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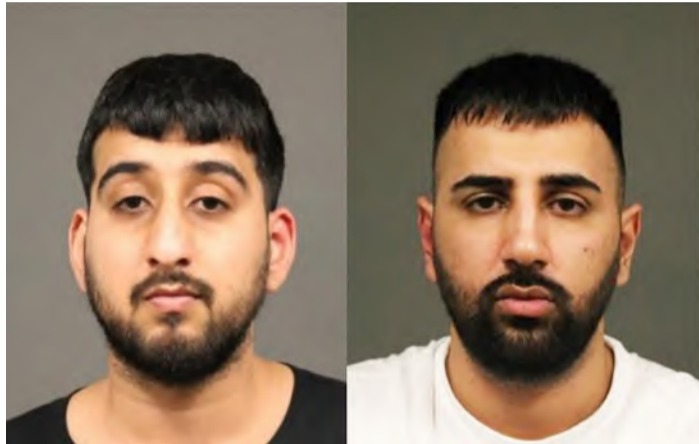
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Public Notification: Two BC Gang Members To Live Within West Abbotsford After Bail

The Abbotsford Police Department has issued a public notification about Anmol Sandhu and Navpreet Dhaliwal who are connected to the ongoing BC Gang Conflict and present a significant public safety risk. The police were notified on July 31, 2024, that the two were released from custody on Bail until trial. The police said that they will be residing within west Abbotsford. "The Abbotsford Police Department recognizes the public safety risk these two men present and is issuing this public notification to keep the public informed. We take public



Anmol Sandhu

Navpreet Dhaliwal

safety seriously and ensuring the safety of the community in and

around the areas where these two men reside. The monitoring of these men will be led by the Abbotsford Police Department's Gang Crime Unit, assisted by our Criminal Investigative Branch and Patrol officers," Sergeant Paul Walker, Abbotsford Police Department, said. In late 2022, the Abbotsford Police Department's Drug Enforcement Unit initiated a large-scale drug trafficking investigation focusing on the activities of two Abbotsford residents, SANDHU and DHALIwal.

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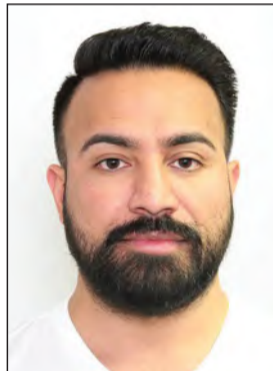
Edmonton Police Issue Canada-Wide Warrant For Leader Of Extortion Group - Maninder Singh Dhaliwal

Edmonton police recently arrested six more people and issued Canada-wide warrants for a seventh in the extortion series known as Project Gaslight. The police said they were investigating 40 incidents related to the extortion series, with the latest incident on

Friday, July 26, 2024, involving an arson at an apartment building in the Cavanagh neighborhood. One female, Jashandeep Kaur, 19, and five males, Gurkaran Singh, 19, Manav Heer, 19, Parminder Singh, 21, Divnoor Asht, 19 and a 17-year-old male

are all facing a host of serious criminal charges. Canada-wide warrants have also been issued for Maninder Singh Dhaliwal, 34, who is believed to be the leader of the criminal organization responsible for the extortions.

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Maninder Singh Dhaliwal

The Story Of Sikh Refugees Of 1987 In Halifax



On July 12th, 1987, a cargo ship carrying 174 passengers arrived on the shores of Nova Scotia, bringing Sikhs from India. These individuals had boarded the ship in Rotterdam, embarking on a journey that would forever change their lives. This event marked a significant shift in Canadian immigration policy. Joginderjit Singh Jabal writes about the story of these Sikh Refugees, their hardships and their contributions in Nova Scotia. In July 2024, to commemorate and recognize those who helped them 37 years ago, the refugees organized a caravan from Halifax to Charlesville. Also those who supported the refugees in their time of need were recognized, including local residents of Charlesville. Read full story on Page 8.

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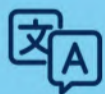
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Tragic Trend Of Fatal Crashes: Two Siblings And Cousin From Punjab Die In Car Crash In Moncton

New Brunswick RCMP informed in a release that a 19-year-old man and two 23-year-old women, all from Moncton, died as the result of a single-vehicle crash in Mill Cove, N.B. on July 27.

The police have yet to reveal the identity of the deceased. Local South Asian Community in NB identified them as Navjot Somal aged 19 years, Harman Somal and Resham Judge aged 23 years.

Indians in Halifax, group dedicated to local Halifax community, wrote on its Facebook page, "It is with a heavy heart that we inform you all that Navjot Somal, age 19, Harman Somal and Rasham Judge, age 23, all residents of Moncton, New Brunswick, have died been involved in a car accident. Due to this accident, a wave of grief has spread throughout the community. We pray to God to give strength to the family to bear



Navjot Somal, Harman Somal and Rasham Judge (GoFundMe)

this sad time."

Rajpreet Somal has created a link on Go-

Fundme to raise funds to help bring the bodies of the three to their families. "My

brother came from India a few months ago on a study permit, sister are working in Day Care in Moncton, they Died Yesterday in car accident near Oromocto. New Brunswick. The family needs funds to send their body back to India," Rajpreet wrote.

The police said the crash is believed to have occurred when the vehicle, traveling Westbound, lost a tire causing the driver to lose control and left the highway. The three passengers were ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene as a result of their injuries.

The driver was transported to hospital with what are believed to be non-life-threatening injuries. Members of the Jemseg Fire Department, Ambulance New Brunswick, and a RCMP collision reconstructionist also attended the scene.

Hitkaran Johal Killed In Targeted Shooting In South Vancouver

A 25-year-old man, with alleged gangland links, was identified as the victim of a shooting on July 27th night in Vancouver.

In a release Vancouver Police Department (VPD) identified the deceased as Hitkaran Johal, who died at the scene of the collision.

Police were called to East 63rd Avenue and Inverness Street just before 9 p.m. on July 26 for reports of two men shot in a vehicle, which then collided with two other vehicles. One man was taken to hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. One person was taken to hospital for non-life-threatening



injuries.

As police probe the overnight homicide, they said they believed the "shooting was targeted and there is no ongoing public safety risk at this time".

"No arrests have been made and the investigation remains ongoing. Investigators believe this shooting was targeted and there is no ongoing public safety risk at this time, said Constable



Photos by Sukhwant Dhillon

ble Tania Visintin of VPD.

A vehicle was set on fire near East 63rd Avenue and Prince Edward Street shortly after the shooting. Investigators are working to determine if this

fire was connected to the shooting.

Anyone with information is asked to call VPD's Homicide Unit at 604-717-2500.

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From Podium To Philanthropy: Local Powerlifter Teams Up With Red Cross To Help People Of Jasper

Strength is not always measured in lifting pounds but also in your capacity to help others in need. A local powerlifter has proved this in action. Sumeet Sharma, who has represented Canada at various in-

ternational powerlifting events, has been an active member of the community helping those in need.

In the latest, he has teamed up with the Red Cross to support the people of Jas-

per. Utilizing the power of social media, they are rallying the community to donate generously. Every penny collected is a beacon of hope, aiding those impacted by adversity. "Donations to the Canadian Red Cross will be used for assisting those impacted in Jasper and other affected areas in Alberta with immediate and ongoing relief including financial assistance, support to evacuees and the communities hosting them, recovery and resilience efforts in response to the wildfires, as well as supporting community preparedness and risk reduction for future all-hazard disaster events within Alberta," said Sharma.

Sharma is a star powerlifter, who represented Canada in the Commonwealth Powerlifting Championship in Newfoundland in 2019 and walked away with silver in Bench Press.

Powerlifting is a strength sport that consists of three attempts at maximal weight on any of three lifts: squat, bench press, and deadlift. He has been competing in powerlifting since 2016 and has accumulated an impressive resume. In addition to his latest win, he won gold in both 2017 and 2018 at the Western Powerlifting Championships. I was also placed 4th in powerlifting in the country in 2018.

However, Sharma's strength is just not limited to lifting weights. The COVID-19 pandemic saw our champion and their sponsor, Supplementking, stepping up to support healthcare workers. Together, they provided essential food sup-



Sumeet Sharma

plies to hospitals across the lower mainland, accomplishing a mission close to their hearts. In addition, their philanthropic efforts extended to the global stage. Partnering with the Canada Ukraine Foundation, they set up donation boxes at Supplementking locations in Surrey to raise funds for those affected by the crisis in Ukraine. The journey of giving doesn't end there. He is now rallying the community to donate generously for the people of Jasper.

Those wishing to help people impacted by Alberta Wildfires are encouraged to make a donation to the 2024 Alberta Wildfires Appeal. Financial donations to the 2024 Alberta Wildfires Appeal can be made:

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Sikh Motorcycle Club Commemorates 25th Anniversary Of Helmet Exemption In BC



Sikh Motorcycle Club of BC hosted an event to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of helmet exemption law in BC and to call for similar changes in other provinces of Canada where Sikhs are not allowed to ride motorcycles without a helmet. Back in 1999 some community members fought for helmet exemption in BC. In July 1999 there was an exemption made to the Motor Vehicle Act and Sec. 194 (3) was created to allow Sikhs to wear Dastar while riding their motorcycles.

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Surrey RCMP seize firearms after video of people dancing with guns in Surrey Wedding goes viral

Surrey RCMP informed the public that several firearms have been seized after a video surfaced online showing a group of people dancing with firearms.

On the morning of August 1, 2024, Surrey RCMP became aware of a video circulating on social media and it was alleged that the video of the group of people dancing with firearms was filmed in Surrey.

Surrey RCMP South Community Response Unit (SCRU) took conduct

of the investigation and later in the day confirmed the address where the video may have been filmed. A Criminal Code investigation was initiated and contact was made with the property owner.

On August 1, 2024 at approximately 5:30 pm time, SCRU seized several firearms from the property owner.

The investigation continues in order to identify the individuals in the video. SCRU will be reaching out to multiple partner

agencies to advance the investigation.

"We understand this incident was extremely alarming to the community at large," says Superintendent Harm Dosange, Community Services Officer for the Surrey RCMP. "Public safety is our top priority and our officers worked quickly to seize the firearms in question."

If anyone has information regarding the incident or the identity of the individuals in the video, please call Surrey RCMP at



604-599-0502 and quote file 2024-112686.

Translink Will Be Forced To Cut Services By 50% If Funding Is Not Found: Report

TransLink released a new report this week detailing potential future transit service cuts that would be necessary at the end of 2025 if a new transit funding model is not established. According to the report, TransLink could cut bus services by 50%, and cancel 145 routes plus the NightBus service. In addition, SkyTrain and SeaBus cuts are part of the plan with the possibility of the WestCoast Express

being eliminated if there isn't revolutionary budget planning for TransLink beyond 2025 between the provincial and federal governments.

TransLink is facing a funding gap of approximately \$600 million each year – a shortfall in the budget to operate current transit service levels throughout the region. Without funding, TransLink faces the prospect of



cutting transit services to balance its budget. TransLink recently announced \$90 million in corporate cost-efficiency and revenue measures to help reduce the funding gap.

According to Translink if a solution is not found next year, potential cuts to transit services could include: Cutting bus service in half, including cancelling up to 145 bus routes and all NightBus services; reducing SkyTrain and SeaBus services by up to 30 per cent; eliminating West Coast Express; reducing HandyDART by 35 per cent; eliminating the Local Government Funding Program which invests in road maintenance and local infrastructure upgrades.

These substantial reductions to transit service would significantly impact the entire Metro Vancouver region. More than half a million people will no longer be living within walking

distance of a transit stop, disproportionately impacting those who are low-income, visible minorities, shift workers, youth, and seniors.

There would be almost no transit services operating in Langley, White Rock, South Delta, Port Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, and much of the North Shore.

Tens of thousands of more cars would be added to the already-congested streets and bridges, with congestion worsening by 20%.

Employers in health care, childcare, hospitality, construction, and major industries would face the prospect of employees who can no longer make it to work.

Surrey Board of Trade raised alarm bells at this potential TransLink Service cuts and the impacts it will have on the people of Surrey. "Surrey is already lacking when it comes to transit and transportation needs," said Anita Huberman, President & CEO, Surrey Board of Trade. "If the provincial and federal governments don't realize that transportation is economic infrastructure and take action immediately on a sustainable funding plan, Surrey's economy – in addition to the Metro Vancouver region and provincial economies - will be severely compromised."

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Surrey RCMP Family Members Appeal For Witnesses In Fatal 2023 Pedestrian Collision

July 29, 2024 marked the one-year anniversary of a fatal pedestrian collision in which Zachary Frise died. Surrey RCMP is appealing for witnesses to come forward. On July 29, 2023, at approximately 12:38 a.m., Surrey RCMP responded to a report of a pedestrian hit and run collision in the 8200-block of 128 Street. The pedestrian, a 31-year-old man, was transported to hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. Prior to the arrival of police, the victim was assisted by several good Samaritans. Although investigators have spoken with some witnesses, they believe there are additional witnesses who have yet to come forward. Surrey RCMP's Criminal



Zachary Frise

Collision Investigation Team is renewing its plea for anyone who was in the 8200 block of 128 Street between 12:00 am and 01:00 am on July 29, 2023 to come forward and speak with police.

If you have any information including CCTV and dash camera footage, please contact Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 and quote file 2023-126345. Victim's family issued the following statement. Dear Members of the Community, We are reaching out to you today with a plea that comes from the deepest part of our hearts. A year ago, on July 29, 2023, our beloved, Zachary Frise, was tragically injured in a hit-and-run accident. He succumbed to his horrific injuries on July 30, 2023. The pain and grief of losing him has been unbearable for our entire family. Not a day goes by that we don't miss his bright smile and charismatic personal-ity. There

will always be a heartache that can never be healed. Zachary was a wonderful and loving Son, Daddy, Husband, Brother, and friend. His loss has left an irreplaceable void in our lives. We are desperate for answers and for justice. We have been living in a state of anguish, knowing that the person responsible for this tragedy is still out there. We are writing to you today to implore anyone who might have witnessed the accident or who might have any information to come forward. Even the smallest detail could be crucial in helping us find the person responsible for Zachary's death. Your information could provide us with the closure we so desperately need and help ensure that justice is served.

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Sikh Refugees of 1987 Express Gratitude to the Communities in Halifax and Charlesville



By Joginderjit Singh Jabal

On July 12th, 1987, a cargo ship carrying 174 passengers arrived on the shores of Nova Scotia, bringing Sikhs from India. These individuals had boarded the ship in Rotterdam, embarking on a journey that would forever change their lives. This event marked a significant shift in Canadian immigration policy and brought attention to the plight of Sikhs in India under an oppressive regime of that time, a situation some argue persists today.

Most passengers were Sikhs fleeing India due to political unrest in the late 1970s and early 1980s, culminating in Operation Blue Star. Following Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination by her Sikh bodyguards in 1984, anti-Sikh violence escalated, resulting in thousands of extrajudicial killings. Many Sikhs sought refuge abroad to escape persecution.

Amidst this backdrop, many young Sikhs fled to Europe. While in Europe, they learned of an opportunity to voyage to Canada and made arrangements. With hopes raised by Canada's acceptance of Tamil refugees in Newfoundland in August 1986, they decided to set sail. However, details about the voyage were scarce, and passengers were unaware of the ship's conditions or provisions. The ship was an old cargo vessel and refugees had to stay in the hull without adequate rest or sanitation facilities.

The journey was harsh, with rough Atlantic waters and rust falling from the hull. Passengers prayed continuously during the 19-day trip for safe arrival in Canada. When the ship's engine failed, one of the passengers with engine

experience managed to restart it. Food ran out and for the last four days, refugees survived on one water bottle each per day. On July 12, 1987, the ship approached Nova Scotia under dense fog. Instead of docking, refugees were told to use a marine evacuation slide to reach the shore. Fortunately, the waters were shallow upon disembarking, minimizing injuries. Refugees locked arms and walked through shallow, muddy waters to the shore. After gathering for prayer and waiting for the cargo ship to re-enter international waters as instructed, they moved further inland and met a pickup truck driver who confirmed they were in Canada. Cold and hungry, they followed Highway 3 to Charlesville, sitting in front of Vernon and Tim Malone's home. The RCMP and Fire Department were called. Despite official advice not to interact, the Malones and the community helped feed the refugees, providing their first meal in days with peanut butter sandwiches. In a gesture of humanity, the people of Charlesville emptied their refrigerators to help.

The refugees were then taken to the Woods Harbour Firehall and later to a local military base for processing. The Maritime Sikh Society in Halifax provided food and assistance. News of the refugees' arrival spread across Canada, sparking a debate about their fate. Many Canadians felt that illegal entrants should be sent back, fearing Canada could become a haven for refugees. Others were concerned about the breach of Canada's borders. However, the Canadian Sikh community organized to support the refugees, hiring law firms and advocating for their stay. There was a sentiment to avoid another incident similar to the Guru Nanak Jahaz (commonly referred to as the Komagata Maru) of 1914.

The Canadian government's stance was a stark contrast to the Tamil refugees that arrived only one year earlier when PM



Brian Mulroney's comments silenced his critics stating, "we are not in the business of turning away refugees." However, during this incident, the PM ordered an emergency recall of Parliament to decide on the fate of the refugees with a strong desire to send them back.

The World Sikh Organization (WSO) took a leading role in the next steps. Sardar Gian Singh Sandhu, President of WSO Canada, liaised with government officials to find a solution for the release of the refugees. Working with lawyers hired by WSO, the Canadian government made an unprecedented decision to allow the refugees to stay in Canada if bonds were placed for each individual. Lawyers for the WSO initially offered a blanket bond of \$600,000 for all refugees, but this was refused. Instead, individual bonds were set based on perceived risk levels. This decision was influenced by the fact that one of the refugees had been deported from Canada previously. Additionally, some statements provided by the refugees in an effort to highlight their plight revealed affiliations with organizations in India opposing the government. Rather than supporting their case, these were seen as unfavorable and heightened

security concerns.

Renowned lawyer David Gibbons and local lawyer Lee Cohen worked on an amicable solution to keep the refugees in Canada. Recognizing the strong Sikh communities in Vancouver and Toronto, the WSO sought assistance from local communities to post the required bonds. The Western Regional office, led by Sardar Daljit Singh Sandhu and Sardar Surindar Singh Jabal and the Eastern Regional office, led by Sardar Inderjit Singh Bal and Sardar Harbajan Singh Pandori, reached out to the community for help. Although community members had no prior relationship with the refugees, bonds were posted for all 174 individuals. The total cost for bonds alone was \$750,000, with overall costs exceeding \$2 million. It is important to note that not all passengers were Sikh; one woman was of Turkish descent, and a few others were of Hindu and Muslim backgrounds. However, the Sikh community posted bonds for all, irrespective of religion or background.

Sikh refugees contributions in Nova Scotia

Over the years, the Sikh refugees who arrived in Nova Scotia in 1987 have made significant contributions to Canadian society. They have become an integral part of the multicultural fabric of Canada, enriching it with their unique cultural heritage, values, community service and traditions. Their contributions span various sectors. Some have become successful entrepreneurs, establishing businesses that contribute to the local and national economy. These businesses range from small enterprises to large corporations, creating jobs and fostering economic growth. In addition, members of their families have excelled in professions such as medicine, engineering, law and academia; bringing their expertise and dedication to their respective fields.

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Public Notification: Two BC Gang Members to live within west Abbotsford after bail

Both men During the investigation, multiple search warrants were executed at several residences in Abbotsford and Surrey, resulting in almost six kilograms of fentanyl, two kilograms of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, morphine, large amounts of cash and firearms being seized. As a result of additional evidence

being obtained during the drug investigation, the Abbotsford Police Major Crime Unit initiated "Project High Table," focusing on SANDHU and DHALIWAL as investigators believed they were conspiring to commit murder. On February 21st, 2024, Anmol SANDHU and Navpreet DHALIWAL were arrested and charged with two counts of

Conspiracy to Commit Murder and remanded into custody. Further charges of Trafficking a Controlled Substance and Firearms offences have also been laid. On July 31st, 2024, the Abbotsford Police Department were notified that Anmol SANDHU and Navpreet DHALIWAL were released from custody on Bail

until trial. Anmol SANDHU and Navpreet DHALIWAL have been provided with a series of court-imposed bail conditions that consist of: Electronic Monitoring, House Arrest, Not to possess weapons defined by the Criminal Code, Variety of No contact orders, Prohibited from communicating on any social media platform,

Prohibited from owning or possessing a cellular telephone. Should anyone observe SANDHU or DHALIWAL in violation of any of their court-ordered conditions, or has information that would assist police with their investigation, is asked to contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or 9-1-1 in case of emergency.

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Edmonton Police issue Canada-wide warrant for leader of extortion...

On Thursday, July 25, 2024, EPS and RCMP officers executed search warrants at six locations in southeast Edmonton relating to Project Gaslight. Police also arrested and charged five males and one female believed to be involved in the extortion scheme that was targeting South Asian business owners in the Edmonton area. Jointly and individually, the seven accused are facing a total of 54 charges, including extortion, arson, intentionally discharging a firearm, break and enter, assault with a weapon, as well as a number of charges linked to committing an offence for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a criminal organization.

Maninder Singh Dhaliwal's whereabouts are unknown, but police are working with federal counterparts to locate him. Investigators believe he may have altered his appearance since the photo above was taken. Anyone who has information about Dhaliwal's whereabouts is asked to contact police immediately at projectgaslight@edmontonpolice.ca or 780-391-4279. Anonymous information can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at www.p3tips.com/250. "From the standpoint of sheer volume of information our investigators reviewed, this was likely one of the

largest investigations in the history of the EPS, resulting in substantial charges for all accused," said Acting Inspector David Paton, with the EPS Organized Crime Branch. "We believe that the individuals identified today represent the core members of this criminal network; however, we know Dhaliwal is actively recruiting other young people and we want parents, specifically from the South Asian community, to be aware and to have conversations with their young adults about the extortions and arsons that have been taking place." "The RCMP National Coordination and Support Team (NCST) has been monitoring the significant progress

made by the Edmonton Police Service and the efforts underway by the other BC, Alberta, and Ontario law enforcement colleagues working to address similar types of extortion and violence investigations in Canada," said Superintendent Adam MacIntosh, NCS Team Leader. "We continue to share information and intelligence and leverage additional resources and supports as we collectively work to identify, arrest and deter those individuals and criminal organizations targeting our communities." The EPS has laid charges in 26 of the 40 reported incidents related to this extortion series.

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Sikh Refugees of 1987 Express Gratitude to the Communities in Halifax...

In July 2024, to commemorate and recognize those who helped them 37 years ago, the refugees organized a caravan from Halifax to Charlesville adorned with Canadian flags as a recognition of the Canadian Government's decision to allow them to stay. It also symbolized how they are proud Canadians today. Those that supported the refugees in their time of need were recognized, including local

residents of Charlesville, Sikh Societies and Gurdwaras, community members, lawyers and Canadian Government officials. Additionally, the refugees of 1987 established an annual scholarship for a child attending university from Charlesville, donated funds to the local community center and fire department, offered to pay for books for the local

library and planned a monument to establish a park where the cargo ship stopped. Their story is one of gratitude wrapped in advocacy and activism. There was a commitment to support the community that supported them. As Canada continues to embrace multiculturalism, the experiences of the Sikh refugees in Nova Scotia serve as an inspiring example of successful

integration and mutual enrichment. Their story underscores the importance of providing refuge to those in need and the profound impact that such humanitarian efforts can have on both individuals and society as a whole. (Joginderjit Singh Jabal is a manager at a financial institution with a keen interest in Sikh history)

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BC India Business Council and MSM group hold media discussion on International Education and Brand Canada

In recent years, international students in Canada, particularly those from India, have become a hot topic of discussion. The influx of these students has brought a host of challenges. With the involvement of unscrupulous actors in the immigration sector, international students have often borne the brunt of blame for issues ranging from inflation and housing shortages to rising crime rates. Amidst the political blame game, the reputation of international education and “Brand Canada” has suffered, leading many students seeking international education to consider studying in other countries.

The worsening ties between India and Canada, exacerbated by issues related to Khalistan,



MSM Group’s CEO Dr. Raghwa Gopal, CIO Sobhana Jaya-Madhavan and BC-IBN’s Founder, Dr. Vivek Savkur (Photo by Surbhi Gogia)

have further strained relations. This diplomatic tension has made genuine students reconsider their plans to study in Canada.

Despite these challenges, Canada remains a top destination for international education, known for its quality and the success stories of those who have studied and thrived there. Canada is a top choice for international students due to its quality education, safety, respect for diversity, work options, and pathways to careers and permanent residency. Over the past decade, international student numbers have surged, with a 43% increase in the last five years and a 170% increase over the last decade. These students contribute more than \$22 billion annually to the economy and support over 370,000 jobs.

However, the current narrative is overshadowed by negative perceptions.

In response, two organizations focused on international students and India-Canada relations have united to address these issues. They aim to take concrete actions to restore and enhance Canada’s image as a premier destination for international students. By fostering open dialogue and collaboration, they seek to create a positive and accurate picture of what Canada truly offers to students worldwide.

MSM Group, in partnership with the BC-India Business Network (BC-IBN), hosted a media round on table on “International Education & Brand Canada.” The event was co-hosted by MSM Group’s CEO Dr. Raghwa Gopal, and CIO Sobhana Jaya-Madhavan and guests were welcomed by BC-IBN’s Founder, Dr. Vivek Savkur. The event brought together over 15 South Asian media representatives.

The discussion focused on the current state of international education in Canada, its impact on “Brand Canada,” the geopolitical factors at play, and related matters on July 29th at Spice 72 restaurant in Surrey. The discussion included the short—and long-term implications, collective strategies to promote relevant and positive information about Canada as an education destination, the critical importance of international education and the contributions of international students to the Canadian economy and society at large.

The action-oriented discussion culminated with few important calls for action like making reliable and good information available to prospective students and their families in their country of origin; to have pre-arrival and post-arrival supports in place for international students to maximize their chances to succeed in Canada; to foster greater collaboration between sectors, partners and stakeholders who are part of and/or connected to the international education ecosystem and encourage transparent and open dialogue about serious problems and work together to find meaningful solutions that address the root causes of problems.

Dr. Gopal highlighted the importance of collaboration, stating, “Together, with our partners and stakeholders, we will overcome challenges and uphold Canada’s reputation as a premier destination for world-class education. By collaborating, we can ensure that Canada remains a welcoming and top-tier choice for international students, strengthening Brand Canada globally.”

Ms. Jaya-Madhavan committed that the dialogue initiated by MSM Group will continue and the future sessions will include invitations to senior government officials, student and organizational leaders across Canada.

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BC Conservatives Outraged Over Dropped Charges for Alleged Child Molester

VANCOUVER, BC: A Victoria provincial court judge said that “unacceptable” delays in B.C.’s court system forced the staying of a criminal charge against a man accused of sexually assaulting a six-year-old girl. The Conservative Party of British Columbia in a statement said the court’s decision highlights “a severe failure in the administration of justice under David Eby’s leadership.” The Party is calling for urgent measures to address the resource shortages in the

provincial court system and ensure that such tragic failures do not happen again. Justice must be served, and the rights of victims must be protected. In a scathing ruling, Victoria provincial court Judge Mayland McKimm found that “unacceptable” delays, including problems scheduling a semi-retired judge, pushed the trial beyond the 18-month limit set by the Supreme Court of Canada. The delays resulted in the stay of charges against the accused, despite the



John Rustad, Leader of the Conservative Party

severity of the allegations. John Rustad, Leader of the

Conservative Party of British Columbia, expressed deep concern: “Ensuring our courts run smoothly is a provincial responsibility—one that David Eby has failed at. The administration of justice in British Columbia is in shambles, and this recent case is a devastating example of the consequences.” The Conservative Party of British Columbia emphasizes that while laws are written in Ottawa, the administration of justice is a provincial responsibility.

The failure to provide enough Crown prosecutors, Sheriffs, and Judges is a clear dereliction of duty by the current provincial government. In 2016, the Supreme Court of Canada, through R. v Jordan, clearly defined the Charter right to a speedy trial. However, despite this landmark ruling, the NDP government has failed to allocate the necessary resources to uphold these rights and ensure that justice is served.

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Jessie Sunner To Run As BC NDP Candidate In Surrey-Newton In Place Of Harry Bains

The BC NDP announced new candidates seeking the party’s nomination in seats that were stronghold of 3 BC NDP MLAs who recently announced their retirements: Rob Fleming, Bruce Ralston and Harry Bains.



Jessie Sunner

Nina Krieger will be the candidate in Victoria-Swan Lake, Jessie Sunner in Surrey-Newton, and Amna Shah in Surrey City Centre.

Nina Krieger is running in Victoria-Swan Lake. A Victoria resident, she has dedicated her career to advancing education and combatting discrimination and hate of all kinds. As Executive Director of Western Canada’s leading Holocaust museum, she has positioned the organization for significant expansion within a multigenerational Jewish community centre that will continue to serve a diversity of people and include childcare, seniors’ services, and arts and culture spaces. “Growing up, I watched my father contribute to the union movement and had a front row seat to the BC NDP’s support for working people,” said Krieger. “That’s why I’m seeking a nomination with David Eby’s team: because of its record of decisive action on housing, healthcare and education, and its inclusive vision for the province. The people of Victoria and all of BC can count on us to be in their corner.”

Jessie Sunner, a trade unionist and human rights lawyer, is running in Surrey-Newton. As legal counsel for the Hospital Employees’ Union, she fights for workers’ rights and a stronger healthcare system every day. In addition to her legal work, she takes

action as a volunteer in her community, serving as Vice-President of the Surrey Women’s Centre, and sitting on the boards of the South Asian Bar Association, the BC Canadian Bar Association Human Rights Law Section, and the BC College of Social Workers.

“As the daughter of Punjabi immigrants, I learned from a young age what it means to have a government that has the community’s best interests at heart,” said Sunner. “The BC NDP is fighting for us: for housing we can afford, for a stronger public healthcare system, and for money in our pockets. When John Rustad was in cabinet, his government made deep cuts. We can’t afford the risk of him doing it again.”

Amna Shah is running in Surrey City Centre. She sits on the Board of Directors of the Surrey Food Bank, and in that role led the expansion of distribution services across Surrey, ensuring that everyone can have nutritious food in a dignified environment. As

the Director of Outreach and Stakeholder Relations with the BC Government Caucus, she builds relationships between government MLAs and BC’s diverse communities.

“People in Surrey-City Centre need a government that will act to make our lives easier: from expanded transit, to strengthened education, to new healthcare facilities — and that’s the BCNDP,” said Shah. “The government which John Rustad was a part of said no to a new hospital in Surrey. We have

chosen differently. The people of Surrey City Centre can count on me and the BC NDP to have their best interests at heart.”

“These are three impressive candidates and each one is an excellent addition to our BC NDP team,” said Premier David Eby. “Nina, Jessie and Amna have all taken action to help improve the lives of people in their communities. I know that British Columbians will be able to count on them every day to fight for affordability, for housing you can afford, and for healthcare when you need it.”

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Game Change: Invigorated young Democrats give Harris slight lead over Trump

Four-in-five believe this to be ‘one of the most important elections’ in American history

A whirlwind month in politics appears to have catalyzed the presidential race, with reports that Kamala Harris has the support of enough delegates to receive the Democratic nomination formally at the party’s national convention, which begins on Aug. 19. After President Joe Biden announced he would step aside, his vice president will step up and face former President and Republican nominee Donald Trump for the highest office in the nation.

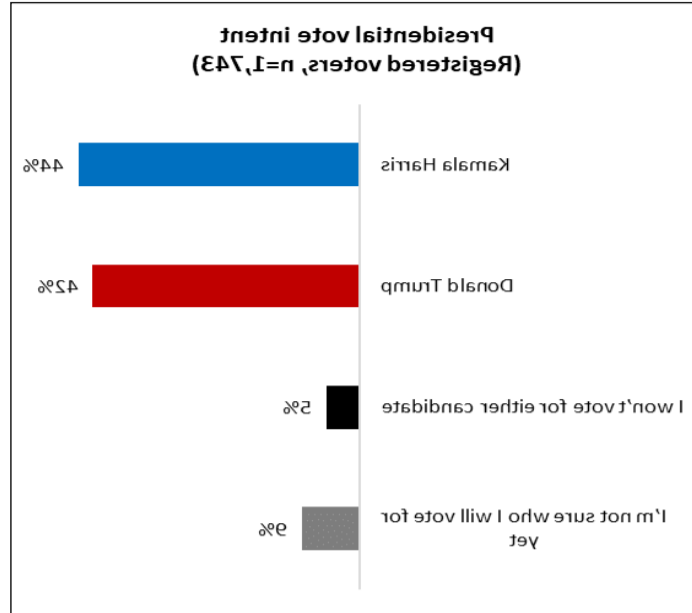
New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds Harris energizing the Democratic campaign and entering with a slight overall advantage in vote intent. Currently 44 per cent of American registered voters say they would support her bid, a two-point edge over Trump. Key at play are racial and generational dynamics.

The Harris vote is younger and more diverse, with a massive advantage among non-white would-be voters (56% to 25%) and those younger than 35 years of age (50% to 32%). For Trump, the white vote is stalwart in his favour, as he generates a 14-point advantage over Harris (51% to 37%). While he trails among 18- to 34-year-olds, and is tied among the 35 to 54 group, he holds an eight-point edge among those 55 years of age and older (49% to 40%).

Aside from the battle of personalities, the vast majority of Americans (82%) say this election is one of the most important in the nation’s history, while half say is about the issues. For Harris voters this means the future of democracy, reproductive rights, and the battle against climate change. For Trump voters, priorities are the economy, inflation, and security along the southern border.

One key priority for Harris in the coming weeks will be to galvanize voters around one of two ideas – that she is the better qualified candidate, or that she is a bulwark against a worse option. Currently, half of her supporters say they’ll vote for her because they like what she stands for, while half say they simply want to block Trump. For Trump supporters, 87 per cent say they support him because of what he stands for, a defining difference between these two similarly sized groups.

Asked which leader is better on a host of key issues, Trump holds advantages on economic issues like taxation and inflation, as well as southern border security. Harris is seen as better on reproductive rights, climate change, and upholding democracy. Notably, the candidates are within five points of each other on job



creation (46% Trump, 41% Harris). Asked about “mass deportation” of southern border migrants, half of Americans support this idea. One-in-five Harris voters (21%) would support this, compared to 87 per cent of Trump voters. Harris voters are twice as likely (69% to 31%) to say that they believe the November election will be contested in a free and fair fashion compared to Trump voters.

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Surrey City Council approves motions to Increase Housing Supply, Streamline Commercial Development

Surrey City Council is taking steps to address the city's housing crisis by approving three key motions aimed at increasing affordable housing and streamlining the development process. Under Council's direction, staff are now exploring a variety of options to reduce red tape and increase housing supply.

"These motions are a significant step forward in addressing Surrey's housing crisis," said Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke. "Council's commitment to addressing the housing crisis is not just about providing more homes, it's about creating a community where everyone has access to affordable, sustainable, and inclusive living options. The approval of these motions is a testament to our dedication to innovation and collaboration."

The motions, introduced by Councillor Pardeep Kooner, demonstrate a commitment to solutions that prioritize affordability, accessibility, and sustainability.



The three motions direct staff to:

- Explore an alternative permit-issuing process to expedite building permits for minor interior renovations in eligible commercial buildings. This move is expected to reduce red tape and make it easier for businesses to improve their properties, creating a more vibrant and attractive downtown area.
- Review single-family residential zones to accommodate three-level homes with

suites, potentially with flat roofs and improved permeability on the lot. This initiative will help increase the supply of affordable housing options in Surrey, particularly for families and young professionals.

- Investigate the possibility of incorporating suites in townhouse zones near public transportation hubs. This move will provide more affordable housing options for residents who rely on public transportation and reduce the need for lengthy commutes.

Support available for tenants, landlords as action taken against rental property brokerage

VICTORIA - The B.C. Financial Services Authority (BCFSA) has taken urgent action to protect the interests of tenants and landlords of approximately 350 properties in B.C. by freezing the bank accounts and suspending the licence of Vancouver-based rental property brokerage firm Rent it Furnished Realty. While there are no immediate impacts to existing tenancy agreements, B.C.'s Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) is ready to help landlords and tenants with concerns and questions

about measures they can take and laws in place to protect their interests. Tenants and landlords are urged to make themselves aware of their obligations or rights under the Residential Tenancy Act.

People with questions should call the Residential Tenancy Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 604 660-1020 on the Lower Mainland, 250 387-1602 in Victoria, and 1 800 665-8779 elsewhere in B.C., and visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/during-a-tenancy-paying-rent (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/during-a-tenancy-paying-rent>)

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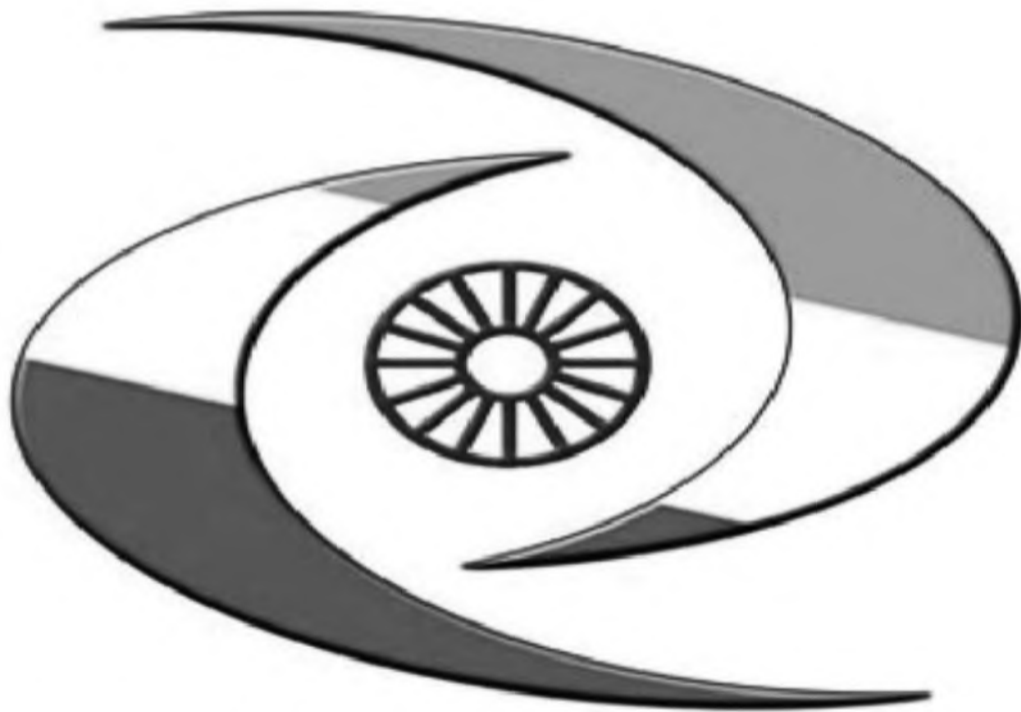
* Landlords are not permitted to evict a tenant for non-payment of rent or non-payment of deposit if it was paid to Rent it Furnished as per the tenancy agreement.

* Landlords will not have access to money managed on their behalf by Rent it Furnished accounts and are advised to take the necessary steps to change their rental payment arrangement, according to the terms of their tenancy agreement. This could include seeking an alternative licensed rental property management brokerage to set up alternative accounts.

* Tenants are advised to continue paying their rent according to the terms of their tenancy agreement, unless contacted by the landlord directly with alternative arrangements. Tenants are urged to confirm this person is the property owner.

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Brand New Beautiful house in very popular area of Port Coquitlam. 6 Bedroom house with 2 bedroom legal suite has great potential. Main Floor features open plan with lovely Kitchen and spice kitchen which is every Chef's dream. Family room and Dining Room with nicely finished ceilings. Upstairs features 4 Bedrooms and 3 Bathrooms. Huge Master bedroom with Ensuite and WIC is amazing. Downstairs 2 Bedroom legal suite is perfect for in-laws or for those ones looking for mortgage helper. Close to all levels of schools, transportation and Shopping.

12364 53 AVENUE



FOR SALE \$6,199,000

This Property is located in the prestigious Panorama Ridge neighbourhood with development potential. 2.92 Acres of LAND! Property is free of creeks, right of ways and easements. Rectangular parcel. Please call for additional information.

10048 SCOTT ROAD



FOR SALE \$2,799,000

Centrally located home with DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL! 16,500+ SQ.FT LOT! Currently 3 bed 1 bath home. Good exposure on the busy Scott road. Centrally located. 3 Km from Scott Road Skytrain Station. Great long term holding property.

13130 69 AVENUE



FOR SALE \$2,329,900

Modern executive family home situated in the highly sought-after area of West Newton. This beautifully maintained residence features 10 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms. The home showcases elegant millwork, fresh paint, high-end finishes, and renovations throughout, including two mortgage-helper basement suites (2-bedroom and 1-bedroom). The foyer's high ceilings set a sophisticated tone, leading to a double-height living room and an adjacent dining room.

13422 60 AVENUE



FOR SALE \$1,779,000

Concealed Gem! Pristine, impeccably kept, 4-bedroom home with a 1 bedroom suite! Located in a fantastic family-oriented community. Stunning craftsmanship evident throughout. Laminate flooring complements the aesthetic. Upgraded windows installed in 2017. Spacious garage boasting 8' high doors. Includes covered RV parking and two garden sheds. The backyard is a distinctive highlight, fully fenced and landscaped with charming park-like attributes facing south. Perfect for outdoor gatherings and leisure. Conveniently situated near Aspen Park, transportation, shopping centers, and schools. A delight to present!

205 395 ELLESMERE AVENUE



FOR SALE \$1,170,400

Brand new and impeccably constructed, this Live & Work space spanning 830 square feet is now available for immediate occupancy! Situated in the esteemed Capitol Hill neighborhood of Burnaby, this development stands out with its four-story structure gracefully perched above two levels of parking. Boasting a total of 20 luxurious residential units, 10 versatile Live-Work office spaces, and 4 upscale commercial retail units, this project sets a new standard for sophistication. The residential units, ranging from studios to three-bedroom layouts, offer generous floor plans ranging from 828 to 1,170 square feet, promising ample space and refined aesthetics.

22442 125 AVENUE



FOR SALE \$1,149,000

A fantastic opportunity awaits with this updated four-bedroom residence, ideally positioned at the cul-de-sac's end on a pie-shaped lot, just a short stroll from downtown Maple Ridge! The kitchen boasts quartz counters, stainless steel appliances (including a built-in microwave), and hardwood floors. Flowing seamlessly from the kitchen, the generous dining and living spaces feature a natural wood fireplace framed by a built-in entertainment unit. The master bedroom includes a 3-piece ensuite and a walk-in closet. The fully finished basement is perfect for guests or in-laws. Noteworthy features include a 2-year-old high-efficiency furnace and an 11-year-old roof. Commuters will value the proximity to Golden Ears Way! Book your showing today!

14096 113A AVENUE



FOR SALE \$2,298,000

Indulge in luxury living in this magnificent residence with breathtaking mountain views, ideally situated near the city center. The expansive living and dining areas, paired with a cozy family room on the main floor, offer ample space for both relaxation and entertainment. Upstairs, you'll discover five bedrooms and four bathrooms, including an oversized master suite featuring a lavish spa-like ensuite and a spacious walk-in closet. Thoughtfully designed with high-end finishes, this home also includes a double car garage, radiant heating, air conditioning, and more. Additionally, benefit from the potential for rental income with separate suites (1+1). Seize this extraordinary opportunity to own a splendid property, complete with the assurance of a 2-5-10 warranty.

7893 147A STREET



FOR SALE \$2,249,000

CUSTOM BUILD! Immaculately maintained, this home feels brand new. Nestled on a 6700+ sq. ft. corner lot in the serene neighbourhood of Chimney Hill, this 5000+sq.ft. residence boasts 8 bedrooms, a rec room, and 9 baths with a spacious floor plan. The grand entryway with high ceilings extends into the living room, while the expansive kitchen offers abundant cabinet space and includes a large spice kitchen with a pantry. The main floor also features a generous family room, a 2-piece powder room, and a bonus master bedroom with a full bath. The top floor comprises 4 sizable bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, including 3 master bedrooms with walk-in closets.

5579 124 STREET



FOR SALE \$2,499,000

PRESTIGIOUS PANORAMA RIDGE! BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME. This 24,000+ SQ.FT Lot is located on one of the most sought after neighbourhoods in all of Surrey - PANORAMA RIDGE! Surrounded by multi-million dollar homes this is your chance to build your dream home. Please call for more details.

15451 KILMORE PLACE



FOR SALE \$1,949,900

Arguably the best neighbourhood in all of Surrey! Located in what is known as the "K subdivision in Sullivan Station! RENOVATED 2 level executive home with over 2,500 sq.ft. of living space on a MASSIVE & CORNER lot 13,585 sq.ft. lot WITH 151 FT FRONT! The home is RENOVATED and features 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Renovations include new oak flooring, kitchen, mouldings, lights, railings, bathrooms, 5 y/o hot water tank, new windows and gutters. Main floor features living room, dining room, kitchen and eating area. Good size family room which leads into the backyard. Upstairs you have 3 good size bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Located in an excellent neighbourhood.

5559 129 STREET



FOR SALE \$2,990,000

PANORAMA RIDGE CUSTOM BUILT HOME- on a 13,500 Sq.Ft Lot. Welcome to this beautifully custom built home in the PRESTIGIOUS area of PANORAMA RIDGE. Featuring high end finishes, over sized windows, custom lighting fixtures, top of the line stainless steel appliances. Thoughtfully and tastefully built with an open concept in mind. Main floor features a large den, family/dining/living room, kitchen+spice kitchen, laundry and a massive rec room. There is also a massive patio, 4 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms and a den upstairs. In the basement you have a gym with half bathroom, a huge bar and theatre room. BONUS 2 bedroom suite. Triple Car Garage+massive driveway. Very large backyard and patio perfect for the summer bbq's.

12491 57A AVENUE



FOR SALE \$2,349,900

PRESTIGIOUS PANORAMA RIDGE! Corner Lot! BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME. This 20,000+ SQ.FT Lot is located on one of the most sought after neighbourhoods in all of Surrey - PANORAMA RIDGE! Surrounded by multi-million dollar homes this is your chance to build your dream home. Corner lot location allows for easy design and loads of windows and ultimate privacy. Please call for more details. Seller can provide Vendor Take Back Mortgage (28863376)

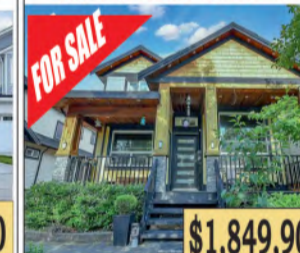
14761 62 AVENUE



FOR SALE \$1,999,000

SULLIVAN STATION BRAND NEW HOUSE Features 8 BEDROOMS & 7 WASHROOMS! You are welcomed into this custom built beauty with beautiful finishings. Bright and spacious living and dining rooms. Custom built kitchen along with a spice kitchen! Huge family room with big windows to soak in that natural light. There is also a den/bedroom on the main with a FULL washroom. Glass railings throughout. Modern design and finishings. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, 3 with their private ensuites and good size closets!

6312 128 STREET



FOR SALE \$1,849,900

PANORAMA RIDGE! 7 Bed 6 Bath Home with 2 SUITES (2+1)! One of the most desirable areas of Surrey. Freshly painted with new flooring! Top finishing- 4 Bedrooms with 3 full baths upstairs with a MASSIVE sundeck to enjoy family gatherings/parties, quartz countertops, 2 bedroom legal basement suite and 1 bedroom unauthorised suite. The main floor features a living, dining, family, gourmet kitchen, half bath and den. Stainless steel kitchen appliances. Attached double garage with back lane access. A/C & comfort radiant heating, and much more!

7688 115A STREET



OR SALE \$2,099,000

Situated on an expansive 4600+ square foot lot within the highly desirable Scottsdale community, this newly constructed, custom-designed contemporary residence epitomizes opulent living. Boasting over 3500 square feet of living space, this home is tailor-made for a growing family. The main level greets you with an impressive foyer leading to commodious living and dining areas. A seamless integration of the family room and kitchen establishes a central gathering point for daily activities. Upstairs, four bedrooms await, including two lavish master suites featuring walk-in closets and en-suite bathrooms, alongside two additional bedrooms connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom.

12352 96 AVENUE



FOR SALE \$2,349,999

QUEEN MARY PARK BRAND NEW HOME! Beautiful 7 Bed 7 Bath Home with a 2 bedroom suite with an option to have another 1 bedroom suite. This home has stunning finishings and loads of windows to soak in the natural light. As you walk into the home you are welcomed with a large living room and dining room. Huge family room and nook alongside a beautiful custom kitchen with island and BONUS spice kitchen. There is also a full bedroom with ensuite on the main floor with an additional theatre room open to your ideas! Upstairs features 4 large bedrooms ALL with their own PRIVATE ensuites and walk in closets.

13253 80 AVENUE



FOR SALE \$1,199,000

BUILD YOUR 3 LEVEL DREAM HOME. This 5200 SQ.FT Lot is located in the heart of West Newton. Please call for more details.

12686 56 AVENUE



FOR SALE \$2,325,000

PANORAMA RIDGE 3 bedroom rancher on beautiful half acre (19994 sq ft) lot. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to own one of the best on highly sought after 56 avenue. Surrounded by multi million dollar homes. Ultra clean home with open layout, enclosed sunroom, newer roof, detached garage & RV parking. Plan to build your 3 level dream home. Rectangular Large Lot 154' frontage x 129' deep. Sewer connected. Walking distance to Colebrook elementary & bus stop. Easy access to hwy 10 & hwy 99. Easy to show. North Facing. South Facing sunny backyard! The residence offers a total of 7 bedrooms and 11 washrooms- 5 master bedrooms with 6 ensuites for unparalleled luxury and convenience.

13418 71A AVENUE



FOR SALE \$1,949,000

Fantastic Development Opportunity: Situated in the highly sought-after Newton Area, this property boasts remarkable potential for development. Spanning over 8000sqft, its generous lot size combined with advantageous zoning regulations for a low-rise structure make it an enticing prospect for savvy investors and developers keen on maximizing future gains. Its strategic location promises growth, with easy access to utilities, roads, and essential amenities, streamlining the development process. Moreover, its proximity to key attractions such as the Wave Pool, library, grocery stores.

8316 Government Rd



FOR SALE \$2,799,000

Prime Government Street address, in proximity to schools, shopping, public transportation, and nestled in privacy on a spacious quarter-acre lot. Home has 10 bedrooms 11 washrooms, under construction. Sold as is where is.

279C 8635 120 ST.



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7784 DUNSMUIR STREET



FOR SALE \$6,880,000

Sale by Court Order: 3.27 acres development opportunity situated in Mission's prime location. The property boasts Urban Residential zoning (R558) and is earmarked for Attached Multi-Unit Residential development. Land value only.

17351 80 AVENUE



FOR SALE \$5,499,000

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Dinner in Richmond with Premier David Eby



Richmond's three NDP MLAs -Amandeep Singh, Kelly Greene and Henry Yao, along with Richmond Bridgeport NDP candidate Linda Li, and a large number of their well-wishers had a very pleasant meeting with BC Premier David Eby in a prominent restaurant in Richmond on Wednesday, July 24. Premier Eby enjoyed meeting with each individual at this gathering and gave an exciting speech. Afterwards, every one enjoyed a delicious dinner. It was indeed a very enjoyable event. *Photo by Balwant Sanghera*

Mela Gadri Babian Da Festival To Be Held On Sunday, Aug. 4 In Holland Park

The 28th annual Mela Gadri Babian Da festival will be celebrated this long weekend at Surrey's Holland Park. The festival commemorates and celebrates the Gadri Babai, immigrants from Punjab who fought for the end of colonialism in South Asia. The festival will honour political activists who were instrumental in providing South Asian-Canadians the right to vote, in what was a four-decades-long struggle.

Prof. Mohan Singh Memorial Foundation (Canada)
The 28th Cultural Festival is Dedicated to the Great Historical Personalities who won back the right to vote for South Asians in Canada

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2880 169 ST., SURREY
NEW LISTING \$3,599,000 Listing ID: R2584077

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

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<p>217 20696 EASTLEIGH CRESCENT NEW LISTING \$699,000</p> <p>Welcome to The Georgia, . Langley's newest collection of homes centrally located in Langley City close to shops, restaurants, parks, schools and walking distance to the future Skytrain. Modern open concept designs, featuring inviting 9ft ceilings, high-quality laminate flooring, air conditioning in the master bedrooms, and granite stone kitchen countertops. Contact sales for more information! Dont miss out, only a handful of homes remaining!</p>	<p>19917 72 AVE LANGLEY NEW LISTING \$1,599,998</p> <p>House with basement suite All rent approx \$3000 per month Open house Sunday 1-4</p> <p>SOLD</p>	<p>11516 PARKWOOD PLACE DELTA NEW LISTING \$1,499,000</p> <p>Check out this well maintained, beautifully updated basement entry home in the Heart of North Delta. Main floor boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, spacious living room/dining room, beautiful kitchen, sundeck. Downstairs features 2 bedroom legal suite with separate entry. Single garage and driveway can fit up to 4 cars. Steps away from Chalmers Elementary and Burnsville Secondary, Sun God Rec Centre, transit, shopping and parks.</p>
<p>5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN \$1,495,000</p> <p>Beautiful Corner House in the most desired area of Collingwood. Upstairs features three bedroom and two bathroom with a good size family room and a large room with separate entry and at the back of the house for suite. It comes with 2 cars and 1 bath along with its own laundry. Lots of parking and very close to all amenities . walking distance to Joyce Collingwood sky train and Gaston Park.</p> <p>SOLD</p>	<p>#37-8358 121A ST., SURREY \$699,000</p> <p>Welcome to Kennedy Trails. This house checks all the boxes. Cost effective & environmentally friendly. GEOTHERMAL Heating & Cooling, E-Star windows, Three in one heat of Surrey Main St. in heart of area, Gourmet kitchen, bath and DEN/DR in Master Bed room. Below is very large recreation room with 4th bed and comes with a full bath and a large Backyard approx 360 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 highway as well. This is a must see.</p> <p>SOLD</p>	<p>9750 128 ST., SURREY \$999,900</p> <p>Solid 6 bed and 2 bath home in the heart of Surrey. A perfect home for home buyers, investors. Upstairs features 3 bedrooms, kitchen with granite laundry, Massive deck freshly painted. 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>
<p>#51-7090 180 ST., SURREY \$185,000 over asking</p> <p>SOLD</p>		

14379 66A AVENUE

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6 BED - 4 BATHS - 10,318 SF

This Beautiful House sits over a 10318 Sq. Feet Lot in prime neighbourhood of East Newton & features with Three Bedrooms & Two Washrooms including extra large master bedroom with ensuite and a Balcony, Huge Living Room, Dining Room & a separate Family Room UPSTAIRS. Downstairs comes with two mortgage helpers (2+1), Fully Renovated with lot of updates like both new Kitchens, Bathrooms, flooring, Lighting, Hot Water tank & Furnace. Enjoy the tranquility & quietness of Cul-de-sac with your morning tea sitting on the Front Patio. Close to all Amenities.

ASKING 1,599,000

5758 131 A STREET SURREY



11BED - 11 BATHS - 20,255 SF LOT

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN PRIME NEIGHBOURHOOD OF PANORAMA

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9097 BROADWAY STREET



3 BED - 1 BATH - 10,019 SF LOT

Builder's Alert! The Property is subdividable and has been rezoned R1-C. PLA Application has been submitted to City & is in process. Excellent Heritage style home with three bedrooms and one bathroom. Large Private backyard.

ASKING 924,000

11956 98 AVENUE, SURREY



7 BED - 5 BATHS - 6,600 SF

Welcome to Your Dream Home! This beautiful renovated home at a prime location in a quiet neighbourhood of Royal Heights features with 7 Bedrooms & 5 Washrooms, very spacious open concept kitchen with quartz countertops & stainless steel appliances, Huge Living Room & Family Room, tons of Natural Light, Stone front, Glass Railing, Air Conditioning Upstairs. 2+1 Bedroom Suites as great mortgage helpers. Enjoy your morning tea in the open front deck or the covered sundeck in the backyard. Easy Access to Hwy 17, Scott Rd Skytrain station, Schools and Shopping.

ASKING 1,699,000

7028 142 STREET, SURREY



5 BED - 5 BATHS - 7,107 SF

Welcome to this well-maintained and updated home in the heart of Newton with over 7100 sqft lot with 77 feet Front just steps away from school and Bus Stops. Upstairs there are 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms with a living room, dining room and kitchen along with a bonus Family room. There are 2 separate balconies off the Family & Living Room. 2 Mortgage helpers (1 bedroom each) currently rented to Nice tenants. There is one full extra bath Downstairs. This home has lots of options to rent. The home features an updated kitchen (2015) updated washrooms (2017) and has been freshly painted. The roof has been updated as well in 2017. Walking distance to George Vanier Elementary school, daycare and to public transportation. THIS IS A MUST SEE!! Please book your private Showings.

ASKING 1,699,000

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2024 Ford Expedition King Ranch: Ultimate Highway SUV

Review by Veeno Dewan

For 2024 Ford refreshes its flagship full-size Expedition SUV, with more tech, features, and off-road capability. The three-row Expedition comes in regular length or as the extended-wheelbase Expedition Max, with similar passenger space but more cargo room. New changes include revamped colour choices, minor interior tweaks and One-pedal driving for off-road use on the Timberline model.

Power is courtesy of a high output 3.5-liter twin-turbo EcoBoost V6 engine borrowed from the F-150 Raptor, making a class leading 440 hp and 510 lb-ft of torque. Four-wheel drive is standard. The Expedition can tow up to 9,200 lb and carry a payload of up to 1,758 lbs when equipped with the available Heavy-Duty Trailer Tow Package.

The 2024 Ford Expedition model comes in a number of models. Pricing ranges from \$77,915 For the entry XLT to \$109,640 for the extended MAX Platinum version. The price for the mid-range Limited and King Ranch trim (As tested) starts at \$106,285 depending on if you go for the stretched MX versions. The top dog Platinum is priced at \$107,245. The Timberline series has the best available ground clearance in its class and is aimed at the outdoor set with its 33-inch tires a heavy-duty skid plate from the Ford Raptor, and a two-speed transfer case transmission.

Interior wise, there is a smart, refined look with nice soft-touch surfaces. Luxurious leather drapes the seats and fit and finish is excellent with plenty of storage. The available panoramic sunroof spans two rows of seats and its huge size allows for a bright and airy interior. The Expedition offers the ultimate in interior room and flexibility. The second-row seats can be configured as optional captain's chairs on some models which are heated, and can slide fore, d aft, recline. The third-row seats are standard,

which makes the roomy Ford Expedition a true eight-seater. There is separate climate control zone for the rear. Note that the third row is probably the most spacious in this class and also reclines.

We tested an upper -mid King Ranch® Edition in an eye-catching "Wild Green" paint, 22inch polished wheels, heavy duty towing package, and the road preview system driving assist aid. The King Ranch model has the fancy Del Rio Full Leather Seating Surfaces that feature front captain's chairs both at heated and ventilated with 10-way power. These include power lumbar and power recline. The second row has power-folding and heated seats with armrests and a tip-and-slide feature. As well as the distinctive interior the King Ranch has the larger 15-inch touch screen display from the F-150 Lightning.

Technology includes Ford's BlueCruise. This driver aid utilises adaptive cruise control, stop-and-go, lane-centering and speed-sign recognition to allow true hands-free driving when activated on more than 160,000 kilometres of pre-qualified sections of divided highways throughout North America, called Hands-Free Blue Zones.

Every 2024 Ford Expedition comes with standard and available driver-assist features. These include Road Edge Detection, Intersection Assist: and Reverse Brake Assist. The Expedition also has an impressive list of safety features that are mostly included in the Ford Co-Pilot360 suite. The adaptive cruise control system comes with stop and go, there's blind-spot warning with rear-cross traffic alert, and evasive steering assist.

On the road, as expected, the Expedition offers a smooth ride thanks to independent rear suspension. I was surprised to find the Expedition quite easy to park thanks to a



relatively tight turning circle. Of note is the new BlueCruise system which provides hands-free highway driving. Instead of requiring that a driver touch the steering wheel occasionally, it uses a camera to monitor the driver's face to make sure eyes remain on the road. The new Active Air Dam feature improves aerodynamics, deploying at speeds above 63 kph then automatically retracting at lower speeds for city driving and parking. That powerful engine and smooth transmission deliver effortless relaxed highway cruising. Fuel economy

is not miserly at L/100km 12.9 combined - 14.8 city, 10.6 highway, but at least it better than a ga guzzling V8. Not much to complain about, the big SUV is roomy and comfortable and come at cost especially as you move up the model range. It is also massive, a bit excessive for the urban grind, but vastly superior to almost anything for long distance highway cruising if you tow or haul and need 8-passanger seating where it knocks it competitors out he park.

In summing up, the latest generation Expedition is very impressive. It offers a comfortable ride, a roomy cabin with all the comfort and luxury you could want. With seating for eight, and a huge cargo and towing capacity, the 2024 Ford Expedition ticks all the boxes. Highly recommended. 2024 Ford Expedition: Priced from: \$106,285

King Ranch model as tested - \$107,985 including options, PDI and delivery. More info at www.ford.ca



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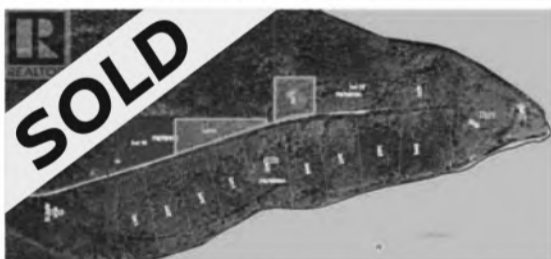
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Monsoon Mayhem: Landslides in Kerala's Wayanad claim hundreds of lives

The devastating series of landslides in Kerala's Wayanad district has claimed the lives of at least 132 people and injured over 200, with the toll expected to rise as rescuers search through the debris, official sources said this week.

The disaster, which is the worst the state has seen since floods in 2018, has left behind a trail of destruction in its wake. Pictures show uprooted trees, flattened houses and broken bridges submerged in muddied waters.

The intensity of the landslide was so high that it split the Iruvanipuzha river, which flows through the area, into two.

The landslides occurred around 2 am and 4.10 am on Tuesday catching people off-guard while they were sleeping, leading to a high number of casualties.

Harrowing scenes of dead bodies in sitting and lying positions inside destroyed houses could be seen as rescue operations resumed in the landslide-devastated Mundakkai hamlet on Wednesday morning.

The rescuers could reach many inland areas, which were totally cut off on Wednesday morning only.

According to visuals aired on TV channels, at one place, Army personnel could be seen breaking the tin roof of a house that was completely submerged in mud and using ropes to reach inside to retrieve the bodies of those trapped there.

A local man, who went inside one such house, said he saw mud-covered bodies in sitting positions on chairs and lying down on cots.

"The deceased persons might be sitting or lying down when the tragedy struck them in the small hours of Tuesday," he said.



Meanwhile, Wayanad district authorities started collecting data to determine the number of people missing following the massive tragedy.

A special team at the District Emergency Operation Centre is compiling data on the number of people residing in the area, those found after the landslide, and the number of persons missing, a district administration official told reporters.

The official said data on individuals is being collected by reviewing ration card details and other government documents. Members of several families have reported that their loved ones remain untraced.

The massive Wayanad landslides that levelled houses and buried lives underneath them have also scarred the survivors for life.

With their near and dear ones gone and staring at an uncertain future, survivors recount their most traumatic experience ever that unfolded in the wee hours of July 30.

Speaking to PTI, Pranjeesh, a survivor from Mundakkai, said he heard a loud

noise and the landslide occurred four times.

"Around 12.40 am, the landslide occurred. We heard a huge sound. Three members of my family were lost in the landslide that passed right in front of my house. Now, we are in a camp and safe. We are eight people. My mother's sister and her family were left behind," he said.

Prasanna, from Chooralmala, was in tears

Kurian visited the people affected by the landslide in Wayanad.

"The situation is being monitored by the central government at the highest level. The Honourable Prime Minister is monitoring the situation and has deputed me to visit the affected areas.

"Both control rooms of the Ministry of Home Affairs are monitoring the situation 24x7 and providing all possible assistance



when she recounted her experience. The woman witnessed her sister and her family being swept away by the muddy water.

"I could only help my father. I carried him and ran towards the forest. I couldn't help my sister. I couldn't save her. Two of the children ran outside and got washed away. I could hear them screaming. Our house got washed away," Prasanna, in her late 40s, recounted the ordeal.

Union Minister George Kurian has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is closely monitoring the landslide situation in Kerala's Wayanad district, with the central government assuring all possible assistance to the state for the rescue efforts of those affected by the tragedy.

to the state," he is quoted as saying in a press release here on Wednesday.

The Chief Minister's Office said that the Army will construct a Bailey bridge for rescue operations in Wayanad's Chooralmala.

Massive landslides triggered by torrential rains struck Mundakkai, Chooralmala, Attamala, and Noolpuzha hamlets in the early hours of Tuesday, killing several people, including women and children.

Former Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi termed landslides in the Kerala district a "national disaster" and sought a comprehensive action plan even as the administration said 190 persons had been confirmed dead and more than 200 missing.

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First introduced in Fall 2023, over 7,000 people accessed the future skills grant, helping people access training opportunities in industries such as health care, firefighting, cybersecurity and construction.

People 19 and older who live in British Columbia are eligible for these grants.

"This government is focused on investing in British Columbians and removing financial barriers to their success. As jobs transform and more training is required, with the \$3,500 future skills grant, people will be able to boost their skills, and succeed in their current jobs and get better-paying jobs," said Lisa Beare, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. "Last year, this grant served over 7,000 people, and this year, thousands of British Columbians will benefit from more training opportunities offered by B.C.'s public post-secondary institutions that will enhance workers' skills who will fill in-demand positions now and get good-paying jobs."

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People can choose from a growing list of more than 300 programs and start training in September 2024. Registration for the fall semester is open.

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- * health-care training, such as medical terminology, emergency medical responder and dental office administration;
- * trades and firefighting training, such as construction, automotive (electric vehicle) repair services, and wildfire fighting;
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- * other certificates and micro-credentials across many industries, including education, agriculture and fishing, finance and more.

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For more information about the future skills grant, go to: <https://www.workbc.ca/find-loans-and-grants/students-and-adult-learners/strongerbc-future-skills-grant>

City of Surrey to file a Notice on Surrey property where owner illegally constructed buildings without permits

Surrey Council has directed staff to file a notice on title to the property at 7686 125 Street, where the owner has illegally constructed and occupied the buildings without permits and in violation of the City's Building Bylaw.

"City Council is sending a clear message that there is zero tolerance for illegal construction in Surrey," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "Illegal construction not only poses serious safety risks, but also erodes the integrity of building regulations. The legal measures we have taken will protect neighborhoods, future homeowners and uphold the standards that make Surrey a safe and vibrant place to live for all. I would like to thank the Illegal Construction Enforcement Team for their diligent efforts in this critical work."

The notice on title is a result of a Special Council Meeting on July 24, 2024, where Surrey City Council voted unanimously in favour of filing the notice on title to the property. The notice will alert potential buyers, lenders, and insurers about the illegal construction and the potential risks associated with the property.

A notice on title under Section 57 of the Community Charter is a legal measure used by a city to inform the public, including potential purchasers, about unauthorized structures on a property that were built without the necessary building permits or inspections. It serves several purposes, including:

- Encouraging Compliance: It encourages owners to bring their property into compliance with the City's Building

Bylaw, to ensure homes are built to the minimum health and safety requirements. The legislation provides that the notice will be removed once compliance is achieved.

- Transparency and Awareness: It acts as a warning about unauthorized



structures, protecting prospective buyers and informing the public.

- Enforcement and Accountability: It emphasizes the City's commitment to enforcing its Building Bylaw by holding property owners accountable for illegal construction activities.

The City of Surrey's Illegal Construction Enforcement Team, established in 2022, is dedicated to enforcing the City's bylaws and targeting residential construction that is done without permits, inspections, or compliance with safety standards. The City of Surrey has also increased fines for illegal building activities and sought compliance through court action.

To file a complaint about construction you suspect has been done without permits, email bylawcomplaint@surrey.ca or call 604-591-4370. Complaints can also be submitted online through the Report a Problem application.



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Drivers advised to plan ahead for a safe B.C. Day weekend

VICTORIA, BC: The B.C. Day long weekend sees heavy traffic on provincial highways.

To ensure safety, the Province and the BC Highway Patrol advise that travellers should plan ahead and exercise extra caution.

People travelling B.C.'s most popular routes should expect heavy traffic and congestion during peak travel times and should plan for extra travel time, or travel at off-peak hours when possible.

Extra traffic volume is expected on Vancouver Island highways (including the Malahat and Highway 4 to Tofino), on Highway 1 through the Fraser

Valley and between Kamloops and Alberta, on the Sea to Sky (Highway 99), and on routes to BC Ferries' terminals and to all major Canada/U.S. border crossings.

Drivers should be prepared for highway closures due to wildfires. Fire conditions can change quickly, and highways may close with limited notice.

BC Highway Patrol's summer impaired driving campaign will increase impaired driving enforcement with a focus on special events, such as festivals. This is an effort to eliminate fatalities on B.C. highways. Officers will continue to demonstrate zero tolerance toward impaired drivers.

Many motorcyclists will be out on the roads this long weekend. Both riders and drivers can help prevent crashes by sharing the roads responsibly. As a rider,

always wear your gear. All road users should stay focused, maintain a safe distance, and choose appropriate speeds to prevent crashes.

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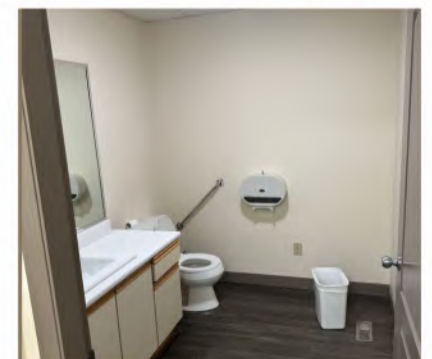
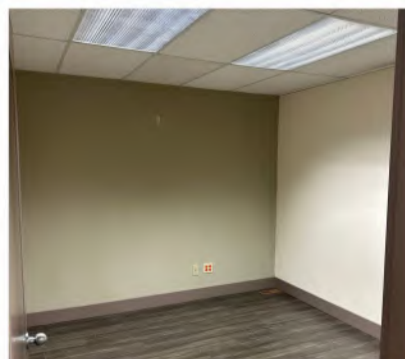
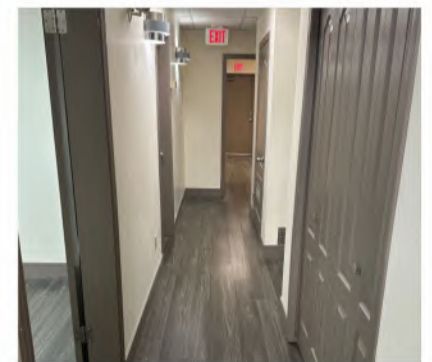
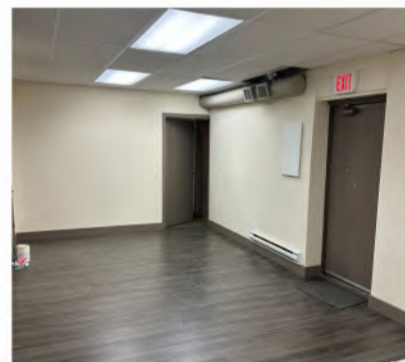
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- 31st July, Wednesday**.... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Baljot Mangat family
- 1st August, Thursday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Harwinder Singh Dhillon family.
- 2nd August, Friday**... at 6:00 am, Sri Sukhmani Sahib Path , kirtan and langer sewa by Ramona Sidhu family.
- 2nd August, Friday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Manmoham Singh Litt family.
- 3rd August, Saturday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Maninder Singh Nagi family.
- 4th August, Sunday** ... at 9.00 am, Weekly diwan, kirtan and langer sewa by Kashmir Kaur Johal family.
- 5th August, Monday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Karanveer Singh Sahra family.
- 6th August, Tuesday**... at 5:00 pm, Kirtan and langer sewa by Sanjeev Parmar family.
- 7th August, Wednesday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Jasvir Sidhu family.
- 8th August, Thursday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Paramjit Lehal family.
- 9th August, Friday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Sukhvinder Mahil family.
- 10th August, Saturday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Balbir Singh Sandhu family.
- 4th August, Sunday** ... 9.00 am, Weekly kirtan diwan, kirtan. From 11:00 am to 11:45 am, Prominent Sikh Scholar Bhai Hari Naam Singh Khalsa talks about Sikh religion and Gurbani
- 2th August, Monday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Sukhminder Brar family.
- 14th August, Wednesday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Harpal Singh family.
- 15th August, Thursday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Anoop Hundal family.
- 16th August, Friday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Rajdeep Dhillon family.
- 16th August, Friday**... at 10:00 am, Sri Akhand Path parkash by Amrik Singh Rai family langer sewak for all the three days by Rai family.
- 16th August, Friday**... at 6:00 pm, Kirtan regarding Bhandon sangrad and langer sewa by the sangat.
- 17th August, Saturday**... at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Parampal Singh Gill family.
- 18th August, Sunday**... at 10:00 am, Bhog Sri Akhand Path by Amrik Singh Rai family and langer sewa by Rai family.

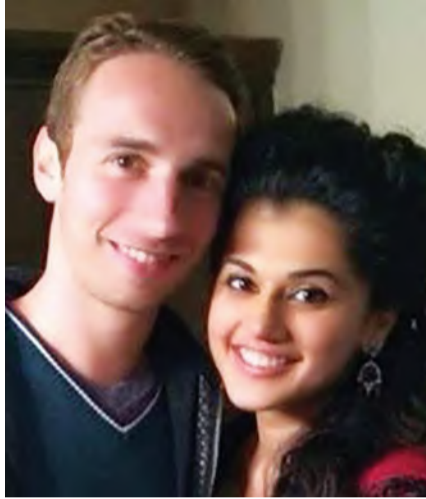
Special Program: We are pleased to announce that prominent Sikh scholar Bhai Hari Naam Singh Khalsa has started a series of talks about Sikh religion and Gurbani at Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, 5 Road, Richmond every Sunday from 11:00 am to 11:45 am.

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Taapsee Pannu cuts birthday cake in Paris with husband Mathias Boe



Taapsee Pannu, who is in Paris to support husband and Indian badminton coach Mathias Boe at the Olympics, also celebrated her birthday in the French capital.

Taapsee Pannu is currently in Paris, where she's supporting her husband and Indian men's doubles badminton coach Mathias Boe at the ongoing Olympics. She also celebrated her birthday with him in the French capital, right before the day ended.

Taapsee's low-key birthday celebration

Taapsee took to her Instagram Stories on Thursday evening and shared a video in which she's cutting her birthday cake, organised by Mathias and her sister Shagun Pannu. While Shagun records the video, Mathias explains to Taapsee how it was the best he could do given the bandwidth in Paris. Taapsee then points out that the message next to the birthday cake reads like he's got her birth year wrong. But then Shagun intervenes and says, "There's a difference. You don't get into technicalities."

Taapsee then pretends to blow her birthday candles and makes a wish, "Paaji inko please next time thoda planning karne ka mauka dena mere birthday ka" (God, please give him a chance to plan my birthday better next time), as Mathias pretend-screams in joy. Shagun then sings the Happy Birthday song as Taapsee cuts the cake. Mathias then asks Taapsee to cut the cake carefully, before she asks him in jest not to poke her. Taapsee wore a teal night suit and a bunny headband for the low-key late night celebration.

Taapsee's dinner date with Mathias

Taking to her Instagram Stories on Wednesday, Taapsee dropped a picture showing Mathias at the event venue. Along with the picture shared on Instagram, Taapsee wrote, "Ok he gets dinner treat for good work today." Mathias Boe is an Olympic gold medallist, who is currently coaching Indian badminton players Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy.

Stree 2: Shraddha & Rajkummar Rao vibe to Pawan Singh's Bhojpuri song

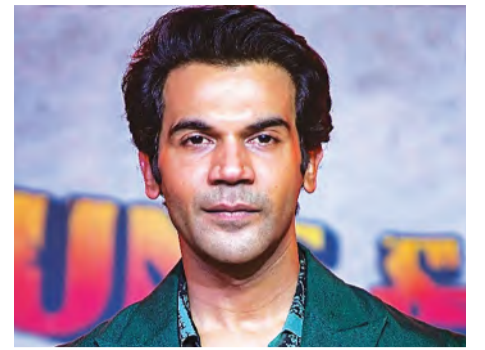
Shraddha Kapoor and Rajkummar Rao's 2018 film Stree set new standards for horror comedies in Bollywood. With just the right amount of spookiness mixed with incredible comic timing, hilarious situations and memorable dialogues, the Amar Kaushik directorial left us with goosebumps as we rolled on the floor with laughter. But another reason why the film received love was its iconic music— from Nora Fatehi's Kamariya to Milegi Milegi helmed by Sachin-Jigar and Mika Singh. Well, Stree 2 is on the same track. After Tamannaah Bhatia's sultry moves in the soothing Aaj Ki Raat, makers have now dropped the second track titled Aayi Nai.

It's fresh, it's full of energy and it's Bhojpuri! That's

right. Helmed by Bhojpuri Powerstar Pawan Singh, Aayi Nai is the perfect pick-me-up fans need as we inch closer to the weekend.



The foot-tapping beats along with the slightly provocative but catchy lyrics will certainly pull you to the dance floor,



where you'll find Shraddha and Rajkummar vibing to the track. They have put on their dancing shoes and are grooving like no one's watching! It is no less than a delight to watch the two, along with co-stars Pankaj Tripathi, Abhishek Banerjee and Aparshakti Khurana, let their hair down. It's a total vibe! Also, don't miss the end where Shraddha lifts Rajkummar up in the air. Oh Stree, tum aa gayi!

Well, fans love it! Many have even deemed Aayi Nai a chartbuster within a few hours of release. For instance, one happy fan tweeted: "Another chartbuster !! #Stree2 all set for earth shattering opening at BO !! Expect a tsunami on 15 August at theatres !!

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Parineeti Chopra calls Raghav Chadha 'star' for raising film piracy issue in Parliament



It seems like marrying an actor is rubbing off on AAP politician Raghav Chadha. He recently flagged the issue of film piracy in the Parliament.

Even Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar acknowledged that marrying Parineeti Chopra has rubbed off on the politics of AAP MP Raghav Chadha. After he raised the issue of film piracy in the Parliament, his wife gave him a shoutout for being a "star."

As Raghav sat down, Jagdeep Dhankhar smiled and said, "He knows much about the film industry. Off late, he's gained experience." Jaya Bachchan, veteran actor who was seated next to Raghav in the Parliament, gave him a shoutout, to which Jagdeep added, "Jaya ji has been diligent ever since she entered that silver screen. It's because of her that the question has been rationally worded." When Raghav sought permission to respond to her, Jagdeep said, "Never clarify when you get endorsement from a legend." Jaya merely smiled at the acknowledgement.

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BC Conservatives Outraged Over Dropped Charges for Alleged Child Molester

Judge McKimm's decision, issued in May but only recently made public, predicts the collapse of more cases due to a "court scheduling model that fails to accommodate trials that run on longer than anticipated." The case involved the alleged sexual assault of a young child, which should have been given the highest priority.

Elenore Sturko, MLA for Surrey-South

and Conservative Party of British Columbia candidate in Surrey-Cloverdale, added, "It's a mismanagement of time and resources. Here we have someone accused of molesting a child, who now won't be held accountable. This failure is a stark reminder of the urgent need for reform in our justice system."

Rustad continued, "The NDP's inaction and mismanagement have led to a

profound miscarriage of justice. It is unacceptable that a child's quest for justice is thwarted by bureaucratic delays and a lack of resources. We demand immediate action to rectify these failures and restore confidence in our judicial system."

Premier David Eby says there was a "perfect storm" of delays that caused a child sexual assault case to be stayed against a man accused of molesting a six-

year-old girl.

"Not one case should be dismissed this way," Eby said at an unrelated news conference.

Eby said the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling setting timely trial deadlines at 18 months for provincial courts and 30 months for higher-court trials is a "very restrictive rule" that has been "devastating in other provinces."

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Translink Will Be Forced To Cut Services By 50% If Funding Is Not Found: Report

In response to the alarming announcement of potential budget cuts to TransLink, Delta Councillor Dylan Kruger called for an emergency meeting of Delta City Council.

"This is an existential crisis for Delta and our entire region," said Kruger. "If these cuts are allowed to proceed, the impact on the daily lives of tens of thousands of residents will be devastating. Council must act urgently to demand better solutions from senior government."

If the cuts proceed, Delta will lose almost every

one of its major bus routes, including the 310, 314, 391, 601, 602, 603, 604, 606, 614, 618, and 640. Thousands of Delta residents rely on bus service for their daily needs. Many of these residents have no other means of transportation to get to their place of work, their school, to attend medical appointments, and to buy groceries.

"Access to reliable public transportation is not just a convenience, it's a lifeline," said Kruger. "Entire livelihoods are at stake. It's time to demonstrate strong leadership and

take action to save public transportation in our community."

Kruger has called for a special council meeting under section 126 of the Community Charter to deal with this urgent matter, where Kruger will table an emergency motion.

John Rustad, Leader of the Conservative Party of British Columbia, blamed the chronic financial mismanagement and structural deficits plaguing TransLink under the current NDP government. He said "The residents of Surrey have borne the brunt of TransLink's

financial mismanagement. Overcrowded bus routes and delayed projects are unacceptable. The NDP's inability to deliver on promises is evident. Despite promising the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain project in October 2020, construction only began in late June 2024, with major work delayed until late 2024. Moreover, TransLink executives reversed their pay cuts once provincial bailouts were secured, despite public declarations to the contrary. This lack of accountability and respect for taxpayers is unacceptable."

Abhay Deol makes 'controversial' statement about his sexuality

Abhay Deol was asked about his sexuality, when he refused to put it in a box and said 'it's not something that can be defined'.

Abhay Deol has played a wide range of characters over the years, but what's most noteworthy is how many of roles in films like Dev D and Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye! defied stereotypes. He spoke about the same in an interview with The Dirty Magazine. The actor also spoke about being 'politically incorrect'. Moreover, he was asked how he 'perceives sexuality'

when discussing his comeback film Bun Tikki by 'a non-binary, openly queer director, Faraz Arif Ansari'.

'In my opinion we are all they/them'

Abhay said, "As a spectrum. I refuse the Western way of identifying sexuality because it's so black and white. The Eastern approach is so different,



it recognises the whole of us. I don't define my sexuality, and this might sound controversial but for me it's not something that I think can be defined."

On masculinity

In the same interview, Abhay spoke about how he sees masculinity as 'the ability to make people feel safe and included'. As a man, he said he feels like a 'protector and provider'. Having said that, the actor admitted that he would 'happily give up his sense of taking charge and leading to a woman too if she wanted to take charge and lead'.

Akshay Kumar to those feeling bad for his recent films' BO performance

Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar is going through a bad spell in his career, with his recent films such as



Bade Miyan Chote Miyan, and Sarfira failing at the box office. Now, the actor has reacted to it, saying he is bogged down by it, even people are sending mournful messages to him.

Akshay reacts

Talking about the failures, Akshay said, I don't think too much. I'm telling you, four-five films of mine have not worked. I get so many messages -- 'sorry yaar, fikar mat kar'. Abbey mara nahi hoon main (I am not dead)!"

"It feels like people are sending obituary messages, how people send condolences through messages. One journalist even wrote, 'don't worry, you'll be back', I called him up and asked why he was writing this? What does 'back' mean? Where have I gone? I am here and I'll keep working," he added. Here, Akshay asserted that he is focusing on working on new projects, and bouncing back.



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ਧੋੜੀ ਮਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਦਾਲ ਮਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਾਬਤ ਦਾਲ

88¢ lb

SUPER SPECIAL
Opo Squash
ਓਪੋ ਕੱਦੂ

99¢ lb

SUPER SPECIAL
Zucchini Squash
ਜ਼ੁਕੀਨੀ ਸਕੁਐਸ਼

88¢ lb

SUPER SPECIAL
Rapini (Sarson da Saag)
ਸਰਸੋਂ ਦਾ ਸਾਗ

\$2.79 bunch

Almond Oil 1 L (Indican)
ਇੰਡੀਕੈਨ ਬਦਾਮ ਦਾ ਤੇਲ

\$12.99 bottle

Almonds #1 Large Size
ਵੱਡੇ ਬਦਾਮ

\$3.98 lb

SUPER SPECIAL
Russet Potatoes Snoboy 10 lbs
ਆਲੂ ਰਸਟ ਸਨੋਬੁਆਏ

\$3.88 bag

SUPER SPECIAL
Gala Apples US #1
ਗਾਲਾ ਸੇਬ ਯੂ.ਐਸ. #1

\$1.59 lb

SUPER SPECIAL
Fresh Ginger
ਤਾਜਾ ਅਦਰਕ

\$1.69 lb

Roasted Peanuts in Shell 800 g
ਭੁੱਜੀ ਮੂੰਗਫਲੀ

\$3.88 pkg.

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