says.

He laughed several times, saying at one point, she is some regular person, he says, "Yeah, just write a cheque. Eleven thousand dollars. She was 26 anyway, she had limited value," Auderer says in the video.



Kandula, who was from India, had been pursuing her graduate degree at Northeastern University in Seattle, according to a GoFundMe that was launched to support her family.

A Seattle police watchdog agency has launched an investigation after bodycam footage emerged. Seattle Police Department while



releasing the video said in a statement, "The video was identified in the routine course of business by a department employee, who, concerned about the nature of statements heard on that video, appropriately escalated their concerns through their chain of command to the Chief's Office which, following a

review of the video, referred the matter to OPA for investigation into the context in which those statements were made and any policy violation that might be implicated. ."

The Accountability Ordinance is clear in seeking to preserve the integrity of OPA investigations: "While any incident of public concern is under OPA, SPD or OIG review, no City employee should comment, either in their official or personal capacity, in a way that suggests that any factual, policy, or legal conclusions have been reached about the incident." SPD has been in touch with the family of the victim pedestrian and continues to honor their expressed request for privacy. As others in the accountability system proceed with their work, we again extend our deepest sympathy for this tragic collision."

Mayor Locke Faces Backlash After Disappointing Remarks On SPS

Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke is facing backlash and a demand for her resignation from the Police board after she made a public statement citing a "lack of confidence" in Surrey Police Service chief Norm Lipinski.

In an interview to a news channel, Locke said she has seen no plan to move forward with the transition from the RCMP to the SPS, and expressed concerns with the province as well as the police board and SPS.

"Do we have confidence in the Surrey Police Board and the Surrey police chief? No, we don't," Locke said. "So until...that

trust and that faith from the Surrey police has been developed with the city, I can't see a move forward."

Surrey Police Board, City Councillors Doug Elford and Mandeep Nagra condemned the Mayor's comments calling them "irresponsible", "disrespectful" and "detrimental."

In a statement, the Surrey Police Board's executive director Melissa Granum, said that the board has "significant concerns" with the mayor's remarks.

"The Surrey Police Board feels the comments made by Mayor Locke were unwarranted and are not reflective of the

work being done by Board members or Chief Lipinski's exceptional leadership throughout this policing transition."

"Norm Lipinski is a dedicated public servant who has risen to a very difficult challenge in building and transitioning a large police agency. The Board stands behind the Chief, and our confidence in him has not wavered."

When City Council indicated its desire to return to the contracted policing services of the RCMP in the fall of 2022, the transition was essentially paused until the summer of 2023 when the provincial Public Safety Minister made a final, binding decision

under Section 2 of the Police Act to continue the transition to SPS. Because of this pause, existing agreements and plans expired and, to date, those multi-party plans have neither been renewed nor replaced with new plans, Granum explained.

Also Councillor Elford and Nagra issued a scathing rebuke of Mayor Locke's comments. In a joint statement, they called Mayor Locke's leadership into question, citing her comments as both disrespectful to the dedicated men and women of the Surrey Police Service (SPS) and detrimental to the trust and unity for public safety within our community.

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City Of Surrey Breaks Ground On New Strawberry Hill Community Hall



Mayor Brenda Locke, members of Surrey City Council and architect Natalie Copping from 04Architecture celebrate the groundbreaking of the Strawberry Hill Community Hall on Sept. 12 in Newton.

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Construction has begun on the new Strawberry Hill Community Hall following a small groundbreaking event held on the site today on the perimeter of R.A. Nicholson Park in the Strawberry Hill neighbourhood of west Newton. "I am thrilled to be breaking ground for the Strawberry Hill Community Hall," said Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke. "Losing this building was disappointing to so many people. While we can never get the original back, I'm pleased we can offer a new space to the Newton community to enjoy for decades to come. I look forward to celebrated welcoming residents into the new Hall when it opens next spring." In 2021, a fire destroyed the historic Strawberry Hill Hall that was currently under construction as part of a \$1.2M rehabilitation project that would have seen areas built for childcare and community rentals. Built in 1909, it was among the oldest community halls in Surrey. The construction contract was awarded to Jacob Bros Construction Inc. with funding confirmed through the City's five-

year capital budget and over \$425,000 in grant support through Province of B.C.'s ChildCare BC New Spaces Fund. The provincial funding provides funds to create new licensed quality, inclusive, community based affordable childcare programs. The grant will be used to support 18 child-aged before and after school care spaces, as well as 18 spaces for children aged three to kindergarten. In addition to childcare program, the facility will be used for community rental opportunities and include cultural programming on a regular basis. "We know, with Surrey's continued growth, the demand for child care will continue to grow as well," said Grace Lore, Minister of State for Child Care. "While it's never easy losing a historic landmark like the Strawberry Hill Hall, I'm glad we can partner with the City of Surrey as part of the rebuild to deliver much-needed services like access to affordable, quality, inclusive child care that families can rely on." The project is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2024.

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Man Charged For Triple Stabbing In Chinatown Had Long History Of Violence And Was Out On Day Pass

Blair Evan Donnelly, 64, was arrested and charged with three counts of aggravated assault following a triple stabbing in Chinatown this week.

The Chinatown tragic stabbing in which a husband and wife in their 60s and a woman in her early 20s were injured, brings back the debate of repeat offenders.

The alleged stabber, according to the police and media reports has a long history of violence.

In 2008, Donnelly was found not criminally responsible for killing his 16-year-old daughter Stephanie because of a mental disorder, and he was incarcerated at the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital in Coquitlam, B.C., CBC reported.

During an unescorted release from the Coquitlam facility in 2009, he stabbed a friend.



VPD Chief Adam Palmer and Mayor Ken Sim, along with several Chinatown community leaders, spoke about the incident

nity members.”

“I cannot fathom how someone who murdered his daughter was released in 2009, went out and stabbed somebody else, would then be released again, unaccompanied, [was] somehow able to go out and buy a knife, and then go to Chinatown and stab three people,” said Eby. According to the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) stabbings occurred just before 6 p.m. on September 11, when three festival-goers were attacked by a stranger near the festival’s stage, at Columbia and Keefer streets.

Vancouver was celebrating Light Up Chinatown festival.

VPD officers were nearby and responded immediately, providing aid to the victims and obtaining a description of the suspect from eye-witnesses. A man was taken into custody nearby and is currently being held at jail.

Vancouver’s Mayor Ken Sim released a statement saying every single person who lives in or visits the city has a right to feel safe. “To see individuals physically harmed by such senseless violence is heartbreaking,” he said.

“Our thoughts are with those who have been impacted by this act of violence. We wish all of those affected a speedy recovery, and offer our support to their families and loved ones,” he said.

He further added that the city will not allow this senseless act of violence to disrupt celebrations of “all that makes our city great, and we will work each and every day to ensure Vancouver is a place where people can live, work and thrive in a safe environment.”

At a news conference Monday morning, VPD Chief Const. Adam Palmer said the suspect was on a day pass from a forensic psychiatric institution at on the day of the stabbing.

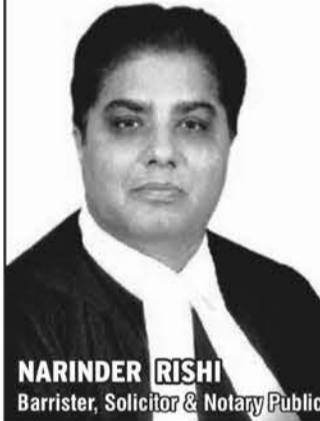
Vancouver Police Chief Palmer and Mayor Ken Sim were joined by community leaders Monday morning to speak about the disturbing incident.

He has a history with police and is not from Vancouver, Palmer added.

The stabbing shook the entire community. Premier David Eby said, “I am so angry. I am white-hot angry that this person was released unaccompanied into the community to have a devastating impact on all of the hard work of these commu-

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Khalistan Movement: What Justin Trudeau and Pierre Poilievre said



Narendra Modi

Justin Trudeau

On the side lines of the 18th Group of 20 Summit (G20 Summit) being held in Delhi, India, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi met. After the G-20 Summit meet concluded, PM Trudeau addressed a press conference in Delhi where he answered questions on Khalistan and said, "Canada will always defend freedom of expression, freedom of conscience, and freedom

of peaceful protest and it is extremely important to us.. at the same time we are always there to prevent violence and to push back against hatred. I think on the issue of the community, it is important to remember that the actions of the few do not represent the entire community or Canada. The flip side of it, we also highlighted the importance of respecting the rule of law and we did talk about foreign interference."



Pierre Poilievre

Conservative Party Leader Poilievre met with the members of the Punjabi Press Club of B.C. in Surrey this week. When a reporter from Omni TV asked him about his stand on Khalistan movement, Poilievre said, "Personally I believe in a united India, as I believe in a united Canada. But I believe people also have the freedom to disagree. If you

believe in Khalistan cause, you have the freedom to express yourself. Just like Quebec separatists have the freedom to express themselves in Canada. I want Canada to be the freest country on earth. You can express any opinion, even opinions I don't agree with, and those opinions have to be expressed peacefully, but they can be freely expressed."

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Province's 'Groundbreaking' Efforts to Cure...

"The BC government never gets tired of promoting a new hospital in Surrey," said Prof. Kuldip Pelia, Surrey Mayoral Candidate 2022, in an email. "I am glad that a new 168 bed hospital is coming to Surrey. But this won't solve the shortage of hospital beds in Surrey. After this hospital, we'll still be 932 beds short of the Canadian average. We need 2 more hospitals in Surrey."

On X, formerly known as Twitter, B.C. United Leader Kevin Falcon called the news from the NDP government a re-announcement, with the delays and a ballooning budget disappointing. "Eby and the NDP continue to fail residents of Surrey," he wrote.

Dr. Randeep Gill, an Emergency Room physician at Surrey Memorial Hospital (SMH) who has been advocating for more healthcare funding South of the Fraser, in a previous interview with The Link has appreciated these efforts but contended that they fall short of resolving the crisis. Despite the promised new hospital with over 150 acute care beds, he insists that this won't suffice for the province's fastest-growing community. Dr. Gill emphasizes that Surrey remains at 300 percent less capacity than Vancouver while dealing with an increasing immigrant and at-risk population.

A May report by the Surrey Hospitals Foundation (SHF) reveals a stark contrast between Vancouver and Surrey's acute care bed availability. With a population of 662,000, Vancouver has access to over 3,000 beds, while Surrey, with a population of approximately 604,000, has only 634 beds—a ratio significantly below the Canadian average of 2.5 beds per thousand residents.

The report further indicates that Surrey struggles with one of the lowest ratios of community service beds per 1,000 residents in Canada. The availability of tertiary critical services at Surrey Memorial Hospital poses significant challenges. In 2021, 26,000 Surrey residents sought inpatient care at SMH, with an additional 15,000 forced to seek treatment elsewhere. Similarly, while SMH's Emergency Department attended to 137,000 patients, 82,000 Surrey residents had to go to other hospitals for emergency



care. Surgical services outside the community were also a common occurrence.

Gill organized a rally on September 9th to raise awareness about inadequate funding, resources, and healthcare infrastructure from the government South of the Fraser Region. Just a day before the rally, BC's Health Minister Adrian Dix was present at SMH to give an update on key projects announced by the Province in June to transform health care in Surrey. "OUR action got a reaction and we haven't even started!" he wrote on his social media account.

In June, the health minister announced that the province had identified short-term, long-term and medium-term strategies to improve care at – and even expand – Surrey's bustling and oft-embattled hospital.

"Since our renewed commitment in June, we've already made significant progress and are continuing the work to further support patients and the people delivering care at the hospital," Dix said Friday (Sept. 8) at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

Hundreds of health-care workers, politicians, business leaders and Surrey residents rallied at Surrey's Civic Plaza on September 9 to voice their concerns about the state of health care in the region.

The demonstration put a spotlight on five critical healthcare issues in the region like unbalanced resource allocation between the north and south of the Fraser; insufficient bed capacity and inadequate hospital infrastructure; lack of a health services plan aligned with demographics and evidence-based requirements; limited access to primary and community care services, including a shortage of family doctors; and

inadequate funding for specialized tertiary services like cardiac, trauma, maternity, pediatric, interventional radiology, and diagnostics.

Two days after the rally, the Province broke ground on a long-awaited and often-promised second hospital for the City of Surrey, B.C., with completion date in 2029.

"Surrey has been experiencing tremendous growth and people are struggling to get the health services they need while health-care workers are burning out," said Premier David Eby.

"We're taking urgent action while carefully planning for the future. As we break ground on the new, state-of-the-art Surrey hospital and cancer centre, work continues on immediate actions to improve health services in the region, so everyone gets the timely, high-quality health care they need."

Dix informed, "The second hospital in Surrey will bring 168 more hospital beds, including medical/surgical beds, high acuity beds and medical oncology beds, and a second emergency department for the community with 55 treatment spaces and access to specialists through virtual technologies."

But all the promises and actions of the government to cure the diminishing state of healthcare in Surrey were taken with a grain of salt.

"Health care is part of city building and economic infrastructure. There is still time to add these services into the second hospital," continued Huberman. "As it stands, there is no emergency plan that addresses how residents living south of the Fraser will access life-saving services in the event of a natural disaster."

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Community Outraged...

There is no doubt that the victim was bear sprayed and assaulted by the accused; this has been made quite clear."

While the police said the reason for the incident is under investigation, the World Sikh Organization of Canada explained in a press release, "In Monday's incident, the Sikh student, who has asked to remain anonymous, was waiting for a BC Transit Bus in front of Rutland Senior Secondary School around 3:45 pm. Two individuals approached the student and first barred his entry onto the bus and then, once allowing him to board, began to threaten him with a lighter and photograph and record him from a close distance with their phones. When the Sikh student turned away, the attackers' phone fell from their hands and they began to kick and punch the Sikh student in front of the bus driver. The bus driver did not intervene and in fact, ordered the Sikh student and his attackers off the bus at the Rutland and Robson stop."

After disembarking the bus, the Sikh student was pepper sprayed by his attackers and they continued to attack him, until bystanders intervened.

According to WSO, "The Sikh student is a recent newcomer to Canada and did not understand why he was attacked or the slurs and insults that were shouted at him during the incident."

WSO expressed deep concerns about the safety of Sikh students since this is the second attack on a Sikh student in Kelowna this year. In March, Gagandeep Singh was also violently attacked while riding a bus.

WSO Vice President for British Columbia Guntaas Kaur said, "Monday's attack on a Sikh high school student in Kelowna is shocking and unacceptable. What is incredibly disappointing is that the BC Transit bus driver did not intervene and in fact removed both the attackers and the victim from the bus, leaving the Sikh student to fend for himself. The Sikh high school student is recovering from his injuries and from the pepper spray but cannot understand why he was assaulted. He is afraid to return to school for fear of being attacked again. This is unfortunately the second attack on a Sikh student in Kelowna this year."

"We call on the RCMP to investigate this incident fully and bring the attackers to justice. We also call on BC Transit to investigate why the driver in this incident did nothing to stop the attack and by removing the victim from the bus, allowed the attack to continue," she said.



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Film On Honour Killing Of Indo-Canadian Jassi Sidhu In Punjab Debuts At Toronto Film Fest

Directed by Hollywood director Tarsem Singh, 'Dear Jassi', the story of honour killing of Jassi Sidhu in Punjab in June 2000 for marrying a village boy against her family's wishes, premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival this week.

The film retells the tragedy of 24-year-old Jassi Sidhu who fell in love with Sukhwinder Sidhu alias Mithu, a kabaddi player of the same Sidhu clan, while visiting her mother's village in Punjab.

Born at Maple Ridge near Vancouver, Jassi was murdered by her mother's hired killers near Jagraon in Punjab while her husband was left for dead.

Opening with sufi poet Bulleh Shah's 'Kamli', the film brilliantly recreates the tragic events of June 2000, beginning with the Indo-Canadian girl (played by Pavia Sidhu)



falling in love with the rugged Punjab boy (played by Yugam Sood) during her first trip to Punjab.

The film has also been selected in the official competition category for this year's BFI London Film Festival, starting early next month.

Directed by India-born filmmaker Tarsem Singh Dhandwar, the film also marks a debut for producer Sanjay Grover – the son of



Bollywood actor Gulshan Grover, who was representing him at the Canadian screenings while his son was busy with a shoot in London.

"This is a heart-wrenching love story and my friend, director Tarsem, has done an extraordinary job," said Gulshan Grover in a message from Toronto.

"Also, it's a very special moment for me because 'Dear Jassi' is a film produced by

my son Sanjay, his first independent film after working at Hollywood studios," he said.

In the '90s, on a trip to visit her extended family in Jagraon, Jassi (Pavia Sidhu) meets Mithu (Yugam Sood), a sweet rickshaw driver who lives down the street. She quickly falls for him, but their time is cut short as Jassi is expected to return with her mother to their home in Canada. The sweethearts begin exchanging love letters, and Mithu starts making travel plans. But when Jassi sees her family lash out at one of her cousin's suitors, she realizes there's no easy way to pursue their relationship. As their romance continues, we become so invested in their sincere and intimate love story that it's easy to forget what terrifying consequences could await them.

BC Caps Annual Rent Increase At 3.5%

VICTORIA, BC: Rent increases in B.C. are now capped at 3.5 per cent for 2024, according to a September 11 announcement by the Ministry of Housing.

According to the ministry, for the second consecutive year, B.C.'s maximum allowable rent increase is being set below the inflation rate.

"Across the country, costs have been increasing - especially for housing - at a rate that's unsustainable for many people," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing. "We know that's the case for both landlords and renters, and that's why we've found a balance to protect renters while helping to

keep rental units on the market." If a landlord served a tenant with a Notice of Rent Increase that takes effect in 2023 using the 2024 annual allowable rent increase, it is null and void and the tenant does not have to pay it. They must follow the set rent increase for 2023.

The maximum allowable rent increase is defined by the 12-month average percent change in the all-items Consumer Price Index for B.C. ending in July the year prior to the calendar year for which a rent increase takes effect. For example, if a rent increase takes effect in 2025, the maximum allowable rent increase is the 12-month average per-cent change in the

all-items Consumer Price Index for B.C. ending in July 2024.

According to Kahlon, the rent cap of 3.5% is well below the 12-month average inflation rate of 5.6% and applies to rent increases with an effective date on or after Jan. 1, 2024. "If landlords choose to increase rent, they must provide a full three months' notice to tenants using the correct Notice of Rent Increase form. B.C. landlords can increase rent only once every 12 months."

The 2024 maximum increase for manufactured-home park tenancies will be 3.5%, plus a proportional amount for the change in local government levies and regulated utility fees.

"With renters facing a possible rent increase of almost 6%, the government listened to the voice of renters and acted, and I'm so glad they have," said Spencer Chandra Herbert, Premier's Special liaison for Renters, former chair of the Rental Housing Task Force and MLA for Vancouver-West End. "We also know people renting out homes are facing increased costs and want to make sure they continue to make places available for long-term renters."

In addition, the government provided the Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) with \$15.6 million in additional funding to improve services and reduce delays. The



Ravi Kahlon,
Minister of Housing

capacity of the RTB's Compliance and Enforcement Unit was also increased to allow for earlier interventions and to eliminate the need for hearings in the first place.

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BC United Wants To Fill 500 Police Vacancies And End Drug Decriminalization Under Its Safer Bc Plan

VANCOUVER, BC: BC United leader Kevin Falcon announced his "Safer B.C." plan to ensure public safety in BC if he is elected as the next premier of the province.

According to Falcon, NDP has continuously failed in fulfilling one of its fundamental duties — keeping people safe. "The endless cycle of chronic repeat offenders, arrested and released without consequences, has emboldened criminals and left British Columbians living in fear," he said.

He said the BC United led government would immediately pursue various initiatives to make BC safer.

To fill 500 police vacancies across the province aggressively, will be one of the major actions. "Aggressively fill existing police vacancies by accelerating investments to ensure local police agencies have the resources they need to attract and retain more officers, such as hiring bonuses

and housing allowances to offset the high cost of living in many jurisdictions," he said.

The BC United government will also put an immediate end to the NDP's decriminalization of illicit drugs and a complete ban on open drug use in parks, playgrounds, beaches and public spaces.

Individuals facing sentencing will be presented with a choice between traditional incarceration or secure treatment. This initiative includes constructing new facilities and repurposing existing prison spaces, making it possible to offer addiction and mental health services within BC Correctional institutions.

He said, restoring accountability and pursue consequences for all crimes, including shoplifting, bike theft and vandalism, rather than ignoring minor offences, and expand community service as a required option for sentencing for minor offences, will also be part of the plan.



The BC United government, according to Falcon, will also pursue civil litigation against dealers in cases where they sell lethal drugs that result in death by overdose. "If servers can be held legally responsible for customers who drive drunk, traffickers who sell fatal drugs like fentanyl, carfentanil and W-18 should be held accountable too," he said.

To better support police, the Falcon government, would fund body-worn cameras for all police in B.C. and fund a dedicated hate crime team.

Falcon claims that there will be a crack-down on bail offenders, plan to address shortage of Crown prosecutors.

To get drugs, organized crime, and gangs off our streets, he would focus on establishing preventative programs to protect vulnerable kids in schools, foster greater coordination with other western provinces to reduce drug imports, and work with with the federal government to better control and monitor the importation of precursors used to manufacture illicit drugs.

Surrey Girl Was Victim Of Sexual Exploitation By UK Man Now Jailed For 32 Years



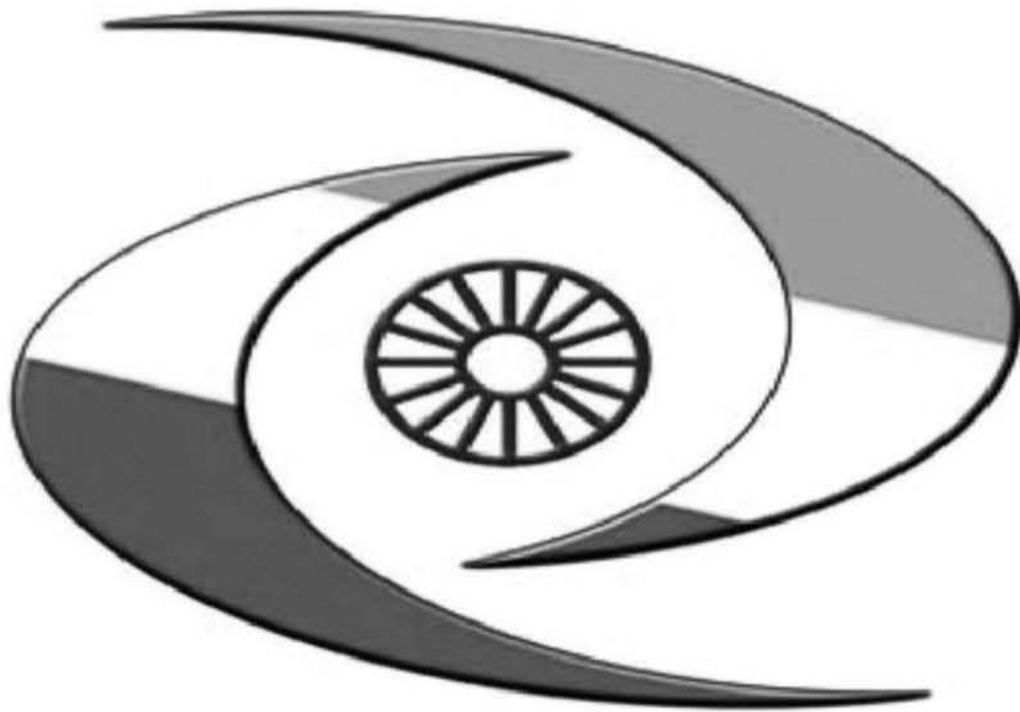
A man has recently been convicted in the United Kingdom on a number of sexual-related charges committed against young girls, including a 12-year-old victim from Surrey. According to a UK news article, A "predatory" and "highly manipulative" Cambridge paedophile who filmed himself raping a young girl and sexually assaulting another has been jailed for 32 years

Kevin Brock, of Cam Causeway, lured dozens more girls into sending him sexual images and videos of themselves by promising them more followers on social media, the news article mentioned.

In February 2023, the suspect was arrested by police in the UK and the subsequent digital forensic examination of his devices identified contact over TikTok and Snapchat with hundreds of underage females as well as child sexual abuse materials (CSAM).

On April 5, 2023, the Surrey RCMP ICE Unit received a request to assist the Cambridgeshire Constabulary with identifying one of the child victims, believed to be residing in Surrey. Surrey ICE members conducted further investigation into the CSAM and identified the 12-year-old victim.

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BC RCMP Federal Unit Bursts One Of The Largest Drug Super-Labs Seizing \$258 Million Worth Of Drugs

BC RCMP Federal Policing explains how why there is sharp rise in illicit fentanyl related deaths

A BC RCMP Federal Policing investigation led to the dismantling of one of the largest drug super-labs in BC, and conviction of all 6 suspects, has wrapped up with the last 2 suspects being sentenced to 11 years of imprisonment for their involvement in the production of methamphetamine, and fentanyl.

Robyn Leigh Bryson, 38, and Trent Anton Fussi, 33, were each sentenced to concurrently serve a total of 11 years in prison, for the production of fentanyl, and 6 years of imprisonment for the production of methamphetamine.

Bryson, and Fussi were convicted on two counts after being identified as the cooks at the industrial-scale methamphetamine and fentanyl drug lab, which was located in the community of Lumby, BC. Bryson and Fussi, also received a 10-year firearm prohibition, and DNA orders.

The investigation into this criminal network was first launched by the BC RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime (FSOC) program in 2018; and given the scale, complexity, and hazardous nature posed by the clandestine drug lab, a number of other specialized BC RCMP Federal Policing units were deployed to assist.

During the initial stages of the investigation which included the execution of several search warrants, Federal Policing investigators uncovered a large-scale ephedrine extraction, as well as a methamphetamine and fentanyl production lab. The main suspects involved in the criminal operation were also identified as Michael McMorris, Trent Fussi, Tyson Kopp, Michael Piggott, Michael Harvey, and Robyn Bryson.

In order to prevent further production,



and distribution of millions of doses of potentially lethal drugs into communities, and to mitigate the significant environmental and safety concerns posed by the synthetic chemicals at the lab, BC RCMP FSOC took immediate enforcement action by executing a search warrant on the property, and arrested Trent Fussi, Tyson Kopp, Michael Piggott, Michael Harvey, and later, Robyn Bryson.

The CDSA search, conducted on October 18, 2018, yielded approximately 48 kilograms of ephedrine HCl, 50 kilograms of solutions containing ephedrine HCl, 4.5 kilograms of methamphetamine HCl, 147 gallons (556 litres) of solutions containing methamphetamine, 10 kilograms of 4-anilino-N-phenethylpiperidine (ANPP), 2.95 kilograms of nandrolone phenylpropionate (NPP), 660 grams of fentanyl and 124.7 litres of solutions containing both fentanyl and ANPP.

During sentencing, the court heard that the street value of the seized methamphetamine was estimated at \$2.2 million, and the street

value of the fentanyl, once cut and mixed, would amount to an estimated \$256 million. Since 2022, the ever-increasing number of unregulated drug related deaths have risen across BC, equating to 6.1 deaths per day in June 2023, and increasing to 6.4 deaths per day in July 2023. Furthermore, a disturbing trend was also observed for the first time in 2022, where unregulated drug related deaths became the leading cause of death for most age groups across BC.

According to the BC Centre for Disease

Control, in 2022, the consumption of unregulated drugs became the leading cause of death among BC youth between the ages of 10 to 18, as well adults between the ages of 19 to 59. Therefore, toxic-drug-related deaths have replaced accidents, as the previous years' leading cause of death for youth, while overtaking cancer as the main cause of death for middle-aged adults in BC.

The sharp rise in illicit fentanyl related deaths are in large part attributed to the fact that many other types of illicit drugs are intentionally, or in some cases, inadvertently being mixed with toxic fentanyl. It is believed that the vast majority of youth who end up consuming lethal doses of fentanyl are actually not seeking heroin, and fentanyl; instead, they are seeking other black-market prescription opioids such as Vicodin, OxyContin, Percocet, hydrocodone, and benzodiazepines. However, since much of the illicit drug supply is contaminated by fentanyl, many unsuspecting illicit drug users are falling victim to polysubstance poisoning from other drugs that are laced with fentanyl.

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Surrey Police Transition Too Slow Because It Lacks City Leadership

Costing taxpayers an extra \$266,000 per day to have two police departments: Councillor Linda Annis

Surrey First Councillor Linda Annis said the staff report on the speed of the police transition is disappointing because it reflects a serious lack of urgency and “no political enthusiasm or leadership” to get the transition done quickly.

Annis said that approach is slowing things down and costing taxpayers an extra \$266,000 per day because the city has two police forces. Meanwhile, Annis wants Mayor Brenda Locke to get past her opposition to the Surrey Police Service (SPS) and lead the city team and police board to get the transition completed faster than outlined in the report.

“I get it, the mayor wanted to keep the RCMP, but that ship has sailed,” noted Annis. “Mayor and council need to step up and instruct city staff and the SPS to get on with completing the transition as quickly as possible. City staff will move mountains if mayor and council ask them to, and that’s what we need when it comes to the police transition. But without that political will and direction, things get



bogged down and will take forever. When it comes to this issue, there’s no place for political spite, we need to get the transition done now, and stop putting up roadblocks that add more time and costs.”

Annis said the report to council shows a

process that lacks political support and leadership, and is mired in identifying hurdles and problems rather than generating much-needed and speedy solutions.

“The report makes you feel like there is no particular hurry to get this done, or that it is now the province’s issue,” said Annis.

“The fact is, it is our police department and we need to get on with it. Having two police departments is costing our taxpayers an added \$266,000 per day. We need to make this our city’s number one priority and we need to complete the transition in a timely fashion. But that’s not what we see in this report, and that has to change quickly. The decision has been made, now let’s get on with doing the job and building the best police department in the province right here in Surrey.”

Annis also said that transition to the SPS provides an opportunity for Surrey to develop a municipal police academy for the entire province, as well as a centre of excellence that emphasizes best practices and innovations in modern polic-

ing. “The existing Justice Institute (JI) currently provides police training as one part of its curriculum, but it cannot keep up with the demand for new recruits. For instance, Surrey is entitled to just 15 recruits in each of three annual intakes at the JI, which means we will only get 45 recruits a year and that’s not enough. Other cities with municipal forces are in a similar situation, so a new dedicated police academy makes a lot of sense for us and every other municipality with their own police service.”

Annis said she looks at the transition to the SPS as an opportunity for Surrey to not just have its own police department, but to create local jobs at a new academy that serves the province.

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Surrey Girl Was Victim Of Sexual Exploitation By UK Man...

Brock was charged with many offences related to online grooming and inciting young female children to engage in sexual activity, including offences related to the victim in Surrey. He was also charged with hands on offences against two children in the Cambridgeshire area.

On August 7, 2023, Brock was sentenced to a total of 32 years in prison.

Online sexual exploitation is a borderless crime, says Staff Sergeant Rochelle Kokkoris of the Vulnerable Persons Unit. Surrey RCMP is committed to working with international law enforcement partners to investigate these crimes and to help ensure young people are protected online.

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Indo-Canadian Artists Karan Aujla And Jonita Gandhi Part Of Canada India Music Joint Venture

Warner Music Canada and Warner Music India have come together to launch a new joint venture, 91 NORTH RECORDS, aimed at supporting artists of South Asian heritage. 91 NORTH RECORDS' first signings are Canadian-based Punjabi stars Karan Aujla and Jonita Gandhi.

The new entity will be guided by renowned artist and producer, Ikky, who has come onboard as Creative Director. Both artists will work closely with Ikky as well as A&R Director, Charlie B.

According to a press release by Warner Music Group, Ikky has already made huge waves across the industry, racking up more than two billion streams worldwide with songs such as Shubh's "Baller", Diljit Dosanjh's "Chauffeur" and Sidhu Moose Wala's "Bambiha Bole". He launched his own label, 4N Records, in partnership with Warner Music and Coalition Music in 2021.

Karan released his new album Making Memories last month and over the last five years has become one of the scenes biggest artists. Since his first major hit "Don't Worry" in 2018, he's received almost three billion views on YouTube, has garnered over one billion audio streams and eight million followers across his social media channels.

The name 91 NORTH RECORDS references both countries with a nod to India's country code and Canada's geographical location and the logo is inspired by India's national flower the lotus.

The label held a launch event at Warner Music Canada's offices in Toronto recently. Ikky, Creative Director, 91 NORTH RECORDS, says "I've always been fascinated by the blending of Indian and Western sounds into culturally impactful, innovative music. 91 NORTH RECORDS exists to elevate artists pursuing this fusion. Punjabi and South Asian music already competes worldwide, and I'm thrilled to collaborate with emerging talents, showcasing and amplifying what they have to offer. This is no experiment; it's the



future." Jay Mehta, Managing Director, Warner Music India, says: "We're so excited by the launch of 91 NORTH RECORDS. This venture not only celebrates the musical styles of artists with South Asian heritage but also leverages the market potential of uniting two distinct fan bases to bring this music to the global stage. This is certainly going to be a gamechanger initiative for artists who will now have global support from A&R, marketing, collaborations and more."

Kristen Burke, President, Warner Music Canada, adds: "91 NORTH RECORDS is dedicated to celebrating and amplifying Indian culture. There is an incredible new generation of talent rising, influenced by their South Asian heritage, and we want to make sure these artists are represented both here and around the world. This new venture allows artists to be truly authentic, and our global network gives us the opportunity to showcase their culture on a global stage."

There are almost 2.6 million people of South Asian heritage living in Canada and a new generation of artists from these communities are starting to have a massive impact in the country and internationally. There is also a strong musical connection between the South Asian diaspora in Canada and the subcontinent. Three of the Top 10 tracks in India in 2022 were by Punjabi-Canadian artists according to IFPI figures.

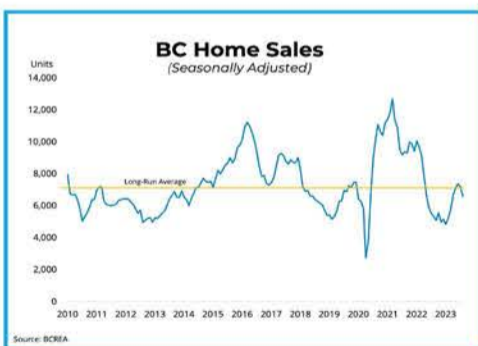
Sales Trend Slightly Lower in August

The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that a total of 6,608 residential unit sales were recorded in Multiple Listing Service (MLS) systems in August 2023, an increase of 15.7 per cent from August 2022. The average MLS residential price in BC was \$958,424, up 5.2 per cent compared to August 2022. The total sales dollar volume was \$6.3 billion, representing a 21.7 per cent increase from the same time last year.

"Home sales are starting to settle back into a trend of below-normal activity following an unexpected surge in the spring," said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. "However, sales are in a much stronger place than expected given current mortgage qualifying difficulty."

Active listings in the province were flat month-over-month at just over 31,000 total listings and up slightly year-over-year.

Year-to-date BC residential sales dollar volume was down 17.4 per cent to \$52.7 billion, compared with the same period in 2022. Residential unit sales were down 13.4 per cent to 54,126 units, while the average MLS® residential price was down 4.6 per cent to \$973,011.



Around the Province August 2023		
<i>(year-over-year % change in italics)</i>		
Board	Avg. Price (\$)	Unit Sales
BC Northern	436,786	428
	4.3	7.8
Chilliwack	700,155	191
	-6.4	32.6
Fraser Valley	1,000,864	1,206
	2.5	25.6
Greater Vancouver	1,286,414	2,296
	7.6	21.4
Okanagan	729,377	703
	-4.8	-8.1
Kamloops	615,187	225
	5.6	21.6
Kootenay	524,387	315
	-1.7	17.1
South Peace River	335,689	38
	20.5	-15.6
Powell River	569,691	29
	-21	-14.7
Vancouver Island	722,273	657
	0.7	19
Victoria	1,022,652	520
	4.3	11.1
British Columbia	958,424	6,608
	5.2	15.7

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13811 55a Avenue



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B110 & B115 6286 203 ST.



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13661 59A AVENUE



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17351 80 AVENUE



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9518 132 STREET



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3228 198 STREET



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14742 62A AVENUE



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<h3>5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN</h3> <p>\$1,495,000</p> <p>Beautiful Corner House in the most desired area of Collingwood. Upstairs features three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Downstairs has a good size family room with fireplace, a dining area, a kitchen with granite counter tops and a walk-in pantry. Call today!</p> <p>SOLD</p>	<h3>#37-8358 121A ST., SURREY</h3> <p>\$699,000</p> <p>Welcome to Kennedy Trails. This house checks all the boxes. Cost effective & environmentally friendly BIODOMAL Health Home in the heart of Surrey. Main level has a large dining area, a gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops and a DEN/DENOR. Master Bed walk in closet. Below is very large recreation room with a 3rd. 4th bed and comes with a full bath. Large backyard approx 300 SQ FT Double side by side car garage, additional 1 car parking. New Paint, Professionally Cleaned Carpet. Close to all amenities, superstore, restaurants and very easy access to the Skytrain as well. This is a must see.</p> <p>SOLD</p>	<h3>9750 128 ST., SURREY</h3> <p>\$999,900</p> <p>Solid 6 bed and 2 bath home in the heart of Surrey. A perfect home for home buyers, investors or young professionals. Upstairs features 3 bedrooms, a large dining area with granite counter tops, a kitchen with granite counter tops, a laundry room, a master bedroom with a walk-in closet. Downstairs comes with 3 bed, 1 den, 1 bath and kitchen. Lots of parking at the front and back. Detached garage. Some recent renos include roof, windows, paint.</p> <p>SOLD</p>	<h3>#51-7090 180 ST., SURREY</h3> <p>SOLD</p> <p>Sold in 7 days \$185,000 over asking</p>

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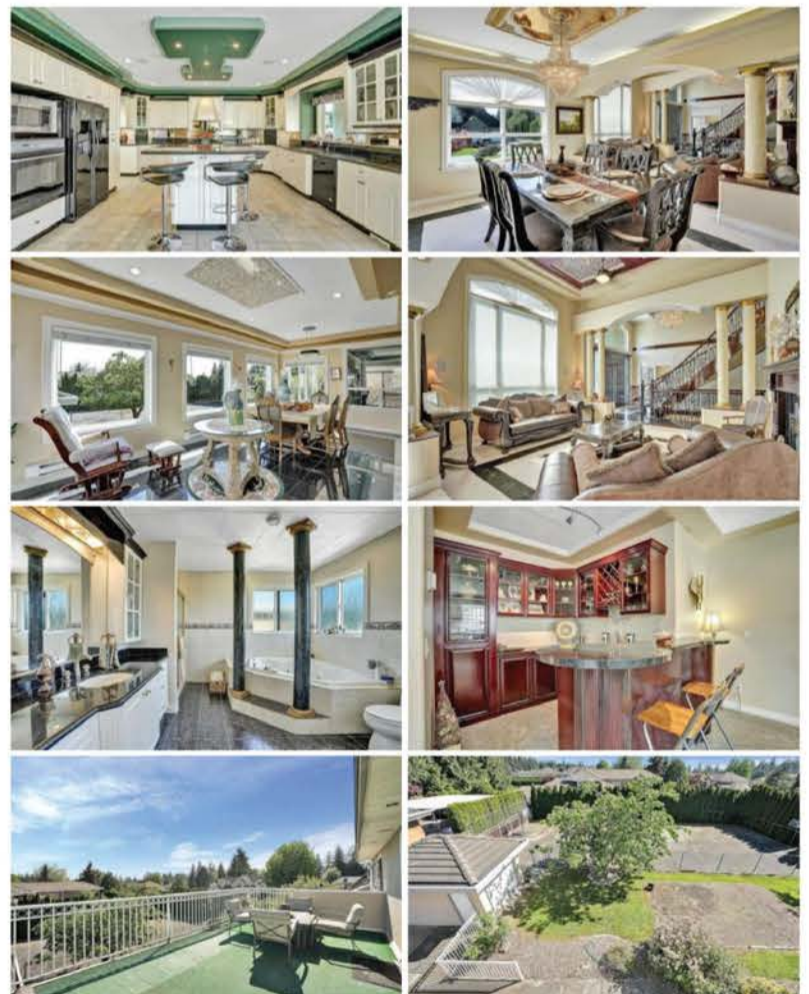
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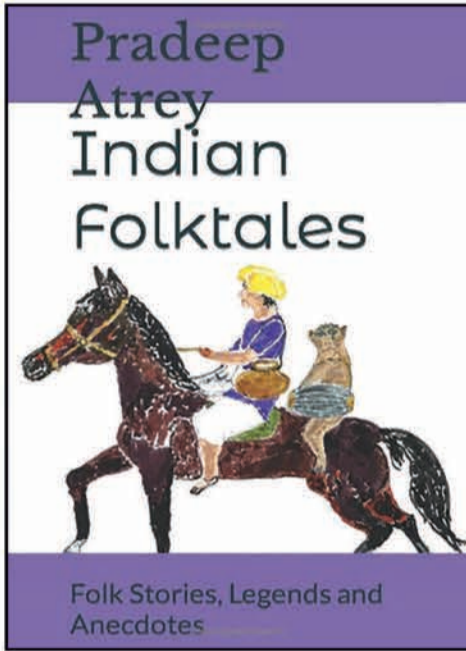
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Indian Folktales: Creating a Culture of Nostalgia

Book Review By Geeta Sharma

Folktales are a part of the wide-ranging cultural expressions of common folks, such as folk songs, folk drama, oral history, sthala-purana (a traditional story of the history, gods, and people of a village), folk traditions, folk art and craft, folk clothing, folk slangs, and so on. In fact, before 'short story' came into being as a literary genre, folk stories were the only stories people told and listened, and storytellers, like established modern creative writers, were much sought after and revered people, especially in India. In north India, these storytellers were called Bhaat, and they were storytellers and oral historians in the same garb, who roamed around villages, stayed with their patrons, and after dinner spun their charming yarn before their mouth-agape audiences under the stars on pleasing moonlit nights. Thus, there exists a long-standing tradition of storytelling in India, and since bhaats were only occasional visitors, whereas children needed stories for recreation and education, the elderly people continued spellbinding the children at home with their bedtime stories. This was the time when other informal educational materials, such as puzzles, riddles, word games, number games, guesswork, and so on, would also come into play. I remember my grandmother asking us children to solve riddles, such as: so man ka lakkad, us par baitha mota makkad, ratti roz khaye to kitne din mein khayega (a fat spider sits on a four thousand kilograms log of wood. If it eats one ratti each day, how many days will it take to finish the log?)



Live storytelling is a dying art now. The art started dying in India in early nineteen-seventies with the arrival of TV, and children's bedtime-story time was first usurped by TV and now it has been completely taken over by mobile phones. However, children's interest in stories is not diminished and, as a result, bedtime stories first began appearing in colorful books and then online in digital formats. Printed formats gave an impetus to fresh interpretation of folktales from various cultural perspectives, especially with the creation of folklore departments at universities and identification of oral literature as a new literary genre called 'Orature.' Pradeep Atrey's book, Indian Folktales: Folk Stories, Legends and Anecdotes may be looked at from this new perspective as the author writes that the idea to compile, translate from Hindi and edit these sto-

ries came to him after reading Vladimir Propp's Morphology of the Folktale, and AK Ramanujan's Folktales From India. The reference to these books is enough to put the author's point in perspective that the book is meant for a serious reading as well, apart from being aimed at presenting entertaining stories to children and adults alike. The collection contains forty-five stories, out of which forty-two are illustrated with full-page drawings done by the author himself. The book's sub-title is well justified as it contains folk stories, legends of kings and queens, and a few anecdotes as well, with diversified themes, such as moral lessons, spiritual awakening, and cultural takes, etc. Folk-stories strengthened the emotional bond between the teller and the listener - I was so attached to my grandmother - as well as between the listeners and their culture. In my opinion, the book is highly relevant

for the Indian diaspora in Canada, especially for those who have been away from the land of their birth for a long time and whose children have only a vague idea of what India is, and has been for centuries. The book opens a magic casement to the past of Indian people and the Canadian-Indian readers feel nostalgic about the aspects of the culture of the homeland they left behind. If they wish their children should have a good knowledge of Indian culture, this book is a must read for them. Atrey, Pradeep. (2023). Indian Folktales: Folk Stories, Legends, and Anecdotes. Self-published. Available at: amazon.com/.ca/.us/.uk/.de/.fr/.es/.it/.nl/.pl/.se/.jp Hardcover ASIN: B0CF4FLXS7 (color illustrations) https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CF4FLXS7 Paperback ASIN: B0CFCWVZ5H (color illustrations)



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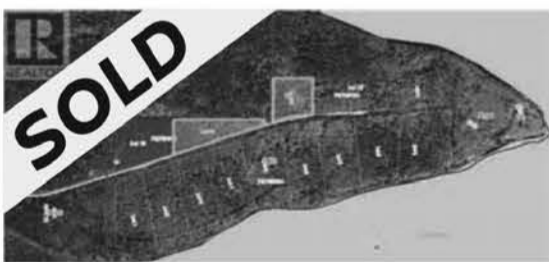
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3 Former Punjab Police Officers Get Life Term In 31-Year-Old Fake Encounter Case

A special Central Bureau of Investigation court awarded life imprisonment to three former Punjab police officers convicted for conspiracy, murder, and fabrication of record in a 1992 police encounter case. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 2 lakh on each one of the convicts in the case in which three youths were shown as 'killed'. According to victims' lawyer advocate Jaspal Singh, "The three convicts identi-

fied as Surinder Singh, Gurdev Singh and Dharm Singh, have been sentenced to life imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 2 lakh each by the Special CBI Court." The special CBI court on September 8 had convicted these three Punjab Police personnel in a 31-year-old fake encounter case in which three youths identified as Harjeet Singh, Lakhvinder Singh and Jaspinder Singh were killed, Singh said. He further said that the quantum of punishment was pronounced.

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Possession Of Illegal Drugs Now Prohibited At Playgrounds, Spray Pools In BC



BC government has received approval from the federal government to prohibit the possession of illegal drugs at playgrounds, spray pools, wading pools and skate parks.

Effective Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, possession of illicit drugs within 15 metres of any play structure in a playground, a spray or wading pool, or a skate park will be prohibited.

B.C. had made a request to Health Canada for an amendment to the decriminalization policy to add these spaces to existing exclusions on possession, including on the premises of K-12 schools and licensed child care facilities. The federal minister of mental health and addictions and associate minister of health has approved B.C.'s request.

Jennifer Whiteside, B.C.'s Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, said, "We requested this amendment from Health Canada to ensure that families feel safe in their community while continuing to use every tool available to fight the toxic-drug

crisis and save lives." With this amendment, police officers may enforce the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act when individuals are found to be in possession of illegal drugs in these child-focused spaces. Intoxication remains illegal in all public places.

Ya'ara Saks, federal Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health, said, "This amendment ensures that law enforcement has the tools needed to address public drug-use concerns, while continuing to provide support for some of the most vulnerable people in our community who use drugs. Our government recognizes the tremendous work B.C. has been doing across the full continuum of care to address the overdose crisis and we will continue to work with them to save lives." The Province has also recently completed consultations on public drug use with key stakeholders, and is planning to introduce provincial legislation to further regulate public drug use this fall.

Philanthropist Dr Naurang Singh Mangat To Visit Surrey

A living example of selfless service to humanity Dr Naurang Singh Mangat will be visiting Surrey from September 15 (evening) to September 19 (noon).

During his visit, he will be staying at Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Surrey. For the last 18 years he has been looking after and trying to save lives of the destitute, homeless, blind, disabled, mentally challenged and poor sick people lying on the streets of Punjab.

"It was in 2005 that I began cycling around Ludhiana City providing free medical care to homeless and sick people lying on the

food, many of these were rehabilitated and able to find their footing in life again," he said.

However nearly 185 patients (males and females), who could not become fit for work, live in the Ashram permanently. Out of them, about 55 are severely critical. These patients are mentally and physically disabled, unable to answer the call of nature, cannot recall their own name or whereabouts. When people visit the Ashram, some of them tend to break down emotionally after seeing their pains, and wish that no one should suffer this fate, Dr Mangat added.



roadsides and at other places. These efforts to help the homeless and the sick have now taken the shape of a well-known registered charity called "Guru Amar Das Apahaj Ashram".

"Its three-storey building is located near village Sarabha of Ludhiana district. Till to date, nearly 600 homeless patients were admitted/treated in the Ashram. After medical treatment, many were rehabilitated. After receiving medical treatment and nutritious

Dr Mangat who is a former Professor and Scientist of PAU, Ludhiana, University of Windsor, and Morrison Scientific Inc. Calgary, and a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society of London (UK) said that on completion of another new three-storey building under construction, the Ashram will be able to house about 300 of such needy people in the future. For more information, he can be reached on his cell phone 403-401-8787 or at nsmangat14@hotmail.com.

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North Vancouver RCMP Warns Youth And Adults To Be Aware Of Ongoing Online Sexual Extortions

North Vancouver RCMP is warning both youth and adults to be aware of ongoing online sexual extortions and are encouraging parents to talk to their kids about the dangers of sex extortions.

Sextortion scams that are reported generally involve victims being coerced into sending money or sending sexually explicit images or videos of themselves. These scams can occur in as little as 20 minutes.

Commonly, males are targeted and deceived into believing they are communicating online with a female. Scammers create fake profiles on social media and dating websites, which they use to lure a person into performing sexual acts on camera. The scammer records the session and threatens to send the image or video to family, friends and/or other people unless they receive money or additional sexual content.

Offenders often share screen captures of the victim's contacts or other identifying information (school, home address) so that the threat appears more credible and the victim is scared into complying with their request.

Officers from our Youth Intervention Unit will be partaking in presentations in the upcoming weeks to educate the students in North Vancouver School District about the dangers of



sexual extortions.

How to protect yourself:

- Recognize that live streaming can be recorded and that pre-recorded video can be livestreamed;
 - Familiarize yourself with social media privacy settings and consider limiting who has access to your personal information (i.e. friends list, location);
 - Do not share intimate images or videos as once you share you don't have control over what someone else does with it;
 - Unless you know the person offline, there is no way to confirm who is on the other end;
 - Trust your instincts, be skeptical and cautious; and
 - Visit Cybertip to learn more
- On the Internet:**
- Do not give out personal information or information about your computer.
 - Do not open email, files, or links from people you do not know and trust.
 - Be very mindful in shar-

ing information on 'Personal Websites

If you are a victim of sextortion:

- Immediately stop all communication. Deactivate (but don't delete) any of the accounts you are using to communicate with the individual.
- Do not comply with the threat. In other words, never pay money and never send additional nudes. The situation will not get better by doing either of these things.
- If you have sent money, check to see if it has been collected and, if not, quickly cancel the payment.
- Make a police report
- Keep the correspondence. Keep information such as the person's username(s), social media account information, a copy of the communications, along with any images and/or videos that were sent.
- Talk to a trusted adult or counsellor
- Visit needhelpnow.ca for more information

Local Woman Empowerment Organization Is Calling On Volunteers For Life-Changing Training Program

Battered Women's Support Services (BWSS) is inviting self-identifying women who are advocates of change, champions of social justice, and/or students shaping tomorrow's world to apply for the Violence Prevention and Intervention Volunteer Training Program, starting on September 22, during Gender Equality Week.

The 12-week training, followed by a practicum involving crisis line support and group facilitation, equips volunteers with essential skills to support victims of intimate partner, domestic, and sexualized violence. The program positions trainees as the vital first point of contact, giving them an opportunity for personal growth, skill development, and the chance to create a tangible impact within our community.

Startling statistics reveal that one woman or girl is killed every other day, on average somewhere in Canada. From 2019 to 2022, there was a 27% increase in killings of women and girls involving a male accused.

Even though the majority of calls to the crisis line originate from the Lower Mainland, BWSS volunteers also provide support to international callers. Between March 1, 2020, and March 31, 2022, we responded to an astounding 94,736 re-



quests for service.

The immersive training program, grounded in current research and best practices, covers crisis intervention, peer counseling, safety assessment, advocacy, and more. Participants gain expertise in trauma-informed crisis intervention, safety planning, and assisting victims of gender-based violence. Their renowned education model has benefited over 10,000 volunteers.

Angela Marie MacDougall, Executive Director of BWSS, says, "Our volunteers are the crucial first point of contact for thousands of callers, providing vital support to help victims become survivors everyday. Volunteering with BWSS is a meaningful way to give back to the community while actively contributing to the fight against gender-based violence."

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Preity Zinta, Priyanka Chopra

Reunite For A 'Fun Night' At Jonas Brothers' Concert

Preity Zinta recently had a great time at the Jonas Brothers' concert. The actress also reunited with her close friend Priyanka Chopra. Preity took to social media and shared glimpses from her musical night.

Preity Zinta made her Bollywood debut in 1998 with Dil Se. Priyanka Chopra entered the industry in 2003 after winning the Miss World 2000 pageant with the film The Hero. The film also starred Preity. The actresses have been friends for more than a decade now. Preity Zinta 'officially' became a 'fan' of Jonas Brothers. Preity Zinta's video included glimpses of her and Priyanka Chopra's time at the Jonas Brothers' concert. The actress expressed her gratitude to Priyanka for the invitation and praised Nick Jonas, Joe Jonas, and Kevin Jonas' performance. She spoke about her newfound fandom and wished them success for the rest of their tour.

Captioning the post, she wrote, "What a fun night and what a fun way to be introduced to all the music of the Jonas Brothers. Thank you so much @priyankachopra for being such an amazing host. @nickjonas you guys killed it last night. It was an amazing performance. All the best for the rest of the tour. Last night I officially became a Fan #aboutlastnight#nightout #jonasbrothersconcert #wow #ting."

Preity Zinta, Priyanka Chopra's decade-old friendship

Both Preity Zinta and Priyanka Chopra relocated to Los Angeles after getting married. While Priyanka is married to singer Nick Jonas and has a daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, Preity is married to Gene Goodenough and has twins Gia and Jai.

The duo starred together in The Hero: Love Story of a Spy, which was released in 2003 with Sunny Deol in the lead. Ever since they have shared a close bond.



Sunny Deol Takes Father Dharmendra To The USA For Treatment? Sholay Actor Reacts



share a health update. In the video, he can be seen playing with his pet dog and greeting his followers, "Hello friends".

Sharing the video, he wrote, "Friends, after long enjoying a small holiday in USA. Will soon be back for my new film. This loving pet is in love with me haha (sic)."

On Monday, several publications reported

Social media flooded with reports that claimed Sunny Deol has taken his father, Dharmendra, to the USA for medical treatment. Now, on Tuesday, the veteran star debunked the reports by informing fans that he's on a holiday. The 87-year-old actor revealed that he would return soon. Dharmendra is busy holidaying in the USA.

Rubbing the rumours about going to the USA for treatment, Dharmendra shared a video on his X (formerly Twitter) account on Tuesday night to

that Dharmendra's son, actor, Sunny Deol, had taken the veteran actor to the USA for medical treatment.

Dharmendra's replies to fans

Soon after he shared a video, his fans flooded the comment section. A user commented, "Sir heard in some news paper that your are not feeling well & went to USA for some treatment. It's so good too see you smiling, fit & healthy..." To this, he replied, "Sunny, his blessings and good wishes from you all will always keep me fit and fine." Another user wrote, "Omg, sir ji I can't believe you are here for vacations, pls let me know where are you staying. If you are close by I will try to meet you." Thanking her, he replied, "Ritu, so sweet of you. I have come for a few days and roaming around. God willing next time."

On the work front, Dharmendra will reportedly start working on his family project Apne 2, co-starring his grandson Karan Deol.

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Pooja Bhatt Breaks Her Silence On Rumours Claiming Alia Bhatt Is Her Daughter

Pooja Bhatt lately has been addressing the many controversies around her life in her recent interviews. In one such interview, the actor-director for the first time addressed the rumours claiming Alia Bhatt is her daughter, owing to their spitting resemblance. Both Mahesh Bhatt's daughters share an age difference of around 21 years. Pooja Bhatt reacts to claims of Alia Bhatt being her daughter.

In a recent interview, YouTuber Siddharth Kannan informed Pooja that Alia laughed out loud on a show while reacting to such claims. Replying to it, Pooja said that these rumours are "absurd" and "idiotic". She added that such rumours tell

more about the person who is the subject of the rumour. "Ye toh humare desh mein bahut purani cheez hai (This is not new in our country). Start talking about somebody's relationship with their daughter or with their bhabhi or with their sister or with their whatev-

er. Now, how do you counteract that? Ke aap iss cheez ko dignity bhi de sakte hai respond kar ke? It is absurd," said Pooja Bhatt. Pooja Bhatt is Mahesh Bhatt's daughter with Kiran Bhatt aka Lorraine Bright who he married in 1970. The couple also share a son, Rahul. However, Bhatt and Bright separated and the filmmaker married Soni Razdan in 1986. Together, they have two daughters -- Shaheen and Alia Bhatt.

Pooja Bhatt calls Alia's daughter Raha 'next big star in the family'

In the same interview, Pooja Bhatt opened up about her half-sister Alia's daughter Raha. She said that every 20 years the Bhatt family gets a beautiful girl. First, it was her, then Alia and now it is Raha.



Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani On OTT: When, Where To Watch Alia Bhatt Film



Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani released in theatres on July 28. The film marked the reunion of Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh on screen after their 2019 film Gully Boy. Weeks after its theatrical run, the film is now streaming on digital platforms. Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani minted more than 150 crore at the domestic box office.

The film is headlined by Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh and also stars Dharmendra, Shabana Azmi and Jaya Bachchan in pivotal roles.

Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani has been chosen for the 2023 Busan International Film Festival.

Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani makes OTT debut

Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani has now made its OTT premiere. The film is available to stream on Amazon Prime Video. However, the Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh starrer is currently available only for rent.

The film can be rented to stream at a cost of 349. However, the family drama will be made available for free for the subscribers of Amazon Prime Video in the coming days. Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani narrates the love story of a Punjabi boy and a Bengali girl.

Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani enjoyed a dream run at the box office

Released on July 28, Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani opened to no competition at the box office and earned 11.1 crore on its first day. In the 42-day theatrical run, the Alia Bhatt starrer has minted 152.55 crore at the domestic box office. The movie has done even better overseas and raked 165.2 crore overseas, taking its worldwide collection to 346 crore, as per Sacnilk. Positive word of mouth aided the movie's business domestically. However, new releases like Gadar 2 and OMG 2 slowed down its ascent.

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Jawan Box Office Collection Day 8: Shah Rukh Khan Film To Cross Rs 700 Crore Worldwide Today

Jawan box office collection: The weekend is here and so is another chance for Shah Rukh Khan's latest film to rake in more money. Directed by Atlee, Jawan has been declared a blockbuster for its stellar reception in not only India but also worldwide. The film is expected to hit the 700 crore mark with its Friday collections. SRK: Mr Worldwide
As per trade analyst Manobala Vijaybalan, Jawan collected another 28 crore on Thursday, worldwide. He also gave a daily breakdown of all the money collected so far. "Jawan WW Box Office. Shah Rukh Khan's film is Inching towards 700 cr gross mark. ||#Jawan||#ShahRukhKhan||#Nayan-



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Day 1 - 125.05 cr
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Day 4 - 156.80 cr
Day 5 - 52.39 cr
Day 6 - 38.21 cr
Day 7 - 34.06 cr
Day 8 - 28.79 cr
Total - 684.71 cr

On Thursday, the film grossed \$334,476 in North America. Total gross now stands at \$9,675,191, ie 80.37 crore." A tweet read, "SRK is all set to have two \$10+ Million films in the same year by Friday's early hours in North America. A record which is going to be in the books for a long time. And, that's not all. He has a potential 'Number One Indian Grosser in North America' waiting to explode on 22nd December in theatres."

Jackie Shroff Says He's Seen Tiger Shroff Get Upset When His Films Fail

Jackie Shroff said that it's in Tiger Shroff's DNA to bounce back after every failure. In an interview on Jio Cinema, Jackie said that when Tiger's films fail at the box office, he gets bogged down. However, Jackie helps his son embrace the moment and get back up after every fall.

Jackie on his advice to Tiger

Jackie said that when Tiger's films fail, "He sits home, all sad, of course he feels a little heart break. It hurts but he knows how to recover. So then I tell him that he has to rise after every fall. He does a lot of mehnat (hard work) after that it is the game of all the technicians, my child gives his one hundred percent. When he is appreciated for his work and effort I feel good, that is for every parent

when their child does well. People have been showering their love for him, else it is s

up to the almighty, baaki kya bindaas (everything else is fine)."

Jackie on his toughest role yet
In the same interview, Jackie claimed that he's never found any of his roles tough to portray. "Apna kya hai, apna saara difficulty director ka hai. Ek bar usne mujhe picture mei le liya, fir mai toh bachche jaise ghul jata hu. Baki tension uska hai. Director hai, technicians hain, editor hai, camera person hai, music composer hai, fir apan ko kya tension. Apan toh bas close up dene aaya hai" I don't find any of my roles difficult.

Anushka Sharma Shares Cute Post To Celebrate Virat Kohli's Century In Ind Vs Pak Match

The currently ongoing India versus Pakistan match for the Asia Cup has already registered its fair share of highlights. The latest in the list is Virat Kohli hitting a century. Kohli's wife Anushka Sharma commemorated the moment from home. Sharing a picture of him snapped from the television, which showed the cricketer celebrating his achievement on the field, Anushka wrote, "Super knock, super guy!!" Not just this, Anushka also shared an Instagram story congratulating KL Rahul for his century in the same match. While Kohli scored 122 runs off 94 balls, KL Rahul hit 111 runs off 106 balls. Notably, the India versus Pakistan match under the Asia Cup also marks KL Rahul's comeback to cricket after a gap of 4 months.

abandoned after persistent rains. It stood moved to the reserve day - September 11. India concluded its batting with 356 runs with 2 wickets gone in 50 overs. Rohit Sharma and Shubhman Gill had commenced the match with an opening stand of 121 runs. Currently, Pakistan has scored 28 runs with 1 wicket gone.

The

rain-abandoned India versus Pakistan match continues today
The match, initially scheduled to be held on September 10, was



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BC RCMP Federal Unit Bursts One Of The Largest Drug...

Fentanyl is also increasingly detected in stimulant drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine, as well as in sedatives such as benzodiazepines, which greatly complicates the effectiveness of opioid-centric interventions. According to a publication by the Government of British Columbia on drug awareness, any illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, ecstasy, meth or crack, can contain a lethal amount of fentanyl.
Based on insights gleaned from this, and other BC RCMP Federal Policing investigations, it is evident that clandestine facilities that produce illicit fentanyl, are often involved in the production of other forms of unregulated drugs, by using the same fentanyl-contaminated equipment;

therefore, significantly increasing the likelihood of mixing the drugs into potentially lethal polysubstances. This trend is supported by a recent report by the Government of Canada, which states, of the accidental apparent stimulant toxicity deaths in 2022, 78% involved an opioid, and, of the accidental stimulant toxicity deaths in 2022, 64% involved cocaine, while 53% involved methamphetamine.
With toxic fentanyl being increasingly mixed in with other types of street drugs, the opioid crisis seems to be evolving into a poly-drug crisis. This alarming trend is now affecting far more Canadians, and most regrettably, our children and youth. This is why the dedicated investigators

of the BC RCMP Federal Policing directorate, will continue to relentlessly pursue criminal networks responsible for the production, and distribution of toxic drugs into our communities, said A/ Superintendent Jillian Wellard, Officer in Charge of the BC RCMP Federal Serious & Organized Crime - Major Projects team. If you know anyone who may be struggling with addiction, you can seek assistance through the BC Alcohol and Drug Information and Referral Service Line at 1-800-663-1441. And if you have information about a crime and wish to report it, you may contact your local police agency, or report it anonymously by calling BC Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Newton	13174 64th Ave. Surrey	604-598-9220	Surrey	12990 72nd Ave.	604-503-5510	Abbotsford	31205 Maclure Rd.	604-504-5877
Scott Road	12047 80th Ave. Surrey	604-591-5032	Surrey	12788 76A Ave. Surrey	604-597-1676	Port Coquitlam	2807 Shaughnessy St.	604-464-0822
Scott Road	104-7028 120th St.	604-590-8864	Surrey	16788 64 Ave.	604-372-2023	Vancouver	6257 Fraser St.	604-321-9931
Cedar Hills	12867 96th Ave. Surrey	604-588-6620	Surrey	101-7228 192St.	604-575-3750	Richmond	4101 No.5 Rd.	604-244-9520
Fleetwood	101-15933 Fraser Hwy	604-593-5163	New Westminster	101-331 6th St.	604-395-3595			