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B.C. Could See Economic Loss Of \$69 Billion Due To Trump's Tariffs

As Canada is developing strategy to fight against threatened United States tariffs of 25% on all Canadian imports, BC has done a preliminary assessment of potential impacts to the B.C. economy of a trade war with the United States.

According to the preliminary assessment, done by the BC's Ministry of Finance, in president-elect Donald Trump's tariffs scenario, B.C. could see a cumulative loss of \$69 billion in economic activity between 2025 and 2028. The Province's real GDP is projected to potentially decline by 0.6% year over year in both 2025 and 2026. Job losses are estimated at



124,000 by 2028 with the largest declines in natural-resource sector export industries and associated manufacturing.



Losses would also be felt in the transportation and retail sectors. The unemployment rate could increase to 6.7% in

2025 and 7.1% in 2026, and corporate profits could see an annual decline in the range of \$3.6 billion to \$6.1 billion. Tariffs imposed by the United States, along with potential retaliatory measures, could impact many of the province's key revenue streams, such as personal and corporate income taxes. Preliminary analysis indicates this could reduce annual revenues by between \$1.6 billion and \$2.5 billion. This preliminary assessment is one of many possibilities as there is considerable uncertainty about the exact nature, magnitude and timing of United States policies that may be implemented.

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Ex-Bank Of Canada Governor Mark Carney To Run For Liberal Leadership

Anita Anand, Mélanie Joly, and Dominic LeBlanc made clear that they will not be running for the Liberal Leadership. But many other leaders have thrown in their names for the Liberal leadership race.

Mark Carney has emerged as one of the frontrunners, with many Liberal MPs stepping up to offer their endorsement. Carney officially launched his bid to become the next Liberal leader. Carney, a former governor of the Bank of Canada and Bank of England, made his announcement in a community centre in Edmonton.

Trudeau, who announced he was stepping down in early January amid growing pressure and slumping public support, will stay on until the party chooses his successor in early March.

Carney, who has tried to position

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Mark Carney

himself as a political outsider, said that his leadership bid comes at a critical moment for the country. In his pitch to Canadians, Carney outlined challenges facing the country, like a housing affordability crisis, stagnant wages and the threat of climate change. "Too many people are falling behind," he said. He also noted the tariff threat from US President-elect Donald Trump, who takes office on Monday, saying that Canada is

facing extraordinary times. "I've helped managed multiple crises and I've helped save two economies," Carney said. "I know how business works, and I know how to make it work for you." Carney said Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre is the "worst possible" choice to put on the other side of the negotiating table with Trump. The Conservative Party of Canada on the other hand launched a new ad on Carney calling him Carbon Tax Carney. "Carbon Tax Carney is trying to rewrite history. He is trying to convince Canadians he didn't repeatedly push, endorse, and praise the very policies Justin Trudeau forced on Canadians,

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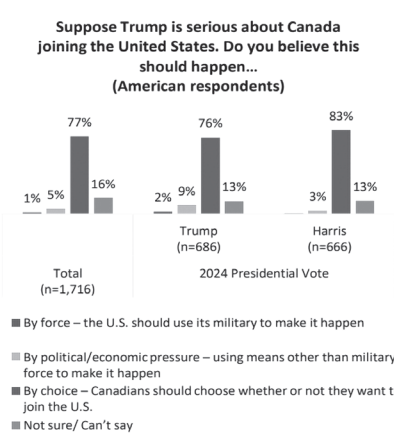


Canada As 51st State? Four-In-Five Americans Say A Merger Should Be Up To Canadians; 90% Of Us Say ‘No’

Americans oppose a merger 2:1; just 52% say if Canada does join the U.S., it should get ‘full statehood’

Comments once dismissed as “trolling”, “musing” or “Trump just being Trump” have taken on more serious overtones as the U.S. president-elect persists in talking about having Canada join the United States. After a month of what was initially waved off as “silly talk”, the narrative is creating significant anxiety among Canadians, and bemusement among the few Americans actually aware of the situation. A cross-border study conducted by the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds that while one-in-three Canadians (32%) believe Donald Trump is serious in his professed goal of making Canada the 51st state, most Americans – two-thirds – have paid little attention to the incoming

president’s comments. When it comes to appetite for such a “merger” – Americans are twice as likely to oppose (49%) Canada joining their nation than support it (25%). The idea has little to no traction at home – except among Conservatives. The Survey finds while one-in-10 Canadians overall say they would vote to join the U.S. in a referendum, that proportion rises to 20 per cent among 2021 Conservative voters and drops to three per cent among Liberals and one per cent among New Democrats. If Canada does join, three-quarters (77%) of Americans say it should only be by our own choice, as opposed to the result of pressure (5%) or military force (1%).



a ‘u’) giving Canada full statehood, with citizenship and voting rights. One-quarter instead say Canada should be relegated to a reduced status like that of Puerto Rico, which does not have congressional representation and whose residents are not able to vote in presidential elections. While Americans are not overly fond of the idea of Canada joining their union, politics plays a significant factor. Consider that Trump voters are more in support (42%) than in opposition (32%), were it up to them. Those who voted for Democratic nominee Kamala Harris provide significantly more pushback, with just nine per cent supporting the idea.

Even if Canada did choose to join the U.S., only half of their southern neighbours favour (yes, neighbour and favour with

Surrey resident Jushan Virk charged in Serious Impaired Driving Collision

A serious single car collision involving impaired driving has changed lives permanently. As a result of the collision, one person is quadriplegic, and a second person received significant injuries - vertebrae and pelvic fractures. On October 25th, 2023, a westbound travelling Acura RSX went off the road, crashing into trees in Delta’s Watershed Park. Two rear seat passengers were trapped in the car and required extrication by the Delta Fire Department. The driver and front passenger allegedly fled from the scene prior to emergency responders attending. After extensive investigation, charges related to the collision were approved in December 2024. 29-year-old Surrey resident, Jushan Virk has been charged



with two counts of failing to remain at the scene of a collision causing bodily harm, two counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm, and two counts of driving with a blood alcohol level over .08. Virk has been released from custody and awaits his next court appearance.

Surrey Truck Driver Gets To Keep His \$2 Million Lottery Jackpot After BC Supreme Court Rules In His Favour

Mandeep Singh Maan, who won a \$2-million lottery jackpot while also part of a workplace lotto pool has been told he doesn’t have to split his winnings with his coworkers. “Winning the lottery should be a happy event. In this case, sadly, it has ruined relationships,” said BC Supreme court judge after dismissing claim of Mann’s coworkers who said they were entitled to shares of a \$2-million BC/49 lottery jackpot won by a coworker. The case, Nagra v. Maan (2025 BCSC 38), arose after Mandeep Singh Maan won a the prize on a ticket purchased on Aug.15, 2022. The plaintiffs – Balvinder Kaur Nagra, Sukhjinder Singh Sidhu, Binipal Singh

Sanghera, and Jeevan Pedan – claimed the ticket was part of a workplace lottery pool and that they were entitled to equal shares. They argued that the group had a longstanding verbal agreement to pool money for tickets twice weekly. The plaintiffs testified that each member of the group regularly contributed \$10 toward ticket purchases every Monday and Friday. According to their testimony, the pool funds were primarily used to buy a predetermined “Standard Package” of tickets, which included BC/49. They further alleged that Maan was responsible for purchasing the Aug.15 tickets on behalf of the group after receiving pooled funds earlier that day.

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Changes To Open Work Permits For Family Members Of Temporary Residents Will Come Into Effect From January 21

As part of the broader measures announced in September 2024, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is changing open work permit (OWP) eligibility for family members of international students and foreign workers. Effective January 21, 2025, only spouses of certain international students and foreign workers will be able to apply for a family OWP. Family OWPs will be limited to spouses

of international students who are enrolled in master's programs that are 16 months or longer, doctoral programs, or select professional and eligible programs. Family OWPs will also be limited to spouses of foreign workers who are employed in TEER 0 or 1 occupations, or select TEER 2 or 3 occupations in sectors with labour shortages or linked to government priorities. These include occupations in the natural and applied sciences, construction, health care, natural resources, education, sports and military sectors. The full list will be available on January 21, 2025. In addition, the foreign worker must also have at least 16 months remaining on their work permit at the time when their spouse applies for the OWP. Dependent children of foreign workers will no longer be eligible. OWPs that were approved under the previous measures and have not expired will remain valid. In situations where students may need more time to complete



their program or where family members received a shorter work permit than the principal applicant, in-Canada family members (including spouses and dependent children) can apply to renew their work permit as long as they are applying under the same criteria as the current work permit, and the requested duration of the renewal matches that of the existing study or work permit of the principal applicant. Spouses of workers covered by free-trade agreements and those transitioning to permanent residence will not be impacted by these changes. Family members who will no longer qualify for a family OWP can apply for any type of work permit they are eligible for under Canada's work permit programs.

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However, Maan denied these claims, arguing that any lottery pools were irregular, informal and typically formed on an ad hoc basis. He maintained that the winning ticket was purchased with his personal funds, as part of his routine lottery-playing habit, which he testified involves spending about \$400 monthly on tickets. According to National Post, the judge noted that the arrangement was somewhat ad hoc. "That is, no one person was responsible for group lottery ticket purchases and the decision on who would buy the tickets for any given week or day was made from purchase to purchase, spontaneously and as the need arose," she wrote in her decision. "Frequently, it was either Mr. Maan or Mr.

Sidhu who bought the group tickets. More rarely, it was Ms. Nagra. Other times, a young man named Mr. Singh, who worked at (the same company) but was not a member of the lottery group, went to the store to buy the tickets." She added: "Beyond this, the parties disagree on many things. For example, they disagree on how often they bought tickets as a group, whether the purchases they did make during the relevant period always involved the same group of five people, what kinds of lottery tickets they normally bought, and whether photos of the group tickets were usually sent around once they were bought. There was no written agreement, and they kept no records other than some WhatsApp messages and about 16 photos of lottery tickets."

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Time For Canada To Strengthen Trade Ties With Europe



By Harinder Mahil

Over the years our leaders have told us that the US is our closest ally and friend. These days when I hear Trump speak, I wonder if this is so.

Donald Trump, the incoming US president of US, has been making threats against Canada, Mexico, European Union and others for the last few weeks. Initially, our leaders told us not to take Mr. Trump seriously and that he was simply joking when he said Canada should become 51st state. Now they tell us that we should take him seriously in relation to 25 percent tariff on Canadian exports.

Two weeks ago, Mr. Trump announced that he would use "economic force" to absorb Canada into the United States. What happened to the principles such as liberty, democracy, sovereignty, territorial integrity and global co-operation that US leaders used to talk about?

How should we respond to Trump's threats? I have read several responses by some well-known journalists. Of those, I found two responses extremely interesting. The first one was by Pete McMartin in the Vancouver Sun on December 26, 2024. The title of his piece was: Why the US should be Canada's 11th province. In his article, McMartin outlined 16 reasons as to why the U.S. should become Canada's 11th province. I will not outline those except the first one which read: "Because Canada isn't led by a convicted felon."

The second response was by The Economist in its January 4, 2025, edition. The piece is titled: "Why Canada should join the EU." It states: "Europe needs space and resources, Canada needs people. Let's deal."

The Economist argues: Canada is vast and blessed with natural resources but relatively few people, while the EU is small, cramped and mineral-poor. It states Canadians can be thought of as honorary Europeans. Like Europeans, Canadians believe that markets work but must

be tempered by welfare states. Both trade openly, fret about global warming and dislike guns, the death penalty and Russian aggression.

The Economist argues that the EU should invite Canada to become its 28th member. It concludes that the EU should ratify the Canada-EU trade deal, enacted in 2017, which is yet to be ratified by ten of its members. Although others have responded to Mr. Trump's threats what impressed me about the piece in the Economist is the argument that Canada and EU should expand trade.

Whenever we have a trade dispute with the US our leaders tell us that we should expand our trade with Europe, Asia and others so that we don't depend so much on the US. This discussion lasts a few weeks, and the situation reverts to what it was before.



Canada has traditionally relied heavily on trade with the US, with approximately 75 percent of its exports heading South of the border. When we depend only on one customer, we allow that customer to have significant bargaining power.

It has become clear that over reliance on the US exposes the Canadian economy to risks such as economic downturns and protectionist policies. Diversifying trade with Europe and Asia offers Canada an opportunity to build economic

resilience and capitalize on growing markets.

I am not sure how many trade offices have been opened by Canada in Europe, Asia and other continents. If it has not already been done, it should be done as soon as possible. The sole objective of these offices should be to market Canadian products and facilitate trade between Canada and other countries.

Through the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), Canada has preferential

access to over 500 million consumers in the European Union. This allows Canadian producers to tap into one of the world's largest economic blocs. Diversification mitigates the risks associated with U.S. centric trade policies, such as tariff and trade disputes. Expanding trade with Europe, Asia and others enhances economic stability by spreading risk across multiple regions.

Economic diversification supports job creation in key sectors such as manufacturing, technology, and services. Increased trade revenues contribute to overall economic growth and prosperity across Canada.

Our governments should immediately pay attention to this and diversify our trade.

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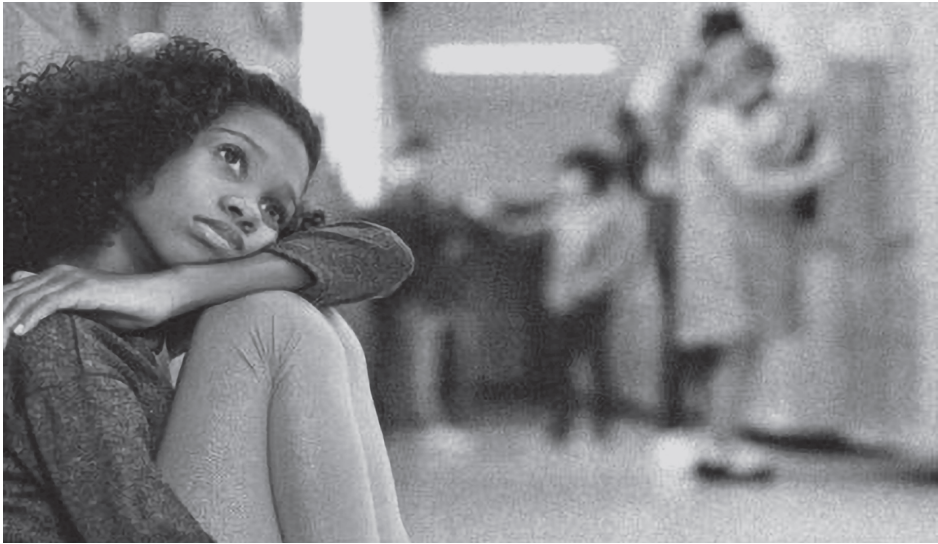
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Over 90% Of Canadian Students Affected By Education Crisis, New Survey Finds

The Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF/FCE) has released initial findings from the first edition of their new pan-Canadian educator survey series, Parachute. The data paints a vivid picture of poor working and learning conditions across the country. The CTF/FCE urges ministries of Education to address the concerns underscored by teachers and educators and take action to strengthen provincial and territorial public education systems. Over 90% of Canadian K-12 students attend public schools: they, their teachers, and communities deserve proactive stewardship from Education ministers. Parachute surveyed almost 5,000 education professionals, including teachers, principals, education assistants, and support workers. The initial results underscore five key issues at the heart of the crisis: lack of ministerial support, untenable working conditions, class size and complexity, rising incidents of violence and aggression, overwork and lack of preparation time. The survey also collected over 800



testimonials detailing measures provincial and territorial governments could implement to improve Canada's public education systems. A majority (63%) of educators deem their provincial or territorial ministries of Education as "not supportive at all," highlighting widespread systemic neglect.

Nearly 80% of educators report struggling to cope with unpredictable and mounting workloads. 70% cite poor working conditions as a major factor. A staggering 95% of educators observe that staff shortages are negatively impacting students. The most severe consequences include unmet academic needs and the erosion of specialized services and supports. Almost 77% of educators report that students' needs have become "significantly more complex" compared to five years ago. The number of high-need students without adequate support, along with the diversity of their needs, are the main factors contributing to classroom challenges. Students requiring special education support are being systematically left behind, exacerbating inequities in the classroom. Over half (55%) of educators have experienced violence or aggression in the past year. While 84% reported these incidents, only 25% indicated that appropriate actions were taken by health and safety committees or officers to address them. School administrators are

overwhelmed. Three quarters of educators report that their job demands have become less manageable over the past five years, and 20% describe them as "very unmanageable." "Via the Parachute survey series, teachers and education workers have provided a clear roadmap for systemic reform. Dedicated student support and classrooms that are safe and manageable should be the norm, not the exception. Provincial and territorial governments are failing in their responsibility to both students and educators. Canada's public education system is in a state of crisis; Ministers must address the evident and resolvable issues at hand," said Heidi Yetman, President of the CTF/FCE. BC teachers are also urging government to heed the warnings and chart a new course—one that would make British Columbia a public education model for the country. "As a progressive government committed to quality public services, the BC NDP really needs to seize this moment and this message," BCTF President Clint Johnston said. "Let's make BC the educational beacon for all of Canada. Together, we can do it." He pointed out that in its election platform, the BC NDP promised two significant changes that would be immensely positive in schools: ensuring there is an educational assistant in every K-3 classroom and a counsellor in every school. "Fulfilling these two promises would be gamechangers in many classes," Johnston said. "We've already had an initial meeting with the new Minister of Education and Child Care, Lisa Beare, and we look forward to working together to tackle the challenges and bring about the improvements our students and members need."

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Sikh volunteers Organizing Relief Efforts for Victims of California Fires

The LA wildfires, or the Kenneth fire, have ravaged through parts of Los Angeles, and have yet to be contained. Most of the western United States has been vulnerable to disaster due to a drought spanning two years. In addition to the effects of climate change and the whipping Santa Ana winds coming in from the east, the damage has been relentless. 180,000 residents have been evacuated.

The Khalsa Aid informed that their Southern California team visited several shelters and evacuation centres, delivering water, hygiene items, medications, and non-perishable goods to those impacted by the ongoing fires. Teams also collaborated with these centres to help organise and provide essential support in the form of water distribution.

"So far, in the initial terrifying 36



hours, the Khalsa Aid has partnered with Pan Pacific Recreation Center, The Reality Center, Black Lantern, YMCA Koreatown, Silverlake Lounge, All Saints Episcopal Church, Arcadia Community Center, Friends in Deed, Fearless Church - all remarkable groups who are on the mainlines helping evacuees from the fires. We've been on the ground fuelling distribution centres with additional resources, and running them to evacuation

centers and shelters," said Omar Singh, Khalsa Aid US Director. Moving forward, the team is committed to offering continuous assistance in the coming days to ensure ongoing relief for those affected. In the meantime, they are ask donors and supporters from the US to please reach out to local shelters, ask what resources they may need and donate where you can. Members of Southern California's

Sikh community have also been preparing hot meals for those affected by the firestorms. In Bakersville, a city just north of Los Angeles, Sikh residents are similarly mobilizing, collecting items such as new socks, blankets, and underwear, as well as food, water, and Gatorade to redistribute to community members impacted by the fires. "In the Sikh community I have received a lot of requests of folks wanting to help, they really felt a call to do something and help our neighbors in the Los Angeles area," Manpreet Kaur, vice mayor of Bakersfield, told local broadcasting network KERO-TV. "We've taken all of our Gurdwaras, which are Sikh places of worship, and we have made them collection sites so that we can collect the supplies that are most needed," Kaur continued.

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Two men from Surrey arrested and charged, stolen property recovered following multi-jurisdictional investigation

Two men have been arrested and charged with multiple counts of a variety of offences, including possession of stolen property, following a multi-jurisdictional investigation. The investigation was led by the RCMP Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit's (SPOSU) Community Response Unit (CRU). The investigation was conducted collaboratively with our



On December 3, 2024, SPOSU's CRU commenced an investigation into multiple alleged criminal offences involving a Dodge Ram truck with counterfeit licence plates attached to it. Officers determined the vehicle was involved in multiple break and enters in West Vancouver, a fail to stop for police in Langley, and a theft of tires in Surrey. CRU worked collaboratively with the Metro Vancouver Transit Police Crime Suppression Team and West Vancouver Police, leading to the identification of a suspect, as well as two residences he was associated to in Surrey. On December 5, 2024, police simultaneously executed two search warrants in Surrey. At the first search warrant in the 9400 block of 173A Street, officers located and arrested a

Jeep Compass. During the entry and search of the residence, eight additional people were located, detained, and later released. Officers recovered a significant amount of stolen property including: Jeep Compass stolen in Chilliwack bearing a license plate that was stolen in Surrey Dodge Ram stolen in Maple Ridge used in the West Vancouver break and enter Counterfeit BC license plates used on the Dodge Ram 277 grams of Crystal Methamphetamine Stolen tools from other thefts 24 new stolen tires from a Surrey car dealership valued at approximately

The second warrant was executed at a residence in the 10200 block of 159A Street, where the man suspected of driving the Dodge Ram was located and arrested. During the search at this location, officers seized the following items: The key for the stolen Dodge Ram (recovered at the 173A Street address) A key ring of "bump" keys (keys used to break into locks) A stolen Apple MacBook computer Fraudulent documents including credit cards Stolen credit cards Pieces of equipment used to forge documents

policing partners across the Lower Mainland, we were able to make arrests related to several alleged offences from West Vancouver to Chilliwack, recover and return thousands of dollars worth of stolen property, including two vehicles to their owners, " said Staff Sergeant Nigel Pronger of RCMP SPOSU CRU. "We would like to thank our partners from Metro Vancouver Transit Police and West Vancouver Police for their efforts in making all our communities safer." RCMP frontline officers and Community Response Units are working in the Cloverdale, Guildford, and South Surrey districts to support policing operations in

7 Indo-Canadians arrested and charged for Shootings at Brampton Residence

Police in Brampton arrested 3 Indo-Canadian suspects in two shooting investigations that occurred at the same residence. On Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, just before 2:00 a.m., a residence in the area of Mountainberry Road and Mountainash Road, Brampton, was shot at by two suspects. There were no physical injuries to any of the occupants of the residence. On Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, investigators executed a search warrant at a Brampton residence, resulting in recovering a loaded firearm and ammunition, along

with the arrest and charging of three Brampton men. Manpreet Singh, (27-year-old) and Dilpreet Singh, (23-year-old) and Harshdeep Singh, (23-year-old) have been charged. All three males were held pending a bail hearing. On Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at approximately 9:00 a.m., the same residence in the area of Mountainberry Road and Mountainash Road, Brampton, was again shot at by several other suspects. There were no physical injuries to any of the occupants of the residence.



On Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, search warrant at a Brampton residence, resulting in

recovering another loaded firearm and ammunition, along with the arrest and charging of four men. Dharmpreet Singh (25-year-old), Manpartap Singh (27-year-old), Atamjit Singh (30-year-old) and Arvinderpal Singh (21-year-old) have all been charged. All four men were held for bail hearings. Investigators are asking anyone with information on these incidents to contact the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at 905-453-2121 extension 2133.

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Premiers meet Prime Minister to take united stand amidst tariff threats from US

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met with all of Canada's provincial and territorial leaders on Wednesday to discuss Canada's response plan to the anticipated trade action. They issued the following statement:

"Canada and the United States have the closest and most successful partnership in the world. At their meeting today, Canada's First Ministers reiterated that the two countries are stronger, more prosperous, and safer when they work together.

"First Ministers discussed ways to protect Canadian families, workers, and employers from the consequences of possible U.S.



tariffs, which would cause economic harm to Canadians and Americans alike. Trade and investment between Canada and the U.S. supports millions of jobs on

both sides of the border and helps ensure the secure flow of goods and people between countries. They will continue to work together, standing up for Canadians in the face of unjustified and unreasonable U.S. tariffs.

"Collaborative efforts will continue to try to prevent U.S. tariffs, including actions taken by the federal government to strengthen border security and curb the flow of illicit drugs, such as fentanyl, into Canadian and American communities.

"The federal plan announced in December invests in cutting-edge technology,

empowering law enforcement, and ensuring that only those eligible to remain in Canada do so. First Ministers agreed that the federal government, in collaboration with all orders of government, local police, and authorities, will continue to bolster security at the border and strengthen the immigration system. The plan must also include measures to tighten the visa issuance policy to prevent arrivals to Canada under false pretenses. Law enforcement across the country will work together to further build trust and confidence among U.S. decision-makers that Canada takes its border responsibilities seriously and is taking action.

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Poilievre to Axe Liberal Capital Gains Tax Hike

Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre has committed to reversing last June's NDP-Liberal tax hike on capital gains—a tax economists agree will kill over 400,000 jobs. The NDP-Liberals hiked the capital gains tax inclusion rate to 66% as of June 25, 2024, which Conservatives will reverse. Poilievre

will make up the lost revenue from "Aging the Liberal Jobs Tax" by cutting taxpayer-funded corporate welfare and handouts that have been wrought with scandal and waste.

"Trudeau's Chief Economic Advisor, Carbon Tax Carney, and former Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland supported this job-killing tax increase, which



is further driving billions of dollars out of our country right as we face President Trump's tariff threats," Poilievre said. "This Liberal job and investment killing tax was a bad idea before President Trump's tariff threat, it is outright insanity now."

He said, the tax will make homebuilding more expensive during a housing crisis, force doctors to leave Canada during a doctor shortage and make food more expensive during a cost-of-living crisis. The C.D. Howe Institute has confirmed that the capital gains tax hike will kill 414,000 jobs and cause Canada's GDP to decline by \$90 billion.

Alberta Won't Support Feds Plan To Deal With Trump Tariffs

Alberta is refusing to sign on to a joint statement from all other premiers and the prime minister on the plan to respond to U.S. president-elect Donald Trump's potential tariffs on Canadian goods.

The decision from Premier Danielle Smith comes after a first ministers meeting in Ottawa on Wednesday that was aimed at showing a united front in response to the tariff threats.

As the premiers and Justin Trudeau held their closing news conference, a joint statement was released, vowing a collaborative approach to any tariffs and promising supports for business and regions that could be hard hit.

Smith, who joined the meeting virtually, decided not to sign on and instead released her own statement saying Alberta will not agree to export tariffs on energy



Premier Danielle Smith

or other products. "Federal government officials continue to publicly and privately float the idea of cutting off energy supply to the U.S. and imposing export tariffs on Alberta energy and other products to the United States. Until these threats cease, Alberta will not be able to fully support the federal government's plan in dealing with the threatened tariffs. Alberta will simply not agree to export tariffs on our

energy or other products, nor do we support a ban on exports of these same products. We will take whatever actions are needed to protect the livelihoods of Albertans from such destructive federal policies. We also urge our entire nation to use this tariff threat as an opportunity to correct the misguided direction of this country and commence multiple infrastructure projects that focus on developing, upgrading and exporting our oil, gas and other natural resources, instead of effectively land locking them and keeping us fully reliant on one primary customer. We also urge our entire nation to use this tariff threat as an opportunity to correct the misguided direction of this country and commence multiple infrastructure projects that focus on developing, upgrading and exporting our oil, gas and other natural resources."

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B.C. Could See Economic Loss Of \$69 Billion Due To Trump’s Tariffs

In 2019, the Bank of Canada estimated the impacts of a 25% tariff. National Bank recently reported that the Bank of Canada’s estimate of the Canadian GDP impact “would exceed that of any previous recession, barring the temporary setback at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.” In the face of this uncertainty, the Province is using a three-part strategy: respond, strengthen and diversify.

To respond to these tariffs, B.C. is engaged in contingency planning across government and will participate in nationally co-ordinated retaliation if and when required. B.C. will strengthen its domestic position by growing the economy to create high-paying jobs to generate the wealth needed to support people through strong public services, such as health care and education. This includes fast-tracking permitting in B.C. and reducing trade barriers between provinces. Lastly, B.C. will focus on diversifying its trade relationships, using the Asia-Pacific network to become less

reliant on exports to the United States. Premier David Eby has directed Cabinet ministers to focus on growing B.C.’s economy and protecting vital public services.

“No matter what the world throws at us, British Columbia has everything we need to succeed - abundant natural resources, access to markets and most importantly the people who call this place home,” said Premier David Eby. “In times of instability, we are strongest when we work together to build on these unique advantages. Our team will prioritize growing the economy and building the wealth needed to support strong public services working families rely on.”

The mandate letters to cabinet ministers lay out the government’s high-level commitments and broad policy direction. All ministers are asked to listen and learn from British Columbians of all perspectives and backgrounds. They are also directed to review all existing programs to ensure they remain relevant

and efficient, protect front-line services, grow the economy and keep costs low for British Columbians.

Economic and natural-resource ministers will work with industry, First Nations and communities to dramatically accelerate permit approvals for major job and revenue-creating projects, while maintaining the world-leading environmental and labour standards B.C. is known for. The mandate letters recognize economic growth and responsible fiscal management as necessary conditions for protecting and strengthening public services.

“Governments around the world are navigating a challenging fiscal environment, as we’re seeing slower global economic growth and threats from south of the border,” Premier Eby said. “A strong fiscal foundation is essential to helping people build a good life here. By making the best use of public dollars, we can protect services and tackle the challenges people worry about around the kitchen table - from delivering

homes people can afford to hiring family doctors.”

The Surrey Board of Trade (SBOT) has also expressed deep concerns about the potential economic consequences. “The Surrey Board of Trade appreciates the Province’s proactive approach to mitigating potential economic shocks from US tariffs,” said Jasroop Gosal, Interim Spokesperson and Policy & Research Manager of the Surrey Board of Trade. “We especially appreciate the Premier leaning on the chamber of commerce/board of trade network, including the Surrey Board of Trade, to communicate data and impacts to the Premier and Finance Minister directly. Businesses must actively support these efforts by diversifying their own markets and engaging in strategic planning to navigate this uncertainty.”

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Ex-Bank Of Canada Governor Mark Carney To Run...

which have caused so much misery over the last nine years. Carbon Tax Carney’s own record shows clearly where he stands,” the party said in a release.

The Conservatives also rejected the idea that Carney is an outsider, noting in a statement that he served as an economic adviser to the Liberal government under Trudeau. “As a long-time Liberal insider ... Carbon Tax Carney is the furthest thing possible from an outsider,” the party said. “It’s clear that Carbon Tax Carney and the Liberals will say anything to try and hold power. But they cannot be trusted.”

Carney was appointed Governor of the Bank of Canada, effective 1 February 2008, for a term of seven years. After five and half years of service as Governor, he departed the Bank of Canada on 1 June 2013 to become the Governor of the Bank of England. He was appointed to this position on 26 November 2012, with an effective date of 1 July 2013.

Born in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Carney received a bachelor’s degree in economics from Harvard University in 1988. He received a master’s degree in economics in 1993 and a doctorate in economics in 1995, both from Oxford University. Mr. Carney was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Manitoba in April 2013.

Prior to joining the public service, Carney had a thirteen-year career with Goldman Sachs in its London, Tokyo, New York and Toronto offices. Mr. Carney was appointed Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada in August 2003. In November 2004, he left the Bank to become Senior Associate Deputy Minister of Finance – a position he held until his appointment as Governor of the Bank.

Former finance minister Chrystia Freeland and Liberal House leader Karina Gould are both expected to launch their rival leadership bids in the coming days. Liberal MP Chandra Arya has already launched his campaign to be next PM of Canada.

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Superintendent Harm Dosange Named New Officer-In-Charge Of Langley RCMP

The Lower Mainland District RCMP has selected Langley RCMP's newest Officer-in-Charge (OIC), Superintendent Harm Dosange.

Over the course of his 23 years of service, Supt. Dosange has worked in a number of areas of policing and most recently served as the Community Services Officer in Surrey where he oversaw the Youth Unit, Emergency Operations and Planning Unit, Community Response Units and Diversity and Indigenous Peoples Unit, along with all of the proactive enforcement teams.

This won't be his first tour of Langley Detachment as he previously served as a Watch Commander in 2017. In 2019 he was commissioned to the rank of Inspector and served as both a Regional and Divisional Duty Officer, prior to returning to Surrey in 2021.

Supt. Dosange grew up in Surrey and has spent his entire career in the Lower Mainland. Prior to joining the RCMP as a Regular Member, he worked at the Surrey Detachment as a municipal employee and as a Surrey RCMP Summer Student. Supt. Dosange has a passion for the communities he serves and has been very involved in the organization of the RCMP Classic, a basketball tournament that he competed in as a student.

I am honoured and excited to serve as the Detachment Commander for the Langley RCMP, says Supt. Dosange. I am committed to engaging with both municipalities to continue to advance their strategic priorities and keep their communities safe and I'm looking forward to working with the police officers and support staff at the detachment.

"Superintendent Dosange is a great choice to lead the Langley RCMP, with a wealth of experience in community policing, and having previously served within Langley. There are many municipal policing priorities for the Township of Langley we need to make progress on. Council and I look forward to working with him in the years ahead," says Township of Langley Mayor Eric Woodward.

"On behalf of Langley City Council, I would like to welcome to Superintendent Harm Dosange, as the new Officer-in-Charge," says Mayor Nathan Pachal. "We look forward to working closely with him, the RCMP members, and support staff as we implement strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening public safety and enhancing the effectiveness of policing in our community."



"Superintendent Dosange will bring his extensive knowledge and experience of policing in the Lower Mainland back to the Langley RCMP detachment," says Assistant Commissioner Brian Edwards, Lower Mainland District Commander. "He understands the complexities of policing in this region and I know he is committed to leading the detachment while supporting the municipalities and members moving forward."

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Premiers meet Prime Minister to take united stand amidst...

"First Ministers agreed that enhancing security must be undertaken by authorities on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border to stop the flow of illegal firearms.

"First Ministers agreed to continue united advocacy efforts with key U.S. Administration, Congressional, and business leaders to emphasize the negative impacts of U.S. tariffs on American national interests and the U.S. economy. Co-operation with Canada offers significant complementary benefits to U.S. priorities.

"While they are making every effort to prevent U.S. tariffs, First Ministers are committed to continuing to work together on a full range of measures to ensure a robust response to possible U.S. tariffs, including supports for sectors, businesses, and individuals. If the federal government implements retaliatory measures, it will ensure the rapid availability of substantial resources that effectively mitigate economic impacts to workers and businesses. This includes, but is not limited to, the distribution of revenues from potential retaliatory tariffs as quickly as possible. They agreed to take a collaborative approach to U.S. engagement that recognizes the unique

economic needs of all provinces and territories.

"First Ministers acknowledged the importance of increasing defence spending and meeting the NATO 2 per cent target as quickly as possible, recognizing its critical connection to strategic infrastructure and Canada's economic and security partnership with the U.S. and other allies. They further agreed that collective action must be taken to safeguard Arctic security and sovereignty.

"First Ministers agreed to advance development of high economic impact projects, including transportation and infrastructure projects, working in partnership with Indigenous Peoples toward economic reconciliation. These projects support Canada's economic growth and allow Canada to provide the U.S. with more of the energy, critical minerals, and other goods and services it needs to fuel shared economic growth.

"First Ministers will continue working closely together on Canada-U.S. relations and agreed to meet weekly following President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration on January 20, 2025.

"First Ministers agreed that Canada is a proud and sovereign nation, committed to

upholding its values and responsibilities on the global stage. As a strong, independent country, we make decisions that reflect the best interests of our citizens, while actively

contributing to global peace and stability. We stand firm in our resolve to protect our borders, support our communities, and collaborate with international partners to address common challenges."

The Government of Alberta did not approve the joint statement between the Government of Canada and the Council of the Federation.

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BC Truck Driver Daljit Sohi Honored as TCA Highway Angel for Returning Lost Purse

Daljit Sohi, a professional truck driver for Triple Eight Transport Inc., based in Abbotsford, British Columbia, has been recognized as a TCA Highway Angel by the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA). Sohi earned this prestigious honor for his remarkable effort in returning a lost purse to its owner after driving for three hours. Sohi On Nov. 29, while traveling from Banff to Salmon Arm, Shailly James, from High River, Alberta, stopped near Golden, British Columbia, to assist her 4-year-old child. Unbeknownst to James, her purse fell during the stop. It contained \$1,100, a gold chain, credit cards and her identification cards.

"I was not aware," James said. Triple Eight Transport driver Sohi witnessed the event and followed James in his truck in order to return the purse. "I followed the lady for three hours," Sohi said. While driving, James noticed a truck driver following her, which caused some concern. When stopped to refuel at a gas station in Sicamous, Sohi approached James and informed her that he had found her lost purse. To her relief, everything in the handbag was accounted for and



nothing was missing. "I was so happy that, thank god, he found it," James said. "Then I tried to give him \$500 as a reward, but he didn't take it." She plans to send a thank you gift to Sohi at his company office. Sohi's act of integrity did not go unnoticed. Though he declined the reward, James expressed her intentions to send a thank-you gift to his company office as a gesture of appreciation.

The TCA Highway Angel program, established in 1997, has recognized nearly 1,400 professional truck drivers like Daljit Sohi for their extraordinary acts of kindness, bravery, and courtesy on the road. Thanks to the program's sponsors—EpicVue, DriverFacts, and Northland Insurance—these selfless individuals receive the recognition they truly deserve. Daljit Sohi's actions remind us of the integrity and respect professional truck drivers bring to their daily roles.

Starting January Canadians need Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to travel to or through UK

The UK Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) is a digital travel permit and is a new requirement for Canadian citizens who are planning to visit or transit through the United Kingdom. As a Canadian citizen, you've long enjoyed the privilege of traveling to the UK visa-free. However, starting January 8, 2025; you must obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) to enter the UK.

This new UK entry requirement for Canadian citizens aims to enhance border security and streamline the entry process for visitors. While it introduces an additional step in your travel preparations, the UK ETA system promises to be quick and straightforward.

According to the latest Electronic Visa news, The UK ETA replaced the UK visa waiver scheme when it was first introduced to Qatari citizens back in October 2023 and for a maximum stay of



6 months. It is much easier than having to apply for a UK visa from Canada. In other words, it is kind of a UK Visa free of paper documents; everything can be done and linked digitally. This pre-authorization will be mandatory for short stays, tourism, business, or transit purposes. Canadians can apply for the UK ETA starting on November 28, 2024, to travel to the UK from January 8, 2025. On this page,

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PICS Society Inaugurates State-of-the-Art Media Room to Connect with the Community

To engage the community and spread awareness about the free support to live and work in British Columbia, the Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society has launched a State-of-the-Art Media Room at the PICS Head Office.

The unveiling took place at PICS head office in Surrey by Harry Bains - The Acting Mayor of, City of Surrey. This fully-equipped digital room would serve as a platform for people to engage in discussions on issues that matter to the community.

The media room has been designed in a unique manner with illustrations representing all what PICS has to offer. The similar branding has been projected on the PICS newly launched shop where you can purchase PICS merchandise including mugs, cushions, candles and so on.



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 "This media room is amazing. It's going to be a way to get the messaging out for PICS to make people aware about the programs and services that PICS offers"

said Harry Bains, the acting Mayor, City of Surrey. "This media room will provide a platform for people to engage in discussions on issues that matter to the community by providing

a reliable, community-driven information" said the President & CEO of PICS Society, Satbir S. Cheema. "Often times, we come across people who are unaware about



the programs and services PICS has to offer them. PICS media room is an effort to spread that awareness amongst the community including youth, seniors, women, indigenous, and more" said Phalak Betab, Marketing & Communications officer at PICS Society. We would welcome our media friends to use this room for generating content that reflects the community's interests and needs," she added. If you have more questions, please contact: phalak.betab@pics.bc.ca Website: www.pics.bc.ca

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Starting January Canadians need Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to travel...

you'll learn everything you need to know about the UK ETA for Canadian citizens, including how to apply for an ETA, the costs involved, and what to expect during your trip to the United Kingdom. The UK ETA allows for short stays in the UK for the following purposes; Coming to the UK for up to 6 months, for tourism, visiting family and friends, business, or short-term study. Coming to the UK for up to 3 months on

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Liberal Leadership Candidates Must Embrace Fiscal Reckoning



By Jay Goldberg

No matter who Canada’s next prime minister is, it’s time to lay down a marker: the party with Canada’s finances is over. Canadians have had it with the Trudeau government’s irresponsible spending. One of the reasons Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s popularity has taken a nosedive is because Canadians are sick and tired of his government’s debt and deficits. Canadians are tired of the spending sprees. We’re tired of billion-dollar announcements at which politicians congratulate

each other for spending money that’s borrowed on the backs of our children. Shockingly, former finance minister Chrystia Freeland might have said it best in her resignation letter last month. Canadians are tired of “costly political gimmicks, which we can ill afford and which make Canadians doubt the gravity of the moment.” No doubt those words were ringing through Trudeau’s head as he delivered his resignation speech. Freeland resigned as finance minister because Trudeau wanted to borrow and spend even more money on initiatives Freeland saw as gimmicks. If Freeland is the source of sober advice in the fiscal drunk tank, there can be no doubt it’s time for a reckoning. Freeland didn’t resign because



Chrystia Freeland

Trudeau loves deficits. She resigned because the government crashed through her \$40.1 billion “fiscal guardrail” by some \$20 billion and Trudeau wanted to go even further. As finance minister, Freeland is responsible for adding hundreds of billions of dollars to Canada’s

national debt, a debt which Trudeau has single-handedly doubled in just nine years. Freeland is no fiscal hawk. Her record is not an ode to fiscal responsibility. But if she’s calling for restraint, the moment must truly be at hand. Here’s the reality: interest

charges on the nation debt now cost taxpayers \$53.7 billion a year. That’s more than the federal government spends on health care. And Canada’s debt interest payments now exceed every single penny brought in by the GST. If ever there was a moment for a political consensus on ending deficit spending, it’s now. In the coming days, candidates will throw their hats in the ring to succeed Trudeau as Liberal leader and become the next prime minister of Canada. But if those candidates want Canadians to even begin to consider giving the Liberals another mandate, they need to pitch the biggest fiscal U-turn in the history of Canadian politics. There are three key points candidates who want to actually get Canadian taxpayers’ attention need to speak to. First: Take the mantle of Paul Martin and slay the deficit. It’s time to end deficit spending. Not in five years. Not in three years. This year. Candidates need to lay out a plan to immediately balance the budget. Second: No new spending that isn’t paid for. Every dollar of new spending should be paired with a spending cut. If candidates want to propose any new spending, there must be a clear offset on exactly what will be scrapped. Not a vague generality of where savings can be found. A specific program must be put on the chopping block. Third: No new taxes. The deficit should be eliminated, but not on the backs of Canadian taxpayers. This government has raised taxes left, right, and centre. The Liberals have introduced and increased the carbon tax repeatedly. Just days ago, the government once again hiked payroll taxes. Canadians are stretched to the max. Fifty per cent of Canadians say they’re \$200 away from not being able to pay their bills. It’s time for the government to tighten its belt, not for Canadians to tighten theirs. Poll after poll has shown Canadians have tuned the Liberals out. Folks are sick and tired of debt and deficits. And the more Trudeau tried to fix his popularity problems by borrowing and spending more, the more unpopular he became. If Liberal leadership candidates want to be taken seriously, they need to run as fast as they can away from Trudeau’s fiscal record. And the way to do that is to offer a serious plan to immediately balance the budget without raising taxes. If they propose anything less, Canadian taxpayers will tune them, like Trudeau, out. (Jay Goldberg is the Ontario Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation)



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More forestry-sector manufacturers receiving funds from the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund

Through the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund (BCMJF), the Government of B.C. is contributing as much as \$5.1 million toward seven forest-sector capital projects and five planning projects in communities throughout the province. These projects are supporting forest-product manufacturers to innovate their business lines and grow their operations, supporting a strong and resilient forest sector throughout B.C. that is focused on producing leading-edge, high-quality wood products and biomaterials.

"Using available fibre wisely is an important part of B.C.'s plan for sustainable forestry," said Diana Gibson, Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation. "The BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund is partnering with forestry companies throughout the province to grow and stabilize their operations and get the most out of our fibre supply, while producing more made-in-B.C. engineered wood products."

Located in Maple Ridge, Cedarland Forest Products Ltd. produces cedar lumber and profiled cedar products, such as siding, decking and panelling. It will receive as much as \$1.3 million to buy and install new high-temperature kilns and a moulder, allowing the company to diversify its fibre sources to include underutilized species and reduce its reliance on old-growth cedar. The project will enable Cedarland to produce new thermally modified wood products, access new markets and create 23 new forestry jobs.

Gilbert Smith Forest Products is a family-



owned-and-operated lumber mill in Barriere, manufacturing specialty cedar products. It will receive as much as \$1.1 million for facility modernization and new equipment that will enable the production of new, in-demand products from a wider range of fibre inputs. This project will expand the range of value-added products made in-house, increase productivity and create nine jobs.

"B.C. has some of the most creative, innovative and motivated forestry companies on the planet," said Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests. "The BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund helps businesses scale up, increase productivity and create new jobs by getting the most value out of every tree we harvest."

The BCMJF is part of a series of programs the Province has introduced to support sustainability in B.C.'s forestry sector. To date, the BCMJF has provided incentives with more than \$600 million flowing into forest-product manufacturing, leading to the direct creation and protection of more than 3,000 forest-sector jobs. Most of these jobs are in regional, remote and Indigenous communities.

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9750 128 ST., SURREY

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7028 142 STREET, SURREY



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10095 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, CHILLIWACK



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2025 Mazda CX-50 GS-L Light Trails - No Issue For This SUV!

Auto Review by Veenoo Dewan

For 2025 the Mazda CX-50 SUV is aimed at the outdoorsy set and will handle mild trails, but don't expect big chunky tires, factory lifted suspension, and under body skid plates. However, you do gain a reinforced roof that can manage heavy loads and people sleeping in a custom tent up there. AWD is standard issue on the CX-50 and it arrives with a choice of two engines. New for 2025 is the availability of a new hybrid version of the CX50 with a 219 hp, 163 ft-lb torque, 2.5 L hybrid, engine unit with a combined with 1.59 kWh, 650 V electric motors, plus e-AWD. This engine delivers an impressive 6.2 L/100 km combined.

The base gasoline engine is a 2.5L I4 making 187 hp and 186 lb-ft of torque. Fuel economy is rated at 9.7 L/100 km City and 7.9 L/100 km on the highway. The more powerful 2.5L turbocharged Four-cylinder unit makes 256 hp and 320 lb-ft. on 93-octane grade fuel and 227 hp and 310 lb-ft on regular gasoline. Fuel economy figures for the Turbo unit are rated at 10.4 L/100 km in the city and 8.1 on the highway. The transmission is a six-speed auto unit with selectable drive modes and AWD as standard.

The 2025 Mazda CX-50 is available in Canada in three trim levels. The base trim is the GS-L at \$39,950 (As evaluated.) which includes as standard equipment across the range: panoramic sunroof, heated seats and steering wheel, dual zone climate zones, 10.25" touchscreen display, Apple CarPlay, and Android Auto. Every CX-50 comes with All-Wheel Drive, a drive mode selector with sport and off-road settings, roof rails, and a height-programmable power tailgate. The only options on our tester was the smart-looking luxurious Ash Ochre Leatherette seats at \$250. The mid-level GT trim, adds leather upholstery,

ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, a 12-speaker stereo, built-in navigation, satellite radio, a wireless phone charger, and a head-up display.

On the safety front, there's a surround-view monitoring system, traffic sign recognition, low-speed reverse automatic emergency braking, and front and rear parking sensors, along with a few other features. The Turbo GT adds: LED headlights and taillights, leather seating, 360-view camera, paddle shifters, larger exhaust tips, a selectable tow-mode, and a 3,500-pound towing capacity.

Safety technology is further enhanced by advanced safety and driver-assist items like blind-spot monitoring with rear cross-traffic alert, lane-departure warning and lane-keeping assistance, forward collision warning with pedestrian detection and adaptive cruise control are also standard.

The interior of the CX-50 offers space for five passengers in two rows of seats. Inside, is a tastefully upscale interior with a visually interesting mix of colors and materials throughout. Some great detail such as the raised stitching detail on the dash look super cool, along with the truck-like vertical HVAC vents. There are comfortable seats front and rear and excellent room in all quarters. Rear cargo space is increased with flat folding seats with 889 L of cargo room with the rear seats upright and 1,595 L when folded. Standard roof rails, and a height-programmable power tailgate also add to the versatility.

The CX-50 rides very well on the highway with decent acceleration and smooth gear changes. This turbo engine is very sprightly with good passing

power on the highway. Despite its sporty nature, the CX-50 is easy and pleasurable to drive in the urban grind.

There is also a sport mode which changes the transmission shift points for better



response and enhances the G-vectoring control performance for sharper steering response and optimizes traction control when accelerating. The drive modes include an off-road setting that adjusts the engine and transmission response, and also the torque split between

the front and rear axles. Fuel economy is rated at City. 9.7 L/ 100 KM Hwy. 8.0 L/100 KM. Combined 8.9 L/ KM.

Negatives are few, the base engine is not as refined or as powerful as the turbo unit.

The infotainment system could be easier and less distracting to use, but that's about it.

To sum up, Mazda have taken the correct step in providing an on-trend compact crossover with a rugged appeal and light trail duty ability. The turbo engine is the option to get if you can stretch to it – especially as it allows for more towing ability. Overall, the CX-50 is fun, relaxed, and easy to drive. Positives include attractive styling, driving dynamics, safety, and as standard features. Highly recommended and good value for money. More fun to drive, easier on the eyes than its competitors!

2025 Mazda CX-50 GS -L Priced from: \$39950 – Plus options, freight and PDE. More info at: www.mazda.ca

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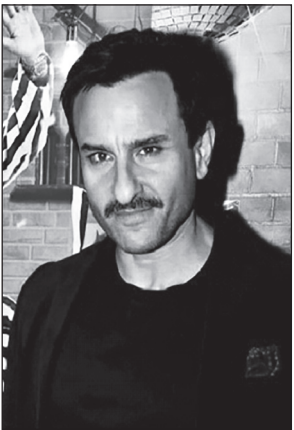
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Bollywood Actor Saif Ali Khan Stabbed In His Home

Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan was stabbed six times during a burglary attempt at his home in an upscale neighborhood in Mumbai early on Thursday. Doctors who operated on him for wounds to his spine, neck and hands have said he is out of danger.

The assailant who stabbed Khan remains at large and nobody has yet been detained in the case. Indian Express newspaper, citing police, said: "The person brought to Bandra police station for questioning is not related to the Saif Ali Khan attack case. No one is detained in the Saif Ali Khan attack case as of now."

Khan, 54, one of Bollywood's most bankable stars, who has appeared in many films and television series, had walked into the hospital in blood-soaked clothes, accompanied by his six-year old son, Taimur. If the knife had penetrated any further, there would have been an injury to the spine," Niraj Uttamnani, one of the doctors who treated Khan, told reporters, adding that the actor had escaped by



a distance of just 2 mm (0.08 inch). "He is very fortunate." Another doctor, Nitin Dange, added, "He is able to walk, and he is stable." The attack on Khan, who is the son of India's former cricket captain Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi and actress Sharmila Tagore, shocked the film industry and residents of the city, many of whom called for better policing and security. In a statement on social media, Khan's wife, Kareena Kapoor Khan, asked media to stop speculating about the case. "It has been an incredibly challenging day ... and we are still trying to process the events," the 44-year-old actor said on her Instagram profile.

Bapu Surat Singh Khalsa, Who Fought For Sikh Prisoners, Dies At 91

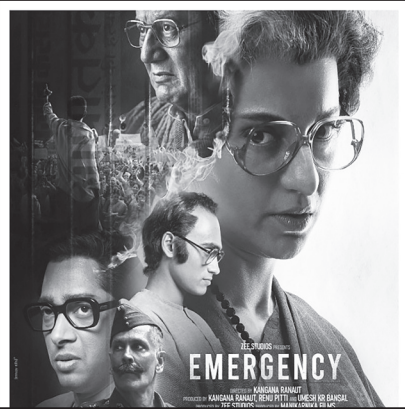
Sikh activist Bapu Surat Singh Khalsa, known for his commitment to seek captive Sikh prisoners, passed away at the age of 91 in California. Bapu Surat Singh Khalsa began his hunger strike on January 16, 2015, at the age of 82, seeking justice for Sikh prisoners who remained incarcerated despite having served their sentences. His hunger strike lasted until January 14, 2023, making his movement one of the longest and most significant non-violent protests in Punjab's history. He was a resident of Hassanpur village on Ferozpur road in Ludhiana.

The Indian Express reported, "Though Khalsa was an activist right from a young age, he became very popular when he started a hunger strike on January 16, 2015, at his house in the Hassanpur village in Ludhiana with a demand to release Bandi Singhs from jail." Surat Singh Khalsa, who was a US citizen, is survived by one daughter and five sons, all of them also US citizens. He was a government teacher who resigned



from his position in June 1984 in protest against Operation Blue Star. He moved to the United States in 1988 to live with his children but continued to visit Punjab regularly.

'Emergency' Not Screened In Most Places In Punjab After SGPC Protests



Kangana Ranaut's Emergency was not screened at most cinemas in Punjab on Friday following protests by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and Sikh organisations against the movie. The SGPC has claimed that the film, directed by Ranaut, portrays the Sikh community in a defamatory manner

and promotes an anti-Sikh agenda. SGPC had demanded that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann ban its screening in Punjab. In a letter to Mann, SGPC President Harjinder Singh Dhami said the movie was a "calculated attempt to distort history and harm Sikh sentiments" and warned that releasing it could provoke outrage within the Sikh community. "BJP MP's movie depicts the 1984 attacks on the sacred Sikh shrines, including Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple), Sri Akal Takht Sahib, and other holy sites, along with the Sikh genocide and ethnic cleansing, in a way that suppresses the truth and works under an anti-Sikh agenda to spread hatred against the community. Moreover, the film

also maligns the character of the Sikh martyr Sant Jarnail Singh Khalsa Bhindranwale," the letter reads. "The SGPC has already raised objections to the film with Punjab's Chief Secretary but expressed disappointment over the government's lack of action. The SGPC has also sent representations to all Deputy Commissioners in Punjab, urging them to prevent the movie's screening," the letter further stated. "If the film releases on January 17, 2025, it will naturally evoke anger and protests within the Sikh community. The Punjab government must take responsibility to ensure the movie is not released in the state. Otherwise, the SGPC will be compelled to launch strong protests across Punjab," it added.

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City Says 2024 A Record-Breaking Year For Housing And Development In 2024

The City of Surrey issued over 6,000 new housing units and generated over \$2.8 billion in construction value

The City of Surrey says that it set a record in 2024 by delivering 6,297 net new housing units and generating a record of over \$2.8 billion in construction activity. This surpasses the City's previous record of 5,932 housing units delivered in 2019. "This is the first time the City of Surrey has surpassed 6,000 housing units," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "Despite high interest rates, labour challenges and soft pre-sales, a record-breaking \$2.8 billion in construction activity

occurred in Surrey in 2024. I am proud of the work Council has done in streamlining our land development and permitting approvals. Council's commitment in providing more housing will carry into 2025, as we continue to look for improvements and efficiencies in our approval process." Notably, there were two development incentive programs launched in 2024 through the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) that contributed



over 2,560 housing units. The Rapid Transit Incentive Program accelerated 2,380 units and the Non-Market Incentive Program advanced 180 below-market rental units. In addition to the incentive programs, key process improvements were introduced to facilitate the delivery of housing and streamline approvals, including simplified development permit process for

houseplexes with reduced fees and faster approvals. Pilot program for excavation building permits will allow permits to be issued ahead of final adoption of rezoning and development permit issuance. "While we celebrate the successes of 2024, the City is committed to delivering service excellence while streamlining development with many planned improvements and enhancements set for 2025 to ensure that Surrey remains the city to live, work, build, and play," Locke said.

Surrey Council Considers \$17.3M In Road Improvement Contracts, Including 1st Phase Of 132 Street Widening

Surrey City Council will consider \$17.3M in road improvement and expansion contracts across the city, including the crucial first phase of the 132 Street Road Widening Project. These significant improvements will address the growing demands of Surrey's transportation network and improve overall road safety for drivers and pedestrians alike. "Investing in the widening of Newton's 132 Street corridor and upgrades to our existing road network is vital as we prepare to accommodate Surrey's growing population, which is projected to reach one million people in the next two decades," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "These improvements are not just about improving traffic flow, they are essential for enhancing safety, connectivity, and overall quality of life for our residents. These investments are part of the \$300M that Council has approved to enhance and

upgrade our road network over four years to lay the groundwork for a more efficient and accessible transportation system." "These road improvements will mark a significant step forward for Newton," said Councillor Harry Bains, Chair of the Focus Newton Task Force. "Through the Focus Newton Task Force, we've listened to our community and recognized the urgent need for enhanced transportation infrastructure. The widening of 132 Street and other vital upgrades will not only improve traffic flow but also ensure safer pathways for our pedestrians and cyclists. Together, we're building a better, more connected future for our residents." The proposed contracts include: **132 Street Road Widening Project:** A \$9.2M contract is proposed for 132 Street Arterial Widening from 72 to 76 Avenues from two lanes to four lanes to improve traffic, safety, and walking and cycling facilities. 132 Street is one of the

City's busiest corridors, and this contract represents the first phase of a multi-phased program for congestion relief and to support growth in Newton. Subsequent phases for widening between 76 Avenue and 84 Avenue will be undertaken. **Annual Paving and Minor Road Restoration:** A \$2.9M annual paving and minor road restoration contract is proposed for repairs associated with in-house water and sanitary utility construction, ensuring roads are quickly returned to optimal condition. **Major Road Network Paving:** A \$5.2M contract for road paving projects is proposed for the repaving of 24 lane-kilometers of Major Road Network roads to ensure roads are in a state of good repair and enhancing the safety and usability of major roadways, including:
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SOS Justice Panel To Explore Potential Reforms To Revolving Door Justice System Vancouver 2025

Canada's justice system will come under the microscope on January 23rd when the Save Our Streets Communities Driving Change Forum kicks off with its Justice for All: Challenges and Choices panel featuring representatives from the BC Crown Counsel Association and BC First Nations Justice Council, along with former judge and B.C. Attorney General, Wally Oppal, and Nanaimo Mayor Leonard Krog, a lawyer who also served as MLA and opposition Attorney General critic.

In addition to its four expert panel presentations, the Forum will feature an address by Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim to begin the afternoon portion of the program. Also speaking will be Conservative Party of BC Leader John Rustad and a representative from the Province of BC.

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reforms and actions are required to rebuild public confidence so there can be justice for all, including offenders, victims, and communities, will be panel members:

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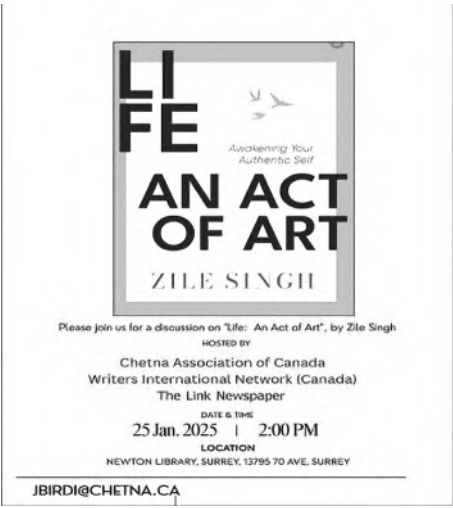
While registration for the free Forum is now full, people wishing to attend are invited to register to get on the waiting list for available spaces. The Forum will be livestreamed at the following link: <https://bit.ly/40eO8OY>

Chetna Association of Canada, Writers International Network to host an event on “Life- An Act of Art”, a book by Zile Singh

On the occasion of the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of the adoption of India's Constitution, the Chetna Association of Canada, Writers International Network (Canada), will be hosting a discussion on the recent book by Vancouver based writer and a columnist, Zile Singh. Singh is a columnist, author, poet, human rights activist, golfer and a vipassana meditator. Singh published the first edition of his book, “Life: An Act of Art”, in March 2024 (Publisher: BlueRoseOne.com). The discussion on Singh's book will be hosted on Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 2 pm to 4 pm, at The Newton Library, 13795 - 70 Ave, Surrey, BC.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

“Life- An Act of Art”, is well aligned with the values of the Chetna Association of Canada, as well as the values of the Indian and the Canadian Constitutions. Topics covered in this book, e.g. anger, bravery, humility, education, faith, and forgiveness) are excellent points of conversation for stimulating and awakening one's “authentic self” as well as for sustaining democracies globally. The Indian Constitution, drafted under the Chairmanship of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ramji Ambedkar was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, and came into being on January 26, 1950. According



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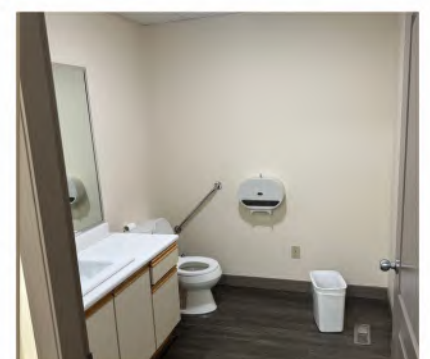
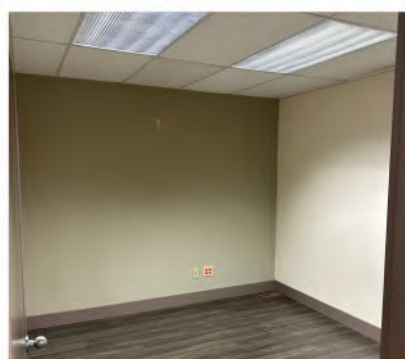
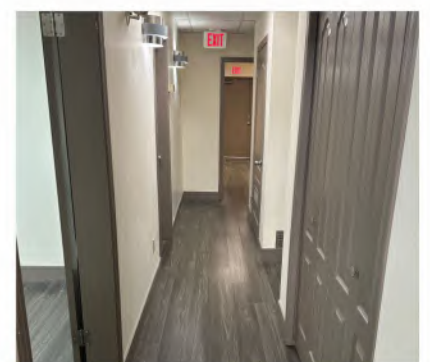
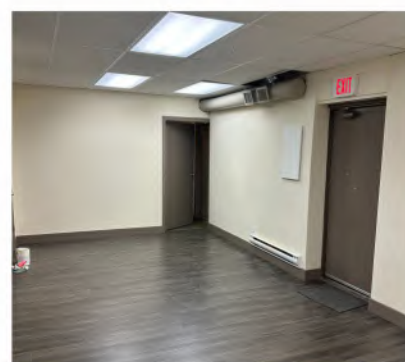
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Kangana Ranaut Reveals If She Feels ‘Embarrassed’ How PM Modi Has Met Diljit Dosanjh But Not Her

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s meeting with singer Diljit Dosanjh garnered significant attention on social media, particularly in light of Kangana Ranaut’s previously expressing desire to meet the Prime Minister. When questioned in a recent interview about whether she felt embarrassed that PM Modi met Diljit before her, Kangana dismissed any such notion.

During a conversation in a podcast with Shubhankar Mishra, Kangana was asked about her stand on the meeting with PM Modi.

Responding to it, she said, “He was the main person. He was in the forefront during the farmers’ protest, to defend them, to defend those people. He was in the forefront



defending those jo utpaat macha rahe the (who were creating havoc). What’s embarrassing about this (on her failed attempts to meet the Prime Minister)? I don’t feel the need to be embarrassed about the PM not meeting me but Diljit. For him (the PM) everybody is an equal in the janta.”

Kangana stressed that she was not disappointed about not meeting the

Prime Minister. She shared, “I was not disappointed. In fact, I have never met him. Maybe I have met him once and said namaste but never interacted with him.”

The actor also shared that several of her friends, including Manoj Muntashir and Anupam Kher, have met the PM Modi.

At one point in the conversation, she was also reminded of PM Modi’s meeting

with many sports persons, Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt along with the whole Kapoor family on December 10.

Kangana expressed her admiration for the Prime Minister and her desire to interact with him some day. Calling her a “big fan of the Prime Minister”, Kangana said she would want to interact with him and exchange notes with him and have a very insightful discussion about what he thinks about the arts one day.

A BJP MP from Himachal Pradesh’s Mandi, Kangana also said that she understands that PM Modi has a very busy schedule which makes it unrealistic to expect a personal meeting.



Shahid Kapoor Calls Out Reporter For Indirect Question On Saif Ali Khan



Shahid Kapoor, on Friday, talked about his Rangoon co-star Saif Ali Khan, who was stabbed multiple times by an intruder in his high-rise apartment. Khan, 54, sustained six stab wounds, including one to his neck, during the attack, which took place around 2:30 am on Thursday. Following emergency surgery at Lilavati Hospital, he was reported to be out of danger, according to the doctors treating him.

Shahid’s good wishes to Saif

“We hope Saif’s health is better. We hope he is feeling better. We all are shocked with what happened with him in a personal space. It’s difficult to absorb (something like this) in a city like Mumbai. I’m sure the police are trying their best...” Shahid Kapoor said at the trailer launch of his new movie Deva.

Kapoor expressed disbelief over the incident, stating, “Mumbai is a very safe city. When a family member or ladies go out at 2 am, it’s still safe. It’s a shocking incident. We are hoping and praying he recovers soon. We are hoping and praying for him all the time.”

From Deva trailer launch

Khan and Kapoor had worked together in Vishal Bhardwaj’s 2017 period film Rangoon, which also starred Kangana Ranaut.

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Priyanka Chopra confirms she's working with Mahesh Babu-Rajamouli in SSMB 29? Internet thinks so

Priyanka Chopra might have just confirmed that she's on board SS Rajamouli's Mahesh Babu-starrer SSMB 29. The actor flew to Hyderabad from Toronto and documented her journey on Instagram. But the hints she dropped along the way caught everyone's attention.

Priyanka Chopra drops hints about SSMB 29?

Priyanka posted a reel on her Instagram about flying from Toronto to Dubai and from Dubai to Hyderabad. While she captioned the video with just an Om emoji, her use of the song Roar of RRR caught everyone's attention. The video also shows Priyanka briefly with a folder in her lap and ends with a clip of her in Hyderabad. Given the weeks of speculation that she has been roped in for SSMB 29, the internet took it as confirmation. "Love how you have hinted #SSMB29 with the background music," commented one fan under the video. "Queen for a telugu movie," wrote another excited fan. "SSR calling," commented one while few others left Mahesh GIFs in the comments and used the hashtag #SSMB29. "Can't wait to see you alongside Mahesh Babu," commented one excited fan.

About SSMB 29

Nothing much is known about Rajamouli's next after RRR and Mahesh's next after Guntur Kaaram. Rajamouli's father, writer Vijayendra Prasad, has penned the story. The film is touted to be an action-adventure like Indiana Jones. It was officially launched in Hyderabad with a pooja ceremony earlier this month. The makers did not release any pictures from the event to keep Mahesh's look under wraps.

Filming was supposed to kickstart in mid-2024, but the film's pre-production took time. Talking about the film during a special screening of RRR in Japan, Rajamouli said, "His name is Mahesh Babu, he is a Telugu actor (people hoot). Looks like many of you already know him. He is very handsome. Hopefully, we finish the film a little bit fast and during the release, I will bring him here, and I'll introduce him to you. I'm sure you will love him as well."

Kartik Aaryan Accepts He Has A 'Love And Hate Relationship' With Karan Johar

Actor Kartik Aaryan and filmmaker Karan Johar's professional relationship has been subject to speculation for some time, particularly after their reported falling out in 2021 during the production of Dostana 2. However, Kartik has now shed some light on their current dynamic, describing it as a "love-hate bond".

Kartik on his bond with KJo

Kartik opened up about his bond with Karan after he was shown a picture of the two of them together at the recent SCREEN LIVE event in Mumbai. In the photograph, Karan is seen pulling Kartik by the ear.

Looking at the picture, Kartik wrote, "Ispe kya bolu? (What do I say to this) I think

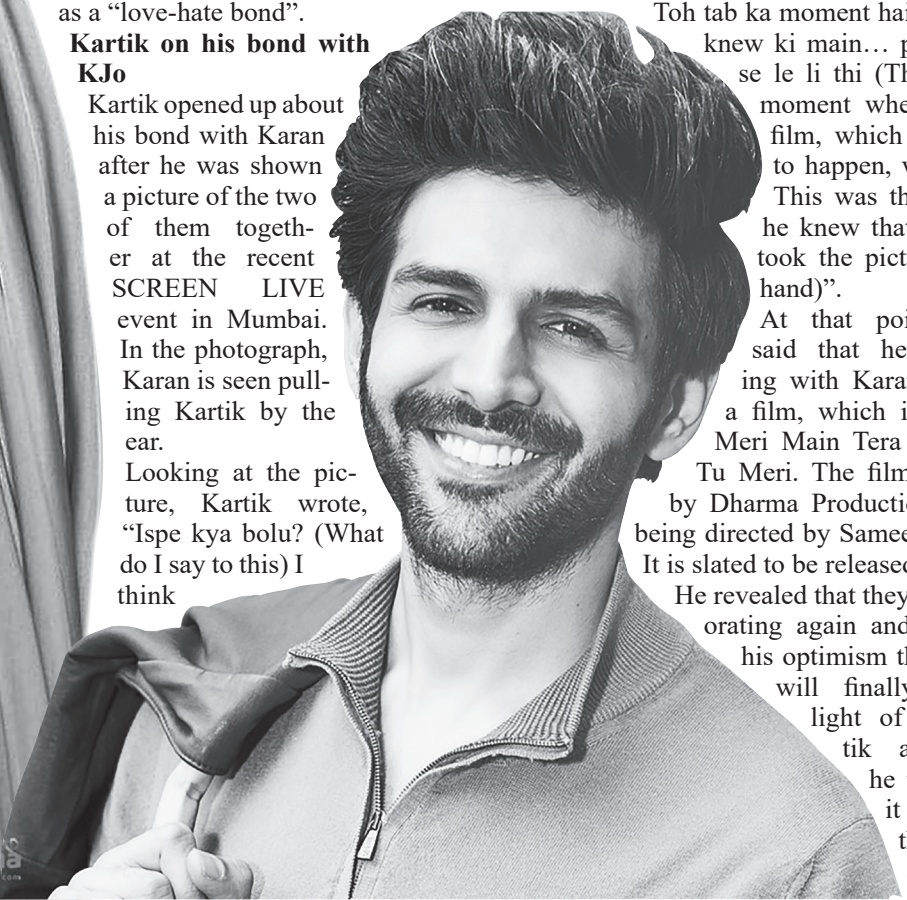
yeh love and hate relationship hai... Bahut ache yeh photo represent karti hai (I think this is a love and hate relationship. This photo represents that very well.)"

He revealed that the picture was taken just before they started working on Dostana 2. Kartik shared, "Yeh moment tab ka hai jab hum logo ne pehli film, jo humari honi thi kabhi, voh sign ki thi.

Toh tab ka moment hai. I think he knew ki main... photo pehle se le li thi (This was the moment when our first film, which was going to happen, was signed. This was then. I think he knew that I... so he took the picture beforehand)".

At that point, Kartik said that he is working with Karan again on a film, which is titled Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri. The film is backed by Dharma Productions, and is being directed by Sameer Vidwans. It is slated to be released on 2026.

He revealed that they are collaborating again and expressed his optimism that the film will finally see the light of day. Kartik added that he truly hopes it happens this time around.



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More forestry-sector manufacturers receiving funds from the BC Manufacturing...

Advance Lumber Remanufacturing Ltd. is a wood pallet manufacturer serving the distribution, logistics, agriculture and construction sectors. It will receive as much as \$800,000 to build a new manufacturing facility, and buy and

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