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# The Nightmare Before Christmas: Jagmeet Singh Announces NDP To Vote Against Trudeau Government

The nightmare for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government has started unfolding. Just a week before when Parliament was about to go on break for Holidays, bombshell announcements rocked Prime Minister's team. First came the blockbuster resignation of the Finance Minister and a close ally of PM Justin Trudeau, Chrystia Freeland. Freeland abruptly resigned hours before she was scheduled to deliver the fall economic statement. Following which Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced changes in the



Justin Trudeau



Chrystia Freeland



Jagmeet Singh

Cabinet. Though, before the ceremony even got underway, Trudeau dealt another major blow to the last remaining pillar

of parliamentary support his embattled minority was relying on to stay in power. NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh dropped

a letter declaring his party will be moving a motion of non-confidence in the new year.

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# Alberta First Responders pay heartwarming tribute to Harshandeep Singh

More than 250 people poured into a funeral home last Sunday to honour the life of slain security guard, 20-year-old Harshandeep Singh in Edmonton. Alberta First Responders Association organized an Honour Guard to show their respect to slain Harshandeep and his family. Harshandeep was shot to death in a stairwell while patrolling an apartment building in Edmonton on December 6. "We identify him as a first responder," said Jerry Galliford, a provincial sheriff and president of the Alberta First Responders Association, which helped organize the memorial. "He may be a civilian member, but he's on the front lines. He's putting himself at risk. He's a professional, and that's how we identify a first responder." Galliford hoped Harshandeep's death would lead to more recognition of the dangers security guards face. "I hope



Harshandeep was shot to death while patrolling an apartment building in Edmonton on December 6.

that it does make some changes, because it's necessary. I think I heard a stat that there are seven security officers for every police officer, which is a dramatic number."

Attendees at Sunday's memorial included first responders, fellow security guards, members of Edmonton's Sikh community, Singh's extended family and Mayor Amarjeet Sohi.

Edmonton Police informed that on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, at approximately 12:30 a.m., Downtown Branch patrol officers responded to a report of a gunshot inside an apartment building in the area of 106 Street and 107 Avenue. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive 20-year-old male security guard Harshandeep Singh in a stairwell and immediately conducted first aid. EMS responded, treated and transported him to hospital where he was declared deceased. An autopsy on Singh's dead body determined the cause of death was a gunshot wound and the manner of death was homicide.

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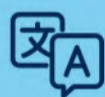
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## NDP, BC Greens Announce Co-Operation Deal

The BC NDP, holding a slim 47-seat majority in the 93-seat legislature, faced uncertainty following a cabinet minister's cancer treatment announcement. To maintain confidence, the government has struck a deal with the two BC Green MLAs, ensuring their support in key votes. Called the 2024 Co-operation and Responsible Government Accord, the document outlines a list of priorities agreed upon by the parties, including health care, affordable housing and the economy. This deal secures Green support for confidence and supply in exchange for advancing Green



initiatives on healthcare, housing, renter support, homelessness, transit, climate, forestry, tax and legislative reform. BC Green party said in a statement, "Unlike the 2017 CASA this agreement

includes strong "agree to disagree" provisions and a one-year renewal clause, allowing the BC Greens to maintain their independence while working with the government. These provisions ensure the Greens can hold the government accountable on both shared commitments and issues outside the agreement." Premier David Eby said in a statement, "British Columbians expect us to work collaboratively to deliver on the most important issues people are facing. I'm pleased to share that the government and BC Greens have reached an agreement to

work together on a specific set of shared priorities." He said, strengthening health care, building affordable housing, creating livable communities and growing a strong sustainable economy are part of the agreement. "We are two distinct parties with two distinct identities, and we won't always agree. We also have many shared values. The agreement lays out specific areas of action we will work together to achieve. This agreement will strengthen the stability of government and help deliver on the priorities of British Columbians. We will continue to work with all MLAs who want to make the legislature work for

people," he said. "I am deeply encouraged by this agreement to work together on the critical issues that matter most to British Columbians. It represents many weeks of hard work to ensure that our government takes meaningful steps to tackle the affordability crisis, improve access to healthcare, and address the urgent climate challenges our province faces. While no agreement is ever perfect, this is a significant step forward. It provides a clear framework for action on the priorities of everyday British Columbians," said Sonia Furstenau, leader of the BC Green Party and former MLA for Cowichan Valley

## Surrey Teachers, Parents Sound Alarm Bells About The Critical Needs In Surrey Schools

The gap between student needs and Surrey schools' capacity to meet them has become so severe that teachers, parents, and support workers hosted a joint news conference on December 16 to call upon government to make the significant investments needed to resolve the crisis. Lizanne Foster, president of the Surrey Teachers' Association (STA), worked with Tammy Murphy, president of CUPE 728, and Anne Whitmore, president of the District Parent Advisory Council, to sound alarm bells about the critical needs in Surrey schools. In a joint letter to Premier David Eby and Minister of

Education and Child Care Lisa Beare, they described Surrey's severe infrastructure, staffing, and resource shortages and called for specific actions and increased funding to remedy the very difficult situation they face in BC's most rapidly growing municipality. Global news reported, "The group warned overcrowded classrooms and insufficient resources have contributed to unsafe and unproductive learning conditions, including violent behaviour from students with unmet needs. Youth with diverse learning needs are being left out of inclusive education and isolated due to the lack of adequate supports."



Lizanne Foster, president of the Surrey Teachers' Association

They also highlighted Eby's campaign promises to ensure there would be an education assistant in every K-3 classroom

and a mental health counsellor in every school, and they put government on notice that they will be watching for evidence

that these promises were not just empty words. Monday's news conference at the STA office shone a light on multiple problems: severe overcrowding in Surrey schools and years-long delays in approvals for new school construction; the shortage of inclusive education support workers to assist the most vulnerable students; the shortage of teachers and specialist teachers, such as counsellors; and the urgent need for sufficient funding to provide wrap-around support. To have the voices of teachers, support staff, and parents raised in unison sends a very powerful message indeed.

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# Police search for 11 suspects linked to violence at Brampton temple protest

Police in Peel Region are working to identify 11 persons of interest who were allegedly involved in violence that broke out during protests in Brampton and Mississauga last month. Recently police released photographs of several suspects who are allegedly responsible for various offences including assault and assault with weapons.

In a press release, police said investigators are asking for help to identify individuals involved in criminality during the November protest incidents in Brampton and Mississauga. "Included in this release are images of persons of interest or suspects responsible for offences that include assault, assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily harm, assault



police officer and public incitement of hatred. Investigators are asking for your help in identifying them." A Strategic Investigative Team was formed to investigate several offences that occurred during and after protests at a Mandir on The Gore Road in Brampton as well as related incidents at the Westwood Mall in Mississauga. Investigators continue to analyze hundreds of videos of the incidents and are working to identify additional suspects involved and anticipate further arrests. Anyone with information on the identity of the depicted individuals are asked to contact investigators at either 12 Division (Mississauga) at 905-453-2121 extension 1233, or 21 Division (Brampton) at 905-453-2121 extension 2133. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-

222-TIPS (8477) or visiting [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). Investigators are asking anyone with video or images of the demonstrations, to submit them using the following link: <https://prp.ca.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/pr240353091>. The protests were part of a series of demonstrations, including one at a Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton, where protesters were seen waving Khalistani flags and protesting against Indian Consulate Life certificate camp. The protest then took a violent turn and chaos ensued. Later the same night, two more demonstrations began at two different locations in Mississauga, at the Sri Guru Singh Sabha and the Westwood Mall. Police had reported a presence of weapons at the sites of these protests and dozens of officers were seen in the area.

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# 18th Annual Victor Ghirra Toy Drive Collects Over 3,000+ Toy



Over 200 people attended 18th Annual Victor Ghirra Toy Drive at Riverside Palace Banquet Hall in Richmond on Sunday to drop off toys, gift cards and cash donations. The toy drive event is organized every year in memory of the man with a golden heart: Victor Ghirra. The toy drive is donating toys to 24 different causes this year.

With the help of the Benevolent Brotherhood Society (BBS), the Ghirra family, Co-operators Insurance agencies, Riverside Banquet Halls, Richmond Sunrise Rotary Group and the Kids Play team, over 3,000+ toys were collected!

Bobby Ghirra, Victor's older brother said: "This toy drive is in honor of my brother who we miss greatly. We think he would be proud of us carrying on his giving legacy. It means a lot to me and my family that everyone gives from the heart to make this happen – it's heartwarming to see everyone remember my brother."

Harvey Kooner of BBS - founder of the toy drive, said: "It's been a tough year for families and affording a happy holiday isn't always feasible when there are so many financial challenges. Our committee, volunteers, generous groups and donors came together once again to show that there are people who care. It's through a group of caring individuals coming together that we are able to achieve a successful toy drive and help 24 good causes. It's truly heartwarming touching base with donors and groups who are inspired to give. It started with Victor and we are simply carrying on his giving ways."

Victor was involved in many philanthropic initiatives, but one good cause that Victor was really touched by was the BC Children's Hospital. A heartwarming story that depicts Victor's character was when he bought thousands of dollars of toys every Christmas and donated them to Children's Hospital to children that needed them.

"By celebrating the man, we get to experience how it feels to bring a little joy during the holiday season and witness his spirit of giving being continued as that tree mountain keeps expanding, our reach extends worldwide and his legacy continues to grow. This year myself, Joe Casciano and Co-operators Insurance raised over \$2100 in cash and 200+ toys and gift cards to contribute to that toy count and we can't wait to get started on 2025," said: Moya Matick Agency Office Manager Co-operators.

Richmond Sunrise Rotary group has been supporting Victor's toy drive for 10 years. The



group has made \$5,500 in donations and toys. Debbie Tablotney, Project Chair; Richmond Sunrise Rotary: "One of the

main purposes of Rotary is to support our community both globally and locally. Rotarians want to make life better for those in need especially at this time of year. The Ghirra toy drive and the spirit of Victor Ghirra himself gives our members the opportunity to bring joy to young people and their families."

Dr. Harpreet Dhillon, owner of Dentist on Kingsway office who has supported the toy drive for many years, decided to teach his children about giving while donating \$2,000 in toys. Dr. Dhillon took

his children shopping explaining to them that the toys they were purchasing were not for them but for kids who may not get toys this Christmas. Dr. Dhillon said: "My family and I have been blessed for our hard work and want to give back to people that can use a little help. Giving back is an integral part of our upbringing and life principles and it's important for my kids to see in action."

The 24 good causes the Victor Ghirra toy drive was able to help this year include:

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# Why Does Pierre Poilievre Want to Defund the CBC?



By Harinder Mahil

Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre has stated that, if elected, he would defund the CBC leaving Radio-Canada intact. Earlier this year, he wrote on X: "I can't wait to defund the CBC and sell off the headquarters for housing." He also shared a link inviting his followers to the Conservative Party website to a petition calling on the federal government to end subsidies to CBC.

What is Mr. Poilievre's reason for taking this position? The answer can be obtained from the petition on the Conservative Party website. The last line of the petition reads: "... we call on this Liberal government to defund the CBC to save taxpayer dollars and ensure a free and competitive press in the Canadian media landscape."

I note that this is not the first time a Canadian politician has called for defunding the



CBC. Previously, Maxine Bernier, a former Conservative MP and Cabinet Minister in Stephen Harper's government and presently the leader of the People's Party of Canada, had made the same demand.

The right-wing lobby group Canadian Taxpayers Federation also has a petition on its website to defund the CBC. Their petition reads: "Taxpayers shouldn't be forced to fund the CBC and other media organizations. We should be able to choose which organization we want to support with our own money."

The mandate of Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC/Radio Canada) is to inform, enlighten and entertain, while con-

tributing to the development of a shared national consciousness and identity and culture. No other broadcaster in Canada has such a mandate.

An independent public broadcaster is a necessity for a thriving democracy, providing Canadians with shared access to high-quality local and national news and programming. The focus of private broadcasters is to make profits for their owners and shareholders. They are not interested in providing high-quality local or national news or in contributing to the development of a shared national consciousness and identity and culture.

CBC serves the biggest news audience in Canada, providing local, national and international news, in English and French, on TV, radio, Web and mobile, from coast to coast to coast. No other media organization in the country does this. In fact, no other national media company has a station in the North or French-language stations outside Québec.

CBC's 2024-25 budget is \$1.38 billion. Government funding accounts for approximately 70 percent of CBC/Radio-Canada's budget, while the remainder of its funding comes from self-generated revenue including advertising.

A 2020 report showed Canada's spending on public broadcasting to be just \$33 per capita, \$55 less than the global average. In the face of an evolving media landscape, the rise of digital platforms, and increased

polarization, Canada needs to strengthen its public service media, not defund it.

The CBC serves as a crucial remedy to the growing blight of online disinformation, ensuring that diverse voices are heard, and news is fact-checked. Defunding the CBC would further allow digital media giants to deepen societal divisions. Strengthening the CBC is an investment in a more informed, connected, and strong Canada.

In 2011, a study undertaken by Deloitte showed that CBC contributes \$3.7 billion to the Canadian economy, a substantial return for a public investment of \$1.1 billion. The study cites CBC's contributions to local economies, a vibrant production sector, and creative clusters. The study also highlights CBC's role as an innovator which pioneers innovative technologies that are later adopted by other broadcasters and the broader creative sector.

Does Mr. Poilievre care that Canadians do not want to defund the CBC. A recent poll reported by Toronto Star on November 30, 2024, shows that seventy-eight percent of Canadians want the CBC to continue. That includes 67 per cent of Canadians who identify as Conservatives.

In today's world, unbiased reporting has become more important than ever before. With the rise of fake news and biased reporting, it is essential that media outlets maintain a high level of integrity in their reporting. Unbiased reporting is crucial to educate the public and allow them to form their own opinions based on factual information.

The push for reduced public spending on the CBC is not an attempt to save taxpayer dollars. It is a calculated move to advance a particular political ideology that would see private broadcasters take over all media outlets and further polarize our society. We can access the revenue we need to fund our public broadcaster properly by going after multinational corporations that do not pay a fair share of taxes.

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# Shots fired at two houses in Newton, police looking for South Asian men

Two shootings in less than two days rocked the Newton residential area in Surrey. Both the shootings targeted houses, and vehicles parked outside the houses and took place in close vicinity.

Surrey Police Service informed that first shooting took place on Sunday, December at approximately 1:30 am. Shots were fired outside of a residence in the 7700 block 126A Street, Surrey. Several residents were inside asleep at the time and no one was injured. Surrey Police Service officers, with the assistance of the Lower Mainland Integrated Forensic Identification Service (IFIS), discovered that both a vehicle parked in the driveway and the side of the house were struck by several bullets. Two suspects, described as adults



wearing dark clothing, were seen running away. The investigation is ongoing and being led by Surrey Police Services' Frontline Investigative Support Team (FLIST). The second shooting happened just before 6 pm on Monday,

December 16 that has left two people injured. Surrey Police received a call from a woman saying that she and her husband had been shot while outside in the 12600 block 67B Ave, Surrey. In their car nearby, was a young child who was unharmed.

Both victims have been taken to hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

Two suspects, described as adult South Asian men, were last seen driving away in a dark-coloured sedan.

The investigation is in its early stages and is being supported by RCMP Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit Serious Crime Unit and General Investigation Unit officers, as well as Surrey Police Service's Frontline Investigative Support Team (FLIST).

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## The nightmare before...

“Justin Trudeau failed in the biggest job a Prime Minister has: to work for people, not the powerful. To focus on Canadians, not themselves. The Liberals don’t deserve another chance. That’s why the NDP will vote to bring this government down, and give Canadians a chance to vote for a government who will work for them. No matter who is leading the Liberal Party, this government’s time is up. We will put forward a clear motion of non-confidence in the next sitting of the House of Commons. I called for Justin Trudeau to resign, and he should.”

After backing out of a governance agreement with the Liberals this fall, the NDP has voted with the government on a number of confidence motions over the past few months. Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre criticized Singh for not voting down the government earlier — specifically when the Conservatives put forward a motion using Singh’s own criticism of the Liberals.

“Now that Parliament is closed and there

is no chance to introduce any motion for months—until after you get your pension. You did the same stunt in September, claiming you’d no longer prop Trudeau up. Then you went back on your word and voted 8 times AGAINST AN ELECTION & for your boss Trudeau. Just 11 days ago you voted against a non-confidence motion filled with your own words. Had you voted the other way, we’d be almost half-way through the election now,” Poilievre said in a response to Singh’s letter on platform X, formerly Twitter.

Shock waves were sent through Canada after Freeland’s resignation with many speculating if it is the end of the Trudeau term. In a letter addressed to PM Trudeau that was posted on Freeland’s Platform X, she wrote, she was asked by the PM to step down as the finance minister and was offered another position in the cabinet. But Freeland said that instead of changing the role, “the only honest and viable path is for her to resign from the Cabinet.”

She said that over the past few weeks PM

and her have been at odds about best path forward for Canada. She slammed “costly political gimmicks” and said the government needed to keep fiscal reserves available for a possible trade war with the incoming US administration of Donald Trump. Last month, Trudeau announced a temporary sales-tax holiday and tax rebates for millions of Canadians.

Days after Freeland resigned suddenly, PM announced Cabinet shuffle.

Under the latest shuffle Trudeau announced 12 changes to his cabinet, bringing in eight new ministers. New Finance Minister Dominic LeBlanc will keep his new portfolio in finance but will no longer be minister of public safety and democratic institutions. Longtime Ottawa MP David McGuinty will become the new minister of Public Safety.

Anita Anand becomes Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, Gary Anandasangaree becomes Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, Steven MacKinnon becomes Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour and Ginette Petitpas Taylor becomes President of the Treasury Board.

Ruby Sahota has become Minister of Democratic Institutions and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario. The holidays are often a season of reflection, but for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the scale of personal deliberation is reportedly going to be gargantuan, as he will decide whether or not to lead his party into an expected election this fall (or earlier) or to step aside for a new Liberal leader. Trudeau’s steadfast position that he would lead the party for one more election was evidently shaken by the resignation of Finance Minister Freeland.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds that Trudeau endured a difficult 2024 in the public eye, seeing his approval rate fall four points between January and December to just 28 per cent. This is tied for his lowest point in public opinion, after more than nine years in the nation’s top job.

His fellow major federal party leaders are faring better, but not by much. Both CPC leader Pierre Poilievre and NDP leader Jagmeet Singh are viewed unfavourably by more than half of Canadians and have the favourable opinion of fewer than two-in-five:

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## Alberta First Responders pay...

The Edmonton Police arrested and charged Evan Rain, 30, and Judith Saulteaux, 30, with 1st degree murder on Friday, Dec. 6 in relation to Singh’s death. Investigators do not believe anyone else was involved in Singh’s death and a weapon was recovered during the arrest.

In the meantime, a video of a security guard’s cold-blooded shooting in an apartment building was circulating on social media platforms. In the video, a man and a woman can be seen walking down the hallway. The man can be heard yelling as he lifts and points a large gun several times. At the end of the hallway, he appears to use the gun to hit someone off camera multiple times, while the woman and another person stand nearby. All three enter a stairwell with what appears to be the security guard with his hands above his head. The next

moments are caught on video from inside the stairwell. It shows the security guard being held by the woman briefly before he runs down the stairs and is shot by the man in the back. He falls to the ground at the bottom of the stairs, and all three people exit the stairwell.

The police said that they were aware of a video circulating online that depicts Mr. Singh’s shooting death on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024. “We are unable to comment on the authenticity of the video as the investigation is ongoing. While three individuals are observed in the video, EPS is confident that only two individuals were involved in the shooting death.”

“Edmontonians are rightly outraged by this tragic incident,” said EPS Homicide Staff Sgt. Rob Bilawey. “Posting or sharing incorrect information during an ongoing investigation impedes the process and

disrespects the victim and their loved ones. We send our deepest condolences to the friends and family of the deceased.”

According to a GoFundMe fundraiser, Singh was the only son of his parents. He came to Canada just 1.5 years ago. A fundraiser was created with a target of \$50,000 to raise money for his funeral. In less than 24 hours since starting this GoFundMe, an incredible \$122,720, far exceeding the initial goal.

Gulzar Singh Nirman, who created the fundraiser on Harshandeep’s family behalf said, “While we know that no amount of money can bring Harshandeep back to his grieving family, your compassion and support reflect something much greater—the belief in humanity, unity, and the values that define us as a global community.”

He said, “We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the media and press community for helping spread the word about this campaign. Your efforts ensured that Harshandeep’s story reached a wide audience, and for that, we are immensely grateful. We

also extend our deepest thanks to the first responders and Edmonton Police Service for their swift response and ongoing efforts during this tragic situation. Your work is vital, and we are truly thankful for your dedication and service.”

In recent times, Canada may have been a source of concern for many youth from Punjab seeking a better life. However, this outpouring of support has shown a different narrative—a reflection of the positive culture and values Canada holds dear. This collective kindness demonstrates that even in the face of tragedy, Canadians stand united in compassion and solidarity.

These funds will help send Harshandeep’s body back to his home in Matehri Jattan, Haryana, India, allowing his parents to perform his final rites. The funds will also assist his family in overcoming the financial hardships they endured to send him to Canada in search of opportunities, and they will provide support for his beloved sister as the family navigates this immense loss, said the fundraiser page.

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# Canada Gets Tough On Illegal Drug Trade And Immigration Under New US-Canada Border Security Plan

Canada has promised to implement a set of sweeping new security measures along the country's US border, including strengthened surveillance and a joint "strike force" to target transnational organized crime and tighten rules against immigration at border.

The pledge follows a threat from President-elect Donald Trump to impose, when he takes office in January, a 25% tariff on Canadian goods if the country does not secure its shared border to the flow of irregular migrants and illegal drugs.

Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs, along with Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship announced Canada's Border Plan. The plan will have an investment of \$1.3 billion and is built around five pillars.

"We are investing in new tools and resources to address the threat of illegal synthetic drugs in driving the overdose crisis. To support law and border enforcement, our government is strengthening our regulatory controls and investing in drug analysis and intelligence. This is another important step in addressing the overdose crisis and keeping communities safe," said Ya'ara Saks, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health. **Detecting and disrupting the fentanyl trade**

The Government of Canada will increase support to law enforcement agencies in detecting, intercepting and addressing fentanyl and precursor chemicals by adding artificial intelligence and imaging tools that will further help detect illegal drugs before they enter Canada.

As well, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will train and deploy new canine teams to intercept illegal drugs. The agency currently has over 80 detector dog teams located at various ports of entry across Canada. CBSA will also deploy new chemical detection tools at high-risk



ports of entry. Health Canada will create a new Canadian Drug Profiling Centre to support 2,000 investigations a year, and expand capacity at regional labs.

By launching a new Chemical Precursor Risk Management Unit, Health Canada will be able to provide better insight into precursor chemicals and distribution channels, enhance monitoring and surveillance and enable timely law enforcement action. In addition, Health Canada will accelerate the regulatory process for banning precursors so that border and law enforcement can take swift action to prevent their illegal importation and use.

Introducing significant new tools for law enforcement

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) will deploy a new Aerial Intelligence Task Force comprised of helicopters, drones, and mobile surveillance towers. Counter-drone technology will support RCMP officers and provide 24/7 surveillance between ports of entry.

As well, new legislative requirements proposed in the Fall Economic Statement 2024 will expressly obligate port owners and operators to provide the CBSA, free of

charge, with the space and facilities needed to conduct export inspections, just as they currently do for imports.

In addition, the Government will invest to expand the RCMP and the Communications Security Establishment (CSE)'s intelligence collection capacity, enabling these agencies to target transnational organized crime and fentanyl trafficking more effectively.

Enhancing operational coordination  
Increased information sharing between Canadian and United States (U.S.) officials on each illegal border interception enables officials to target and take stronger action against those who abuse our system, allowing for enhanced intelligence sharing in real time, monitoring of illegal migration trends and hot spots, improved operational interoperability, proactive resource planning and deployment, and ultimately, the targeting and disruption of organized crime groups facilitating illegal border crossings.

Increasing information sharing  
The Government of Canada will build on our information and intelligence sharing between our federal, provincial, territorial authorities, the U.S. and other internation-

al partners.

Enhanced information sharing will allow authorities to identify, monitor and collaborate with partners to intercept high-risk individuals attempting to travel along with goods of interest attempting to move between countries.

Minimizing unnecessary border volumes  
Government of Canada will implement changes to end 'flagpoling', which happens when a temporary resident leaves Canada and immediately returns to a port of entry to get immigration services. This practice uses significant resources at the border, distracts border officers from enforcement activities, and slows cross-border traffic.

The Government also proposed, in the Fall Economic Statement 2024, to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to secure and extend new authorities to cancel, change or suspend immigration documents and to cancel, suspend or stop accepting new applications, which would give Canada greater control over its immigration documents to protect Canadians and public resources. These authorities could also help prevent those who may pose a risk to Canada from entering the country and prevent further southbound irregular migration.

Additional measures include imposing new restrictions on countries that do not rapidly facilitate the return of their citizens in the event of fraudulent entry or a removal order.

The Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) and its Additional Protocol remain in place. People must claim asylum in the first country they enter – be it Canada or the U.S. This agreement mitigates against unlawful entry into either country, and maintains border integrity for both countries. Claimants that do not meet an exception or exemption to the STCA will be returned to the first safe country they entered, either Canada or the U.S.

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# Women Charged With Attempted Murder After Intentionally Driving Car Into Fraser River

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Two charges of attempted murder have been sworn against the driver of the car, who has been arrested and remains in custody awaiting her first court appearance.

A publication ban is in place to protect the children's identity. The

Delta Police Department will not be sharing the driver's identity information or further any details. The DPD wishes to express

gratitude to members of the public and the Delta Fire Department who intervened and provided assistance to the involved parties.

# People, Businesses Of Surrey Hit By October Atmospheric River Eligible For Financial Assistance

Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) eligibility has been expanded for more people, businesses and communities affected by flooding due to the atmospheric river event from Oct. 18-20, 2024. People, businesses and communities in the following areas are now also eligible for DFA: City of Surrey;

Village of Anmore; and City of Port Moody.

The new geographical areas are in addition to the Indigenous communities, electoral areas and municipalities that were declared eligible for DFA on Nov. 25, 2024.

For this event, DFA is available to homeowners, renters, business owners, farmers, corporation-owned properties and charitable organizations to cover uninsurable disaster-related losses. DFA is unable to compensate for losses for which insurance was reasonably and readily available.

People can access specifics about the event and can submit their DFA application online: <https://www.gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance>

Applications for the DFA event must be submitted to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness within 90 calendar days of the event declaration. The deadline to submit applications for this event is now March 13, 2025. The new deadline applies to all communities, including those previously declared on Nov. 25, 2024.

Eligible local governments and First Nations that have infrastructure damage as a result of the flooding should submit a DFA for communities application as soon as possible. Information, eligibility criteria, categories and applications can be found by calling toll-free: 1 888 257-4777 or visiting:

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# Sunset Indo-Canadian Seniors' Society Honors Sikh Heritage at December Gathering



By Zile Singh

The Sunset Indo-Canadian Seniors' Society, Vancouver held its last meeting of 2024 on December 12th. In addition of its normal agenda of discussion on Gurbani and news, Martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh's family and Guru's gift of Ganga Sagar to Rai Kalha III of Raikot, too were discussed

The focus was on the significance of the month of December in Sikh History. A light was shed on the gruesome events of the seize of Fort Anandpur Saheb and the battle of Chamkaur Garhi. It was the time when Guru's family was separated at three separate places. Aurangzeb was the Mughal ruler at that time.

December is a significant month in Sikh history for several reasons, including the martyrdom of the four sons of the 10th Guru, Guru Gobind Singh who were martyred in a matter of days at the end of December 1705. The four sons, called as Sahibzada were Ajit Singh (19), Jujhar Singh (15), Zorawar Singh (9) and Fateh Singh (6). The martyrdom of Mata Gujari, mother of Guru Gobind also took place during the same time. The martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur, the ninth Guru also happened in the month of November/December in 1675.

The other main event of last meeting of the year was the presence of Rai Azizullah Khan, the 9th generation of Rai Kalha III, the then-Muslim Rajput Chief of Raikot State. Guru Gobind Singh stayed for some time with Rai Kalha to escape Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's forces after leaving Chamkaur Garhi. Guru Ji, in appreciation of the services and hospitality extended by Rai Kalha, gifted him the holy Ganga Sagar, a Sword and a Rehal (small wooden stand to read a religious book).

The Ganga Sagar is a Surahi shaped metal vessel having many holes



around it. The speciality of the Ganga Sagar is that despite all these holes, water and milk do not pour through the holes, whereas the sand comes out through the holes. Guru Sahab used Ganga Sagar to drink milk and water. It was one of his personal belongings. To quote Prof. Bhajan Singh Grewal, Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia, "The Rai family, throughout the generations has shown love and respect towards the Guru, even with the obvious risk of serious reprisals from the rulers of the day. In this sense, the Ganga Sagar is a symbol of love that transcends the manmade boundaries of religion, race, and caste and this is the essence of Guru Gobind Singh's life and teachings."

Rai Azizullah Khan, grandson of Khan Bahadur Rai Inayat Khan and heir of the Rai family is the present custodian of Ganga Sagar. Rai Azizullah Khan has displayed this holy relic to the Sikh Sangat in Australia, India, the United Kingdom, and Canada. Once a Member of Parliament in Pakistan, he is a citizen of Canada and lives in Surrey, British Columbia. Khan Sahab was honored with a Saropa by Dr. Gurbax Sidhu, President, and Surjit Minhas, General Secretary of the Society. The meeting concluded

with a note of "Happy New Year." to all present.

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# PM Trudeau visits Guru Ravidass Temple and Community Center in Burnaby

Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, visited the Guru Ravidass Community Center in Burnaby on December 14 and shared his appreciation for the contributions being made by the congregation and members of the Society. PM Trudeau spoke of the values of "equality" prescribed by Guru Ravidass,

and said these are the same values of Canada. Trudeau also had a tour of the community center and met congregation in the langar hall. Trudeau mentioned that he would be pleased to return to the Guru Ravidass Center once it is completed. A couple of months ago, he also visited the Guru



PM Trudeau with members of the congregation. In the picture with PM Trudeau are: Ramandeep Saroya and her parents (Gurmej and Surinder Saroya) and uncle Hardev Saroya.

Ravidass Temple situated in his own riding in Montreal. On behalf of the congregation and the board of the organization, Harjit Sohpaal (President) and Amarjit Lealh (General Secretary) graciously welcomed the Prime Minister and all the elected officials, including Mayor Hurley of City of Burnaby. A lot of excitement was evident that in the forty-two year history of the Shri

Guru Ravidass Sabha (Vancouver), this was the first visit of the sitting Prime Minister of Canada to visit the Guru Ravidass Temple in Burnaby! Sohpaal also acknowledged the continued support of MPs Harjit Sajjan, Randeep Sarai, and Sukh Dhaliwal. MP Saajan was particularly acknowledged for arranging the visit of PM Trudeau to the center. (Report submitted by Jai Birdi)



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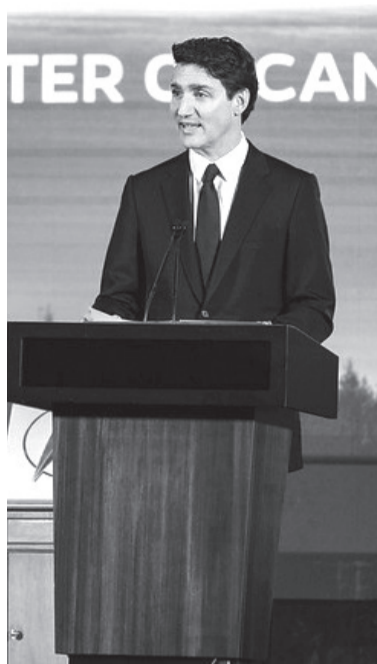
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# Former Premier John Horgan Remembered At Memorial Service



A provincial state memorial service for former premier John Horgan was held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, at the Q Centre in Colwood.

John Horgan served as the 36th premier of British Columbia from July 2017 to November 2022. He was first elected as member of the Legislative

Assembly in 2005, representing the riding of Malahat-Juan de Fuca from 2005 to 2009. From 2009 to 2017, he represented the constituency of Juan de Fuca, and from 2017 to 2023, he represented Langford-Juan de Fuca. He was Canada's ambassador to Germany from December 2023 until his passing on Nov. 12, 2024.

Proof of Horgan's stellar status as a political leader, community builder and father figure was evident at a three-hour memorial service attended by leaders from across the political spectrum, lifelong friends and family. Among the political leaders attending the ceremony: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, federal New Democratic Party Leader Jagmeet Singh, B.C. Premier David Eby, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe and John Rustad, leader of B.C.'s Official Opposition Conservatives.

The ceremony was livestreamed at: [www.youtube.com/live/TDdSwnZ-p\\_0](http://www.youtube.com/live/TDdSwnZ-p_0)

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## 18th Annual Victor Ghirra...

BC Children's Hospital, Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, Key Solutions, Richmond Christmas Fund, Options BC, Canuck Place, Nightshift Ministries – Care Centre, North Shore Family Services – Christmas Bureau, Surrey Christmas Bureau, Kids Play, Richmond Food Bank, Recovery Kidz, Team Keian, Richmond Food Bank, Philippines – children in need, IUP Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre's emergency hampers, Burnaby Christmas Bureau, two First Nations' communities – family hampers, downtown eastside Vancouver families in need and local elementary schools in Richmond, Surrey, Langley & Abbotsford. More than 53,250+ toys have been collected and distributed over the past 18 years in memory of Victor.

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**14096 113A AVENUE**  
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Indulge in luxury living in this magnificent residence with breathtaking mountain views, ideally situated near the city center. The expansive living and dining areas, paired with a cozy family room on the main floor, offer ample space for both relaxation and entertainment. Upstairs, you'll discover five bedrooms and four bathrooms, including an oversized master suite featuring a lavish spa-like ensuite and a spacious walk-in closet. Thoughtfully designed with high-end finishes, this home also includes a double car garage, radiant heating, air conditioning, and more. Additionally, benefit from the potential for rental income with separate suites (1+1). Seize this extraordinary opportunity to own a splendid property, complete with the assurance of a 2-5-10 warranty.



**7893 147A STREET**  
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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. The master ensuite is equipped with double sinks, a standing shower, and a Jacuzzi.



**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.



**14727 62A AVENUE**  
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SULLIVAN STATION BRAND NEW HOUSE Features 8 BEDROOMS & 8 WASHROOMS! You are welcomed into this custom built beauty with beautiful finishings. Bright and spacious living and dining rooms. Custom built kitchen along with a spice kitchen! Huge family room with big windows to soak in that natural light. There is also a den/bedroom on the main with a FULL washroom. Glass railings throughout. Modern design and finishings. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, 3 with their private ensuites and good size closets! Also a patio! In the basement there is a media room perfect for entertaining with a 2 piece washroom. There are also 2 MORTGAGE HELPERS!



**16918 0A AVENUE**  
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**5945 130A STREET**  
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**17 7040 WILLIAMS ROAD**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,099,000**

Bright and spacious townhouse in the sought-after, tranquil Broadmoor neighborhood. This corner unit has the feel of a duplex with a south-facing private yard and a balcony off the living room. The kitchen has been updated with new cabinets, countertops, and a dishwasher, while the main floor features upgraded tile flooring. Two master bedrooms, including one conveniently located on the main level. Laminate flooring throughout. Located near Broadmoor Mall, public transit, and directly across from Steveston-London Secondary School. The huge backyard with back lane access features a large covered deck ideal for BBQs and evening relaxation, and a massive paved driveway. Conveniently, the home is within walking distance of bus service, a Gurdwara, and a shopping centre.



**10107 173 STREET**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,599,000**

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**18536 64 AVENUE**  
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**103 8363 128 STREET**



**\$1,988,900**

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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# Mental-Health Supports For Available In BC For Holiday Season

VICTORIA - Josie Osborne, Minister of Health, has released the following statement on the holiday season: "The holidays are a time of joy and celebration for many, but for some, they may bring stress, loneliness or difficult emotions. The shorter



use the Lifeguard app to connect to support when needed. These tools save lives and provide a pathway to treatment and recovery for those who are ready.

"Our government is committed to ensuring everyone has access to the care and services they need, not just during the holidays but year-round. Whatever this season means to you, we encourage you to take care of yourself and check in with those around you.

"Small acts of kindness and compassion, for yourself and others, can make a meaningful difference. Together, we can make this season safer and more supportive for all."

Learn More: To learn about mental-health and substance-use supports in your area, visit: <https://helpstartshere.gov.bc.ca/> To find same-day care for opioid addiction, visit: <https://helpstartshere.gov.bc.ca/blog/find-same-day-care-opioid-addiction>

For more information about free or low-cost counselling and other mental-health services throughout B.C., visit: <https://helpstartshere.gov.bc.ca/blog/free-or-low-cost-services-bc>

To learn more about Lifeguard app, visit: <https://lifeguarddh.com/>

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days and darker evenings can make it even harder to cope, especially for those managing anxiety, depression or grief. Expectations around gift-giving, family gatherings and social obligations add to the pressure.

"Taking small steps to protect your mental health can help, such as setting boundaries, practicing self-care and trying not to overcommit. If you feel overwhelmed, remember that reaching out for support is a sign of strength. Free and low-cost mental-health resources are available here: <https://helpstartshere.gov.bc.ca/> Or you can call a 24/7 crisis line for immediate support:

\* 310-mental-health support (310-6789, no area code needed)

\* 1-800-SUICIDE (1 800 784-2433)

\* Kuu-us crisis line for Indigenous people: 1 800 588-8717

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# 2025 RAM 1500 Tungsten: Power, Versatility and Good Looks!

Review by Veeno Dewan

The venerable full-size Ram 1500 pickup continues into 2025 with a number of updates. For the Canadian market there are two different Ram cab models: quad and crew cabs, (the two door is gone,) three bed lengths and seven different trim levels with numerous options. Major 2025 revisions include the elimination of the mighty Hemi V8 engine from the lineup and the introduction of new powerplant choices; plus, all trucks are now 4x4-only. There are cabin revisions and technology and engineering updates and a new top-of-the-line Tungsten trim is reintroduced for 2025. All models receive new styling cues including a larger grille and new front and rear lighting, and available power tailgates.

Most importantly, the 5.7L "Hemi" V8 engine is now replaced by regular and high-output versions of a turbocharged inline six-cylinder engine. Two-wheel drive is gone, and all trims are 4x4-only. "V engine" fans can still order the base venerable Pentastar V6 engine if necessary. The two new engines are both twin-turbocharged 3.0L inline six-cylinder units, known as Hurricane. The regular-output version makes 420 horsepower and 469 lb-ft of torque. The high-output version makes 540 horsepower and 521 lb-ft of torque, and it is in the upscale Limited Longhorn, Limited, and Tungsten trims. Note - the Hurricane 3.0L inline-six is recommended for premium fuel, while the high-output version favours 91-octane premium gasoline. An active four-corner air suspension system is optional or standard on all but the base Tradesman model, and the Ram 1500 continues to use coil springs at all four wheels.

The 2025 Ram 1500 runs all of its powertrains through the sturdy ZF eight-speed automatic transmission, with power going to all four wheels through a choice of 3.21, new 3.55, or 3.92 final-drive ratios. Rear differential options include open, limited slip, or electronic locking. All crew cabs start out with a 5-foot-7 bed, although the Tungsten trims can be kitted out with a 6-foot-4 bed. Also new for 2025 is an available power tailgate with obstacle detection when opening or closing via a key fob. Also available is the RamBox system, a pair of locking, waterproof, and drainable storage bins in the bed rails, which include a 115-volt outlet. Crew cabs include available in-floor storage bins. Towing capacity across the lineup is a maximum of 11,580 lbs, while maximum payload tops out at 1,043 kg (2,300 lbs). Cabin wise - new available features include a 14.5-inch centre touchscreen, 10.25-inch passenger screen, and 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster; rearview camera mirror; dual wireless phone charging pad; there is also the ability to use your phone as a key; and an on-board 2-kW inverter that can power items such as a television or chainsaw. A new hands-free highway driving

assist is available.

All trims include adaptive cruise control, active lane management, emergency front braking, front and rear park assist with rear braking, and mandatory rearview camera. Available features include blind-spot monitoring, panoramic camera, drowsy driver warning, evasive steering assist, intersection collision warning, traffic sign recognition, trailer reverse steering control, head-up display, and a self-parking feature.

The 2025 Ram 1500 Tungsten and upper echelon versions are super loaded with such standard or available features as a dual-pane sunroof, 10.25-inch passenger screen, 10- to 23-speaker sound systems, power-adjustable pedals, heated front and rear seats, ventilated front seats, massaging seats, power-adjustable head restraints, suede headliner, open-pore wood accents, and digital mirror with tow mode. The Tungsten trim (As tested) that replaces the



top Limited Edition has premium materials and cabin technologies and loads this top trim with front seat massagers and a head-up display. Note- The hands-off driving system of the new Ram systems will only operate when prompted by a knock or tap on the turn signal.

Canadian Pricing for the 2025 Ram 1500 in Quad Cab format starts with the entry level Tradesman at \$60,445 with the Big Horn at \$65,445; the Sport is \$75,945; the Rebel at \$77,945; The Upscale Laramie at version is \$82,445; the Limited

at \$94,945; and the new-for-2025 Tungsten begins at \$107,945.

It not hard to see why the Ram 1500 is so popular with pickup buyers, it look great with its aggressive styling, and wonderfully luxurious and comfortable and well-appointed cabin. On the road, the coil over suspension and easy steering make it a smooth all-round performer. The downside, if

there is one is that the Ram1500 is very expensive if you opt for high spec models and start ticking option boxes. Plus -with no V8 Hemi engine option - this might turn off some buyers. Still, the Ram1500 is a wonderful truck to drive and own and remains a dependable, quality ,well-made truck for work or play. Highly recommended.

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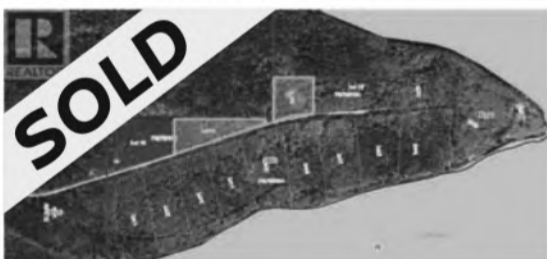
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# Punjab Gears Up For Municipal Elections

As many as 3,336 candidates are set to battle it out in the civic polls scheduled to be held in the state on December 21. Elections will be held to five municipal corporations, 41 municipal councils, nagar panchayats and vacant seats in other civic bodies. The campaigning for the elections ended today. The Amritsar and Jalandhar MCs have 85 wards each, Ludhiana has 95, Patiala 60 and Phagwara 50. The ruling AAP is seeing these polls, which are being fought on party symbols, as an ideal opportunity to wrest control of all major municipal corporations. Other parties, including Congress, BJP and SAD, are crying

foul over alleged abuse of official machinery by the ruling party, alleging that their candidates were prevented from filing nomination papers. December 21 will be a 'close day' for shops, factories and commercial establishments within the jurisdiction of the civic bodies going to the polls so that workers can cast their votes. It will be a holiday in all schools where buildings are being used for poll purpose. Government employees and workers, who are voters of these municipal bodies but posted elsewhere, will get special leave to exercise their franchise. The day of polling will be a 'Dry Day' in the revenue jurisdiction of the

municipal bodies going to polls. With the AAP government nearing three years of its five-year term, the elections are crucial as these would reflect the popularity of the party among urban voters. Trying to ride on anti-incumbency, the Opposition parties are flagging the alleged abuse of power first in the panchayat polls and now in the civic body polls and deteriorating law and order situation in the state. The polls are being seen as mainly a fight between AAP and the Congress. The ruling party is aiming to wrest control of the MCs in Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Patiala, where the Congress is in majority.



## Five-Time Haryana Chief Minister Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala Passes Away

Indian National Lok Dal president and five-time Haryana chief minister Om Prakash Chautala died in Gurugram on Friday, 20 December 2024, at the age of 89. Chautala, who was former deputy prime minister Devi Lal's son, suffered a cardiac arrest at his house and was immediately rushed to a hospital but could not be saved, a party spokesperson told PTI. He breathed his last at around 12 noon in Medanta hospital, a senior police officer said. Chautala, who came from a prominent political family in



Haryana and was face of a prominent regional outfit, had been facing age-related health

issues in the recent past. He is survived by two sons and three daughters. His wife Sneha Lata had passed away over five years ago. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini were among a host of leaders who condoled the demise of Chautala. Expressing grief, Modi said on X, "He (Chautala) was active in the state politics for many years and strove constantly to advance the work of Devi Lal." The Haryana government declared a three-day state mourning from Friday as a mark of respect.

## India registers strong protest with Dhaka over comments by Bangla govt aide

India has lodged a strong protest with Dhaka over certain controversial comments by key aide of Bangladesh's interim government Mahfuj Alam. In a recent Facebook post, Alam had said India should recognise the uprising that forced the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina to resign. Days later, in another post, he also claimed that certain Indian territories should be part of Bangladesh. He deleted the post later. "We have registered our strong protest on the issue with the

Bangladesh side. We understand that the post being referred to has reportedly been taken down," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. "We would like to remind all concerned to be mindful of their public comments," he said. "While India has repeatedly signalled interest in fostering relations with the people and the interim government of Bangladesh, such comments underline the need for responsibility in public articulation," Jaiswal added.

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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">FORECLOSURE</p> <p>White Rock; 6800 SQ.ft lot, 1060 SQ.ft home, 2 bed, 1 bath, 53 years old. <b>Asking-\$1,300,000</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">FORECLOSURE</p> <p>White Rock; 54 years old home, 5134 SQ.ft lot, 3 beds, 2 bath, 1926 SQ.ft home. <b>Asking-\$1,399,000</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Cloverdale</p> <p>Exclusive; Just like new, 3450 SQ.ft lot, 3 storey, 4 beds on top floor, 1 bed suite, double garage, backs to school culdisack location. <b>Asking-\$1,649,000</b></p>
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## 25 individuals arrested in Surrey Police "Boost and Bust"

25 people were arrested, 27 charges were sworn, two arrest warrants were executed, several weapons were seized, and thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise was recovered.

On December 12, 2024, Surrey Police Service (SPS), Metro Vancouver Transit Police, and the Delta Police Department teamed up with businesses and loss prevention officers in Surrey's City Centre area to target shoplifting in a project called "Boost and Bust".

The project resulted the arrest of 25

individuals. Two of those individuals were also wanted on outstanding warrants. In addition, two arrests were related to the thefts of "bait bicycles". One replica firearm, four hunting knives, and two cans of bear spray were seized from the suspects upon their arrests. Over \$3,000 in stolen merchandise was recovered and returned to retailers.

"Shoplifting incidents often do not simply involve theft from businesses and the commensurate loss of product and inconvenience, they also can present risks to

staff and customers at the retail locations," said SPS Media Liaison Ian MacDonald.

This crime type has also been steadily increasing in frequency in Surrey over the past two years. In 2022 there were 2,596 reported shoplifting incidents; and in 2023 that number had increased to 3,314, a 28% increase. Year-to-date in 2024 there have been over 3,800 reported shoplifting incidents, representing a 15% increase over 2023 and a 46% increase over 2022.

"Participating in joint projects with other

police agencies increases law enforcement effectiveness, cross-trains officers, and builds a solid foundation of cooperative problem-solving. Officers learned new investigative skills from each other, processed several arrests, and returned stolen items to businesses. All in all, a very effective collaboration that the DPD looks forward to building upon with our partners from Surrey and Transit Police," said Acting Inspector James Sandberg, Public Affairs Manager for the DPD.

## Action! B.C. sets the scene to attract more film, TV productions

LANGLEY: BC has announced increased tax incentives for British Columbia's motion picture sector.

Budget 2025 will include increases to the Film Incentive BC (FIBC) tax credit, which supports Canadian-content productions, and the production services tax credit (PSTC) that provides a tax incentive for international projects made in B.C.

With the approval of budget legislation, the FIBC will increase from 35% to 36%, and the PSTC will increase from 28% to 36% for productions with principal photography starting Jan. 1, 2025. To further give major productions incentives in the province, projects with B.C. production costs of greater than \$200 million will receive a 2% bonus.

"Our province is home to one of the busiest film and TV production centres in North America," said Premier David Eby. "But film production in B.C. has taken a big hit over the last few years, responding to significant impacts from the pandemic, multiple labour disruptions and changes to industry practices. We're boosting tax incentives - and our competitive advantage - to ensure that our province remains a destination of choice for filmmakers in Canada and around the world, employing skilled British Columbian crews." Based on feedback from animated productions, the Province also intends to restore regional and distant location tax credits for companies with a bricks-and-mortar presence outside of Metro Vancouver, the

Fraser Valley and Whistler/Squamish.

"B.C. is a motion-picture powerhouse with spectacular locations, world-class crews, studios and outstanding creative talent that major productions rely on," said Spencer Chandra Herbert, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. "I was recently in Los Angeles and heard directly from studio executives about the significant production increases in B.C. that would flow from changes like these. These changes will help us land more top-tier projects, fuel economic and job growth, and showcase everything we love about B.C. to the world."

In 2023, strike action halted the industry for more than six months and a decrease in global productions have affected the province's

film industry. According to Creative BC, more than 37,000 jobs in the province were supported by the motion-picture industry in 2022, compared to 26,000 in 2023.

In B.C., foreign productions make up more than 80% of total production spending on average. Maintaining strong international relationships is critical for the film and TV industry to continue to thrive.

In November, Bailey, Chandra Herbert and Nina Krieger, parliamentary secretary for arts and film, went to Los Angeles to meet with studio decision-makers. The delegation discussed ways to enhance the Province's competitiveness and highlight the benefits of filming in B.C. and understand the needs of the industry.

## More accessible taxis will help people stay connected

People who rely on wheelchair-accessible taxis will have more options to move between work, school and appointments as the Province helps to increase the number of accessible taxis.

The third round of funding for the Passenger Transportation Accessibility Program (PTAP) launched Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, to help ensure people in British Columbia can get to where they need to go. The program helps taxi operators buy and maintain wheelchair-accessible vehicles, increasing the number of these vehicles in service.

People who depend on accessible taxis historically have experienced longer wait times or lack of service. To address this, the Province developed the PTAP program in 2022 to increase the availability of accessible taxis by offsetting the costs that taxi companies and owner-operators face in providing wheelchair-accessible vehicles.

Approximately \$7 million is available for this round of funding to partially subsidize eligible applicants for costs related to vehicle maintenance, converting an existing vehicle, buying a converted vehicle, or purchasing a new vehicle and converting it.

The acquisition and conversion rebate will remain open all year to ensure companies can access funding as soon as a purchase is made. Applications for the maintenance portion of the rebate will be accepted until Feb. 14, 2025.



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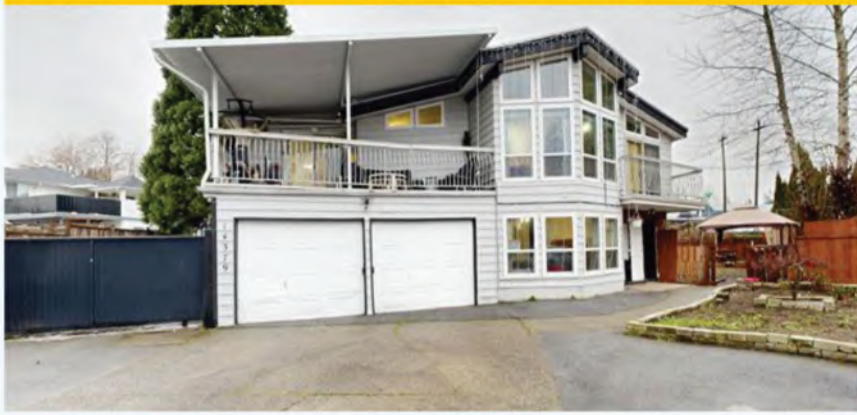
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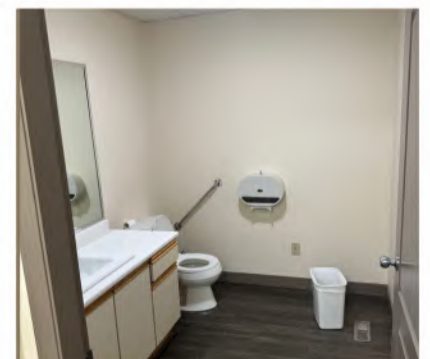
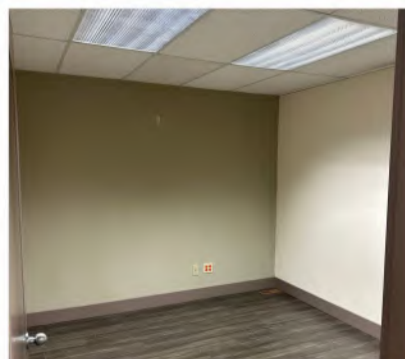
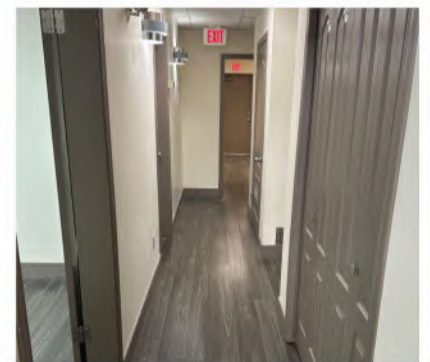
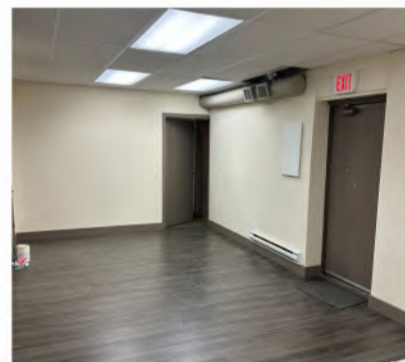
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## Upcoming Program

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- 20th December, Friday** at 3:00 pm, Anand karj ceremony will be performed by Simran Kaur Gill family.
- 22nd December, Sunday** at 10:30 am, The weekly Kirtan Diwan and Katha Vichar Samagam Regarding the unparalleled sacrifice of the elder Sahibzadas Baba Ajit Singh Ji, Baba Jujhar Singh Ji and the martyrs of Chamkaur Garhi. Langer will be served by the Sangat and the management committee.

### SPECIAL PROGRAM

- 31st December, Tuesday** From 5:00 pm to 12:00 am, Kirtan Darbar will be arranged to bid farewell to the year 2024 and welcome the New Year 2025 and at 12:01 am, the New Year will be welcomed with enthusiasm.
- 1st January, Wednesday** From 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Kirtan Diwan and Katha will be held. Then the Ardas and Sohila Sahib will be recited and the closing ceremony will be held  
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- 3rd January, Friday** at 10:00 am, Sri Akhand Path Sahib will be started in connection with the Parkash Purb of the tenth Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.
- 5th January, Sunday** at 10:00 am, Bhog Sri Akhand Path. Kirtan Diwan will be arranged and Guni Giani will shed light on the life of Guru Sahib.  
All three days, the langer will be served by the Sangat and the management committee

### \*Important Information:

The last day of Punjabi school is December 22nd, then Punjabi classes will start from Sunday, January 5th. Please enroll your children in the school so that they can able to speak, read and write Punjabi. For more information, contact Secretary S. Balwant Singh Sanghera at 604-836-8976.

### Special Notice (Lohri)

- 13th January 2025, Monday** at 6:00 pm, As in previous years, the social festival of Lohri will be celebrated with those lucky families who have been blessed by God with the gifts of children. There will be Gurbani kirtan and langer sewa on this occasion. A Dhuni Balan ceremony will also be held in the parking lot behind the Guru Ghar. The fortunate families who have received the gift of children are requested to contact the Gurdwara Sahib to join this joyful event.
- 14th January 2025, Tuesday** at 6:00 pm, A special Diwan will be arranged on the occasion of Maghi Sangrand in memory of the unique sacrifice of the 40 Muktas. The service will be provided by the Sangat.

**Daily Program: 5:00 am Prakash Guru Granth Sahib, 6:00 am to 6:45 am Nitnem, 7:00 am to 7:30 am Kirtan Dewan, 7:30 am to 1:45 am Katha, 7:45 am to 8:00 am Ardaas**  
**Evening Diwan: Rehras Sahib 5.30 pm to 6.00 pm, Kirtan 6.00 pm to 6.15 pm, Ardas/Hukamnama 6.15 pm to 6.30 pm, Sukh Aasan 8.00 pm**

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## Priyanka Chopra's Spending Habits Are Every Foodie Ever

Priyanka Chopra is winning over the world, one project at a time. But did you know where one of the most prominent actresses in the world spends her money?

The Citadel actress recently reposted a funny baby video on her Instagram Stories where a group of adorable babies are playfully pointing towards their tummies. The caption of the video read, "Where does your money go? Me..."

This indicates that the actress spends her money on food, and every foodie can totally relate. In the past too, the actress has openly spoken about her unmatched love for food.

Lately, Priyanka has been quite active on Instagram.

On Tuesday, she shared a sneak peek of her pre-Christmas celebrations at home with her husband Nick Jonas,

daughter Malti Marie, and their pets. In the first image of the carousel, Priyanka shares a romantic moment with Nick. The couple looked charming, where the actress sported a red outfit and Nick looked effortlessly stylish in a black suit. The Baywatch actress captioned the post as "Home." In one of the pictures, little Malti was enjoying her playtime. The final photo of the series featured Nick Jonas sporting a playful snowman headband.

Priyanka and Nick recently attended the fourth edition of the prestigious Red Sea International Film Festival (RSIFF) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where she was honored with an honorary award for her remarkable contributions.

On the work front, Priyanka will next be seen in the second season of the



spy series Citadel, directed by Joe Russo, where she will reprise her role as the fiery Nadia Sinh.

In the upcoming action thriller, Richard Madden will also return as Mason Kane/Kyle Conroy. There are also some new faces this season, including Stanley Tucci, Leslie Manville, Ashleigh Cummings, Roland Møller, Nikki Amuka-Bird, and Moira Kelly.

## 'Girls Will Be Girls' Movie Review: A Textured, Eloquent Coming-Of-Age Story



"I won't allow anything more than a friendship," decrees Anila (Kani Kusruti), a very mom thing to say. She is sizing up a tall, sweet boy, Srinivas (Kesav Binoy Kiron), who's drawn her daughter's affections at their elite, hillside boarding school. The girl, Mira (Preeti Panigrahi), stands at the door and listens.

The camera mimics her watchful gaze. It is a simple domestic intervention, yet it thrums with suspense.

This is a charged, decisive moment in Shuchi Talati's *Girls Will Be Girls*, which won two prizes at the Sundance Film Festival. Anila is a fussy, controlling parent, turning up annually from Haridwar to tide Mira through her exams. She is also lonely and emotionally desolate. Her choice of dress to meet Srinivas gives it away: a bright, oversized pink top with puffed shoulders, likely purchased at a younger age. Mira, soon to turn 18, is at the threshold of that age. Sincere, petite and academically bright, she is appointed against tradition as her school's first girl Head Prefect (how close the word hews to 'perfect'). The prestige and significance of the appointment seem to weigh on Mira.

In the opening scene, after taking her school pledge, she stalks down to inspect a line of delinquents, bossily issuing punishments and warnings. A friend ribs her by calling her 'Mirabai', mocking her matchless devotion to school rules.

*Girls Will Be Girls* (English)

Director: Shuchi Talati

Cast: Preeti Panigrahi, Kani Kusruti, Kesav Binoy Kiron

Runtime: 119 minutes

Storyline: Mira, recently appointed head prefect at her strict hillside boarding school, navigates romance, intimacy and a complex equation with her mom

In its initial stretches, *Girls Will Be Girls* resembles a conventional coming-of-age indie like Greta Gerwig's *Lady Bird*, although Mira, at least at school, is the opposite of a teen rebel. Her romantic and sexual awakening is captured in furtive glances and gestures: tender hands brush against cold, hard instruments (Mira peers through both a microscope and a telescope. Our vision in teenage, as per Talati, is both expanded and thinned). There is a waltz of sexual jealousy between mother and daughter once the blithely unperturbed Srinivas becomes a habitue of their home, addressing Anila by her first name and, later, lying in bed beside her.

The film gains psychological force with Mira's unravelling. Panigrahi's bright, pleasant face reddens and rocks with a range of emotions. The screenplay by Talati is subtle and detailed. However, given the mostly static compositions and two primary settings, we are urged to hang onto words for clues. When

## Ananya Panday Calls Deepika Padukone Her Inspiration: "...Inspired Me To Make A Change"

Ananya Panday recently opened up during an event on her experience of working with Deepika Padukone on *Gehraiyaan* and showered praises on her co-star. She revealed that it was Deepika who inspired her to stand up for herself.

Looking back on their time working on the Shakun Batra relationship drama, Ananya shared that Deepika showed her the way on how to speak her mind in a more confident and assured, but polite way.

"When I started out in the industry, I didn't really know that one could really stand up and reinforce what they want. I used to simply do what I was asked to do. Deepika is a woman who stands up for every person on the set, in a very polite way," she said.

The CTRL actress further added, "Whenever a girl speaks up she is called bossy, or difficult to work with, but she used to convey her needs in a very polite and empathetic way, which made me realise that there is a way in which you can do this."

Ananya regarded the experience of working with Deepika as an empowering one, which instilled the value of choosing more consciously in her. "Deepika inspired me as a younger female actress to go on further to make a change. Now I do speak up when I am not comfortable do-

ing certain things or saying certain things, because I don't want a young girl to be spoken to in a certain manner because I am being shown like that on-screen," she remarked. On the work front, Ananya Panday's recent OTT successes include *Call Me Bae*, an eight-episode comedy-drama which was released on Amazon Prime Video in September, and the Netflix original, CTRL, a sci-fi thriller directed by Vikramaditya Motwane.





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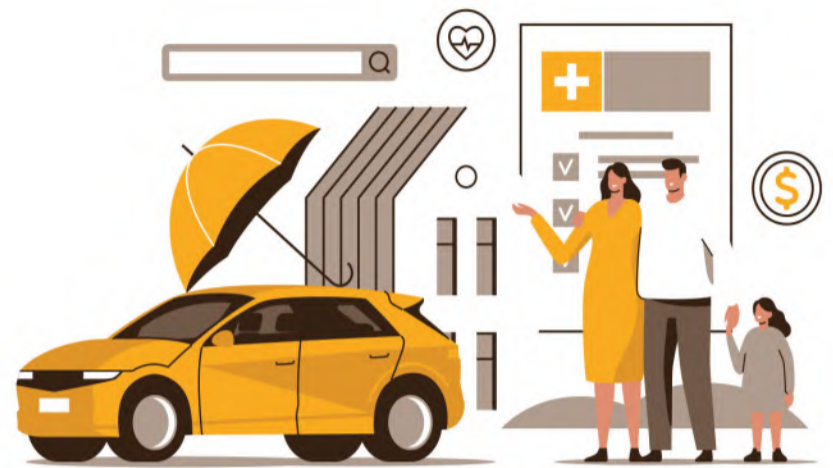
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Newton	13174 64th Ave. Surrey	604-598-9220	Surrey	12990 72nd Ave.	604-503-5510	Abbotsford	2785 Bourquin Crescent W.	604-744-0328
Scott Road	12047 80th Ave. Surrey	604-591-5032	Surrey	12788 76A Ave. Surrey	604-597-1676	Abbotsford	31205 Maclure Rd.	604-504-5877
Scott Road	104-7028 120th St.	604-590-8864	Surrey	16788 64 Ave.	604-372-2023	Port Coquitlam	2807 Shaughnessy St.	604-464-0822
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