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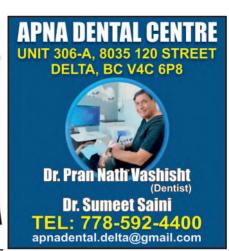


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BC's Truck Driver Raminderjeet Singh Dies In Sicamous Bridge Crash

A Punjabi-origin truck driver died after his trailer struck the curb of a bridge and then fell into a river in Sicamous, BC. The truck driver has been identified by the local community and through GoFund as 25-year-old Raminderjeet Singh.

Sicamous RCMP informed about a single tractor trailer collision on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at approximately 6:45 in the morning. "The investigation shows victim's truck struck the west end of the bridge as it descended down the hill eastbound onto the bridge. The truck then struck the north side curb of the bridge, and then crossed the bridge before plunging through the south side railing and into the channel below."



The GoFundMe page created to raise funds for Raminderjeet Singh's last rites says that Singh died doing what he loved - Driving. (Photo credit: GoFundMe)

and only occupant, was assistance from the RCMP's initially not located. With assistance from the RCMP's Dive Team, the driver was later found deceased. The driver, and only occupant,

Police said that the driver, was initially not located. With Dive Team, the driver was later found deceased.

Although there online been some speculation that a westbound

car driving on the wrong side of the road caused Singh to crash off the bridge. But RCMP clarified in an updated press release that "evidence collected confirms no other vehicle(s) contributed to this collision."

Singh, 25, was the driver with Mountain Peak Transport in Abbotsford. The company confirmed to Global News he only started working there a few weeks ago but he had all the necessary hiring requirements and had been a truck driver in Canada and the U.S. for about two years. A GoFundMe page has been created by Cynthia Caglayan, a fellow driver and Suk K on behalf of Raminderjeet's sister, Sukhmanpreet Kaur, and their parents.

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Game change in BC politics: Kevin Falcon's **BC** United Withdraws from Election Race

British Columbia's strong and dominant party BC United, formerly known as BC Liberals, has officially withdrawn its campaign for the upcoming provincial election and encouraged its members and supporters to support John Rustad led BC Conservative party. BC United is also the official opposition party in the Legislature.

Kevin Falcon, leader of BC United, announced on Wednesday that he had finalized a deal with B.C. Conservative Leader John Rustad to suspend his party's campaign and withdraw its nominated



the NDP.

"This is hard," he said. "It's all about. But I also believ

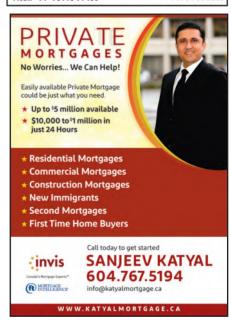
candidates in order to prevent really hard. I accept all the a vote split that would favour responsibility, good and bad ... that's what leadership is

this: This is the right thing to do for the province of British Columbia."

"I got back into politics because I wanted to build a bright future for my two daughters and for the next generation of British Columbians," said Falcon. "Today, I'm stepping back for the same reason. I know that the best thing for the future of our province is to defeat the NDP, but we cannot do that when the centre-right vote is split."

"When common sense, freeenterprise British Columbians are united, we get great things

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Exceptional South Asian community members awarded King Charles III Coronation Medal

The King Charles III Coronation Medal was awarded to outstanding individuals in British Columbia during a ceremony with the lieutenant governor.

The Coronation Medal was created to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, which took place on May 6, 2023. It is the first Canadian commemorative medal to mark a coronation.

The Coronation Medal, a Canadian honour was launched by Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, and recognizes those who have made significant contributions to Canada and their home province. The medal will be awarded to 30,000 deserving individuals across the country and is the first Canadian honour to mark a coronation.

The Government of B.C. is presenting 551 medals. All members of the legislative assembly and cabinet ministers were invited to participate in awarding the medals, ensuring they reach as many deserving people in the province as possible. Ceremonies are being held throughout the province.

The first ceremony took place at Government House on July 18, 2024, where 60 recipients were recognized. Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, awarded 54 British Columbians with the King Charles III Coronation Medal in a ceremony at HMCS Discovery in Vancouver on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024. The third will take place in late 2024.

Recipients represent a diverse group of individuals who have made significant contributions to British Columbia or to a particular region or community in the province or attained an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to B.C. "I extend my sincere congratulations to the recipients of The King Charles III Coronation Medal," said Premier David Eby. "This distinguished honour recognizes your dedication, unwavering commitment and the profound impact you have made on your communities and our province. It is a



testament to the respect and admiration you have earned."

The work of the recipients spans many sectors and organizations, from non-profits and uniformed services to education and historic or culturally significant institutions. The lieutenant governor's nominees were recognized at the Vancouver ceremony alongside those nominated by David Eby, Premier of British Columbia.

"I am delighted to recognize another group of remarkable British Columbians with the King Charles III Coronation Medal," said Austin. "While this medal marks a memorable and historic occasion, it also inspires us to celebrate those who have made positive impacts on communities throughout the province. These opportunities are a deeply meaningful part of my role as lieutenant governor, and I was honoured to put forward the names of these incredible individuals."

It was an honour for the South Asian community as many of its members have been nominated for this award.

Ajay Dilawri: Ajay Dilawri has made significant contributions to society through his successful career and philanthropic efforts, demonstrating exceptional leadership and innovation in the automotive industry with a commitment to excellence. Ajay's philanthropic endeavors and charitable work has demonstrated a true commitment



to giving back and making a difference in the lives of others.

Harbhajan Surinder Dhillon: Harbhajan Surinder, along with her late husband, founded the Richberry Group, one of Canada's largest cranberry growers, with operations in British Columbia and Quebec, and the largest Canadian shareholder in Ocean Spray, a global food and beverage company. Surinder's philanthropic efforts have positively impacted many Canadians. Sandra Singh: A first-generation immigrant to Canada, Sandra Singh has spent over 20 years in public service leadership in British Columbia, most notably as the Chief Librarian of Vancouver Public Library, and General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and Deputy City Manager at the City of Vancouver. Over her career, she has supported Boards and local governments to implement their visions for their communities, with a professional focus on equity and inclusion for marginalized community members. She has served on the Board of national service organizations

equity. **Satwinder Kaur Bains,** Abbotsford was awarded for educating the next generation on the intersections of culture, society, race and migration.

and led national initiatives related to library

access for Canadians facing barriers to

Arjan Singh Bhullar, Richmond, famous

wrestler was given the medal for being a championship mixed-martial arts fighter and community leadership.

Shushma Datt, of Burnaby was recognized for decades of service and a pioneer of South Asian media in B.C.

Randip Janda, Vancouver was awarded for breaking barriers as the first South Asian full-time radio colour commentator in the National Hockey League.

Ninu Kang, Surrey was given the medal for championing anti-racism and ending gender-based violence.

Harinder Mahil, Coquitlam was nominated for decades of service fighting for immigrant and human rights, and for co-founding the Canadian Farmworkers' Union.

Jasbir Singh Romana, Surrey was given the award for being a well-respected member of the South Asian media community.

Vivek Savkur, Surrey, president of BC India Business Network was regognized for successfully promoting Indo-Canadian relations and trade.

Balwinder William Sundhu, Kamloops was nominated for expertise in the Canadian justice system and international human rights law to promote justice in B.C. and abroad

Vincet Taneja, Surrey was recognized for building one of B.C.'s most successful food-manufacturing businesses.

Sahib Thind, of Surrey was recognized for decades of leadership fighting racism and bringing justice and an apology for the 1914 Komagata Maru incident.

Harjinder Thind, Surrey, famous radio show host was recognized for being a well-respected member of the South Asian media community.

Many more South Asian community members have made it to this list and have been awarded with this honour. We congratulate all of the dedicated members for there immense contributions towards their community.

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Visitors In Canada Can No Longer Apply For Work Permit

TTAWA, ON: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has ended a temporary public policy that allowed visitors to apply for a work permit from within Canada, effective imme-

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While the temporary policy was set to expire on February 28, 2025, IRCC is ending the policy as part of our overall efforts to recalibrate the number of temporary residents in Canada and preserve the integrity of the immigration system. IRCC is also aware that some bad actors were using the policy to mislead foreign nationals into working in Canada without authorization.

IRCC will continue to process applications submitted before August 28, 2024 under the policy.



Expired refugee protection claimant documents will no longer be valid as of April 1, 2025

s of April 1, 2025, expired refugee replacement page in the coming weeks," Aprotection claimant documents (RP-CDs) will no longer be valid Canada announced.

Asylum claimants can apply to renew an expired RPCD or replace a lost, destroyed or stolen one using Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC's) web form. The Replace your refugee protection claimant document page provides more information, along with step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the web form. "Please note that old paper application forms for RPCDs mailed to IRCC will no longer be processed and will be returned to the applicant. Information about an alternative option for those who need accommodation will be posted on the RPCD said a notice posted on IRCC website. Once a request is processed, clients will receive their renewed document by mail or be asked to pick it up at a local IRCC

An RPCD is an important and secure Canadian photo identification. It is issued to asylum claimants whose claims have been determined to be eligible and referred to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. It is also issued to ineligible claimants who will later be able to apply for a pre-removal risk assessment. Asylum claimants use their RPCD (or their ac-

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Annual International Yudh Gatka Sikh Martial Arts Tournament 2024











The Annual Yudh Gatka Sikh Martial Arts Tournament was organized on Saturday, August 24th, 2024, at Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara, Surrey.

Tournament The known for promising an exhilarating showcase of skill, honor, and tradition. Established in 2003, this prestigious tournament is the oldest of its kind in the world and has become cornerstone of the global Gatka community. The event attracts Gatka practitioners from across globe, celebrating the rich heritage of Sikh martial arts.

The tournament featured highly series competitive events, highlighting the strategic elements artistic **Participants** Gatka. of engaged in intense battles and demonstrated their skills in various traditional forms, contributing to a vibrant display of Sikh culture. With competitors coming from diverse regions such as California, New York, Toronto, the UK, and Punjab, attendees witnessed global celebration of martial excellence.

With over \$15,000 in total awards, this year's tournament was a landmark event, bringing together enthusiasts, practitioners, and families for a day filled with energy, community spirit, and celebration of Sikh martial traditions.

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Canadian Police Warn Hardeep Singh Nijjar's Aide Of Threat To Life

Canadian police have warned an aide of Hardeep Singh Nijjar of an increased threat to his life.

Inderjeet Singh Gosal, took over the ▲Khalistan campaign from slain Sikh temple leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Reuters reported that Gurpatwant Singh Pannun said police in the province of Ontario, working with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, had issued a so-called "duty to warn" notice to Gosal this week.

"I've been informed by Canadian officials about the threats to my life," a statement from Pannun cited Gosal as saying. "However, my commitment to the liberation of Punjab from Indian occupation remains unwavering."

CTV news also reported Gosal confirming police visited his home in Brampton, Ont., to notify him, but he was not home at the time, and later phoned him.

"There's always a sense of fear when



Hardeep Singh Nijjar

someone is trying to eliminate you when you are doing something legally, of course that brings fear," explains Gosal. Gosal says despite the duty to warn, he is not backing down.

"This just continues to show India's

transnational repression and me just thinking what happened to Hardeep Singh Nijjar and they are after me shows they have a big problem with the Khalistan campaign.

Gosal is not the first to receive a duty to warn after Nijjar's death. Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, Sikhs for Justice, was similarly targeted.

"Neither the RCMP or the Ontario police were immediately available for comment. The office of Canadian Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc, who has overall responsibility for law enforcement, declined to comment," according to Reuters news.

Minister Justin Trudeau cited credible allegations of possible Indian government involvement in the murder and police have since charged four men with the killing. India denies any connection to the shooting.

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation last week said it was investigating an Aug. 11 drive-by shooting that targeted a California activist with close ties to Nijjar. New Delhi accuses Canada of harboring Sikh separatists who seek to create a homeland known as Khalistan by carving it out of the Indian region of Punjab.

Surrey's Sahib Punia Charged with Assaulting a Police Officer

A 32-year-old Surrey man, Sahib Punia, has been charged with allegedly assaulting a police officer as a result of an August 22nd, 2024, incident.

At approximately 6:30 pm on August 22nd, Delta Police Department (DPD) officers responded to the report of an impaired driver at Hwy 17 and 80th Street. The vehicle was located by officers and a traffic stop was attempted.

The driver initially failed to stop for the officer. A short distance away, the vehicle stopped, the male driver got out of the car, and charged at the officer. A conducted energy weapon failed to stop the man's alleged assault. A second officer arrived on scene to assist, and while taking the male into custody, received injuries as a result of punches to his face and throat. Punia was arrested without further incident



and did not receive any injury. The officer received medical care for his injuries. Punia has been charged with assaulting a police officer, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight from police, and continues to be under investigation for impaired driving.

Punia was released from custody following his court appearance.

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Langley man arrested in Alberta and charged for shooting of Hitkaran Johal

Langley man has been Acharged following investigation into a shooting death of Hitkaran Johal in Vancouver's Sunset neighbourhood last month.

Johal, 25, with alleged gangland links, was shot on July 27 th night in Vancouver. The BC Prosecution Service has approved one count each of first-degree murder, attempted murder with a firearm, and

aggravated assault against

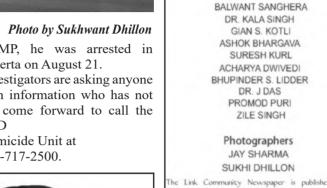
27-year-old Rylee Shipley. Officers were called to East 63 rd Avenue and Inverness Street just before 9 p.m. on July 26 for reports that two men had been shot in a vehicle, which then collided with two other vehicles. Johal, died at the scene. A second man was



taken to hospital for non-lifethreatening injuries.

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

A vehicle was set on fire near East 63 rd Avenue and Prince Edward Street shortly after the shooting. Investigators are working to determine if this fire was connected to the shooting. Investigators from VPD's Major Crime Section identified the suspect, and with significant assistance from the Calgary Police Service and the Alberta





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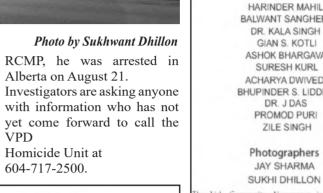
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I'm encouraging all free-enterprise voters to come together and join me in helping elect John Rustad and the Conservative Party of BC in October," Falcon added.

There have been many speculations in May this year about both parties reaching some agreement to minimize vote splitting. However, it was a failed attempt with both party leaders accusing each other of prioritizing their interests instead of the people. Falcon, stated after the talks failed in May, "Despite the common ground achieved during these meetings, last night John Rustad decided to reject a reasonable offer aimed at preventing a vote split, risking another four years of Eby's NDP government that will further jeopardize the well-being of this province. In doing so, John Rustad placed his own ambition above the best interests of British Columbia.'

Rustad too attacked Falcon for rejecting the Conservative offer time and again. Rustad at that time said, "I can say with certainty that the Conservative Party of BC and the BC United Party will not be merging before the upcoming provincial election this fall. Kevin Falcon declined our offers in December 2023 to discuss a possible merger – with a single message stating, and I quote, 'F#ck Off.' In February, we tried again and BC United stated they'd be interested in speaking but Kevin Falcon would 'dictate' the terms. On May 23, 2024, a mere 4 months before the election and now that the BC United is tied with the Green Party at 12% in recent polls - he finally presented our Conservative Team an "offer."

"Time and time again, and in this 'offer,' Kevin Falcon has demonstrated that he will always put himself first and will do absolutely anything for power: before the BC United Party, before his own candidates, and ultimately before the province," Rustad said in May.

After both the parties decided to continue their way, the Conservative graph of popularity was growing, whereas Falcon's party's popularity was coming down drastically with many BC United heavyweight candidates deciding to join Rustad led party.

Though both the leaders have buried the hatchet to save vote splitting, the discomfort prevails. The same Rustad who said a few months ago that Kevin Falcon puts himself before the province, said after the announcement, "I've never doubted Kevin Falcon's commitment to our province, and today, I applaud his decision to put B.C. first, as he's done throughout his career."

What's next

According to experts, this announcement will create a seismic shift in the election results and BC's political future.

Nominations of BC United candidates will be withdrawn to enable the Conservative Party of BC to draw from BC United's pool of incumbent MLAs and candidates. As part of the agreement, the Conservative Party of BC has committed to review candidates based on an improved vetting process to ensure the strongest team possible going into election 2024.

"United would suspend its provincial campaign, but remain technically a party, with Falcon as leader. It would have to run at least one candidate, in order to

satisfy election rules and prevent being deregistered. Falcon would not run in the election, but he would support and help the Conservatives in whatever way the party asked," wrote Rob Show, in an article published on BIV website.

What other politicians saying

B.C. Premier David had Eby strong words for both Falcon

and Rustad. Eby was at an event on Wednesday when he was asked about Falcon's comment that his party was pulling out of the upcoming provincial election. "For me, look at John Rustad and Kevin Falcon, who worked as colleagues and partners in the BC Liberal Party for a generation," he said.

"John Rustad was a BC Liberal MLA for even longer than Kevin Falcon was. I really don't see a huge distinction between them except neither of them are running as BC Liberals this time because of their record. They're so embarrassed with how they ran the province that they both have changed their party names and want to avoid any association with the 16 years that they were in government, and I understand why that is."

The announcement came as a shock to many BC United Caucus members.

"I felt really blindsided," said Mike Bernier, the MLA for Peace River South. "By doing that, he basically threw us all out there, just into the wind."

Shirley Bond, BC United MLA, said, "The decision made by BC United party leader Kevin Falcon to suspend our party's election campaign came as a complete surprise to me and I have spent the past 24 hours with my family thinking about what

> my next steps should be. Together, we have decided that I will be withdrawing my name as a candidate in the upcoming provincial election."

On the other hand Conservative candidates welcomed announcement. "I've been one of the strongest critics of Kevin Falcon and the direction of BC United, but credit



Shirley Bond, BC United MLA

where credit's due—what Kevin has done is something truly commendable. It's no easy feat for a political leader to dissolve their own party's candidates and seek a new path, but Kevin showed that leadership is about making the tough decisions for the greater good," said Harman Bhangu.



Dupinder Kaur Saran, BC Conservative candidate

Dupinder Kaur Saran, BC Conservative candidate said, "Thank you Kevin Falcon for putting the interests of the public above political ambitions by making the difficult but necessary decision to suspend the BCU campaign. Respect your leadership & that you did everything you possibly could for your team & party before making this difficult decision.



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Business Association Calls Falcon's Decision To Suspend Campaign "A Turning Point For This Election"

CURREY, BC: Kevin Falcon's decision to suspend the BC United campaign and endorse John Rustad's Conservative Party of B.C. is a historic moment in B.C. politics and a turning point for this election, says the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA), Canada's largest construction association and a leading voice for free enterprise and a strong economy.

"Today, Kevin Falcon made a courageous decision to put personal ambition aside and unite the free enterprise vote in an effort to give British Columbians a clear and compelling choice on October 19th," said Chris Gardner, ICBA President. "Over and over again in B.C. history, we have seen how splitting the vote accomplishes little except NDP victories. By bringing these two parties together, John and Kevin give voters the opportunity to bring muchneeded change to the province."

"After seven years of NDP Government, this election will be about change - we need a fresh start, new thinking, and a different approach to the challenges we all face in our daily lives. By every measure and every metric, B.C. has been moving in the wrong direction under the NDP," said Gardner. "Our health care is collapsing, with emergency room closures, practitioners overwhelmed, and patients being sent to the USA for treatment; oncevibrant downtowns in every city are now defined by homelessness, open drug use, and random acts of violence; and the ability of our economy to create private sector jobs has been crippled by shocking levels of government hiring and taxation." When it comes to building homes and the



Chris Gardner, ICBA President

infrastructure we need to support families and communities, the dismal record of the NDP is costing British Columbians dearly.

"Whether it's the Cowichan Hospital, the Massey Tunnel, or the Skytrain Expansion projects, every major infrastructure project is years behind and, combined, billions over budget."

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On housing affordability, the most egregious failure of the NDP, Gardner pointed out that we are building about the same number of homes today as we were in the 1970s. "Every single policy enacted by the NDP Government has made affordability worse not better - it's a government long on divisive rhetoric, taxes, and red tape and short on working constructively with builders to make meaningful change to deliver more homes faster and cheaper for young people and families struggling in one of the most unaffordable housing markets in North

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BC'c Truck Driver Simranjeet Singh...

Funds raised will assist the family in performing his last rites.

page reads, "We believe, the 25-year-old man died doing what he loved. Driving. We don't really know what happened to cause this death. All funds raised will go

towards the needs of his family. His body will be sent to India for burial if the family wishes, and I hope any funds raised will assist in this for his family. His sister, Sukhmanpreet Kaur is away in Australia and his devastated parents are in India. My understanding is they will be coming to Canada to deal with this huge loss. We have confirmed his

members through his work and by speaking with them directly. We will releasing funds to them when they arrive in Canada. We will assist them in setting up a Canadian Bank account where proceeds transferred. This

we hope will help with their costs while they are here in Canada. This is a monumental loss and no family should lose a loved one this way. We hope you continue to share this GO fund me and donate to this family in their time of need."

Anyone willing to contribute can go https://www.gofundme.com/f/ sicamous-bridge-victim.

Police make largest drug seizure in Prince George history

On August 21, 2024, Prince George RCMP received a report of a break-and-enter in progress at a residence on the 4400-block of Fifth Avenue. While investigating the breakand-enter, police officers noted a large number of counterfeit cigarettes in the home.

Police officers obtained a search warrant for the residence where they discovered a significant number of illicit drugs within the home. In total, nearly 40 kilograms of illicit drugs, including suspected fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine; over 11 kilograms of cannabis; 11 kg of an apparent cutting agent; approximately 120,000 counterfeit cigarettes; and more that half a million dollars in cash were located and seized.

"We would like to recognize the hard

work and dedication of our police officers, which led to this unprecedented drug seizure. It is obvious we can no longer ignore the effects of the B.C. Gang Conflict in Prince George, as this is a clear indication that more than our local drug traffickers are using Prince George as a base of operations. We will be increasing our enforcement efforts in this area, to reflect these developments," stated Inspector Darin Rappel, interim Detachment Commander for the Prince George RCMP.

Police officers would also like to thank the person who reported the initial break-and-enter as it was occurring, as this allowed for the discovery of the counterfeit cigarettes and the illicit drugs. Police encourage citizens to keep an eye out in their neighbourhoods and report all suspicious activity.



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Family Of Trina Hunt Appeals To Public In Hopes Of Advancing The Investigation Into Her Death

The Integ Investigation Integrated Team continues to investigate the murder of Trina Hunt.

On January 18, 2021, 48-year-old Trina Hunt was reported missing to the Port Moody Police Department. An extensive search was conducted by police, Trina's family and members of the community. On March 29, 2021, investigators located a body near Hope, south of Silver Creek. A few weeks later, IHIT confirmed the remains were that of Trina Hunt.

The investigation into the homicide of Trina Hunt is ongoing and IHIT remains steadfast in the pursuit of justice for Trina, her family and the entire community. Trina Hunt's brother, Brad Ibbott has released the following statement, more than three-and-a-half years after the onset of the investigation:



"We think of Trina often. Her infectious smile, her love for laughter, and her genuine caring nature. We carry on some of Trina's traditions in an attempt to keep her memory alive by baking her famous snow-capped candy cane dipped chocolate brownies, savoring a glass of her favorite wine, Chaberton's

Bacchus and honouring her with her favorite Coconut cake on her birthday." "We have gone far too long with no answers. We are crushed that still today no one is in custody for the murder of Trina. We are grateful for the outpouring of support from our community and beyond, but our journey is far from over. We are still searching for answers, and we know someone out there has the key to help us bring those responsible to justice."

The family of Trina Hunt continues to offer a reward of up to \$50,000 for new information leading to the laying of criminal charges.

"This is an active investigation and we urge anyone who may have information to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca," says Cpl. Sukhi Dhesi of IHIT.

Cellphone Restrictions Take Effect From This School Year



More class time, less screen time

Tellphones and other digital devices will be restricted in B.C. schools when students return to school next week as part of a series of actions to keep kids safe and healthy.

All school districts now have policies in place to restrict cellphone use at school. These policies address when students can use cellphones at school, while also considering the use of devices for accessibility and medical needs. Policies may differ between school districts and age

This action is part of a larger effort to keep kids safe and healthy, including:

* protecting children from online predators and extortion;

* protecting students and staff from harassing protesters through the implementation of access zones around schools;

creating and expanding school food programs through a \$214-million investment; and

* beginning work this school year to make cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) learning mandatory for all students prior to graduation - 90% of public secondary schools already offer CPR learning.

The Safe Access to Schools Act gives the Province the legal authority to prohibit people from interfering with safe access to school grounds. Access zones are in place at K-12 schools, and police can arrest or issue tickets to anyone found impeding access, disrupting or interfering with educational activities, or attempting to intimidate an individual within 20 metres (66 feet) of school property. The zones will be in effect on school days from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., and during extracurricular school activities at all of B.C.'s K-12 public and independent schools, with limited exceptions.

The Province is also providing digital literacy training for students and parents, so they have the knowledge and tools they need to stay safe from online harms, become good digital citizens and develop healthy relationships with technology.

For information about cellphone restrictions in schools, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/ content/education-training/k-12/ administration/legislation-policy/ public-schools/personal-digitaldevice-restrictions-in-schools

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Rustad and O'Mahony Denounce Free Drug Paraphernalia Vending Machine Outside Nanaimo Hospital

"David Eby and the BC NDP have failed to protect our communities. Their policies are not just misguided; they are dangerous. Instead of enabling drug use, we should be focusing on real solutions that help people recover and keep our communities safe"

TANAIMO, BC: John Rustad, Leader of the Conservative Party of British Columbia, and Gwen O'Mahony, Conservative candidate for Nanaimo-Lantzville, have strongly condemned the placement of a vending machine distributing free crack pipes and cocaine snorting kits directly outside the

Emergency Room of Nanaimo Hospital. They also slammed Premier David Eby and the BC NDP for allowing and even encouraging the proliferation of hard drug use across the province, including in sensitive areas like hospitals, near schools and other places where children

"It is appalling and irresponsible to have a vending machine handing out drug paraphernalia right outside a hospital, where people are supposed to be seeking help for their health, not engaging in self-destructive behaviour," said Rustad. "This is yet another example of the BC NDP's disastrous approach to public safety and healthcare. Under David Eby's leadership, we are seeing dangerous policies that promote and normalize hard drug use, even in places meant for



Gwen O'Mahony shared a video on her platform X where she dispenses herself a free bubble pipe from the machine, located just outside the doors of the emergency room at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

healing."

O'Mahony added, "As a community, we cannot accept this. What kind of message does it send to have free crack pipes and cocaine kits available right next to a hospital? Worse yet, these machines are placed in public spaces where children are present, turning our neighbourhoods into hotspots for dangerous activities. This is not the British Columbia we want."

Rustad and O'Mahony emphasized the need for a complete overhaul of the NDP's approach to addiction and public health. "David Eby and the BC NDP have failed to protect our communities. Their policies are not just misguided; they are dangerous. Instead of enabling drug use, we should be focusing on real solutions that help people recover and keep our communities safe," Rustad stated.

According to CBC, the harm reduction kiosks have been placed at three Vancouver Island hospitals in Nanaimo, Campbell River and Victoria. The machines offer free access to harm reduction supplies, like naloxone, drug testing strips and safe sex kits - but also to drug paraphernalia, like bubble pipes and snorting utensils.

B.C Premier David Eby said he is ordering a review of a program that dispenses free drug paraphernalia and testing kits from hospital vending machines.

Poilievre says NDP leader will be known as 'Sellout Singh' if he doesn't pull out support from Liberal government



Onservative Leader Pierre Poilievre has written a letter to NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh urging him to rip up his party's deal with the minority Liberal government and trigger a fall election.

Poilievre wrote that despite the NDP's stated intention to make people's lives more affordable, groceries cost more, demand at food banks is up and many children still go to school hungry. He blames the carbon tax and billions more in spending for the rising costs. "When you agreed to join the costly coalition to keep Justin Trudeau in power, you promised it would make lives more affordable. Yet by your own admission, your coalition has been a disaster for working Canadians. Earlier this month, over two years since you joined the Trudeau government, you admitted that 'when you go to the grocery store and you're buying groceries you are spending more than ever before and you are leaving with less than ever before," Poilievre wrote.

Life has never been more expensive with families having to pay \$700 more for groceries this year than they did in 2023 and millions of Canadians are having to line up outside of food banks just to survive.

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Guru Ravidass Sabha Welcomes New Consul General of India







By Zile Singh

diplomat must be discreet And patient, neither too timid nor too excitable. He should know the customs and the history of his hosts inside out. He should be able to put himself in the place of his interlocutor. Tactful, politic, sensitive and subtle are some synonyms of a diplomat.

Mr Masakui Rungsung, who recently joined the Consulate General of India, Vancouver as the Consul General, was recently welcomed by Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Burnaby at their Gurudwara at 7271 Gilley Avenue.

On arrival, the Consul General had a meeting with the Executive Board of the Sabha headed by Mr. Harjit Sohpaul. Later he addressed the Sangat gathered in the main Hall. To the expectations of all, the Consul General met the qualifications of a true diplomat mentioned above. He highlighted the need of inclusion, equality, and the importance of a socialistic pattern of society. He said that far from the homeland, the universal brotherhood alone can make us proud of Guru Ravidass's legacy. "Begampura" a concept coined by Ravidass meets the requirements of inclusion, equality, fraternity, dignity and freedom from hunger. He assured that everybody was welcome to let the Consulate know of any Consular problem faced by them where the Consulate could be of any help. The CG was accompanied by Mr. Sanjay Malhotra, Consul. The Sabha honoured both of them with Saropas. The members of the Sabha wished him well in this challenging assignment. CG visited the Library and offered donating suitable books.

Mr. Rungsung passed his M.A in English Language from Delhi University. After serving two years in the Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi, he joined the Indian Foreign Service in 2001. In addition to his postings in Indonesia, South Africa, and Bangladesh he has served as the High Commissioner in Zimbabwe and Jamaica. In the Ministry he worked as Under Secretary in the United Nations Division and as Director, External Publicity Division. He is married to Ms. Zingcharwon. They have two sons. He takes interest in golf, badminton, tennis, and trekking. As the name suggests, the Ravidassia community, back

home, belong to the lowest section of society. The majority of them belong to the State of Punjab in India. They believe in the Sikh religion. The followers of Guru Ravidass started settling down in BC, Canada since 1906. Being in the financial constraints initially, they used to attend the common

Sikh Gurudwaras. Gradually they decided to have their own place of worship called Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha It was established in 1982. The Ravidass Sabha, ever since, has a close relation with the Indian Consulate.

The successive Consul Generals have been attending

Sabha's important days. High Commissioner Vikas Swarup set a record by visiting this Gurudwara twice during his tenure in Ottawa. I inaugurated Dr. BR Ambedkar Library in the premises of the Gurudwara when I was Deputy Consul General on Ambedkar Jayanti in April 2007.

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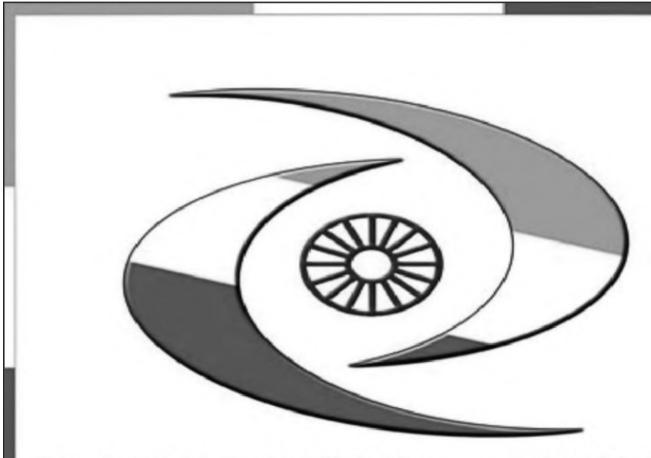
ceive a message from my Richmond day, August 21. The message read: "On ourable Mary Simon, Governor Gener-

al of Canada, I am pleased to inform you that you have been awarded the King Charles Third Coronation Medal. This Medal is awarded to those who have made outstanding contribution to our province and made a difference to all in our community."

During the past few years, I have been privileged to receive several recognitions including Order Of British Columbia (2004), Queen's Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee Medals, Solicitor General's Lifetime Achievement Award for Crime Prevention and Community Safety, one of Top Ten Citizens of Richmond, one of Top 25 Canadian Immigrants (2010), one of Top 100 University of British Columbia 's Faculty of Education Alumni members and several others. All these awards and recognition mean a lot to me, and I cherish each one of them.

Since my arrival in Canada in 1966 I have always made an earnest effort to serve this country to the best of my ability. I believe that Canada is a wonderful, generous, welcoming, compassionate and multicultural country. It is one of the best, if not the best, country in the world to live in. Its Charter of Rights and Freedoms is a shining example for others to follow. Canada is one of the most desirable countries to live in. As residents of Canada, we have an obligation and a responsibility to make whatever contribution we can make for its betterment.

For me, all these honours, medals and recognition are very special. Such recognition makes me proud to be a Canadian. I am very thankful to numerous organizations, agencies and well-wishers for considering me worth these honours. For the King Charles Coronation Medal, I am very thankful to the Governor General of Canada, Right Honourable Mary Simon, the government of Canada and my MLA Teresa Wat.



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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

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12943 87 AVENUE



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"In a community-driven effort, the GNFB invites everyone to contribute towards this cause, helping students get the essential supplies they need. Together, we can ease the burden for families and create a brighter future for our youth," said Neeraj



Walia, Secretary, GNFB.

The GNFB is a registered charity and nonprofit organization run entirely through community donations. Despite receiving no government funding, the GNFB serves over 20,000 members each month across its two locations. In addition to its food bank services, the GNFB actively supports youth development within the community. You can contribute to this cause by donating via e-transfer at info@gnfb.ca or online at www.gnfb.ca. For additional information, please contact us at 604-580-

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6 BED - 4 BATHS - 10,318 SF

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5758 131 A STREET SURREY



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3 BED - 1 BATH - 10,019 SF LOT

Builder's Alert! The Property is sub dividable 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.

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11956 98 AVENUE, SURREY



7 BED - 5 BATHS - 6,600 SF

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 SEEII Please book your private Showings.

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10095 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, CHILLIWACK



4 BED - 2 BATHS - 9,750 SF LOT

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2 BED - 2 BATHS

Best Opportunity for the first time home buyers & nature lovers to enjoy the scenic beauty, spectacular north shore & panoramic coastal mountain views. This amazing Corner unit features with 2 Bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms with a Huge Master Bedroom Ensuite, A Good Size Living Room, Dining Room with fully renovated kitchen with quartz countertops & new kitchen cabinets, New stainless steel appliances & pol lights. All these appliances & renovations were done two years and Carpot in the whole unit is one years ald You green. arnet in the whole unit is one year old Yo walk to Guildford Town Centre, TNT Supermarket, dining, public library and highways. The maintenance fees include gas & hot water, One Storage locker & One Parkina. There is also a bike room and lots of outdoor Visitor Parking.

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7 BED - 8 BATHS - 20,211 SF

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Toyota celebrates 60th anniversary in Canada with cross-country "Kanreki" road trip



ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland: Toyota is celebrating its 60th anniversary in Canada this year, and they're kicking it off today with a coast-to-coast road trip. The 9,000km drive will make stops in every province to highlight some of the key people, locations, and stories from throughout the company's six decades in Canada.

NEWS

"In Japanese culture, a person's 60th birthday is known as 'Kanreki' and represents a 'rebirth' - an opportunity to reflect on one's life, take stock of the present, and prepare for the future," said Stephen Beatty, Corporate Secretary at Toyota Canada. "As Toyota marks its 60th year in Canada, our cross-Canada road trip will do just that, while also taking time to recognize the many Canadians who have contributed to the company's success - including the country's best dealer network, thousands of team members, tens of thousands of people who've worked for our suppliers and partners, and millions of loyal, enthusiastic Toyota drivers from coast to coast to coast."

Toyota Canada's Kanreki Tour started out at t Canada's Eastern "Mile 0" in St. John's, Newfoundland, on August 12th and will end on August 30 at Canada's Western "Mile 0" in Victoria, British Columbia. Participants will be driving the

route in six stages: St. John's to Halifax (via Newfoundland & Nova Scotia) Halifax to Montréal (via PEI, New Brunswick & Quebec) — Montréal to North Bay (via Quebec & Ontario) 4 — North Bay to Winnipeg (via Ontario & Manitoba) — Winnipeg to Calgary (via Saskatchewan & Alberta) — and finally Calgary to Victoria (via Alberta & British Columbia) - August 27-30.

Throughout the journey, the participants will drive vehicles from across Toyota's full line-up of products. From coupes and sedans, to hatchbacks and crossovers, to SUVs, minivans, and pickup trucks, they'll use 20 different models Toyota currently sells in Canada - most of them electrified - to get them across the country, including: bZ4, Camry, Corolla, Corolla Cross, Crown, Crown Signia, Grand Highlander, GR86, GR Corolla, GR Supra, Highlander, Land Cruiser, Mirai, Prius, Prius Prime, RAV4, Sienna, Tacoma, Tundra, Venza, In celebration of Toyota's 60th anniversary in Canada, the cross-country "Kanreki" road trip continues! Wave two of the drive began in Halifax, NS on August 14th and ended in Brossard, QC. The group of automotive journalists and Toyota Canada representatives were behind the wheel of the Toyota Land Cruiser, Crown Signia, Crown sedan, GR Supra, Sienna and Grand Highlander.

Along the way, the group visited Steele Wheels museum in Halifax, where they admired several classic vehicles including a 1985 Toyota Land Cruiser, before a visit to O'Regan's Toyota,

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14317 31A AVENUE, SURREY



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

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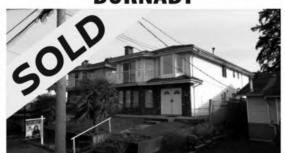
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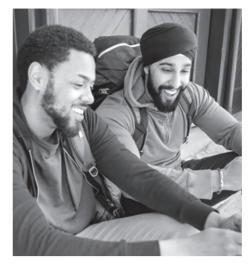
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"At Rogers, we are committed to making Canada home for newcomers from the moment they arrive," said Phil Hartling, President of Wireless, Rogers. "Our partnership with Nova Credit not only removes a roadblock to help newcomers establish a financial foundation in Canada, but it also helps them stay connected with loved ones as they start their new life

At launch, Rogers will support newcomers by recognizing their credit history from nine countries, including Australia, India, Kenya, Nigeria, the Philippines, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Rogers has plans to expand the program to additional countries in the

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New facility opens in Surrey for mental-health, addictions treatment

Toung people struggling with mentalhealth and addiction challenges and their families now have easier access to a range of services under one roof as several programs relocate to a new facility.

Located at 101-7635 King George Blvd., the new facility is open 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. It includes nurses, allied health professionals, dietitians, physicians, psychiatrists and administrative staff. Grouping these services in one location means young people can receive a spectrum of support for the challenges they are facing and stay connected to care when they need it.

The new site covers more than 650 square metres (7.000 square feet) and includes 11 consult rooms, a sensory room, an exam room, a medication room, an accession room, three large group rooms, an activities daily living teaching kitchen,

four private offices, two private talking spaces, a staff lounge, a sacred room and a business centre. Parking is free to staff, clients and families

The Fraser Health region is home to 41% of children and youth in British Columbia. At any given time, an estimated 95,000 children in B.C. ages four to 18 are experiencing a mental-health disorder. Approximately 75% of mental-health issues emerge before the age of 25.

Programs relocating to the new facility include specialist services to support young people and their families affected by eating disorders, neurodevelopmental disorders, serious mental-health challenges and addictions. The Fraser South Short Term Assessment Response Team (START) also provides assessment and interventions for youth experiencing a mental-health or substance-use crisis.

assessments and treatment for families with children up to age five.

40 new elementary classrooms coming to 3 Surrey Schools

Surrey students will return to larger schools once three school expansions are finished construction as government creates more student spaces quicker.

Three new prefabricated additions are under construction at Walnut Road, Lena Shaw and Woodland Park Elementary schools. With funding for all three projects announced in fall 2023, the additions are expected to be complete this coming school year, adding a total of 40 new classrooms to the school district.

Walnut Road Elementary will be gaining 16 new classrooms, 12 will open in October 2024 and four more will open in spring 2025. Lena Shaw Elementary will be gaining eight new classrooms, set to open in November 2024. Woodland Park will be gaining 16 new classrooms, set to open in January 2025.

This is the equivalent of 1,000 new seats. The use of prefabricated construction means students will soon be learning in modern classrooms that look just like regular schools. With sustainable and energy efficient designs, the additions also align with the Province's CleanBC targets and meet B.C.'s enhanced energy requirements.

"These prefabricated classroom spaces offer a creative and quick solution to help provide relief to Surrey schools experiencing immediate capacity challenges," said Laurie Larsen, chair, Surrey Board of Education. "The structures include dedicated washrooms, a common hallway and cooling system and because they can be more than one level, allow us to







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FORECLOSURE LANGLEY BC

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BC Launches Opioid Treatment Access Line

VANCOUVER: BC has launched the Opioid Treatment Access Line to make it faster and easier for people to get life-saving medication to treat opioid-use disorder and get connected to same-day care.

The Opioid Treatment Access Line is a provincewide telephone-based health service. People struggling with opioid addiction can call 1 833 804-8111 toll-free for immediate assistance from a dedicated team, including doctors and nurses, who can prescribe life-saving opioid agonist medications. Callers will also be directly connected to regional health-care teams for ongoing treatment and support within their community. Dedicated nurses will help make sure people are getting the longer-term care they need. The service is confidential, the treatment is covered under BC PharmaCare, and it is available seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

It is estimated that there are at least 125,000 people living with opioid-use disorder in B.C., and there are approximately 24,000 people currently on opioid agonist

treatment. The Opioid Treatment Access Line will help many people, especially those in smaller communities, who find it challenging to find a local clinic or prescriber.

The Opioid Treatment Access Line supports the expansion of the Road to Recovery program across all regions of B.C., and serves as an immediate measure to improve access to opioid-addiction treatment. This is part of the Province's comprehensive effort to ensure individuals receive the treatment and recovery care they need, prevent overdose deaths and keep people and communities safe.

"Opioid agonist treatments can reduce the harmful symptoms of opioid use and support long-term recovery, but too often people face challenges with getting a prescription when they need it," said Dr. Penny Ballem, the Premier's special adviser on health care. "Through this new telephone service, people from anywhere in B.C. can quickly and easily get an assessment and be prescribed the treatments they need to start their healing iournev.'

Opioid agonists are slow-acting medications that prevent withdrawal symptoms and reduce the risk of overdose by moving people away from the toxic-drug supply. This includes kadian, methadone and suboxone. Opioid withdrawal can be a life-threatening condition if not managed carefully. Symptoms often include cravings, chills, sweating, nausea, diarrhea, stomach cramps and muscle aches.

Opioid agonist medications are different than the regulated form of opioid medication (hydromorphone) used in the prescribed alternatives program for people at high risk of death from street drugs. These people may transition to opioid agonists when they're ready to begin treatment.

How the Opioid Treatment Access Line works

* People may call 1 833 804-8111 toll-free from anywhere in B.C. to speak to a trained doctor or nurse practitioner who will: conduct an initial addiction-medicine consultation over the phone; prescribe



New opioid treatment access line provides same-day access to care

an opioid agonist treatment medication, if medically appropriate; and connect to regional health teams for further treatment and supports in the community.

Fill the prescription at a pharmacy: It's free - costs are covered under BC PharmaCare if enrolled in the Medical Services Plan (MSP) and have a personal health number. If not enrolled in MSP, a pharmacist can help enrol in MSP immediately.

Access line is available: daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (last intake at 3:30 p.m., voicemail after hours); and health authority substance-use liaison nurses will receive and follow up with clients as needed from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. daily, once fully implemented in each health authority; recruitment is underway.

To learn more about the Opioid Treatment Access Line, visit: https://HelpStartsHere.gov.bc.ca/OpioidTreatment

Province Sets Maximum Annual Allowable Rent Increase To 3% For 2025

VICTORIA - The Province is tying the annual allowable rent increase in 2025 to inflation at 3%, down from this year's allowable increase of 3.5%.

"Tying the allowable increase to inflation saves renters hundreds of dollars, over the previous government's policy of inflation plus 2%," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing. "At a time when we know renters are struggling, our rent cap protects renters against unfair rent hikes, while allowing landlords to meet rising costs so that rental homes can stay in B.C.'s housing market."

The maximum annual allowable rent increase for 2025 cannot take effect prior to Jan. 1, 2025. Government policy prior

to 2018 allowed for an additional 2% rent increase on top of inflation, costing the average B.C. family hundreds of dollars in additional rent.

The maximum allowable rent increase is defined by the 12-month average percent change in the all-items Consumer Price Index for B.C. ending in July of the year prior to the calendar year when the rent increase takes effect. The 2025 maximum increase for manufactured-home park tenancies will also be 3%, plus a proportional amount for the change in local government levies and regulated utility fees. The rent increase does not apply to commercial tenancies, non-profit housing tenancies where rent is

geared to income, co-operative housing and some assisted-living facilities. If landlords choose to increase rent, they must abide by the Residential Tenancy Act and provide a full three months notice to tenants using the correct Notice of Rent Increase form. Rents cannot be increased more than once in a 12-month period.

Since 2017, the Province has taken several steps to protect renters, including banning illegal renovictions, strengthening the financial penalties for landlords who evict tenants in bad faith, protecting growing families by restricting rent increases if a tenant adds a child under 19 to their household, and improving wait times at

the Residential Tenancy Branch by 64% since November 2022.

In addition, the Province has implemented the annual renter's tax credit, which provides \$400 a year to low- and moderate-income renters across B.C.,

and is the first Canadian jurisdiction to support the creation of provincewide rent bank services to provide interest-free loans for tenants in urgent circumstances. Next year's change follows multiple years of the Province capping the annual allowable increase well below inflation in 2023 and 2024, as well as a rent increase freeze in 2020 and 2021 to support renters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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School Bus Safety: Did You Know?

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opposite direction as the bus are required

Police remind Back to school safety



Whether you are a parent, student, teacher, or motorist, we all have a key role to play in ensuring our kids head back to school safely. The start of the school year is the perfect time for reviewing and practicing pedestrian road safety strategies for the entire family.

Pedestrians

Use designated crosswalks and follow crossing signals where available.

When crossing major roads, make sure that all lanes of traffic have stopped – don't assume that traffic will stop for you.

Make eye contact with drivers before stepping out onto crosswalks.

Dress to be seen. Wear bright colours or reflective material whenever possible.

Always be aware of your surroundings.

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Remove headphones and put electronic devices away.

Drivers

Slow down. 30km/h speed limit is in effect in school zones from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on school days.

Leave yourself extra time to get through school zones. Drop off and pick up times can be especially busy and congested.

Focus on the road by putting away electronic devices and other distractions. Be alert for youngsters walking to and from school as you back out of your driveway or leave your parking garage.

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Keep an eye out for large trucks and motorcycles. Large trucks require extra space to stop and turn and have significant blind spots. Passenger vehicle drivers can help reduce the risk of serious crashes by giving trucks ample room and avoiding cutting into their turning or braking space. When passing a truck, make sure you can see both its headlights in your rear-view mirror before merging back.

General tips for a safe trip:

* allow additional time to get to your

destination due to more people on the roads;

- * make sure your vehicle is ready for the drive by having a full tank of gas or charged battery, checking engine oil, washer fluid, lights, and tires, including the spare;
- * pack food and water for passengers and pets; * plan breaks at rest areas, https://www.th.gov. bc.ca/restareas/;
- * obey all posted speed limits and drive with caution, especially during bad weather;
- * leave the phone alone while behind the wheel;
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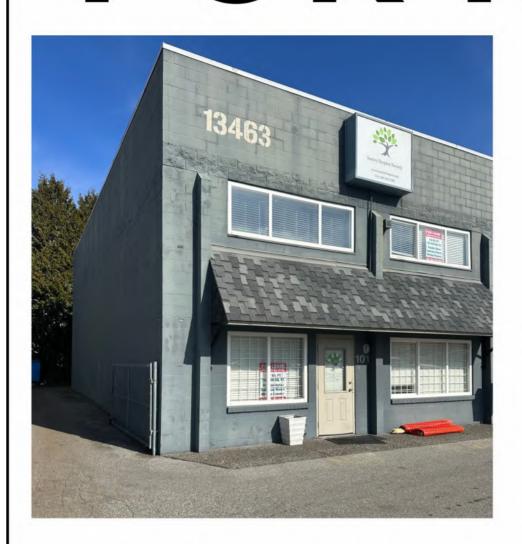
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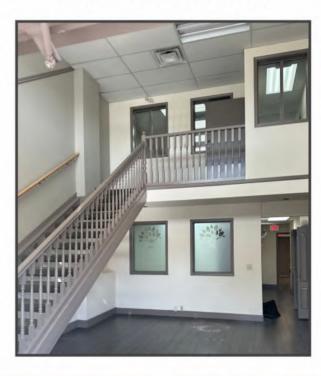
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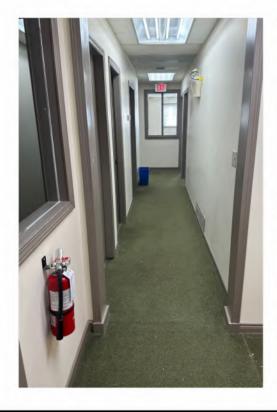
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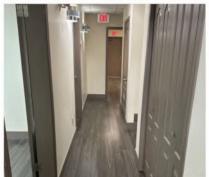






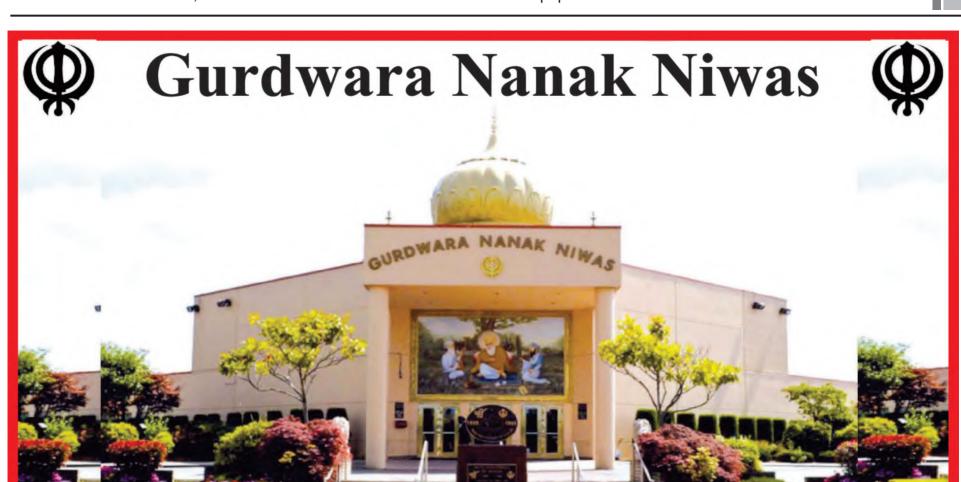








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29th August, Thursday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by

Khushwant Kaur Lit family.

30th August, Friday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by

Inderjit Singh Gill family.

31th August, Saturday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by

Rajwinder Singh Maan family.

1st September, Sunday at 10.30 am, Weekly kirtan diwan, langer sewa by the sangat.

2nd September, Monday at 9.00 am, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib and langer

sewa by Mangat Singh Johal family.

6th September, Friday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by

Kulbir Singh Pandher family.

7th September, Saturday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed

by Rajbinder Singh Sidhu family.

8th September, Sunday at 10.30 am, Weekly kirtan diwan, langer sewa by the sangat.

8th September, Sunday at 5.00 pm, Kirtan and langer sewa by Satinder Randhawa family.

10th September, Tuesday at 5.00 pm, Sri Sukhmani sahib path, Kirtan and

langer sewa by Banban Arora family.

Daily Program: 5:00 am Prakash Guru Granth Sahib, 6:00 am to 6:45 am Nitnem, 7:00 am to 7:30 am Kirtan Dewan, 7:30 am to 1:45 am Katha, 7:45 am to 8:00 am Ardaas Evening Diwan: 6:00 pm to 6:25 pm Rahras Sahib, 6:25 pm to 6:45 pm Kirtan, 8:00 pm Sukhaasan Seva!

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IIFA 2024: Vicky Kaushal to join Shah Rukh Khan and Karan Johar as host

 $\mathbf{B}^{\mathrm{ollywood}}$ actor Vicky Kaushal is all set to return $\mathbf{B}^{\mathrm{ollywood}}$ Dhabi – a place where entertainment knows no limits – is an experience I've host alongside superstar Shah Rukh Khan and filmmaker Karan Johar. The 24th edition of the International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) 2024 will be held in Abu Dhabi.

Vicky super charged up

The actor shared his excitement about co-hosting and performing at the 24th edition of the IIFA festival in a statement.

Vicky said, "IIFA has been an important part in my journey, a remarkable celebration of cinematic excellence, and a gathering of the brightest talent and visionaries in Indian cinema. Every time I step onto the IIFA stage, it's pure magic".

"Returning to IIFA at the breath-taking Yas Island, Abu has been amazing.

limits - is an experience I've eagerly anticipated. I'll try this time too to ignite the stage with fresh energy and create unforgettable memories with the amazing IIFA family. The anticipation, the fans, and the celebration of cinema make it truly special. This year is set to be one for the history books," he added. Earlier,

Rukh shared his views about taking hosting duties, saying, "IIFA is a celebration of Indian cinema that resonates across the globe and

being a part of its journey over the years



Will Smith starts following Diljit Dosanjh on Instagram



ans of singer and actor Diljit Dosanjh are going $oldsymbol{\Gamma}$ crazy as he is being followed by Hollywood star Will Smith on Instagram. Also read: Diljit Dosanjh: People say I've become a phenomenon, but I've been working for it for 22 years.

Will Smith has followers over 70 million on the social media platform and he follows only 276 people. Diljit Dosanjh has made it to this list. The screenshots of Smith following Dosanjh went viral on social media.

Will Smith's career has spanned multiple facets of entertainment, from his early success as part of DJ Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince to his iconic roles in television and film. Known for hits like 'Gettin' Jiggy Wit It' he was praised for his Academy Award-winning performance in 'King Richard'.

Meanwhile, Diljit is all set to come up with his upcoming Punjabi film 'Sardaar Ji 3'. Recently, he announced that the film will be released on June 27 next year. Diljit posted a motion poster on Instagram with the caption that reads, "SARDAAR JI 3 Releasing Worldwide 27th June 2025."

The first part of Sardaar Ji, directed by Rohit Jugraj, also starred Mandy Takhar and Neeru Bajwa and had a record opening in Punjabi cinema. The second part, Sardaar Ji 2, was also directed by Jugraj.





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nanya Panda

Panday and Aditya Roy Kapur are setting screens ablaze with their chemistry in their latest commercial, leaving fans in a tizzy. Despite their recent breakup, the Bollywood actors' on-screen camaraderie has reignited excitement among their followers, who can't get enough of their adorable interactions.

The actors have collaborated for an eyewear brand, and shared the screen for their sunglasses.

The ad buzz

Following that,

In the advertisement, Aditya is seen entering a lift in which Ananya is already there. She is wearing sunglasses, and after looking at her, Aditya also takes his shades out and wears them with

cute and flirtatious interaction through their eyes. It ends by showing them laugh together

Fans react: Many fans couldn't hold their excitement and showered Ananya and Aditya with love. Several users expressed their feelings with heartfelt reactions in the comment section, with one writing, "Wow good to see they're still together".

"How can this possible...babu mushay it's bollywood," shared one user, with another writing, "They look happy together".

"Bollywood hottest couple #adinya," wrote

shares flirty video with Aditya Roy Kapur weeks after breakup

one, with another mentioning, "Just looking like a wowwww". "Hope they are together," hoped one, with another wondering, "Are they together".

More about the relationship

In May this year, an ETimes report said that Aditya Roy Kapur and Ananya parted ways in March. A source told ETimes, "They broke up almost a month ago.



Anushka Sharma goes desi in new ad, Virat Kohli fans

hail 'bhabhiji's' new long hair look ctor Anushka Sharma has starred in a new their second child in London.

Advertisement for a women's clothing brand. Taking to Instagram, Anushka on Friday, posted a video of herself as she wore suits of different colours and designs. She also sported a new hairdo

Anushka stars in new ad

white and red, maroon, and yellow outfits. She also wore traditional jewellery. She captioned the post, "Let's dive into never-ending celebrations, and make every moment

> an opportunity to sparkle! milestones, Celebrate moments, and even small victories that make every day, a reason to celebrate.".

Fans laud Anushka

Reacting to the post, a fan wrote, "You look mindblowing." A person said, "I love Bhabiji's look. Pretty amazing." "Bhabhi ji namaste (hello)," read comment. "Hail Queen Of King," said an Instagram user. "So Beautiful. Just looking like a Wow," said another

Anushka was in London recently

The ad comes months after Anushka and her husbandcricketer Virat Kohli welcomed

Last month, she attended a kirtan led by the famous Krishna Das at Union Chapel in London. On her Instagram, Anushka shared glimpses from the kirtan and tagged Krishna Das.

About Virat and Anushka

Virat and Anushka tied the knot on December 11, 2017, in Italy. The duo was blessed with Vamika on January 11, 2021. In February, the star couple announced the birth of their baby boy, Akaay. Taking to Instagram, the couple announced the birth of their son. The caption read, "With abundant happiness and our hearts full of love, we are pleased to inform everyone that on 15th February, we welcomed our baby boy Akaay/akaay & Vamika's little brother into this world. We seek your blessings and good wishes in this beautiful time in our lives. We request you to kindly respect our privacy at this time. Love & Gratitude. Virat & Anushka."

About Anushka's next film

Anushka will be next seen in the upcoming sports biopic film Chakda Xpress which is based on the life of former Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami, and will stream exclusively on OTT. The film's final release date is still awaited.



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Toyota celebrates 60th anniversary...

where there was a million-kilometre 2013 Toyota Highlander on display. Following a drive by Peggy's Cove, the group headed to Charlottetown, PEI, and later on to New Brunswick.

The first stop in New Brunswick was at the world's largest lobster, followed by a visit to Acadia Toyota in Moncton, where there were heritage vehicles on display, in addition to a nearly million-kilometre Toyota Corolla. Once in Quebec, the group visited Lévis Toyota and Mauricie Toyota - two longstanding Toyota dealerships in the province - where they saw more heritage vehicles and learned about the history of both dealerships. Mauricie Toyota opened their doors in 1965, is still in the hands of the original family, and is the longest standing dealership in the province.

Other highlights of the trip included Auto journalists test driving the first-ever 2025 Toyota Crown Signia, a striking addition o Toyota's SUV lineup. With a flowing silhouette, spacious premium interior, and stylish colour choices, the Crown Signia brings refined style and impeccable comfort.

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Province Sets Maximum Annual.

represents a return to the standard formula of tying allowable rent increases in B.C. to the Consumer Price Index, as inflation begins to return to more normal levels.

"Tying the annual allowable rent increase to inflation is consistent with the recommendations from the Rental Housing Task Force to support renters and ensure that rental homes can stay

available for renters," said Spencer Chandra Herbert, Premier's liaison for renters and MLA for Vancouver West End. "Capping rent increases to inflation has saved families and households in B.C. thousands of dollars since 2017, as we have eliminated the old government's automatic 2% rent increase on top of inflation."

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Poilevre says NDP leader will be...

The Liberal-NDP costly coalition has failed. They refused to stand up for Canadian workers while Trudeau added billions of dollars of wasteful spending onto the inflationary fire. They supported Justin Trudeau even as he hiked his carbon tax by 23 percent, as part of his plan to quadruple the carbon tax by 2030.

person.

He said, Jagmeet Singh must put Canadian workers before his \$2.2 million pension. No one voted for the Liberal-NDP coalition and no one wants another year of Trudeau's economic misery.

"Canadians can't afford or even endure another year of this costly coalition.

No one voted for you to keep (Prime Minister Justin) Trudeau in power. You do not have a mandate to drag out his government another year," insisted Poilievre.

"Pull out of the costly coalition and vote non-confidence in the government this September to trigger a carbon tax election in October of THIS YEAR. Or you will forever be known as 'Sellout Singh," he added.

Poilievre's challenge Singh comes as the parties square off in a federal byelection in Manitoba, a Sept. 16 vote that is expected to be a competitive two-way race between the Conservative and NDP candidates.

In response to Poilievre, Peter Julian, the NDP's House leader, said that "leaving the deal is always on the table for Jagmeet

"Let's be clear: Pierre Poilievre wants to win an election because he wants to cut health care, cut your pension and cut EI in order to give more to big corporations. He wants to ensure pharmacare cannot make it to implementation this fall. We fundamentally disagree with his plans to cut," Julian said. Julian said the party believes "in the Canadian value of taking care of our neighbours," and said that's what "guides us before and after an election."

Also in an interview with CBC News, Anne McGrath, the NDP's national director, said it's not up to Poilievre to dictate when the supply-and-confidence agreement between her party and the Liberals comes to an end.



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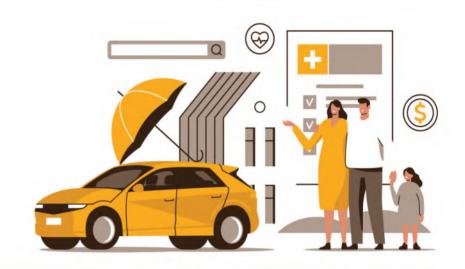




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