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There Is No Clear Winner In BC'S Election Yet; What Happens Next?

"To British Columbians who voted for change, I hear you and the serious message you have sent. We have not done enough and we must do better," BC NDP leader David Eby



David Eby



John Rustad



Sonia Furstenuw

SURREY: The 2024 British Columbia election have been very close and tense. Polls predicted tight race between the David Eby led NDP and the Conservative Party, led by John Rustad. The polls were right, as no clear winner emerged on the result day in B.C. Both parties fell short of winning the required 47 seats to form a government. Also, there were some shocking outcomes with NDP losing almost 70 percent of its seats in Surrey. The Initial count was complete

in all electoral districts across the province with NDP winning 46 seats and BC Conservative party winning 45 seats. A party needs 47 seats in total to form a government. BC's Green party only won 2 seats across the province with a surprising

defeat of its leader Sonia Furstenuw from her riding. According to election BC, "At the conclusion of initial count, voter turnout was estimated to be 57.41%. This is up from the last B.C. election in 2020, in which 53.86% of registered

voters cast a ballot. As of the close of initial count, 2,037,897 ballots have been cast, the most ever in a provincial election in B.C. The previous record was 1,986,374 votes cast in the 2017 provincial election." *Continued on page 23*

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Halifax Horror



In a shocking and tragic discovery, the body of 19-year-old Gursimran Kaur, originally from Punjab, India, was found inside an oven at a Walmart store in Halifax. Authorities are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding her death, but no cause has yet been determined. The details of how her body was found are deeply disturbing, leaving the community in shock. The local Sikh community has launched a GoFundMe page to help raise funds for Kaur's funeral. (Read full story on page 11)

Female International Students Exploited By Predatory Landlords And Traffickers, Leading To Cases Of Unwanted Pregnancies, Mental Health Crises, Suicide: Brampton officials



BRAMPTON, ON: Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown outlined bold actions aimed at tackling the exploitation and human trafficking of international students, recognizing the severe vulnerabilities many of these students face in a diverse, fast-growing city. A resolution put forward by Community Services Chair Rowena Santos was approved and focuses on strengthening local protections, advocating for systemic change at the provincial and federal levels and creating community-driven solutions to ensure the safety and well-being of Brampton's international student population. *Continued on page 23*

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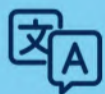


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Surrey Painted Blue

Conservatives win seven ridings and NDP wins 2 ridings while fate of Surrey-City Centre to be decided after vote recount

Housing shortage, healthcare, increasing crime and drug overdose deaths, transit, overcrowding

in schools – Surrey residents delivered their verdict based on these issues. A stronghold of BC NDP for many years, David

Eby led NDP only managed to win 3 seats in Surrey this election. Despite delivering on

policing, new hospital coming to Cloverdale, a SkyTrain extension connecting the city to Langley, and a replacement

for the aging Patullo Bridge, Surrey's residents felt that it was a forgotten city under the NDP.



Conservative challenger Mandeep Dhaliwal unseated former two-time MLA and cabinet minister Rachna Singh in Surrey North. Dhaliwal got 7,729 and Singh got 6,469 votes.



The new riding of Surrey-Serpentine River was won by former Surrey mayor Linda Hepner of the BC Conservatives defeating Baltej Singh Dhillon. Hepner got 9,557 and Dhillon got 9,047 votes.



In Surrey-White Rock, Trevor Halford the Conservative candidate defeated BC NDP's Darryl Walker by almost 2000 votes. Halford got 14,259 while Walker got 12,261 votes.



Conservative challenger Honveer Singh Randhawa defeated NDP's Garry Begg in Surrey-Guildford for few hundred votes. Elections BC denied Garry Begg's request for a recount. Randhawa got 8,675 and Begg got 8,572.



Elenore Sturko from Conservative party won in Surrey-Cloverdale defeating NDP's Mike Starchuk. Sturko got 10,016 votes while Starchuk got 9,340 votes.



B.C. Conservative Bryan Tepper defeated two-term MLA and former NDP cabinet minister Jinny Sims in Surrey-Panorama riding. Tepper got 8,531 and Sims got 8,177 votes.



B.C. Conservative Brent Chapman who courted controversy just a few days before elections for his comments on Palestine, won from Surrey-South, defeating Haroon Gaffar. Chapman got 12,471 votes and Ghaffar got 8,625 votes.



Voters in Surrey-Newton have once again elected an NDP MLA, with Jessie Sunner following in the footsteps of former MLA and labour minister Harry Bains. Sunner got 7,632 and Tegjot Bal of the Conservative party got 6,512 votes.



In Surrey-Fleetwood NDP candidate and current minister Jagrup Brar won defeating Conservatives Avtar Gill. Brar got 9,573 and Gill got 8,991 votes.



In Surrey-City Centre, less than 100 votes separate the NDP's Amna Shah and B.C. Conservative Zeeshan Wahla, triggering an automatic recount with the potential to cost the NDP another seat. Shah got 6,440 votes and Wahla got 6,347 votes.

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Surrey to build designated ash scattering pier



This week Surrey Council, in its regular meeting, has directed staff to consider providing a pier for the scattering of ashes on the Fraser River.

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department has recommended that Council proceed with the development of a designated pier, with potential locations at Brownsville Bar Park or Surrey Public Wharf.

This initiative aims to create a peaceful environment for families to commemorate their loved ones.

“Our community deserves a space where families can honour their loved ones in a meaningful way,” said Mayor Brenda Locke. “Designating a pier for ash scattering respects cultural practices that are intrinsic to the grief and healing process. This project reflects our commitment to supporting residents in their most vulnerable times and will provide the opportunity for those in our community to engage in this sacred ritual while ensuring dignity and respect.”

While the City of Surrey offers a “scattering garden” at Sunnyside Lawn Cemetery, many groups find that scattering ashes in water fosters a deeper sense of connection. This practice not only brings peace and closure but also symbolizes the individual’s return to nature.

In 2021, staff began exploring the option of building a pier for ash scattering at Brownsville Bar Park. While a preliminary assessment was initiated, no formal direction was provided by Council and no budget was allocated for this project.

If Surrey City Council endorses the initiative, staff will further explore approvals and funding requirements to move this initiative forward, with an estimated construction cost ranging from \$2.5 million to \$3.8 million. If the initiative moves forward, a report outlining next steps will be presented to Council in 2025 for final approval.

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Cab Driver Killed In Crash In Victoria

A Victoria taxi driver killed in a collision in last week in downtown Victoria has been identified by friends and family as Rajinder Singh, who everyone called Ronnie.

24 years old Ronnie lost his life in a devastating head-on collision in downtown Victoria, caused by a pickup truck being pursued by police. The Independent Investigations Office of BC (IIO) is investigating the incident that took place around 1 a.m. on October 19, 2024.

Information provided by the Victoria Police Department states that officers attempted to stop a Nissan Titan pickup truck on the 900-block of Douglas Street, near Courtney Street, after the vehicle was reportedly driving erratically.

The vehicle did not stop and was then involved in a collision with another vehicle and BC Transit bus approximately



near the intersection of Douglas Street and Humboldt Street. The bus was not in service at the time and had no passengers. Despite life-saving measures, the driver of the other vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the Nissan was arrested and taken into custody.

IIO was notified of the incident the same day and has now commenced an investigation.

Initial investigative steps will seek to clarify the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the collision and whether police action or inaction played a role.

“We are heartbroken ... his sudden departure leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew him,” said Amit Jagopotra, a close friend who started a GoFundMe page for the 25-year-old Singh.

Jagopotra said Singh leaves behind a brother and a sister, and was a “devoted son to his ailing parents” in India, who he was helping to financially support. “As we come to terms with this tragedy, we want to honor Ronnie’s last wish: to be cremated and returned to India, where he can rest in peace among his loved ones. However, the financial burden of this process is overwhelming for his family.”

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Canada to significantly reduce immigration in next 3 years

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that Canada will significantly reduce the number of new immigrants it allows into the country admitting the government did not get the balance right after the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the announcement Canada will be reducing target from 500,000 permanent residents to 395,000 in 2025, from 500,000 permanent residents to 380,000 in 2026 and setting a target of 365,000 permanent residents in 2027

“In the tumultuous times as we emerged from the pandemic, between addressing labour needs and maintaining population growth, we didn’t get the balance quite right,” Trudeau said.

“With the plan we’re announcing today, along with previously announced measures, we’re making our immigration system work better.”

The change comes after significant criticism of the Liberal government’s increases to immigration and the impact of strong population growth on housing availability and affordability.

Trudeau said that businesses and provinces have also been part of the reason why the immigration system got out of control. “Far too many corporations have chosen to



abuse our temporary measures, exploiting foreign workers while refusing to hire Canadians for a fair wage,” Trudeau said. “All while under the watch of provinces, some colleges and universities are bringing in more international students than communities can accommodate, treating them as an expendable means to line their own pockets. That’s unacceptable, and it

needs to change.” These reductions are the result of a series of changes over the past year, including a cap on international students and tightened eligibility requirements for temporary foreign workers, implemented to decrease volumes and strengthen the integrity and quality of our temporary resident programs. The changes are designed with long-term economic goals in mind to make sure that we continue to attract the best and the brightest.

The government expects the 2025–2027 Immigration Levels Plan is expected to result in a marginal population decline of 0.2% in both 2025 and 2026 before returning to a population growth of 0.8% in 2027.

“Immigration is essential to our country’s economic success and growth. As Canada reopened following the pandemic, the needs of businesses were greater than the supply of workers available to support their recovery. We took decisive measures to attract some of the world’s best and brightest to study and work in Canada, and to integrate them into the economy quickly. This meant a faster economic recovery. It also meant

that robust immigration helped prevent a recession, while contributing to Canada’s workforce. In response to the evolving needs of our country, this transitional levels plan alleviates pressures on housing, infrastructure and social services so that over the long term we can grow our economic and social prosperity through immigration. This unprecedented plan offers a comprehensive approach to welcoming newcomers—one that preserves the integrity of our immigration programs and sets newcomers up for success. Canadians also expect a well-managed immigration system from the Government of Canada,” said immigration minister Marc Miller.

Pierre Poilievre, the leader of the opposition Conservative Party, accused Trudeau of destroying the national consensus on immigration. “He has destroyed our immigration system through his own personal incompetence and destroyed 150 years of common sense consensus with the Liberals and Conservatives on that subject,” Poilievre said. “He cannot fix what he broke on immigration and housing or anything else because he is busy fighting his own caucus.”

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The provincial government thought we wouldn't notice, but we did: Councillor Linda Annis

Surrey First Councillor Linda Annis said the BC election results show that any provincial government that ignores Surrey does so at their political peril.

"For the past seven years, the provincial government ignored Surrey, and thought we wouldn't notice," said Annis. "But our voters did notice, and last minute election promises were not enough to wipe away seven years of neglect."

Annis said the swing to the BC Conservatives across Surrey demonstrated what can happen when Surrey voters have had enough.

"In four short years, Surrey will be BC's biggest city, and it's definitely time that we flex our political muscle to ensure our city gets more transit, more health care, more schools, and more



infrastructure," added Annis. "We have 8,000 students in portables, and students going to school in shifts. Our one hospital is struggling, the new Cloverdale

hospital is really too small and doesn't even have a maternity ward. Even with the SkyTrain project to Langley, we are still short when it comes to transit and

other important infrastructure. We're not asking for more than our share, but our growth demands that the provincial government step up."

Annis said demands by the provincial government for more housing, with no sign of provincial support for any added infrastructure, did not sit well with Surrey voters.

"People looked around their neighbourhoods and questioned how the province could demand more housing without a plan to provide infrastructure," noted Annis. "Like everyone on council, I'm looking forward to working with each and every MLA that's been elected. But the results of this election have put them all on notice: if you don't deliver for Surrey don't expect our support at election time."

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Ripudaman Singh Malik's Killers Plead Guilty

Two men have pleaded guilty to killing of Ripudaman Singh Malik who was shot to death in 2022 outside the business he owned in Surrey.

Tanner Fox and Jose Lopez, both of whom have long criminal records, were later charged with first-degree murder.

According to Global News, "Based on the agreed statement of facts, the two men were contracted to kill Malik. They shot him seven times, mostly in the head and neck, as he sat in the driver's seat of his red

Tesla in front of his business."

At the time of the arrest of Fox and Lopez, it was also reported that investigators were probing whether India was behind the killing of Malik, who was a one-time supporter of the Khalistan movement.

Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri were acquitted were acquitted in the 1985 bombing of an Air India flight from Montreal to Mumbai. In B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster on Monday, both Fox and Lopez pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of second-degree

murder.

"What we know from the agreed statement of facts is that there was some type of financial incentive that was involved in the commission of this crime, but in terms of any other specifics, it is another one of those situations where unfortunately it is just something that we as people on the outside will probably never know," Lopez' lawyer Gloria Ng told Global News.

Things took a dramatic turn, however, when moments after the two men entered their guilty pleas, they began fighting.

In a statement, Malik's family described him as a "father, brother, husband and grandfather as well as a tireless community leader."

"While we are grateful that the shooters are being brought to justice, we know that nothing will erase the pain that we have gone through losing a family member in this way," the family said.

"However, the work is not complete. Tanner Fox and Jose Lopez were hired



to commit this murder. Until the parties responsible for hiring them and directing this assassination are brought to justice, the work remains incomplete."

The family called on the killers to "co-operate with the RCMP in bringing those that hired you to justice."

The case has attracted renewed scrutiny amid growing tensions between India and Canada, after Ottawa accused New Delhi's government agents of involvement in the killing of prominent Sikh activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

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US Says It Wants 'Meaningful Accountability' In India's Probe Into Pannun Murder Plot

The US has said it would not be fully satisfied until there is "meaningful accountability" resulting from India's investigations into the alleged foiled plot to assassinate Sikh separatist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun on American soil, PTI reported.

The Indian government has denied its association or involvement with such a plot to kill an American national on US soil. Following allegations by the US, New Delhi had set up an inquiry committee to investigate the matter.

"We continue to expect and want to see accountability based on the results of that investigation, and certainly the United States won't be fully satisfied until there is meaningful accountability resulting from that investigation," State Department



Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel told reporters at a news conference.

Patel was responding to a question on last week's visit of an Indian Enquiry Committee to the US for talks.

"There was valuable engagement with India's inquiry committee last week, and information was exchanged between our two governments to further our respective investigations. We understand that the Indian inquiry committee will continue its investigation, and we expect to see further steps based on last week's conversations," Patel said. "Beyond that, I'm just not going to address this in further detail given that this is an issue that is active and remains under investigation and ongoing under both of our countries," he said.



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Duncan's Kehar Gary Sangha with two others charged with First Degree Murder In Connection To suspicious death of Vancouver Island Female

Two men and One female have been charged in connection to a Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU-BC), Island District led investigation into the suspicious death of a female on Vancouver Island. In August 2023, CFSEU-BC's Island District Team began an investigation, working collaboratively with Nanaimo and North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP, after information was obtained that led investigators to believe

that the overdose death of a female from Nanaimo was suspicious. The investigation advanced using various police techniques and resources to identify three individuals and to obtain evidence that led to criminal charges being laid. On October 17, 2024, The British Columbia Prosecution Service (BCPS) approved charges against three Duncan individuals Kehar Gary Sangha, a 59-year-old male; Tyler Stephen Elrix, a 41-year-old male; and Lily



CFSEU-BC is seeking the assistance of the public in locating Tyler Elrix

Irene Lindbergh. Garry Sangha and Lily Lindbergh have been arrested and will remain in custody to appear before the court at a later date. CFSEU-BC is seeking the assistance of the public in locating Tyler Elrix who has an outstanding arrest warrant in relation to these charges. If anyone has any information on Tyler Elrix's location police ask that you do not approach or engage him. Please contact your local police or Crime Stoppers with the information. "This investigation led by

CFSEU-BC, and subsequent charges, speaks to the specialized ability of CFSEU BC to work with partner agencies to conduct complex investigations that support the prosecution of individuals who pose the highest risk to public safety," said Sergeant Brenda Winpenny, Media Relations Officer for CFSEU-BC. "CFSEU-BC remains vigilant in our efforts to support and work collaboratively with our policing partners to target those who threaten the safety of our communities due to their involvement in violent criminal activity."

City Of Surrey Accelerates Housing Development With New Pilot Program, Task Force

The City of Surrey is taking significant steps to expedite housing delivery and enhance the development approval process through innovative new initiatives. During the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, Surrey City Council approved a one-year pilot project aimed at simplifying the Development Permit process for houseplexes and approved the terms of reference for a Development Approval Process Improvement Task Force to further streamline approvals across the city. "With the establishment of our pilot program for streamlined development permits for houseplexes and the launch of the Development Approval Process Improvement Task Force, Surrey is leading the way in innovative housing solutions and development practices," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "By moving from a regulatory mindset to one of facilitation, we are taking a proactive approach to

permit efficiency and enhancing housing supply." Simplified Development Permit Process for Houseplexes The Development Permit pilot program for houseplex applications will better meet the growing demand for diverse housing. Houseplexes are multi-unit residential buildings with up to 4 dwelling units. The Development Permit pilot program for houseplexes will ensure that these new houseplexes are designed to fit in with existing neighbourhood context, but with a simplified, staff delegated, review and approval process, which will significantly reduce wait times and facilitate quicker project starts. The application fee will drop from \$5,014 to \$389, making houseplex development more accessible. Development Approval Process Improvement Task Force In a complementary effort, the Mayor has struck the Development Approval

Process Improvement Task Force to comprehensively review and enhance the development and permitting processes within Surrey. This Task Force is tasked with providing recommendations aimed at significantly reducing timelines associated with rezoning and development approvals as well as examine existing processes for inefficiencies and engage with key stakeholders to identify best practices from other municipalities. It aims to create a streamlined, digitized system for transparent and efficient development processes. Three members of Surrey's development community have been appointed to the Task Force: Rob Blackwell (Anthem Properties), Josh Gaglardi (Orion Construction) and Avtar Johl (Platinum Group). A fourth member of the development industry will also be appointed to the Task Force, who represents single-family development.



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13 Punjabi- Origin Candidates Emerge Victorious In BC Election

Thirteen Punjabi origin candidates have won in the recent British Columbia provincial elections, further cementing the community's influence in Canadian politics. The victories come as the Indo-Canadian population, particularly the Punjabi community, continues to grow in size and prominence, especially in British Columbia.

The successful candidates hail from different political backgrounds, representing both the NDP and the Conservative Party. They contested on diverse platforms, advocating issues such as healthcare reforms, economic development, climate action and greater support for immigrants.

Among the prominent winners was housing minister Ravi Kahlon, who retained his Delta North seat with a significant margin. Kahlon has been instrumental in driving policies related to housing and climate change.

Another notable victor is Raj Chauhan, the outgoing speaker of the British Columbia assembly. Winning for the record sixth time, he had earlier served as the assistant



deputy speaker from 2013 to 2017 and the deputy speaker from 2017 to 2020.

Minister of state for trade Jagrup Brar won from Surrey Fleetwood for the seventh time. Born in Bathinda, Brar was once part of the Indian national basketball team. Later, he moved to Canada for studies and settled there. He has been active in politics since 2004 when he was elected as an MLA.

Conservative Party candidate Mandeep Dhaliwal has defeated minister of education and child care Rachna Singh from Surrey North. However, prominent Punjabi leader Jinny Sims lost from Surrey Panorama.

NDP candidates Ravi Parmar won from Langford Highland, Sunita Dhir from Vancouver Langara, Reah Arora from Burnaby East and Harwinder Kaur Sandhu from Vernon Monashee. Harwinder has won for the second time from the seat.

Attorney General Nikki Sharma has won again from Vancouver Hastings, while Jessie Sunner has triumphed from Surrey Newton.

Conservative leader Harman Singh Bhangu has emerged victorious from Langley Abbotsford constituency, Honveer Singh Randhawa from Surrey Guildford and Tody Toor from Langley Willowbrook.

Their victories mark a significant moment for the Punjabi community, which has long played a vital role in the socio-economic fabric of British Columbia.

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Safety tips from Surrey RCMP as Halloween and Diwali fall on same day

Surrey RCMP is sharing some safety reminders with the community to ensure Halloween and Diwali celebrations remain safe and fun for everyone.

Halloween and Diwali fall on the same day this year. Surrey RCMP and the City of Surrey Bylaws Enforcement Team will be working together to ensure public safety.

As per City bylaws, fireworks/firecrackers are not permitted to be sold, purchased, or displayed in Surrey. Fireworks are not permitted to be used in Surrey without a permit granted by the Surrey Fire Service Fire Prevention Branch. Visit the City of Surrey website to learn how to obtain a Fireworks Permits and additional information on Fireworks Bylaws. Those caught selling or setting off fireworks are subject to fines and seizure of the fireworks. The fines have increased significantly this year.

If you have concerns regarding the misuse of fireworks in your neighborhood, contact Surrey Bylaws at 604-591-4370 (operating until 1:00 am, November 1, 2024). Please do not use 911 for fireworks related concerns, 911 is reserved for emergencies only. After midnight, please call the Surrey RCMP non-emergency line at 604-599-0502 to report any complaints about fireworks. Please note, we are unable to receive reports of criminal activity via social media (Facebook and Twitter).

Sikh woman found dead inside walk-in oven at Walmart store in Canada's Halifax

A 19-year-old Sikh woman was found dead in a Walmart oven in Halifax. Halifax Regional Police said in a press release that police were investigating the sudden death of a 19-year-old woman found at Walmart at 6990 Mumford Road on October 19.

The police informed that the woman, who was an employee of the store, was located in a large walk-in oven belonging to the store's bakery department.

Although police did not reveal the identity of the woman, local Sikh organization and media said that the victim was a young Sikh woman from India who moved to Canada recently. A GoFundMe page has been created by Maritime Sikh Society to raise funds. The fundraiser identified the

victim as Gursimran Kaur.

The GoFundMe page mentioned, "Kaur was only 19 years old, a young beautiful girl who came to Canada with big dreams. On Oct 19th, the fateful Saturday night, she was found burned to death in the walk-in oven at Walmart Bakery situated at Mumford Road, Halifax.

Gursimran and her mother both worked at Walmart for last two years. In that evening, like any watchful mother who breathes for her child's happiness, Gursimran's mother tried to locate her after not seeing for one hour. She asked around, but everyone brushed aside thinking that she may be somewhere helping a customer, Walmart is a superstore after all!. Her phone was not reachable.

Mother started panicking as it was unusual for her to switch her phone off during the day. She reached out to the onsite admin for help. As you all know now, her charred remains were found inside the walk in oven in the Bakery after a few hours. Imagine the horror that her mother experienced who herself opened the oven, when someone pointed out to the 'leakage' from it!"

Balbir Singh, the secretary of the Maritime Sikh Society, told the CBC that the society has been in touch with the mother of the 19-year-old victim and learned that the woman and her mother are originally from India and came to Canada two to three years ago.

He said the local Sikh community is deeply distressed by her death.

"It's a really tragic incident and everybody is deeply hurt by this, and we are waiting for the police investigation to come out," said Singh. "We would like to know what happened to this young woman."

He added that psychological counselling is being provided to the mother and efforts are underway to bring other immediate family members from India. Singh said that once the body is released by the



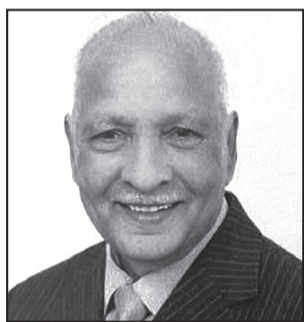
medical examiner, a religious service will be held in Halifax.

Singh said it will be up to police and occupational and health investigators to make clear to the public what occurred.

Social media posts about speculations of her death have been circulating. But police have asked general public to be mindful. "It is important to note that the investigation has not yet reached a point where the cause and manner of death have been confirmed. The investigation is complex and involves several partner agencies. An investigation of this nature may take a significant amount of time. We urge the public to be mindful of sharing speculative information on social media. Please be aware of the impacts that speculation could have on family, colleagues and loved ones of the woman."

Obituary: Joginder (Joe) Lal Dhari

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Joginder (Joe) Lal Dhari on Thursday, October 17, 2024. Joe's ancestral is Hariana, Punjab. He had migrated to Williams Lake, BC in 1969. As of 1994, he relocated to Lower Mainland (Richmond and Delta).



attend a funeral service honouring Joe's life on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 11 AM to be held at Riverside Funeral Home (7410 Hopcott Road in Delta, BC). Antam Ardaas to follow at Gurdwara Nanak Niwas (8600 Number 5 Road, Richmond, BC). Joe will be deeply missed and will

Joe will be greatly missed by his loving family and close friends. We invite family and friends to

remain in our hearts forever.

Devon and Elliot Bains From Delta charged in Drug Trafficking Investigation

The Delta Police Department has completed an extensive investigation into the drug trafficking activities of Delta residents Devon Bains and Elliot Bains. This investigation involved the execution of search warrants in Delta and Richmond in November 2022.

During these operations, investigators seized a significant quantity of illegal drugs, cash, evidence of drug trafficking, and four firearms. Initially, both individuals were released pending further investigation.

As of September 2024, Crown Counsel has

formally approved 30 charges against the two males, encompassing alleged offences related to drug trafficking and firearms. Both Devon BAINS and Elliot BAINS have been arrested and are currently in custody.

The Delta Police Department remains dedicated to combating drug trafficking and enhancing community safety and well-being. We encourage anyone with information regarding drug-related activities to report their concerns to their police of jurisdiction.

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Canada raises wage requirements for employers to hire high-wage stream Foreign workers

OTTAWA, ON: Canada has introduced more changes to its foreign workers programs. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance announced changes aimed to protect and create jobs for Canadian workers.

To protect Canadian workers from unfair wage competition, starting November 8, 2024, the hourly wage criteria for the high-wage stream will be raised to 20 per cent above the median hourly wage—between \$5 per hour and \$8 per hour—depending on the province or territory.

This will incentivize employers to hire Canadians before turning to the program and encourage greater wage growth. And to crack down on employers who provide false information on their applications, starting October 28, 2024, the government is implementing stringent new data verification processes, which will ensure only genuine and legitimate job offers are approved.

Some employers are using the Temporary Foreign Worker Program to hire from abroad at lower wages than what they would pay Canadians. This undercuts Canadians' wage growth and the number of available jobs, puts temporary foreign workers into precarious situations, and erodes confidence in our immigration system.

"Workers are at the heart of Canada's economy. For our economy and for every generation to reach their full potential, Canadian workers need good-paying jobs. We're doing this by making investments that increase productivity, boost innovation, and accelerate the flow



of capital into Canada. And we're doing everything we can to protect Canadian workers from unfair competition," she said.

She said that changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program are expected to move 34,000 positions from the high-wage stream to the more stringent rules of the low-wage stream. This could result in as many as 20,000 fewer positions being approved, in combination with other recently announced policies -- effective September 26, 2024, employers are limited to hiring no more than 10 per cent of their total workforce through the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

The Temporary Foreign Worker Program differentiates jobs between the low-wage and high-wage streams by the wage level offered.

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Mayor George V. Harvie and Delta Council extend their heartfelt greetings for a safe and joyous Diwali.

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(left to right): Councillor Daniel Boisvert, Councillor Jessie Dosanjh, Councillor Dylan Kruger, Mayor George V. Harvie, Councillor Alicia Guichon, Councillor Rod Binder, Councillor Jennifer Johal

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Best wishes from our families to yours.

**De la part du Premier ministre Justin Trudeau et de vos députés libéraux, nous vous souhaitons,
à vous et à votre famille, un joyeux Diwali et Bandi Chhor Divas.**

En ce jour, nous nous joignons à vous pour célébrer le triomphe de la lumière sur les ténèbres, du bien sur le mal. Alors que nous prenons part aux festivités organisées dans tout le pays, nous tenons à vous remercier pour vos incroyables contributions au Canada. En tant que propriétaires d'entreprises et entrepreneurs, en tant que médecins et enseignants, en tant que leaders de la communauté et de la culture. Vous rendez le Canada plus fort et en faites un pays où il fait bon vivre.

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Abbotsford cop Harpreet Jhinjar's gang prevention program wins Law Excellence award

AbbyPD has heard loud and clear that preventing our young people from becoming involved in gang activity is a top priority for our community. In response to this feedback, the Abbotsford Police Department (AbbyPD) initiated the development of its Pathways program.

Pathways is designed to prevent at-risk youths and young adults from gang participation. Since its launch, the Pathways Gang Intervention Team has worked with approximately 75 at-risk youths and young adults within the Abbotsford community. The team's goal is to intervene and prevent these youths from engaging in gang activity before they become involved.

On October 22nd, Harpreet Jhinjar, Program Manager and the architect of the Pathways Program, accepted the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Webber Seavey Excellence in Law Enforcement Award on behalf



AbbyPD for the work that Pathways has done since the creation of the program. The award is designed to recognize a standard of excellence that exemplifies law enforcement's contribution and dedication to the quality of life in our communities.

Pathways uses an evidence-informed approach based on academic research tested in the field of gang prevention and intervention. Pathways comprehensive three-pillar approach of Community Engagement, Prevention, and Intervention allows the team to collaborate with families, community, and stakeholders.

In 2019, the AbbyPD received Provincial and Federal funding under the Guns and Gangs Violence Action Fund (GGVAF) to work proactively to prevent gang violence. This initiative led to the creation of Pathways. The funding through GGVAF ended in 2023; however, Pathways continued thanks to additional funding under the Federal Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF).

This funding is set to end in March 2026.

"This is a significant recognition in the field of policing and a testament to our Pathways team's hard work and dedication to public safety in Abbotsford. This award has been bestowed upon outstanding agencies worldwide, and we are proud to be among them" says Chief Constable Colin Watson.

AbbyPD looks forward to finding creative ways to continue the impactful and vital work of the Pathways program moving forward here in our community.

Further information on AbbyPD Pathways and the Webber Seavey award can be located here:

www.abbypd.ca/pathways
IACP Webber Seavey Excellence in Law Enforcement Award | International Association of Chiefs of Police (theiacp.org)

Man Charged Following Structure Fire In Newton

An investigation led by the Surrey RCMP General Investigations Unit has resulted in charges following a fire in a Newton neighbourhood.

On October 18, 2024 Surrey RCMP responded to the 7800 block of 122 Street to assist the Surrey Fire Department with a report of a residential structure fire. A male suspect was arrested at the scene and transported to Surrey RCMP Detachment.

29-year-old Mohammad Hashimi was charged with one count of arson causing damage to property and two counts of assault with a weapon.

Hashimi has been remanded until his next court date on October 24, 2024. The investigation is ongoing.




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<p>12708 80 AVENUE FOR SALE \$2,749,900</p> <p>Prime property in central Newton. For rezoning/development potential, please check with city of Surrey. Presently rented for \$5000 per month. Close to all levels of schools, transportation and Shopping.</p>	<p>12364 53 AVENUE FOR SALE \$6,199,000</p> <p>This Property is located in the prestigious Panorama Ridge neighbourhood with development potential. 2.92 Acres of LAND! Property is free of creeks, right of ways and easements. Rectangular parcel. Please call for additional information.</p>	<p>10048 SCOTT ROAD FOR SALE \$2,799,000</p> <p>Centrally located home with DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL! 16,500+ SQ.FT LOT! Currently 3 bed 1 bath home. Good exposure on the busy Scott road. Centrally located. 3 Km from Scott Road Skytrain Station. Great long term holding property.</p>	<p>13956 56 AVENUE FOR SALE \$6,099,000</p> <p>TRANSFORM YOUR LIVING EXPERIENCE & ARCHITECTURAL SPLENDOUR IN ELEVATE YOUR LIFESTYLE IN PANORAMA RIDGE! Securely nestled within an exclusive gated community, this impressive 2.109-acre estate captivates with stunning OCEAN/VALLEY VIEWS! Boasting over 10,000 sq. ft. of opulent living space, every detail of this residence is a testament to world-class craftsmanship. As you step into the TOWERING FOYER adorned with breathtaking chandeliers and dual staircases, the essence of luxury unfolds. The custom gourmet kitchen, featuring top-grade appliances and a convenient wok kitchen, is a culinary masterpiece.</p>	<p>13025 238 STREET FOR SALE \$1,999,000</p> <p>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</p>	<p>18536 64 AVENUE FOR SALE \$3,749,000</p> <p>Investor Alert! Subdividable Potential in Cloverdale! This property features a spacious lot of over 17,000 sq. ft. with 124.5 feet of frontage, backing onto a lane. Located in a prime, central area, it's perfect for building your dream home or subdividing into two RF lots (subject to city approval). The property also offers plenty of parking and convenient back lane access.</p>
<p>16405 25 AVENUE FOR SALE \$2,299,000</p> <p>THIS IS THE ONE! 5 Bed 4 Bath home with a 1 bed MORTGAGE HELPER! Sitting on a CORNER lot of 4,062 Sq.FT. BEAUTIFUL Foxridge home located in the heart of Grandview Heights. This bright, open-concept design includes a spacious kitchen with a walk-in pantry, a generous great room, and a large covered patio perfect for year-round outdoor living. Central Air Conditioner. The upper level offers 4 sizable bedrooms, including a master suite with a walk-in closet and a spa-inspired ensuite featuring a separate soaker tub. The fully finished basement includes a 1 bedroom suite rented for \$1500 to very good tenants.</p>	<p>14096 113A AVENUE FOR SALE \$2,298,000</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>7893 147A STREET FOR SALE \$2,149,000</p> <p>CUSTOM BUILD! Immaculately maintained, this home feels brand new. Nestled on a 6700+ sq. ft. corner lot in the serene neighbourhood of Chimney Hill, this 5000+sq.ft. residence boasts 8 bedrooms, a rec room, and 9 baths with a spacious floor plan. The grand entryway with high ceilings extends into the living room, while the expansive kitchen offers abundant cabinet space and includes a large spice kitchen with a pantry. The main floor also features a generous family room, a 2-piece powder room, and a bonus master bedroom with a full bath. The top floor comprises 4 sizable bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, including 3 master bedrooms with walk-in closets.</p>	<p>36 13670 62 AVE FOR SALE \$899,000</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>5945 130A STREET FOR SALE \$1,999,900</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>31 6138 128 STREET FOR SALE \$1,099,000</p> <p>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</p>
<p>8508 GREENALL AVE FOR SALE \$1,749,900</p> <p>Imagine your ideal home on this generous lot of over 7,400 square feet. This cleared and ready-to-build space is perfect for bringing your dream residence to life and even has room for a charming laneway addition. Located in a central area, the property offers easy access to shopping, convenient transit options, and quick routes to Vancouver or the Fraser Valley</p>	<p>14761 62 AVENUE FOR SALE \$1,999,000</p> <p>SULLIVAN STATION BRAND NEW HOUSE Features 8 BEDROOMS & 7 WASHROOMS! 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. There is also a den/bedroom on the main with a FULL washroom. Glass railings throughout. Modern design and finishes. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, 3 with their private ensuites and good size closets!</p>	<p>16918 0A AVENUE FOR SALE \$1,088,000</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>7688 115A STREET FOR SALE \$2,049,000</p> <p>Situated on an expansive 4600+ square foot lot within the highly desirable Scottsdale community, this newly constructed, custom-designed contemporary residence epitomizes opulent living. Boasting over 3500 square feet of living space, this home is tailor-made for a growing family. The main level greets you with an impressive foyer leading to commodious living and dining areas. A seamless integration of the family room and kitchen establishes a central gathering point for daily activities. Upstairs, four bedrooms await, including two lavish master suites featuring walk-in closets and en-suite bathrooms, alongside two additional bedrooms connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom.</p>	<p>12347 103A AVENUE FOR SALE \$1,199,900</p> <p>HUGE 11,769 SF rectangular lot with development potential in a rapidly developing area with a SUITE! The basement-entry home features 5 bedrooms, 2 bath WITH A MORTGAGE HELPER rented for \$1800! The home features an updated family room, a large sundeck, RV parking, and a HUGE backyard. Enjoy mountain views from this very private setting. Conveniently located near Khalsa School, Scott Road, Surrey Central, the SkyTrain, Patullo Bridge, and SFU. A fantastic investment opportunity! While the home needs some TLC, it offers endless potential to add value.</p>	<p>410 13897 Fraser Highway FOR SALE \$449,000</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>9 6089 144 STREET FOR SALE \$799,000</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>3910 MARINE DRIVE FOR SALE \$1,749,900</p> <p>Imagine your ideal home on this generous lot of over 7,400 square feet. This cleared and ready-to-build space is perfect for bringing your dream residence to life and even has room for a charming laneway addition. Located in a central area, the property offers easy access to shopping, convenient transit options, and quick routes to Vancouver or the Fraser Valley.</p>	<p>12943 87 AVENUE FOR SALE \$1,399,000</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>68 PEACE PARK DRIVE FOR SALE \$1,288,000</p> <p>Imagine your ideal home on this generous lot of over 4,800 square feet. This cleared and ready-to-build space is perfect for bringing your dream residence to life.</p>	<p>9540 WOODWARD ST. FOR SALE \$2,599,000</p> <p>Presenting a 7-bedroom, 4-bathroom home nestled at the end of a quiet street within Silverdale's West New Sunood Plan. This expansive property covers nearly 5 acres and features a spacious 4500 sq. ft. house, along with a 1600 square-foot shop. Carefully sited, the property generates approximately \$4,600 in monthly rental income. With Silverdale on the cusp of significant growth, this property is ideal for those looking to create their dream estate or hold onto it for future development potential.</p>	<p>16910 0A AVENUE FOR SALE \$1,088,000</p> <p>Imagine your ideal home on this generous lot of over 4,005 square feet. This cleared and ready-to-build space is perfect for bringing your dream residence to life.</p>

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103 8363 128 STREET



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Red FM Plaza with heavy exposure, popular plaza in front building exposure. Presently tenant occupied however tenants are willing to move any time. Ground floor and double door entry. Assets or share sale. Building can be used for multi-purpose, like schools, offices, etc. High ceiling and beautifully built mezzanine office. Retail style unit. Also have lease option see MLS C8062002.

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FOR SALE



\$1,688,800

11933 96 AVENUE

This stunning custom-built home in the desirable Royal Heights neighbourhood of Surrey sits on an expansive 8,500 sq. ft. lot, offering ample outdoor space and privacy. On the market for the first time, this home features a bright and airy interior designed with modern finishes, and large windows that flood the home with natural light. Two separate laundry. A separate rental suite provides excellent income potential or an ideal in-law suite. Located within walking distance to shopping, restaurants, parks, and schools, this home offers convenience and ease of living. Extra-large garage with additional room for your hobbies or extra storage.

FOR SALE



\$619,999

118 225 FRANCIS WAY

Located in the heart of New Westminster, this stunning one-bedroom unit at the Whittaker combines elegance and comfort for an exceptional living experience. With large windows that flood the space with natural light, the open-concept layout features a modern kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Move-in ready, this home is perfect for those seeking both urban convenience and a peaceful escape. The Whittaker's exclusive "Boiler Room" clubhouse enhances the lifestyle with a fully equipped fitness center, media room, and a party space for larger gatherings.

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2025 Volvo EX40 Twin: Stylish, Premium Electric SUV Renamed.

Review by Veeno Dewan

Formally known as the XC40 Recharge, this compact Volvo electric crossover is renamed as the EX40 for 2025 to fit in with the rest of the Volvo lineup. The EX40 exudes Scandi ambience with its neat exterior and interior design and minimalist



cabin. Not as severe as the Polestar, but premium chic, nevertheless. Not much is new for 2025. Buyers can choose between the more powerful and faster dual-motor AWD version or a rear-drive Single Motor Extended Range variant. The single motor model makes 248 hp and 310 lb-ft from a single motor/battery combination. The twin electric motors (one front, one rear) combine to produce 402 horsepower and 494 lb-ft of torque. That is a considerable power output difference between the two models. In terms of the 2025 Volvo EX40 electric range and charging, the single-motor EX40 gets a 79.0 kWh (net) hour battery and offers a range of up to 476 kilometers, while the twin motor can deliver up to 418 km driving range with its smaller 75.0 kWh battery. Top charging rate is 150 kW DC. On a 150 kW DC fast charger, the Volvo will offer a full battery in about 30

minutes. The 2025 Volvo EX40 model comes in 6 trim levels with Canadian pricing ranging from \$59,950 to \$74,950. The entry-level, Core model starts at \$59,950 with an electric 185-kW motor and Lithium-Ion battery. The mid-range Plus trim is \$68,000. The most expensive in the lineup is the TWIN Ultra as tested, priced at \$74,950. Freight and PDI is \$2,620. Inside, the front seats are exceedingly comfortable in typical Volvo style and the finish and fit of the interior is faultless. As usual, there is a Swedish minimalist approach to the cabin with the door trim panels and carpets made 97% from recycled plastic bottles. A neat simple dash is offset with a complex info touch multi-use screen. The EX40 comes well equipped with such niceties as: Wireless phone charging, a 12-inch info screen, and a centre stage 9.1-inch portrait-oriented touchscreen. The infotainment system is Google-based and powered by Android and does enable Apple CarPlay. Storage is decent with large deep center console and the front door pockets are deep enough for larger water bottles. The rear compartment also offers well-finished seats and decent occupant space, while cargo space behind the rear seats is 452 litres. Folding 60/40 bench seat enables for 1,328 litres of room. The hood "frunk" offers an extra 21 litres of capacity. Safety as in any Volvo is always a highpoint. The 2025 Volvo EX40 Safety - Standard safety systems include: forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection,

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2880 169 ST., SURREY

\$3,599,000 Listing ID: R2584077

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19913 72 AVE LANGLEY

\$1,849,000

NEW LISTING

House with basement suite and a coach home
Potential rent \$5000 or more per month
(3 separate rental units)

UNIT 34 - 1010 EWEN AVE NEW WEST

\$849,000

NEW LISTING

Hot location in New Westminster! Just minutes from Walmart shopping outlet and restaurants, 10 min to Richmond, 10 min to Metrotown. Walking distance to Queen Elizabeth School. Corner unit townhouse w/spacious layout. Spacious 3 bedroom and 2.5 bathroom. Shows beautifully! Living and dining room faces inside of complex and the other side has kitchen, family room and a den With large balcony for family entertainment.

217 20696 EASTLEIGH CRESCENT

\$699,000

NEW LISTING

Welcome to The Georgia, Langley's newest collection of homes centrally located in Langley City close to shops, restaurants, parks, schools and walking distance to the future Skytrain. Modern open concept designs, featuring inviting 9ft ceilings, high-quality laminate flooring, air conditioning in the master bedrooms, and granite stone kitchen countertops. Contact sales for more information! Don't miss out, only a handful of homes remaining!

19917 72 AVE LANGLEY

\$1,599,998

NEW LISTING

House with basement suite
All rent approx \$3000 per month
Open house Sunday 1-4

SOLD

11516 PARKWOOD PLACE DELTA

\$1,499,000

NEW LISTING

Check out this well maintained, beautifully updated basement entry home in the Heart of North Delta. Main floor boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, spacious living room/dining room, beautiful kitchen, sundeck. Downstairs features 2 bedroom legal suite with separate entry. Single garage and driveway can fit up to 4 cars. Steps away from Chalmers Elementary and Burnsville Secondary, Sun God Rec Centre, transit, shopping and parks.

5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN

\$1,495,000

NEW LISTING

Beautiful Corner House in the most desired area of Collingwood. Upstairs features three bedrooms and two bathrooms with a good size family room with a fireplace and a full bath. Downstairs features a full bath and a large bedroom. Close to all amenities, superstore, restaurants and very easy access to the highway as well. This is a must see.

#37-8358 121A ST., SURREY

\$699,000

NEW LISTING

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SOLD

9750 128 ST., SURREY

\$999,900

NEW LISTING

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. 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.

SOLD

#51-7090 180 ST., SURREY

\$185,000

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14379 66A AVENUE

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6 BED - 4 BATHS - 10,318 SF

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ASKING 1,599,000

5758 131 A STREET SURREY



11BED - 11 BATHS - 20,255 SF LOT

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN PRIME NEIGHBOURHOOD OF PANORAMA

ASKING 4,000,000

9097 BROADWAY STREET



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.

ASKING 924,000

11956 98 AVENUE, SURREY



7 BED - 5 BATHS - 6,600 SF

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

ASKING 1,699,000

7028 142 STREET, SURREY



5 BED - 5 BATHS - 7,107 SF

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

ASKING 1,699,000

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NDP Pushes To Establish Canada-India Committee To Fight Foreign Interference

OTTAWA, ON: The NDP is pushing the creation of a committee of parliamentarians to dig into India's efforts to interfere in Canada's democracy. "Every party in the House of Commons must show the government of India that we are a united front. That a government like Narendra Modi's cannot find an ally in this Parliament willing to look the other way, and that we all take foreign interference incredibly seriously," said NDP leader Jagmeet Singh. "I'm calling for the creation of a Canada-India committee so parliamentarians can look in this important matter and propose additional steps the government can take to protect Canadians and our country." The NDP's proposal for a Canada-India committee is modelled on the



existing Canada-China committee of parliamentarians, which was created to conduct hearings to examine and review all aspects of the Canada-People's Republic of China relationship, including diplomatic, consular, and security aspects. A week ago, the RCMP revealed intelligence indicating that India is behind not only electoral interference but also violent crimes, extortions and homicides on Canadian soil. Following that, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau testified at the Hogue inquiry into foreign interference that there are a number of compromised Conservative MPs and candidates named in intelligence documents only available to Pierre Poilievre if he obtains that clearance.

Singh has called on Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre to stop refusing to apply for security clearance. The NDP also called for an emergency debate on India in the House of Commons Monday and called for an emergency meeting of the Public Safety Committee

last week, which took place Friday. Last week, Singh called on the government to work with allies including the United States and United Kingdom to put diplomatic sanctions in place, and to ban the extremist Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Network.

Canada Back-Stabbed India, Its Behaviour 'The Pits': Indian Envoy Sanjay Verma

Calling Canada's behaviour "the pits", India's recalled High Commissioner Sanjay Verma says India was back-stabbed and treated in a most unprofessional manner by a country that is supposed to be a friendly democracy. In an unexpected downturn of relations, Verma was declared a "person of interest" by Canada last week in its investigation into the June 2023 killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian citizen who has been declared a Khalistani terrorist by India. Before Canada could take further



action, New Delhi recalled Verma and five other diplomats, who were also similarly named. "This is the pits. This is the most unprofessional approach to a bilateral relation. There are diplomatic tools available in the hands of a diplomat. Those tools could have been used" instead of seeking to interrogate a country's top envoy and other diplomats, Verma said in an interview to PTI Video recorded on Wednesday, his first after returning to India.

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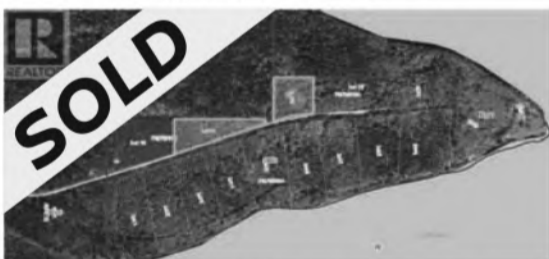
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There Is No Clear winner In BC's Election yet; What Happens Next?

The question that every British Columbian has – what happens next when no party has won the number of seats required to form a government? There will be a final count where remaining votes will be considered and there will be recount of votes in some ridings. The votes counted on October 19 were initial count. However, there are certain votes that cannot be counted until final count, because they require additional integrity checks to ensure the voter was eligible to vote and that they only voted once. Ballots counted at final count include mail-in ballots returned after the close of advance voting, and out-of-district ballots cast by voters at non-technology voting places. According to Election BC, the final count process for B.C.'s provincial election is scheduled to begin on October 26 and will conclude on October 28. Final count includes absentee and mail-in ballots that cannot be counted at initial count. The majority of the ballots counted at final count will be mail-in ballots. Packages could be returned up until 8 p.m. Pacific time on October 19, either by mail or in person. Many packages were received close to the deadline and must be counted at final count. Elections BC estimates that approximately 49,000 ballots will be considered at part of final count. A breakdown of the number of ballots being considered at final count by electoral district will be provided before final count starts.

Voting results will be updated on Elections BC's website during preparations for final count the week of October 21 (to correct any transcription errors) and while final count progresses from October 26 to 28. There will also be recount of votes in two ridings. District electoral officer recounts will take place in the Juan de Fuca-Malahat and Surrey City Centre electoral districts. Under the Election Act, recounts must take place in these districts because the difference between the top two candidates is 100 votes or fewer. These recounts will take place as part of final count between October 26 and 28. Under the Election Act, ballots at district electoral officer recounts are counted manually, by hand. Candidates or official agents can also request district electoral officer recounts until October 22. According to Election BC, Judicial recounts may occur after the conclusion of final count. If the difference between the top two candidates in an electoral district is less than 1/500th of the total ballots considered, a judicial recount must take place. "Judicial recounts are conducted by a justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia and may include some or all of the ballots in an election. Judicial recounts can also be requested by a candidate for the same reasons as a district electoral officer recount. Judicial recount requests must be made within six days of the conclusion of final count (November 4)," said Election BC in a press release.

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Female International Students Exploited By Predatory Landlords And Traffickers

"Brampton is home to thousands of international students who contribute significantly to the city's culture and economy. However, many face financial challenges, housing insecurity and a lack of adequate institutional support, making them prime targets for exploitation and trafficking. In particular, female students have been exploited by predatory landlords and traffickers, leading to cases of unwanted pregnancies, mental health crises and even suicide," said Coun. Rowena Santos. "International students bring so much value to Brampton, but too often, they face exploitation and trafficking. This motion is a vital step toward providing them with the protections they deserve. By strengthening our local programs and calling for legislative change, we are sending a clear message: Brampton will not tolerate the exploitation of its students," said Patrick Brown, Mayor, City of Brampton. As part of this motion, City staff will explore improvements to the Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) program to better protect international students, raise awareness about human trafficking and address illegal practices within the rental market. Additionally, Brampton will work with community partners to develop a culturally sensitive pilot program to provide wrap-around services, including housing assistance, mental health support, employment resources and anti-trafficking interventions tailored to the unique needs of international students. The City is calling on the federal government to fund this pilot program and to further enable local service groups to provide needed services for international students. "The exploitation of international students is a human rights issue, and it requires a

community-driven response. We welcome the City's support to advocate for create culturally appropriate services and advocate for stronger protections, ensuring these students are empowered and safe," said Gurpreet Malhotra, CEO, Indus Community Services. The City is also calling on the federal and provincial governments to review policies that exacerbate the vulnerabilities of international students. Current visa restrictions on work hours force many students into unsafe employment, while conditions related to deportation are weaponized by traffickers. Brampton is urging for legislative changes, including increasing legal working hours, removing deportation conditions tied to "sex work" and expanding access to regional support programs for international students. "Our community has worked hard to address the challenges faced by international students, but more must be done. This motion is about creating real, lasting change. By enhancing the RRL program and establishing a culturally sensitive support hub, we are ensuring these students have access to safe housing and the resources they need to thrive," said Rowena Santos, Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5, Chair, Community Services. Additionally, the City will advocate for the endorsement of Brampton's International Students Charter by the federal and provincial governments, as well as post-secondary institutions across Ontario. This Charter sets out clear responsibilities for institutions to offer comprehensive orientation and support services, helping students navigate legal rights, housing and employment, while preventing exploitation.

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Expanded Free Waste Drop-Off event collects record 3,300 tonnes of waste

Surrey's expanded Free Waste Drop-Off event, held from May 1 to September 25, saw record participation and waste collection with over 21,000 loads delivered to the Central Surrey and North Surrey Recycling & Waste Centres by Surrey residents. The free five-month-long program collected more than 3,300 tonnes of waste and recyclables, a substantial increase from previous years' weekend pop-up junk events.



Most importantly, we have seen a 13% reduction in illegal dumping since 2021. The results are clear, by providing easier ways for our residents to get rid of

unwanted items, we are creating a cleaner and greener Surrey."

Key improvements include 195% increase in number of loads, reaching 21,000 (up from 7,150 loads from the 2019 Pop Up Junk Events); 175% increase in tonnage delivered with 3,304 tonnes of waste and recycling collected (up from 1,200 tonnes from the 2019 Pop Up Junk Events) and 13% reduction in illegal dumping since 2021.

The event's expanded format was a direct response to community feedback, providing a more accessible and convenient way for residents to dispose of unwanted items. This contributed to a cleaner, safer city while reducing illegal

dumping. Participant feedback was positive, particularly appreciating the extended timeframe and the 100kg limit for disposal.

Residents can continue to take advantage of Surrey's Large Item Pickup Program, which allows up to six free pickups per year (eight for homes with registered secondary suites). Pickup requests can be made online at surrey.ca/largeitems or by calling 604-590-7289 (press 3). Additionally, recyclables can be dropped off anytime year-round at Metro Vancouver's Central Surrey and North Surrey Recycling and Waste Centres.

For more information, visit surrey.ca/rethinkwaste.

Black Business Expo to Take Place in Surrey on October 26th

The 3rd Metro Vancouver Black Business Expo takes place on Saturday, October 26 in Surrey to profile Black-owned businesses.

Black entrepreneurs and business owners in Metro Vancouver will explore a full day of networking at this event, designed to showcase products and services in a trade show style event. The Black Business Expo is a full-day event hosted by the Yoruba Social and Cultural Association of BC in

partnership with the Surrey Board of Trade. This is an opportunity for black business owners to showcase their products and/or services to an audience of 300+ guests – both consumers and business representatives and make valuable connections.

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EVENT DETAILS: Metro Vancouver Black Business EXPO 2024 October 26, 2024, from 12:00 to 4:00pm Surrey City Hall (13450 104 Avenue, Surrey)



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BC Lost More Than 1,700 Lives Lost To Drug Overdose In First Nine Months Of 2024

VICTORIA - Unregulated toxic drugs claimed the lives of 187 British Columbians in August and 183 in September, according to the BC Coroners Service.

The preliminary data finds that since January 2024, at least 1,749 people have died from unregulated drug toxicity in communities throughout the province. The data for the first nine months of 2024 represents an 8% decrease from the number of deaths during the first nine months of 2023 (1,896). In both August and September, approximately six people died each day from suspected unregulated drugs.

Additional findings mention that 48% of unregulated drug deaths in September were people between the ages of 30 and 49, while 1.1% were 18 years of age and below.

"B.C. mourns the loss of 187 and 183 people to toxic drugs in August and September respectively. They were brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, friends, colleagues

and neighbours. Although the rate of toxic-drug deaths this year continues to decrease compared to the past three years, the rate of toxic-drug deaths and the impact of toxic drugs circulating in B.C. communities remains unacceptable. The Province is working urgently to expand access to treatment services and save more lives. The new Opioid Treatment Access Line is available to people in all parts of B.C. to help them get fast access to addictions care. No matter where you live in the province, you can call 1 888 804-8111 to access same-day support, including medications and connection to health professionals to start you on your path to recovery," said the ministry of Mental Health and Addictions. At least 77% of unregulated drug deaths in September were males, up from the year-to-date figure of 74% in 2024 and 26% of deaths related to unregulated drug toxicity were females in 2024. The rate of death among females is 21 per 100,000 people,

an increase of 60% from 2020 (13 per 100,000).

Vancouver (45), Surrey (19) and Greater Victoria (16) had the highest number of unregulated drug toxicity deaths in

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LOOKING FOR BRIDE

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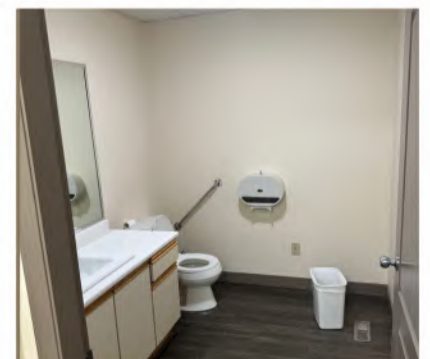
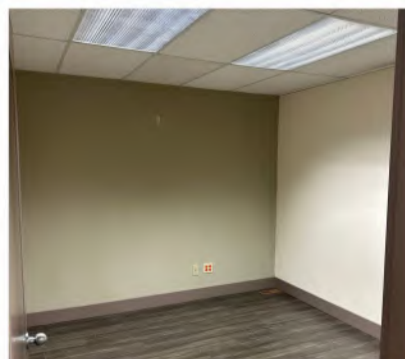
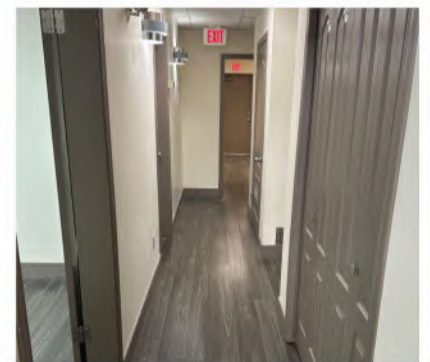
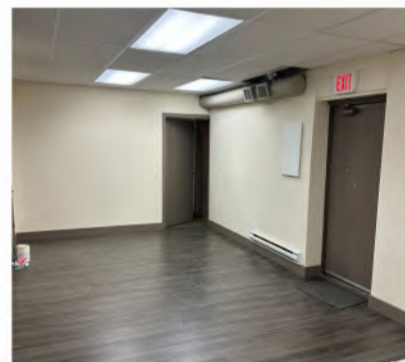
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- 27th October, Sunday** at 12.30 pm, Sehaj path bhog and antim ardas for late Joginder Lal Dhari by the Dhari family.
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For more information, log in to the Gurdwara Sahib website! www.nanakniwas.ca

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

Vivek Canada's Diwali Celebration Unites Youth and Seniors on a Shared Stage



Vivek Canada, a Vancouver-based non-profit organization, hosted a grand Diwali celebration at the Fleetwood Community Centre in Surrey earlier this October. The organization, which is dedicated to alleviating poverty and fostering rural development in India, recently launched an innovative program aimed at bridging the gap between South Asian youth and seniors. The Diwali event was a shining example of this connection, where both young volunteers and seniors joined hands to create an evening brimming with culture, music, and heartfelt performances. The event began with youthful energy as young anchors took the stage, presenting a variety of performances, including dances, speeches, and songs. Onkar Chadha's soulful saxophone renditions of classic Bollywood melodies set a captivating tone for the evening. Pratyaksha Awasthi, a young speaker, shared insights about the organization's "Dawn to Dusk" program, which aims to foster knowledge-sharing between



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seniors and the younger generation. A musical performance followed, featuring the Nimrata Rassna Namdhari, a classical vocalist, along with her husband, Gurdit Singh Namdhari, on the tabla, and their son, Gian Singh, on Djembe and Cajon hand percussion instruments.

The family's performance enthralled the audience, as did the dance performances by Aditi Chaudhary and Preeti Singh. The highlight of the evening was a group of seniors who took to the stage with an unforgettable, energetic dance. Present on the occasion were Councillor Linda Annis, MP Randeep Sarai, and

UBC professor Nemkumar Banthia. Harmesh Sidher, the founder of Vivek Canada, spoke of the organization's efforts, saying, "Founded in 2006 by a group of friends, mostly expats, Vivek Educational Foundation of Canada (Vivek Canada) has been dedicated to the cause of alleviating poverty and promoting rural development projects in India with an integrated and grassroots approach. We have been working to improve access to education and opportunities for youth in remote areas of Uttar Pradesh — one of the regions with the lowest literacy rates in the country. We go where no one else dares to tread."



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those in need, and foster unity within our community.

Wishing everyone a meaningful and joyous Bandi Chhor Divas!



(left to right): Councillor Daniel Boisvert, Councillor Jessie Dosanjh, Councillor Dylan Kruger,
Mayor George V. Harvie, Councillor Alicia Guichon, Councillor Rod Binder, Councillor Jennifer Johal

Baby Varun Dhawan wanted to watch K2H2 instead of BMCM

Varun Dhawan's love for films was put to the test when his father David Dhawan's *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* clashed with Karan Johar's *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai*. He had to make a tough choice between dad's film versus his favourite film. Varun recently revealed that his choice irked his father, saying he was ready to leave him on the streets of London. Why? Because Varun wanted to watch *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* over *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan*.

Varun recalls

In an interview with *The Indian Express*, Varun looked back at the dilemma when he was on his way to the premiere of *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* in London.

"The *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* premiere was in London. I don't know why they did it there and the producers had got us a limousine with faces of Govinda and Amitabh Bachchan pasted on it. We were going through the streets of London in that limousine, with both of them making funny faces in the poster. But I was dying to watch *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* and I didn't even know Karan at that point of time," he said.

Varun added, "*Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* just felt like a cooler film, but my dad was like, 'Stop it, I will leave you on the streets here'. I remember telling him you can't treat children here like this and my dad was like, 'He is so badly behaved, why did I get him here'. Day one of *Bade Miyan* was bigger because of the mass factor but obviously *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* went on to become huge. And I ultimately got launched by Karan Johar".

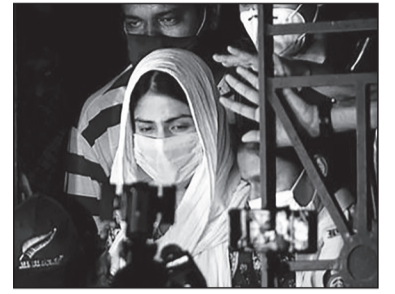
Varun entered Bollywood as an actor with Karan Johar's directorial *Student of the Year* in 2012. He went on to work on projects such as *Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania*, *Badrinath Ki Dulhania*, *ABCD 2*, *Badlapur*, *Jugjugg Jeeyo* and *Bhediya*. He is currently awaiting the release of his Prime Video espionage actioner *Citadel: Honey Bunny*, which also stars Samantha Ruth Prabhu.

Jailed, Trolled, Sidelined From Bollywood: A Timeline Of Rhea Chakraborty's Ordeal In Sushant Singh Rajput Case

Last Week Rhea Chakraborty found some closure in a four-year-long ordeal that he had been facing since the death of her boyfriend, actor Sushant Singh Rajput. The actor was found dead at his house during the lockdowns in June 2020. Even as his death was ruled a suicide, Rhea - along with her brother Shovik - was arrested, initially in connection with a narcotics case. She was later investigated by various central agencies, from the Enforcement Directorate to the Central Bureau of Investigation. This week, the Supreme Court finally granted the actor relief by dismissing the lookout circular against her and her family. But it has been a long and arduous journey to this point for her.

Sushant Singh Rajput's death and the abetment case

Sushant was found dead at his residence



in Mumbai on June 14, 2020. The death of the actor at 34 stunned the film world and the fans. Rhea had been in a relationship with Sushant for a year at that point and had been living in his house till a week before his death before moving back to her place. On July 25, Sushant's family filed a case of abetment of suicide, wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, theft, criminal breach of trust, and cheating against Rhea in Patna, where Sushant's father lives.

Ram Charan Registers His Rs.7.5 Cr Rolls-Royce Spectre At The RTO

Earlier this week, actor Ram Charan was spotted at an RTO office in Hyderabad registering his Rolls-Royce Spectre. While the actor got the luxury car worth ₹7.5 crore around July, he only registered it more recently. While the Rolls-Royce is the costliest car in his garage yet, take a look at his lavish fleet of four-wheelers.

Aston Martin Vantage V8 - ₹3.99 crore

Ram has owned the Aston Martin Vantage V8 for a long time now. It was valued at around ₹2 crore when he received it as a gift from his wife, Upasana Kondeela's parents, Anil and Sobhana



Kamineni, after their marriage in 2012. After the wedding rituals, the actor even took Upasana out for a spin in his swanky new ride.

Ferrari Portofino - ₹3.5 crore

Ram was so excited with his Ferrari Portofino that he even showed it off to Ranveer Singh when he attended the launch of his film with Shankar in Hyderabad. This is also the car that the actor is often spotted zooming around the city in, with fans often posting videos whenever they spot him out and about in it.

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Canada raises wage requirements for...

The low-wage stream is for jobs where the wage offered is below the provincial or territorial median hourly wage plus 20 per cent. The high-wage stream is for jobs where the wage offered is above the provincial or territorial median hourly wage plus 20 per cent. Under this stream there is currently no limit on the number of workers an employer can hire; and CMA unemployment rates are not taken into consideration in LMI application assessments. There are also other changes announced this year. **Effective this week, imports of certain Chinese-made steel and aluminum products are subject to a 25 per cent tariff.** These tariffs will help level the playing field to protect Canadian workers whose job security is being put at risk by China's unfair, intentional, and state-directed

trade practices of oversupply and overcapacity, as well as its lack of robust environmental and labour standards. Through this action in lockstep with key trading partners, Canada is also preventing trade diversion with these tariffs. Recognizing that Canadian businesses may need time to adjust, the federal government is prepared to offer tariff relief in certain, exceptional circumstances to help make sure that Canadian workers aren't punished as new supply chains are established. Canadian businesses can apply for relief by emailing remissions-remises@fin.gc.ca. Requests received before November 8, 2024, will be processed on a priority basis. The Ministers also launched new measures to secure Canada's artificial intelligence (AI) advantage, including the

\$200 million Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative.

"The government is launching two key parts of its \$2.4 billion AI package to ensure the economic benefits of AI reach all corners of our country. Through the new \$200 million Regional Artificial Intelligence Initiative, Canada's Regional Development Agencies will support AI start-ups to bring new technologies to market, and drive AI adoption by small businesses in critical sectors across the economy, such as agriculture, clean technology, health care, and manufacturing. In addition, the National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program is receiving \$100 million to help small- and medium-sized businesses scale up and increase productivity by building and deploying new AI solutions.

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2025 Volvo EX40 Twin: Stylish...

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comfort and composure with a very good Regenerative braking and easy one-pedal driving capability. Other highlights are the comfortable seats and the plethora of driver aids and technology available.

The EX40 in entry Core trim represents very good values, with more range and a lower entry price. Move up to the more powerful EX40 TWIN and you gain a noticeable performance increase. The TWIN has all the toys of course if you want to flex. Build quality is superb and the packaging attractive. Nice if a little pricy, but you do get the Volvo branding, premium engineering, and style. Highly recommended for aspirational families everywhere.

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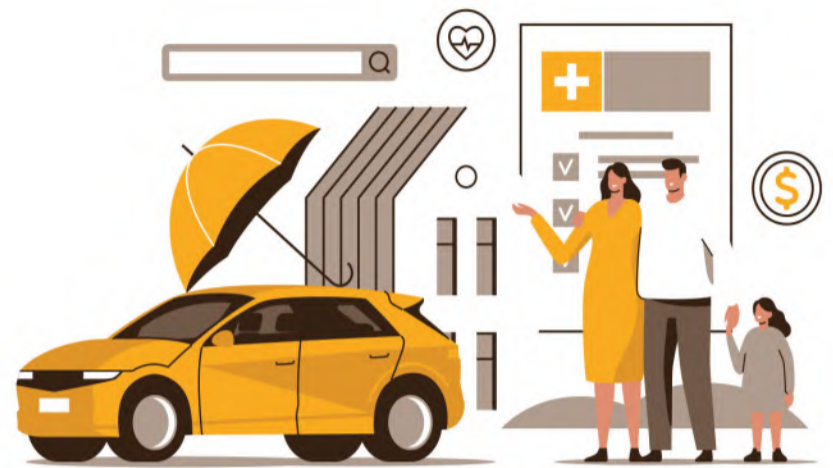
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