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# Who is Running for BC Election in Surrey? Meet your candidates

The 2024 BC election final Voting Day is October 19, 2024. You can vote if you are: a Canadian citizen, 18 or older on October 19, 2024, and a resident of B.C. since April 18, 2024.

Voters will elect 93 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs). Each Member represents an electoral district (or riding) and has a seat in the provincial Legislature. The political party with the most seats in the Legislature will form B.C.'s next government.

For Surrey residents, the issues of healthcare, public transit, schools and crime prevention remain on top of the list. There are three major parties BC NDP led by David Eby, BC Conservative led by John Rustad and Green Party led by Sonia Furstenuau running in this election with BC NDP still edging ahead over a few points from BC Conservative party. There are also independent candidates who are not affiliate to any major party and running to represent their ridings.

In Surrey, there are 10 electoral districts. In this issue, we bring to you list and profile of the candidates running from your riding to equip our readers with the tools to decide who is strongest and most eligible to represent you in the legislature in Victoria.

**Electoral District: Surrey-Newton**  
**Party BC NDP**



**Candidate: Jessie Sunner**  
 A trade unionist and human rights lawyer for the Hospital Employees' Union, serving as Vice President of the Surrey Women's Centre, and on the boards of the South Asian Bar Association, the BC Canadian Bar Association Human Rights Law Section, the BC College of Social Workers.

**Party: BC Conservative**



**Candidate: Tegjot Bal**  
 Radio Host at Radio Punjab AM1600 and member of BCGEU. Born in India, his journey led him to Switzerland for a Hotel Management Diploma and to London, England, where he earned a Computer Science Diploma. Member of BCGEU, his role as a Radio Host serves as a vital link to the community, offering a platform to address societal issues through thoughtful discussions and interviews.



**Party: Freedom Party of BC**  
**Candidate: Amrit Birring**  
 Leader of the Freedom Party, He wants to take parents voice to Victoria to advocate for removing SOGI 123, a Software Developer / Automation Developer by profession, he graduated with computer science degree from UBC

**Party: Independent**  
**Candidate: Joginder Singh Randhawa**

**Electoral District: Surrey South**  
**Party: BC NDP**



**Candidate: Haroon Ghaffar**  
 As a journalist, Haroon Ghaffar has dedicated his career to understanding the issues facing the people of Surrey. A Surrey resident for years, he has seen first-hand how the quickly-growing city needs investment: improved healthcare, better transit, and more affordable housing.

**Party: BC Conservative**  
**Candidate: Brent Chapman**  
 Chapman is a professional with a background in acting,



producing, broadcasting, writing, and voice coaching. He is currently courting controversy due to his comments against Palestinians that he posted on Facebook in 2015.

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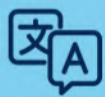


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# Meet candidates from Surrey North and Surrey City Centre

**Electoral District:**  
**Surrey North**  
**Party BC NDP**



**Candidate Rachna Singh**  
Currently Minister of Education and Child Care, Singh serves as the MLA for Surrey-Green Timbers. She has worked as a support worker for women facing domestic violence and a community activist.  
**Party BC Conservative**



**Candidate:**  
**Mandeep Dhaliwal**  
A Kabaddi player, small business owner, establishing Fixman Auto Glass Repair and Fixman Auto Glass Supplier in Surrey, member of the BC Sikh Motorcycle Club. He participated in a fundraising

bike ride from Canada to India, setting a world record and generating \$100,000 for the Khalsa Aid organization.

**Party:**  
**Freedom Party of BC**



**Kiran Hundal**  
A professional with the Surrey School District, Kiran holds diplomas in Business Management and Business Administration. She ran for council member in the Surrey Mayoral election in 2022.  
**Party BC Greens**



**Candidate: Sim Sandhu**  
With experience as both a city worker and a realtor with YPA Realty, Sim believes British Columbia must lead the way toward a net-zero economy and work together to protect the environment and build resilient

communities.  
**Independent: Hobby Nijjar**

**Electoral District:**  
**Surrey City Centre**  
**Party: BC NDP**



**Candidate: Anna Shah**  
She works with BC's Ministry of Housing, where she helped move forward affordable housing policies and projects. A volunteer at the Surrey Food Bank, where she now serves on the Board of Directors.  
**Party: BC Conservative**



**Candidate: Zeeshan Wahla**  
A Professional Engineer (P. Eng.) with extensive experience in engineering and planning, successfully running an

Engineering Consulting business. He is a registered P. Eng. in four provinces. Prioritizing policies that support the growth and prosperity of small and medium-sized businesses is paramount for him.  
**Party: BC Greens**



**Candidate: Colin Boyd**  
With a Bachelor of Science in Pure Mathematics from Simon Fraser University and a Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics from BCIT, Colin brings a strong background in data-driven decision-making. His professional experience in business analytics has equipped him to design sustainable, evidence-based solutions for the challenges facing British Columbia. Colin's work in local retail, particularly in helping Surrey residents retrofit their homes with energy-efficient solutions.  
**Party: Independent**



**Candidate: Saeed Naguib**  
He envisions Surrey as a walkable, small-business-friendly, transit-connected, green city. We deserve more than just being Vancouver's overflow. He propose increasing taxes on mining companies and earmarking those funds for critical investments in healthcare and public, subsidized housing.

**Party: Communist Party of BC**  
**Ryan Abbott**

**Electoral District:**



**Surrey-Cloverdale**  
**Party: BC NDP**

**Candidate: Mike Starchuk**  
Starchuk is a former Surrey firefighter, former Surrey City councilor and the current MLA for Surrey Cloverdale. In 2013, he received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work.  
**Party: BC Conservative**  
**Candidate: Elenore Sturko**  
Sturko was elected as the Surrey South MLA on September 10, 2022. She began her professional journey in the television  
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# Meet candidates from Surrey-Fleetwood and Surrey-Cloverdale



broadcasting industry. In 2007, Elenore transitioned to public service, joining the Canadian Armed Forces as a reservist in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Following her training, she served full-time with the 440 Transport Squadron and the

1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, both in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. In 2009, Elenore joined the RCMP, initially serving in Langley, B.C. She has also served as a media relations officer and in frontline policing with the Surrey

RCMP.  
**Party: Freedom Party of BC**



**Candidate: Judy Meilleur**

Judy is a long-time professional in the Health & Wellness Industry. She holds much knowledge, education, and certificates in fitness, yoga, coaching, nutrition, and homeopathic medicine. She is passionate about teaching the significance of holistic well-being in this fast-paced and challenging world. She continues her studies and research into immunology & infectious diseases and the importance of supplementation.

**Party: BC Green Party**



**Candidate: Pat McCutcheon**

Pat is a visionary leader with a solid foundation in Mechanical Engineering,

having graduated from UBC in 1985. About ten years ago, Pat delved into climate change research and was deeply alarmed by the potential impacts on future generations if immediate action isn't taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This concern led him to join the BC Green Party in 2019.

**Electoral District: Surrey-Fleetwood**



**Party: BC NDP Candidate: Jagrup Brar**

Elected five times as an MLA, Jagrup Brar has represented people in Surrey for decades. He serves as the Minister of State for Trade and previously served as the Official Opposition critic for Small Business, Healthy Living and Sport, Employment and Income Assistance, as well Solicitor General and Public Safety. In past he was Executive Director of the Surrey Self Employment and Entrepreneur Development Society (SEEDS). Born in India, Jagrup was a member of the Indian National Basketball team and earned a master's degree in

Philosophy.  
**Party: BC Conservative Party**



**Candidate: Avtar Gill**

Avtar Singh Gill is President and CEO of Scott Road Insurance Services. He served as a Union Director for COOWA for two years. He volunteers with organizations like Akal Academy and Guru Nanak's Free Kitchen. He studied Agriculture Sciences (BSc. Hons.) and business (Sauder School of Business, UBC). He also has also worked with Sutton Group.

**Party: BC Greens**



**Candidate: Tim Binnema**

Tim has decades of experience in engineering, management, and leadership in pollution control and energy optimization. He

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# Meet candidates from Surrey-Guildford and Surrey-Panorama

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**Electoral District: Surrey-Guildford**



**Party: BC NDP**

**Candidate: Garry Begg**

Prior to being elected as the MLA for Surrey-Guildford in 2017 and 2020, he served in progressive law enforcement leadership with the RCMP for nearly 40 years. Garry was a career RCMP Officer serving in various locations and undertaking a wide variety of duties for over 38 years, the last eight in Surrey, where he was a District Commander, Watch Commander, and Operations Support Officer. Currently he serves as the Government Whip.

**Party: BC Conservative Party**



**Candidate: Honveer Singh Randhawa**

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**Party: Independent**



**Candidate: Kabir Qurban**

Qurban is a Secondary School Teacher, a Human Rights Advocate, and a Non-Profit Executive. He served as a Program Coordinator at Muslim Food Bank and Community Services and as Executive Director of Free

Uyghur Now. Qurban is dedicated to advocating for human rights, with a broader focus on youth education. Additionally, he is an award-winning film producer, a blogger.

**Party: BC Greens**



**Candidate: Manjeet Singh Sahota**

A small business owner and resident of Guildford for 17 years Manjeet has a background in computer science and project management. He's dedicated

much of his life to helping vulnerable people through work with Meals on Wheels and the Burnaby Youth Detention Centre, and has confronted many local issues firsthand as a small business owner.

**Electoral District: Surrey-Panorama**

**Party: BC NDP**



**Candidate: Jinny Sims**

Jinny was first elected as the MLA

for Surrey-Panorama in 2017 and served as the Minister for Citizens' Services of British Columbia. A past president of the BC Teachers' Federation, Jinny has been an advocate for children, families, and schools.

**Party: BC Conservative Party**



**Candidate: Bryan Tepper**

Bryan has spent his career serving as an RCMP officer, with the last 10 years exclusively in Surrey. As the treasurer of the Mounted

Police Professional Association of Canada (MPPAC), Bryan played a crucial role in successfully taking the federal government to court, securing the right to associate for RCMP members. This landmark lawsuit paved the way for RCMP members to have representation, a significant achievement for the policing community. He and his wife are active volunteers in various community organizations.



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# Meet candidates from Surrey-Serpentine and Surrey-White Rock

**Party: Freedom Party of BC**

**Candidate: Paramjit Rai**  
Paramjit holds diplomas in Business Administration, Family and Child Daycare, Women's Health in Canada, and Level II Agent License to name a few. Paramjit wants to revive transparency, strong work ethics, and support for community by listening to people's concerns and looking at different solutions to the problems faced in today's world.

**Electoral District: Surrey-Serpentine River**

**Party: BC NDP**

**Candidate: Baltej Singh Dhillon**

Baltej Dhillon joined the RCMP in 1990. He made



history as the first RCMP officer to be allowed to wear a turban as part of his uniform, paving the way for turban-wearing Sikhs to serve in our national police service as their fullest selves. A resident of Surrey for 35 years, he volunteers as a youth counsellor, is active with many non-profits, and since 2019 has worked with BC's anti-gang agency: the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia.

**Party: Conservative Party**



**Candidate: Linda Hepner**

With over two decades of experience working for the city of Surrey, three-terms a city councillor, and finally as the Mayor of Surrey, she has a deep passion for community development and support in Surrey. As mayor, Linda successfully led

the initiative to relocate a significant homeless population from 135A Street. One of Linda's most impactful achievements was guiding Surrey to become the first city in Canada to develop a Coastal Adaptation Strategy. Linda held numerous key positions, including Vice-Chair of Metro Vancouver's Mayors' Council, Director of Translink, and Director of Metro Vancouver. She also chaired several important committees such as the Surrey Police Committee, the Innovation Boulevard Mental Health & Addictions Committee, and the Mayor's Task Force on Gang Reduction, which secured \$7M in federal funding. Linda was recognized as one of the Top 50 Influencers in British Columbia and partnered with Simon Fraser University to appoint a Chair for Mental Health.

**Party: Independent**  
**Candidate: Jim McMurtry**

**Electoral District: Surrey-White Rock**

**Party: BC NDP**

**Candidate: Darryl Walker**



As the past President of the BC General Employees Union, he fought for fair wages and working conditions for people every day. As the Mayor of White Rock, he led his community through the pandemic, worked with organizations addressing addiction and mental health issues, and fought for affordable housing and improving services for his constituents.

**Party: Conservative Party**  
**Candidate: Trevor Halford**

Halford was first elected



as MLA for Surrey-White Rock in 2020. He

most recently served as the Shadow Minister for Transportation and Infrastructure, ICBC and Affordability, BC Transit, and Sport, having previously held roles as Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Addictions and Translink. A graduate of Elgin Park Secondary and Trinity Western University.

**Party: BC Libertarian Party**



**Candidate: Damyn Tassie**

An entrepreneur and traveller, he says entering the entrepreneurial world was what first piqued his interest into politics. He does not believe that a central power can combat all the issues that are plaguing our province, but people working together in free markets can. BC Libertarian Party was founded in 1986 to advocate for individual liberty, lower taxes, free markets, and social tolerance.

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Tata, who is credited with taking his business house global via several high-profile acquisitions, was reportedly in intensive care in a Mumbai hospital. Tata was the chairman of Tata Sons from 1991 until December 2012. The group's revenue soared past \$100 billion under his leadership, according to the company. Tata was known as a wise and principled leader whose vision and dedication shaped the Tata Group into one of the most respected and admired companies in the world, known for its culture and values as much as its results.

He earned an architecture degree from Cornell University in 1962, joined the family enterprise the same year. He was

known for his philanthropy and was chairman of Tata Trusts, among India's largest charity organizations.

Known for his humble lifestyle and known as man with no enemies, Tata was a real jewel that everyone admired. He was cremated with full state honour. Well-wishers lined outside to bid him farewell and scatter flowers at the site of the cremation.

During his time as chairman the firm bought high-profile brands such as UK-based car maker Jaguar Land Rover and the world's second-largest tea company Tetley

In 2009, the company surprised the automobile industry by launching Tata Nano, a tiny vehicle with a rear engine costing about 100,000 rupees (then \$2,000 US). Publicized as a "People's Car," it could seat up



to five adults. Ratan Tata said at the time that it would provide a "safe, affordable, all-weather form of transport" for millions of middle- and lower-income Indian consumers. Tributes from industry leaders, politicians and the public at large poured in from across the world. India's Prime Minister Narendra

Modi in a post on X called Tata "a visionary business leader, a compassionate soul and an extraordinary human being ... his contribution went far beyond the boardroom."

Google and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai recalled his meeting with Tata where they discussed Google's self-driving car project. "He leaves an extraordinary business and philanthropic legacy and was instrumental in mentoring and developing the modern business leadership in India," Pichai wrote on X.

"Ratan Tata's passing away is a big loss, not just to the Tata Group, but to every Indian," said Mukesh Ambani, India's richest person and chairman of the oil-to-retail conglomerate Reliance Industries.

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# BC NDP to partner with Simon Fraser University and community organizations to enhance Punjabi language and culture

BC NDP candidates for Surrey North Rachna Singh and Surrey-Fleetwood Jagrup Brar have announced that if re-elected, the BC NDP will partner with Simon Fraser University (SFU) to create a role for a Punjabi language and Pedagogy professor.

"It's extremely important for our local universities to have ties with the

community they're in," said Singh. "They need to reflect the students that they're teaching and set young people up for success. Especially since we'll be opening a new medical school here in Surrey - bringing more soon-to-be doctors from far and wide."

Establishing a Professorship in Punjabi Language and Pedagogy will ensure that



Punjabi language learning becomes an integral part of SFU's curriculum, actively contributing to Punjabi language and cultural heritage preservation.

"SFU is about to grow, a lot like Surrey has been doing, and with that comes new challenges and opportunities," said Brar. "Right now, we have a chance to pass down our knowledge, culture and language to the younger generation - which is exactly what we plan to do. The BC NDP is giving students the tools they need to learn by creating a Punjabi language and Pedagogy

professor."

"I'm thrilled to see that the BC NDP are moving forward with creating this role," said Kan Sandhu, Founding Member and Past President of ICBABC and coordinator for SFU'S Punjabi Language Program. "SFU has a diverse curriculum, and enhancing this curriculum will improve the student experience for students of all backgrounds. This decision will have long-lasting positive impacts for the student body and Indo-Canadian communities across B.C."

## Dilpreet Singh charged in assault of Calgary Red FM host

One man has been identified and charged in relation to an assault outside Rio Banquet Hall in Calgary where Rishi Nagar, a longtime host with RED FM Calgary, was attacked.

Although police did not reveal the identity of the victim, Red FM shared the news, "On Sept 29th at 3 pm, our Host and News Director Rishi Nagar was attacked by 2 people. The complaint has been filed with the Calgary Police."

In a release police said, "At approximately 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, Police were dispatched to the Rio Banquet Hall,



located at 2850 Hopewell Pl. N.E., for reports of an assault. Upon arrival, officers located one man who sustained injuries consistent with a physical assault. The victim was assessed by EMS at the scene and his injuries were determined to be minor."

It is believed the victim was leaving the Rio Banquet Hall when he was approached by two men. The men engaged the victim in conversation and followed him toward his vehicle. The conversation escalated to a verbal altercation, and in the parking lot,

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# Shame On Rustad For Not Dumping Conservative Candidate Brent Chapman Despite His Racist Comments Against Muslims



By Harinder Mahil

It is shameful that John Rustad is sticking with Brent Chapman, Conservative candidate in Surrey South despite his racist comments against Muslims. The comments were posted on Facebook in 2015, before Chapman entered politics, and were shared on social media by CKNW Radio host Jas Johal on October 9, 2024.

In the post, Chapman responds to comments from someone criticizing how Muslims raise their children. In referring to Palestinians he wrote: "They are all little inbred walking, talking, breathing time bombs ... figuratively and quite literally." In a statement sent to the media a day after these comments became public, Chapman said the language he used was "completely unacceptable," adding that since that time he has built "meaningful relationships" with people in the Muslim community. "They do not reflect who I am today or the respect and admiration I hold for the Palestinian and Muslim communities," he said. "I want to offer my sincerest apologies to everyone hurt by my past words," said

Chapman, who is also the husband of South Surrey-White Rock Conservative MP Kerry-Lynne Findlay. B.C. Conservative leader John Rustad told reporters that while he agreed Chapman should apologize for the comments, he would not ask him to step down as a candidate. The National Council of Canadian Muslims says it is horrified by Chapman's comments. "We consider them to be deeply Islamophobic, disgusting and utterly unacceptable," the Council said in a media release. The comments Mr. Chapman made are racist, Islamophobic and extremely offensive. Although he apologized after the comments became public, someone

with these views has no place to be a leader of any political party in British Columbia. Chapman's comments are part of a pattern from past and present Conservative candidates, who have displayed racist attitudes towards not only Muslims but also Indigenous and members of LGBTQ communities. Mr. Rustad should realize that if chooses to keep Chapman as a candidate of the Conservative Party of British Columbia, he is sending a message that it is OK to make racist comments toward Muslims. The message that he should be sending is: racism has no place in British Columbia. Harinder Mahil is a human rights activist and is president of the West Coast Coalition Against Racism.

## This Provincial Election Will Decide The Future Of Public Health Care In British Columbia

With less than two weeks until the Provincial Election, BC Health Coalition is urging the Conservative Party of BC to join the other two major parties and release a platform with a clear costing plan so voters know what their plans for public health care are. The televised debate had some standout moments regarding health care. BC Green Party leader Sonia Furstenuau eloquently laid out the issues facing our health care system and championed a community health center plan which most experts agree would significantly increase access to Primary Health Care. BC NDP leader David Eby rose to the occasion in the seniors care section and talked about the government's leadership in expanding publicly funded Home Care and Home Support. The Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad however, told a lot of stories of struggling people often relying on stereotypes but was inconsistent on



how his party would seek to address those struggles. British Columbians consistently cite health care as the most important issue facing the province. As a non-partisan, evidence based organization we give every party the ability to clarify their positions. We plan to release a report card grading each party's health care platform next week but the Conservative Party of BC has been hard to grade as its talking points are inconsistent

with its vague plans. The BC Health Coalition is a B.C.-wide coalition of community members, health

care workers, researchers, NGO and community service providers.

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# Election Time Is A Dance Of Democracy Between Politicians And Voters



By Zile Singh

On October 19, the eligible British Columbians will vote to elect their representatives to govern their day-to-day affairs for the next four years. The next four years is a long future. Therefore, before the voting day, it is the prime duty of everyone to ponder over not only on the future but also on the past. Let us not forget that the future started yesterday. In a real sense, not yesterday but our future started eight years back here in BC with a political party at the helm of affairs. Our province is grappling with serious challenges—healthcare, housing, education, employment, crime, and the ever-rising cost of living. An atmosphere

of despair and despondency is knocking at our doors. The youth is the prime victim because they have a long future before them. Progressive ideas floated in the air by political leaders seem like great arrows. But, to shoot the arrow, we need a bow. Let us ask the would-be legislators across party lines whether they know exactly where is that bow from where the lofty schemes would be financed.

In British Columbia, the taxpayer-supported debt at the end of 2024/25 is forecast at \$93.3 billion, which is an increase by \$4.7 billion compared to the Budget 2024.

In fact, the first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a public servant. Even being public servants, Members Legislative Assembly had the right to increase their salary in disproportion to the salaries of ordinary wage earners.



An increase in hourly wages by cents or even a dollar is like tying the working class in the knots. Effective April 1, 2024, an MLA draws \$119,533 annually. B.C. provincial politicians now enjoy a nearly \$5,000 increase to their salaries while federal politicians have a \$8,500 bump as of April 1. The Canadian Prime Minister earns more annually than the

President of the United States. An elected member of U.S. Congress earns \$174,000. Canadian MPs make over \$200,000 per year. PoliticalSalaries.com ranks Canada second behind the U.S. in terms of political salaries per capita GDP, among G7 countries.

Election time is a dance of democracy. All voters must vote. Voting is a right best exercised by people who have taken time to learn about the issues. “Young people need to vote. They need to get out there. Every vote counts. Educate yourself too. Don’t just vote. Know whom and what you are voting for and stand by that.”- Nikki Reed. As a social change, let us see what Kofi Annan, the former UN Secretary General said, “Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace. If, however, they are left on society’s margins, all of us will be impoverished. Let us ensure that all young

people have every opportunity to participate fully in the lives of their societies.” In 2020 provincial elections the voters turn out was the lowest at 53.8% since 1996. It is not a good sign. In 2001 it was 70.9% and in 1996 – 71.5%. Voters must get out of slumber to elect the right candidates. If necessary, vote beyond party politics. Well educated and well-informed legislators will speak sense to safeguard the public interest. They will not be mook spectators in the Assembly Hall.

Blame game has no place in a good democracy. Democracy is not just the right to vote or get elected. It is the right to live in dignity. He who blames others has a long way to go on his journey. He who blames himself is halfway there. He who blames no one has arrived.

*“In a democracy, the opposition is not only tolerated as constitutional but must be maintained because it is indispensable”.* – Walter Lippmann

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## India Bids Farewell To Its..

Tata was instrumental in building the partnership with Starbucks Coffee Company that brought the company’s coffeehouse experience to India and showcased Indian coffees to the world. Today, more than 4,000 Starbucks partners work at nearly 400 stores across India. Starbucks founder and chairman emeritus, Howard Schultz, added “One of the great privileges of Starbucks expansion to India was meeting—and then building a personal friendship—with Ratan Tata, the visionary leader of the Tata conglomerate, a man of uncommon wisdom and character who helped turn his nation into a global economic power. He was instrumental in creating the deep and enduring partnership between Starbucks and Tata in India. I join millions in India, and around the world, in mourning his passing. He leaves us with an enduring legacy of valued-based leadership and innovation.”

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# Hospital Network Apologizes for shaving Sikh man's beard without consent; WSO Urges Concrete Changes for Sikh Patients

William Osler Health System (Osler) issued a public apology for an incident in August where a Sikh man's beard was shaved without his or his family's consent while he was unconscious.

"Recently, we failed to uphold religious and cultural care practices when a Sikh patient's beard was shaved without consent and without medical necessity. We take full responsibility for this incident and have extended our deepest apologies to the patient and his family. We also want to extend our apology to the Sikh community and the exceptional culturally diverse community that we serve. The distress this incident has caused the patient, the patient's family, and the wider Sikh community – including our own workforce – has profoundly affected us as an organization and beyond," the organization said.

Last month, the family of Joginder Singh Kaler approached the WSO for assistance after Mr. Kaler's beard was shaved without permission. Shaving or removal of hair



is a violation of the beliefs of practicing Sikhs. Since then, the WSO has worked closely with the family and Osler Health in investigating the incident.

The World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO) acknowledged the public apology and appreciated that Osler has



accepted full responsibility for this serious breach and has committed to taking corrective measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

WSO President Danish Singh said, "The incident involving Mr. Kaler was both unacceptable and deeply shocking. While the error was irreversible, along with the pain caused to Mr. Kaler and his family, we are hopeful that this unfortunate event can lead to positive changes, ensuring

that the religious beliefs and practices of all patients are respected going forward. Brampton is home to one of the largest Sikh communities outside of Punjab, and it is crucial that the hospitals serving this community are fully aware of Sikh practices and respectful of them. The community must have confidence that their beliefs will be upheld in all aspects of care. The WSO is committed to continuing its work with Osler to safeguard the rights of Sikh patients. We welcome Osler's apology as an important first step, but we also recognize that there is much work ahead to ensure that such an incident never happens again. We look forward to ongoing dialogue and collaboration with Osler to create an environment where all patients receive care that respects their cultural and religious identities." Singh added that the WSO will remain engaged with William Osler Health System and the broader community to ensure that meaningful changes are implemented and that healthcare providers across the country are equipped with the resources and education necessary to meet the needs of Sikh patients and others from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.

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## Dilpreet Singh charged in assault of

one of the men allegedly began to physically assault the victim. Bystanders intervened and the men fled the area.

As a result, Dilpreet SINGH, 27, of Calgary, is charged with one count of assault.

SINGH will next appear in court on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024.

Nagar held a press conference in which he gave the details of the events that led to his attack. He believes he was attacked as a result of previous reporting he did connected to ongoing extortion. He said, "Many of you are aware I have spent a significant portion of my career reporting on the growing issues of extortions and criminal activities affecting the South Asian communities because the hardworking and the successful members of our community are living under constant fear and threat. It is important for the media to play its role and provide unbiased journalism."

Nagar informed CBC that the attackers told him they were upset with recent reporting his outlet did. He said the coverage in question

revolved around two weapons-related arrests last Wednesday at the Dashmesh Culture Centre.

Nagar, who was bandaged across the left eye, said the attack left him with painful eye injuries and have left him at risk of "retinal detachment." But he said that he will not be silenced and continue to do unbiased reporting. "The physical injuries that I sustained including an injury to my eye the retina is under a risk of severe damage and these injuries are for sure painful but what wounds me more deeply is the intent behind this assault. It is a clear attack on journalism and on the free press. This was not a personal attack on me alone this was an assault on the very principles that bind us as a free and democratic Society."

He further added, "I will not be silenced these cowardly actions will not deter me or my colleagues from continuing our work nor will they dissuade the Press from reporting on matters of public interest. They can break my eye not the resolve."

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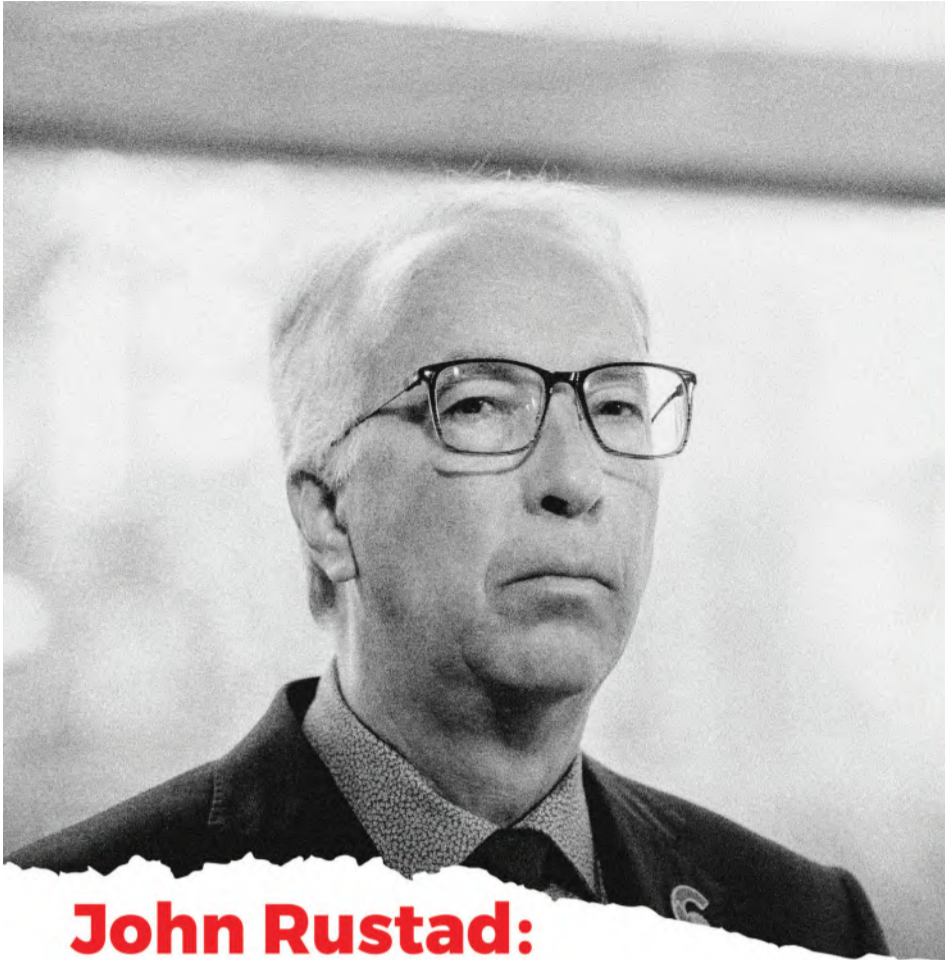


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## Surrey man charged following assault on taxi driver

An investigation led by the Surrey RCMP Major Crime Section results in charges approved against 31-year-old Richard Nelson for allegedly assaulting a taxi driver and causing damage to the cab. On June 22, 2024 Surrey RCMP frontline officers responded to a report of a man who had allegedly robbed a taxi driver and then damaged the taxi prior to fleeing the scene. Nelson was located and arrested a short time later without incident. He was later released pending further investigation. Fortunately, taxi driver did not sustain

any physical injuries during the incident. The Surrey RCMP Major Crime section took conduct of the investigation and on September 10, 2024 the charges were approved against Nelson, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. On September 26, 2024, Surrey RCMP officers located and arrested Richard Nelson for his outstanding warrant. He was released by the courts with conditions which include no contact with the victim and not to be in possession of weapons. As this matter is now before the courts, no further information will be released.

## “I Was in Disbelief!”: Surrey Resident Wins \$500,000 from Extra

Gill purchased the winning ticket at 7-Eleven on 120 Street and 64 Avenue in Surrey. Pushpjeet Gill thought it was an error on the BCLC Lotto! App when he discovered he won a \$500,000 Extra prize from the August 26, 2024 Daily Grand draw.

“I was at home checking some of my tickets,” recalled Gill. “I was in disbelief – I was so scared it was an error on the app. I had to check a couple of times!”

The Surrey resident was most excited to share the news with his wife first. “She was also in disbelief and then excited!”

Gill is “still in the disbelief phase” but plans to buy a home in the future and will use some of his winnings toward a down payment.

On how it feels to win? “This is the happiest I have ever



been. I will be celebrating for sure, but not sure how yet!”

Gill purchased the winning ticket at 7-Eleven on 120 Street and 64 Avenue in Surrey.

So far in 2024, B.C. lottery players redeemed more than \$8 million in winnings from Daily Grand. Daily

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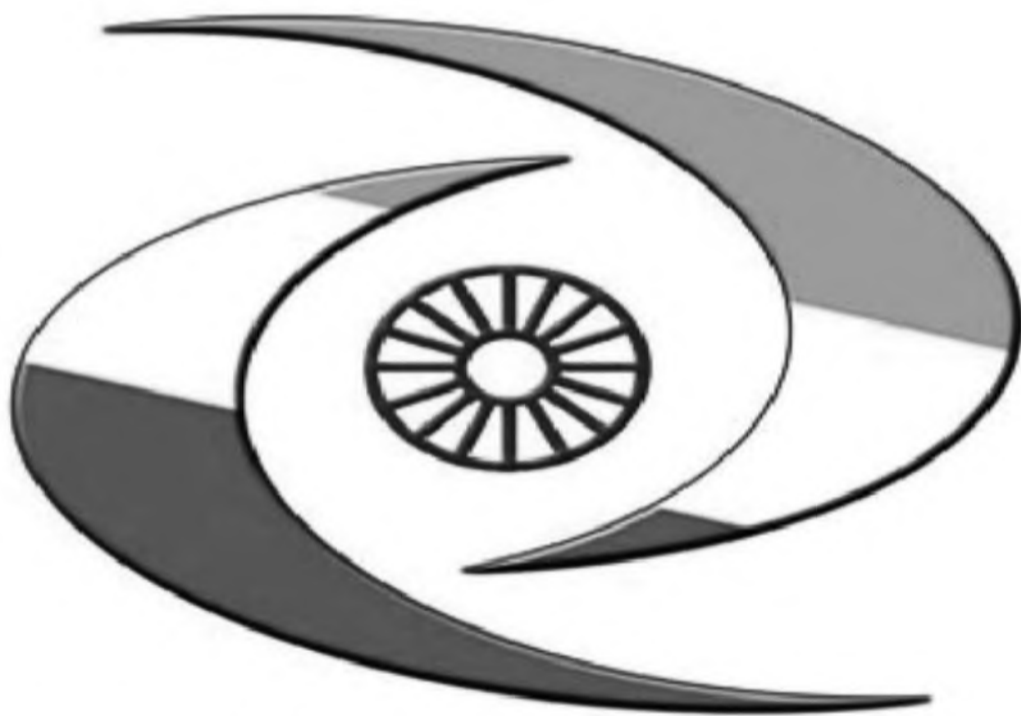
## Surrey police seeking witnesses after a woman assaulted

Surrey RCMP is seeking witnesses after a woman was assaulted in a Whalley neighbourhood on the weekend. On October 6, 2024 at 12:30 am, Surrey RCMP responded to report of an assault that occurred on the sidewalk in the 10200-block of University Drive. Officers learned a good Samaritan had transported a female victim to the hospital with serious injuries consistent with a stabbing.

The Surrey RCMP Serious Crime Unit has taken conduct of the investigation and the preliminary investigation has determined multiple suspects may have been involved. The victim is recovering from her injuries and investigators are canvassing the area for CCTV footage to identify the suspects as they work to determine the motive.

There were other people in the area when this assault occurred and we urge them to come forward and speak with police. “This is a very concerning incident in our community as it appears random in nature and we are asking anyone who witnessed this incident to call police immediately”, says Cpl. Sarbjit K. Sangha Media Relations Officer Surrey RCMP.

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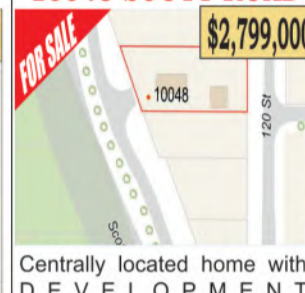
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**13025 238 STREET**



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A prime development opportunity awaits investors/builders/developers to subdivide into 3 Duplex lots and potential to develop 4th lot later in Silver Valley, this property is ideally positioned for development. Environmental and geotechnical reports already completed. In the meantime, enjoy living in or renting out this 5-bedroom, 3-bathroom home, conveniently located within walking distance of Maple Ridge Park, WildPlay park, Alouette River Trails. This fully renovated 3,100 sqft home is situated on an expansive 43,030 sqft lot. Surrounded by newly developed single-family homes and townhouse projects

**18536 64 AVENUE**



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**9569 124 STREET**



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This stunning residence in Queen Mary Park features 8 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms with 2 SUITES\*(2+2). Sitting on a MASSIVE 8000+ Sq.Ft Lot! Impeccably kept, this 8 bedroom home features a fantastic layout, generously sized bedrooms. With its great finishes, abundant windows, hot water heating and huge covered patio this home has it all. Walking distance to L.A Matheson Secondary and Cedar Hills Elementary this home is centrally located close to shops/restaurants and major bus routes. Easy access onto 96 avenue and Scott Road which leads to major hi

**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.

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**36 13670 62 AVE**



**FOR SALE \$899,000**  
Panorama South 62 complex! This is a beautiful four bedroom four bath Townhome backyard faces a greenbelt-ULTIMATE PRIVACY! Open concept main floor with 9ft ceiling and lots of natural light-bright and spacious living area and 3 bedroom upstairs. Main floor has beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances and bar fridge. Nice open dining room leading to living area which opens to sundeck. Additional bedroom in basement with 3 piece bath. This complex has lots of visitor parking. Close to schools and transit. Great neighbourhood.

**5945 130A STREET**



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PANORAMA RIDGE CORNER HOME! Features 6 BEDROOMS & 6 WASHROOMS + THEATRE ROOM w/Full Bath + 2 Bedroom Suite! You are welcomed into this custom built beauty with beautiful finishes. 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. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, 3 with their private ensuites and good size closets! In the basement there is a large media room perfect for entertaining with a FULL WASHROOM. There is also a 2 bedroom MORTGAGE HELPER! Fully finished with its own separate entrances. This home truly has it ALL! Perfect for the growing family.

**31 6138 128 STREET**



**FOR SALE \$1,099,000**  
PREVIOUS SHOW HOME UNIT! Situated in the heart of Panorama Park, this contemporary 4-bedroom townhouse is designed for the modern family. With four bathrooms and a state-of-the-art central AC and heating system, it ensures year-round comfort. The home is equipped with a Wi-Fi-enabled doorbell and switches, along with enhanced Cat6 wired internet, making it perfect for remote work. Upon entering, you'll find custom-built cabinetry and a full-sized mirror in the foyer. The living area is centered around a cozy fireplace, ideal for unwinding in the evenings. Residents can enjoy a variety of amenities, including a two-story clubhouse with a billiards room and a kitchen with a harvest-style table. Additionally, the community features a garden, outdoor playground, and walking paths. COME SEE NOW

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**14761 62 AVENUE**



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**16918 0A AVENUE**



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Imagine your ideal home on this generous lot of over 3905 square feet. This cleared and ready-to-build space is perfect for bringing your dream residence to life.

**7688 115A STREET**



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**12347 103A AVENUE**



**FOR SALE \$1,199,900**  
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**410 13897 Fraser Highway**



**FOR SALE \$449,000**  
Gorgeous residence situated within a modern complex, perfectly positioned in central Surrey, just steps away from the SkyTrain, public transportation, shopping, and entertainment at the EDGE on Fraser Hwy. This is the PENTHOUSE unit, featuring a spacious one-bedroom plus DEN and one bathroom, complete with a generous walk-in closet, secured underground parking, and additional storage space. You'll appreciate the high-end kitchen and bathroom aesthetics, showcasing contemporary cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, a full-sized washer/dryer, granite countertops, and luxurious marble finishes in the bathroom.

**9 6089 144 STREET**



**FOR SALE \$799,000**  
Blackberry Walk II: This is a former show home and corner unit in the complex, featuring extra-large windows and a spacious yard. This exceptionally bright unit boasts a 9 ft ceiling and remains more impressive than any new units in the area. The main level includes a contemporary kitchen with shaker cabinets and quartz countertops, as well as a living room, dining room, powder room, and west-facing sundeck. The upper level has two generously sized bedrooms, including a master suite.

**3910 MARINE DRIVE**



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**12943 87 AVENUE**



**FOR SALE \$1,399,000**  
This super clean Rancher home, located in the prime Queen Mary Park area of Surrey, is fully updated. It features approximately 1,600 sq. ft. of covered space on a 7,512 sq. ft. lot with back lane access. The beautiful Rancher offers a large living room, a modern kitchen, and a dining area. It has three good-sized bedrooms, including one master bedroom, two baths, and a laundry area. The home boasts laminate flooring, a 6-year-old roof, and new appliances. Additionally, there is a one-bedroom side suite, perfect as a mortgage helper.

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# Mayor's Evening of Giving Raises Over \$650K for Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society



The 2024 Surrey Mayor's Evening of Giving, held on October 4, set a new record for the highest funds raised for the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society at the annual gala. Presented by Peter Wall Financial Corporation, the event was hosted by Mayor Brenda Locke and exceeded its fundraising goal of 20% more than last year's total. This year's event raised more than \$650,000. The final amount will be confirmed at the Surrey Tree Lighting Festival & Holiday Market. As we celebrate this remarkable achievement, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in the 2024 Mayor's Evening of Giving," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "Our community's generosity reaffirms the profound compassion we share for our children and families in need. The funds raised tonight will empower the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society to continue their vital work, ensuring that no child goes hungry and that all have the resources to thrive in their education. Together, we are building a stronger, more supportive Surrey." Funds raised from the Mayor's Evening of Giving will contribute to a variety of

Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society's community programs, particularly the Nutritional Snack Program (NSP). The NSP supports children to thrive in their educational journey by ensuring they have access to wholesome food. In 2023, the Surrey Firefighters delivered the NSP to more than 7,500 vulnerable Surrey students across 130 schools. "We are deeply grateful for the extraordinary support from this year's event. These funds will greatly benefit our Nutritional Snack Program, which has seen a significant increase in demand due to rising student numbers and food costs," said Saverio Lattanzio, President of Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society. "We appreciate Mayor Locke and Council for their commitment to supporting the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society and helping us improve the lives of people in our community." Founded in 1994, the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society works to fulfill unmet needs of the community with a focus on Surrey's children, youth and families. For more information, visit [surreyfirefighters.com/charitablesociety](http://surreyfirefighters.com/charitablesociety).

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<p><b>5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN</b></p> <p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p>\$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 with a large window and at the back. Includes a full bath 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><b>#37-8358 121A ST., SURREY</b></p> <p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p>\$699,000</p> <p>Welcome to Kennedy Trails. This house checks all the boxes. Cost effective &amp; environmentally friendly. GEOTHERMAL Heating and Cooling, E-Star windows, Three in the heart of Surrey Main street, large dining area, Granite counter top, bath and DEN/DR is for suite, Master Bed walk in closet, 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><b>9750 128 ST., SURREY</b></p> <p><b>NEW LISTING</b></p> <p>\$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, 2 bath, 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>
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# 2024 Ford Bronco Sport Freewheeling Edition: Even more Retro!

Review by Veeno Dewan

The venerable Ford Bronco is a revamped version of the much-loved original SUV. Chunkily styled, the new Bronco arrives in two or four-door formats with 4X4 capability. In terms of the looks, Ford have done a wonderful job when it comes to keeping the retro styling cues with a modern twist. The Bronco Sport is front-engined with four-wheel drive and powered by a 2.0-litre EcoBoost engine with 245 horsepower and 275 lb-ft of torque. The other models – Base, Badlands, Big Bend and Outer Banks – have the 1.5-litre EcoBoost engine that produces 181 hp and 190 lb-ft of torque. Both engines are mated to an 8-speed Select Shift automatic transmission with steering wheel mounted paddle shifters. The Bronco comes in number of special editions as mentioned plus the Wild track, Sport heritage and Black Appearance package version with different exterior, interior and equipment packages. We tested the new Bronco Sport Free Wheeling edition based on the Bronco Sport's Big Bend trim level, The Free Wheeling's adds the iconic red, orange and yellow five-colour reflective graphic stripes on the

Ford Freewheeling series Bronco's from the 1970s and early 1980s. These bold accents are a breath of fresh air in an auto market that now favours usually drab monochrome color schemes. The funky colorful pop-art look is offset by 17-inch high-gloss black wheels with red accents; a silver-painted grille with two-tone Bronco badge; black roof, mirrors, and bumpers; orange accents on the dash; and the exterior and multicolor graphic hues in the seat inserts and contrast stitching. The engine on this model is the turbocharged 1.5-liter 3-cylinder engine making 181 horsepower and 190 pound-feet of torque. Ford's High-Performance Off-Road Stability Suspension (H.O.S.S.) is also part of the spec. There is also the advanced 4x4 system with twin-clutch torque vectoring on the rear axle. They also come with the Bronco's G.O.A.T. ("goes over any type of terrain") modes, including Sport, Eco, Slippery, and Sand. The 2024 Ford Bronco Sport starts at \$38,995 to \$46,550, while the Free-Wheeling version starts at \$41,995 plus options, delivery, and taxes. Interior wise there is a modern well integrated cabin with comfortable seats and good ergonomics. The exterior red orange and yellow stripes are carried over to the seatbacks, where they add a great dash of contrast and color and certainly brighten

up the interior. I also like the hits of red trim accents around the dash display and the door panels as well as the Ochre stitching on the seats. Creature comforts abound with such features as heated seats and steering mounted climate controls directly under the eight-inch

touchscreen. AM, FM, Sirius satellite radio, and navigation. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility is standard. The Ford Co-Pilot360 driver assist technologies are standard on all models, with collision avoidance.

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the institutions in India and are conspiring against the country with foreign agents. Deshbhakt Haryana ensured such plots are not successful," said PM Modi. Among major losers are Haryana assembly speaker and BJP's Gian Chand Gupta, Haryana Lokhit Party Gopal Kanda and BJP leader O P Dhankar. From Julana seat, Congress's Vinesh Phogat registered a victory defeating her nearest BJP rival Yogesh Kumar by a margin of 6,015 votes. Congress said that the election results in Haryana are unexpected and shocking and the Congress cannot accept them. "As you can imagine, this allows bad-faith actors to spin narratives that undermine the process. You can see examples of it already playing out on social media. Our fear is also that such narratives can then be used by these mala fide actors to influence processes where counting is still underway i.e. in most of the counting centres," senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh wrote. BJP secured 10 out of 11 seats in the

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Alex Sangha, a Registered Clinical Social Worker and Registered Clinical Counsellor with a private counselling practice in North Delta and a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada, shares his journey to raise awareness during Mental Health Awareness



By Alex Sangha

# Finding the Light: A Journey of Resilience, Identity, and Advocacy

I'm Alex Sangha, a gay South Asian man living with a mental illness, and these intersections of identity have shaped my journey. Growing up in a culture where mental illness is often misunderstood and homosexuality is widely unaccepted presented significant challenges. Still, I found a path forward by embracing my unique experiences and focusing on my strengths. I now stand as a social worker, filmmaker, founder of Sher Vancouver, and co-founder of the Sundar Prize Film Festival, all while managing mental health conditions. This is my story of resilience and transformation, shared in honor of Mental Health Awareness Week in Canada, celebrated from October 6 to 12, 2024.

## Leaving Home; Encountering the "Light"

As a closeted young man, I struggled deeply with my sexuality. The immense pressure within the South Asian community to marry and have children weighed heavily on me, and for much of my adolescence, I felt lost and despondent. Suicidal thoughts plagued my teens as I grappled with the idea of being different. At 13, I secretly sought the help of a psychiatrist, hoping that professional intervention could change my sexuality. Instead of trying to "cure" me, my psychiatrist provided support in navigating my emotions and coming out, ultimately helping me accept my identity as a gay man.

At 19, I left Canada for England, hoping to escape the weight of cultural expectations and embrace my identity. While living with my grandfather in Kent, I enrolled in college but soon found myself overwhelmed by loneliness and emotional instability. My thoughts spiraled, and I began to experience racing ideas, sleeplessness, and physical changes. Within weeks, I hardly recognized myself.

During a particularly intense period, I had an epiphany, a type of spiritual experience—a moment of seeing a remarkable divine light that profoundly impacted me. I was unsure what to make of it, but I felt it had significant meaning. Despite receiving treatment for my physical health, my mental state continued to fluctuate. This was the first break of mania I experienced, although I didn't recognize it as such at the time.

## Coming Home: Struggling Through My 20s

Returning to Canada was difficult. Though I had a renewed sense of purpose, driven by the desire to help others, I was still struggling with my mental health. I pursued a career in social work, feeling that my spiritual experience in England had directed me toward this path. However, my journey was far from linear. I lost my first year at the UBC School of Social Work as I went in and out of treatment, dealing with periods of mania and depression. It was during this time that I fully realized I had a mental illness, and accepting that I had a lifelong condition was a challenging but crucial step.

In my early 20s, I was still concealing my sexuality from my family. When my mother asked me if I was gay, I lied, telling her I was bisexual. The weight of keeping this secret was immense, but I found solace in volunteering with a gay and lesbian student group at UBC. Through this group, I was able to make friends and help educate others on homophobia and discrimination. It was empowering to create a space for others to feel safe in coming out, even when I was not entirely out myself.

## Finding Peace and Purpose

My 30s brought a greater understanding of my mental illness and the need for long-term management. *Continued on page 30*

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Community Centre Performing Arts Studio

### Spotlight on the Arts

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Learn more about these events and community art at [surrey.ca/communityart](http://surrey.ca/communityart).

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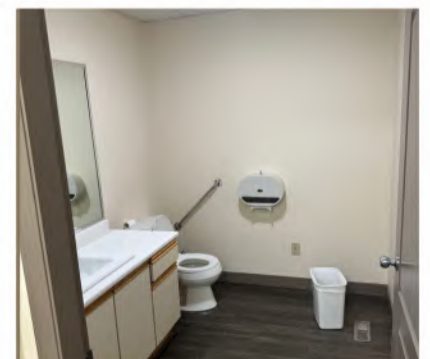
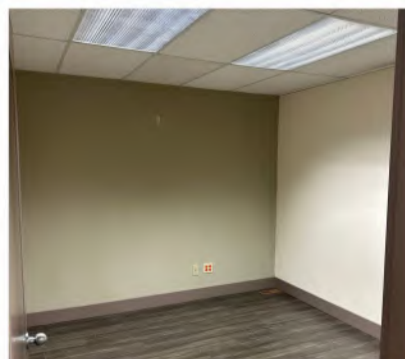
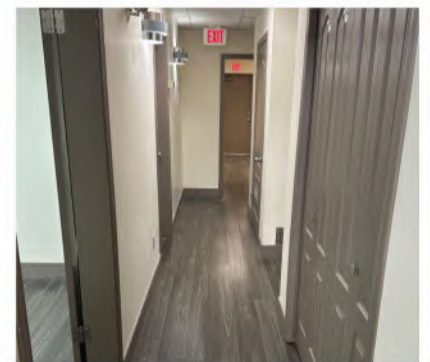
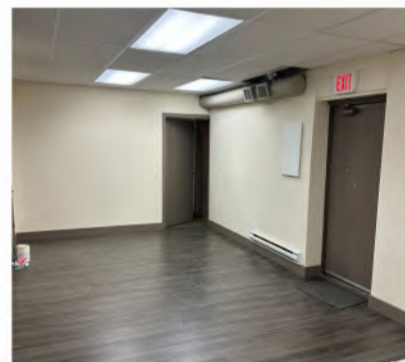
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- 11th October, Friday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Baljinder Singh Sanghera family.
- 12th October, Saturday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Mangat Singh Johal family.
- 13th October, Sunday** at 10.00 am, Weekly kirtan diwan and katha. Langer sewa by the sangat.
- 15th October, Tuesday** at 6.00 pm, Krtan diwan, katha and langer sewa by Nirmal Dulhe family regarding Katak sangrand.
- 15th October, Tuesday** at 2.30 pm, Sehaj Path bhog and antim ardas for late Narinder Singh Sanghera by the Sanghera family.
- 17th October, Thursday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Jatinder Singh Gill family.
- 19th October, Saturday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Jagjit Singh Johal family.
- 20th October, Sunday** at 10.30 am, Weekly kirtan diwan and katha. Langer sewa by the sangat.

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**Evening Diwan: 6:00 pm to 6:25 pm Rahras Sahib, 6:25 pm to 6:45 pm Kirtan, 8:00 pm Sukhaasan Seva!**

**For more information, log in to the Gurdwara Sahib website! [www.nanakniwas.ca](http://www.nanakniwas.ca)**

**Phone number of Gurdwara Sahib is (604) 274-7479**

# Amitabh Bachchan Gets The Most 'Revered' Birthday Gift From Poland: 'Words Fail Me In Expressing My Emotion'



Amitabh Bachchan marks his 82nd birthday, and a heartfelt melody from Wroclaw, Poland, has made this occasion even more unforgettable. The megastar expressed deep gratitude for the musical tribute, which holds a special place in his heart as it pays homage to his father, Harivansh Rai Bachchan's legacy.

### Humbling birthday gift

Amitabh took to Instagram and X to share a video of the musical tribute in which young girls played the tunes of his father's Madhushala on violin. The clip goes on to capture the place's beauty.

Sharing the video, Amitabh wrote, "The day of birth .. and another day in its knowing that the celebration at that time was different to the time now .. and the most revered gift that comes to me is from the City of Wroclaw, Poland".

Explaining the history behind his personal connection with Poland, Amitabh shared, "The City of Wroclaw, Poland as you all may know gave me the Ambassador declaration of the City during my last visit there .. It is the City of Literature also and they have placed a molding of Babuji on their main Square .. It is also the City of Elfs and they honoured Babuji with this statue .. They have also named a Square-Street after Babuji, the Harivansh Rai Bachchan street square".

A square in the Polish city of Wroclaw has been named after his late father, an eminent Hindi poet. The music video left him emotional.

"AND ..As a gift from the City they have sent me for this day a most loving generous and overwhelming gift .. Young musicians play the violin as a respect to Babuji 's Madhushala the tune in which he sang it .. at all the prominent locations of the City .. it is a most humbling and overwhelming gesture .. and words fail me in expressing my emotion at this point," he said while wrapping up.

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## This Provincial...

"Our members are deeply concerned that the Conservative Party of BC have not released a costed platform. They could be the next governing party of this province and have gone back and forth on whether they will attempt to introduce privatization that would dismantle the public health care system," said Ayendri Riddell, Director of Policy and Campaigns.

During the first radio debate, John Rustad repeated previous suggestions that we move towards other models of health care that have parallel private sectors. However, in other interviews he has said that he would only expand private for-profit delivery of services, a form of privatization that already exists within our health care system.

Both of Rustad's suggestions amount to privatization which negatively impact services. Contracting out publicly funded services to for-profit providers has increased in the last 20 years and although this form of privatization has largely contributed to the crisis that we are experiencing today, it is legal under Canada Health Act. Provinces with greatest for-profit activity are generally the worst performers in Canada with longest waits. However, introducing private-pay health care would be a direct attack of the Canada Health Act and the provisions that ensure that health care is provided based on need and not the ability to pay.

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# Deepika Padukone

## Opens Up On Being Criticised For Her Diction, Accent: 'Negativity Is Sometimes A Good Thing'

Deepika Padukone recently reflected on the negativity she had to deal with in the initial days of her Bollywood career and how she handled it with positivity. The actor, in an interview with Arianna Huffington, Founder of the Huffington Post and Thrive Global, recalled how she was criticised for her accent and diction in Shah Rukh Khan's Om Shanti Om. While speaking to Arianna in the interaction for The Live Laugh Love Foundation's YouTube channel, Deepika stated that there were a few bad reviews after the release of her first film, which influenced her perspective towards work.

### Deepika Padukone on receiving criticism for her diction

Deepika, while recalling the criticism post Om Shanti Om, said, "The actress said that

one should sometimes take criticism or negativity also in a positive way. "When my debut movie Om Shanti Om released, there were quite a few bad reviews, but I specifically remember this one bad review which pushed me to work on myself. It spoke about my accent, my diction, my talent and capabilities. Negativity is sometimes a good thing, it's what you make of it. The larger picture is what do you do with that criticism, how do you look at it positively."

### Deepika Padukone's upcoming projects

Deepika will be next seen in Rohit Shetty's Singham Again as Shakti Shetty aka 'Lady Singham.' The action-thriller starring Ajay Devgn in titular role also features Kareena Kapoor, Tiger Shroff, Ranveer Singh,

Jackie Shroff, Arjun Kapoor and Akshay Kumar in pivotal roles. Singham Again is scheduled to release on November 1, 2024. Deepika will begin shooting for the sequel to Nag Ashwin's Kalki 2898 AD in 2025. The dystopian action-thriller will also feature Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan and Kamal Haasan. Deepika will also be seen in R Balki's adaptation of Robert De Niro-Anne Hathaway's Hollywood film The Intern.

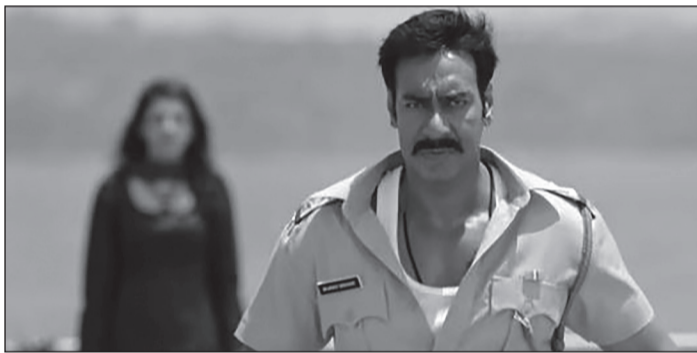


## Ahead of Singham Again release, Ajay Devgn and Rohit Shetty announce theatrical re-release of Singham

Ajay Devgn's Bajirao Singham will be returning to the big screen sooner than expected. Before the character will be seen in his third solo outing - Singham Again - this Diwali, the original film - Singham - will be re-releasing in theatres. Director Rohit Shetty made the announcement on Friday.

### Singham re-release

Taking to Instagram, Rohit Shetty shared a motion poster of Singham with Ajay Devgn doing the famous Singham pose on it. He wrote alongside, "Before he comes with his full force on Diwali. Experience how it all began again. Experience



the mass again. Experience the euphoria again. Experience SINGHAM once more before SINGHAM AGAIN!"

In a press note, the makers stated, "The decision to bring Singham back to theatres comes from the overwhelming demand

of fans eager to experience the mass entertainer Singham again on the big screen before the release of Singham Again." No further details have been shared yet.

The film will be releasing across India on October 18,

a week after Dussehra, and two weeks before its threequel Singham Again hits the screens. Directed by Rohit Shetty, Singham was released in 2011. A remake of Suriya's Tamil hit of the same title, Singham starred Ajay Devgn, Prakash Raj, and Kajal Aggarwal. It was a huge box office success, grossing ₹141 crore on a ₹40-crore budget.

### Singham Again

Singham's success spawned a sequel Singham Returns and two spinoffs - Simmba starring Ranveer Singh and Sooryavanshi starring Akshay Kumar.

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## Finding the Light: A Journey of Resilience...

Over the years, I have been diagnosed with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, and, currently, bipolar disorder, which I believe is my superpower because it makes me a creative visionary. Navigating these conditions has been a balancing act of finding the proper medications and coping strategies. Today, I work closely with my doctors to ensure I take the lowest effective dose of medication to manage my symptoms while minimizing side effects.

I have embraced a holistic approach to my mental health. Along with medication, I incorporate counseling,

a nutritious diet, regular exercise, socializing, and participation in support groups into my routine. Swimming, in particular, has become a therapeutic practice for me, benefiting my body and mind. As I built this support structure around me, I developed organizations to support others. In 2008, I founded Sher Vancouver, a non-profit supporting LGBTQ+ South Asians and their allies. We offer peer support, counseling, social activities, and advocacy, helping others who may feel isolated or misunderstood due to their sexual or gender identities. Sher

Vancouver has become a lifeline for many, reducing the alienation and depression often associated with the coming out process.

In 2021, I co-founded the Sundar Prize Film Festival, a platform that celebrates impactful storytelling focused on social issues. It's a space where filmmakers from underrepresented communities, including those grappling with mental illness and LGBTQ+ identities, can share their stories with the world. Through this work, I aim to foster empathy and understanding for myself and others.

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## 2024 Mazda MX-5 GS-P GT : World's Bestselling Roadster!

Other neat touches include Engine Auto Stop and Start function. Interior legroom and general spaciousness is particularly good in all areas. Moving to the rear, the Bronco has folding rear seats also to increase the amount of cargo space. There are 900 litres of cargo space with all seats in place. Folding the rear seatbacks increases capacity to 1,840 litres.

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Highway/10.1 combined. The tow rating is up to 1,000 kilograms, enough for a small boat or trailer.

To sum up the Bronco Sport Freewheeling Edition adds even more flair and pizzazz to an already desirable SUV for die-hard Bronco aficionados and new buyers looking for a cool practical SUV; Not a lot of complaints, the back seat is tight for tall people and the price

can be steep for the upmarket models. The Free-Wheeling package is a unique and rare limited edition run that will be highly collectible in the future. Highly recommended if the cool factor is important to you and you can pull off that wacky color scheme!

2024 Ford Bronco Sport Freewheeling Edition: price as tested with options, destination, and delivery - \$49,210.

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## BJP's Haryana Hat-Trick With..

Jammu division in Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections. This was the first time that the union territory voted in an assembly poll since 2014 and also the first after the abrogation of Article 370. A total of 1,031 candidates were in the fray in Jammu & Kashmir.

With 49 seats, the the NC-led alliance crossed the majority mark in the 90-seat Assembly. Even as the number of seats won dipped for one ally - Congress - from 12 in 2024

to six in 2024, it rose for the other ally. The NC won 42 seats, a significant increase from 15 in 2014.

The National Conference and the Congress are set to form the Jammu and Kashmir government after securing a majority on Tuesday. The BJP garnered 29 seats while the Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP secured three. NC chief Farooq Abdullah said his son and senior party leader Omar Abdullah would be the next Chief Minister.



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**Sher Besan (Flour) 4 lbs**  
ਸ਼ੇਰ ਵੇਸਟ



**\$4.99**  
bag

### SUPER SPECIAL

**Cilantro**  
ਧਣੀਆ



**2.98**  
bunches for

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ਲੰਬੇ ਬਤਾਊਂ



**\$1.79**  
lb

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**\$3.98**  
bag

**Green Cabbage BC**  
ਹਰੀ ਬੰਦ ਗੋਭੀ ਬੀਸੀ



**69¢**  
lb

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