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# US Tariffs: Here's How Consumers And Businesses Can Prepare

After a chaotic few days of uncertainty, U.S. president Donald Trump has confirmed that sweeping 25 per cent tariffs on Canada and Mexico would go into effect on Mar. 4. The tariff announcement has sent Canadian companies reeling and spurred a patriotism-fueled "Buy Canadian" movement. So what can Canadian companies do to weather the economic storm? And will buying Canadian really help? UBC Sauder School of Business Lecturer Samuel Roscoe, answer these questions in an interview.



UBC Sauder's Dr. Samuel Roscoe

**A**s you watch Trump threaten tariffs on Canadian goods, what are your concerns?

The biggest issue for me is the way Trump is threatening the tariffs, introducing the tariffs, removing the tariffs, and then threatening new tariffs. That creates uncertainty — and businesses hate uncertainty. It becomes very difficult for them to make financial decisions on where to invest, where to set up production facilities, which suppliers to use and where to source from. When he announced the steel and aluminum tariffs, companies were given

less than a month to revamp their supply chains, which is literally impossible.

**Which sectors will be hit hardest?**

70 percent of Canada's exports and 50 percent of our imports are with the U.S. A 25-per-cent tariff on Canadian goods would actually hit American importing firms the hardest first, as they have to pay the cost of the tariff to the U.S. government. Very quickly however, American firms will start cancelling contracts with Canadian suppliers, as we no longer have the advantage of the



low Canadian dollar, which would be offset by the 25-per-cent tariff.

American companies will look for alternative suppliers outside of Canada, first to American companies and then other countries around the world if there is not enough domestic capacity. While the energy sector is likely to face a lower tariff of around 10 per cent, there will still be a significant impact on Canadian exporters of crude and refined petroleum, particularly in Alberta.

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## JUNOS Plaza Party in Surrey: JUNO nominees Chani Nattan and Inderpal Moga performing with Sarbjit Cheema

The City of Surrey is announcing headliners for the Let's Hear it BC JUNOS Plaza Party, a free, all-ages music festival being held at Surrey Civic Plaza on Saturday, Mar. 15 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The festival will be headlined by 2025 JUNO nominees Tyler Joe Miller, Chani Nattan and Inderpal Moga, followed by renowned Punjabi singer, Sarbjit Cheema. Nattan, Moga, and Cheema are also set to perform an



Sarbjit Cheema



2025 JUNO nominees Chani Nattan and Inderpal Moga

energizing collaboration. Showcasing Surrey's diverse cultural landscape, the festival will feature over 30 artists across six stages, representing a variety of musical genres, including

country, Punjabi, pop, folk, family, and more. In addition to live performances, attendees can enjoy a 5X Art Party with South Asian DJs, family programming, food trucks and a licensed area. Surrey

is one of six cities on the Let's Hear it BC JUNO Tour, bringing the spirit of the JUNOS across the province ahead of the JUNO Awards in Vancouver on Sunday, Mar. 30.

"The Let's Hear it BC JUNOS Plaza Party is the perfect way to celebrate the incredible talent being recognized at the 2025 JUNO Awards—right here in the heart of Surrey," said Mayor Brenda Locke.

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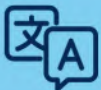


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# Abbotsford's Gurdeep Singh Dhanoaa and Chin Tung Cheung Of Coquitlam charged in January 2024 Multiple Hit And Run Collision

After an in-depth investigation, the Coquitlam RCMP announce that charges have been approved by the BC Prosecution Service against Chin Tung Cheung of Coquitlam and Gurdeep Singh Dhanoaa of Abbotsford in the January 2024 multiple hit and run collision that sent one pedestrian to hospital with serious injuries.

While on patrol on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 9:45 p.m., in the intersection of Pinetree Way and Guildford Way, Coquitlam RCMP officers located a lone female pedestrian suffering from serious injuries who was being tended to by a Good Samaritan. It appeared that the pedestrian had the right of way and was



legally crossing the street, when they were struck by a vehicle. Within a short time, a second vehicle struck the victim who was by then unconscious on the ground. Neither vehicle remained at the scene.

The first suspect vehicle was travelling



south-bound on Pinetree Way when it made an east-bound turn onto Guildford Way, striking the pedestrian. Within a short time, a second vehicle, described as a red or burgundy SUV, travelling eastbound struck the victim who was

unconscious on the ground. Neither vehicle remained at the scene.

Charges against two separate drivers have been approved by the BC Prosecution Service, after a lengthy, detailed investigation by the Coquitlam RCMP, said Media Relations Officer, Constable John Graham. The pedestrian victim continues to recover from this serious and senseless incident. The Coquitlam RCMP implore drivers to actively watch for pedestrians and take the time and care required to safely navigate roadways. We also thank the Good Samaritan for tending to the victim and other witnesses who assisted with this complex investigation.

## Surrey Student Recognized By Mayor For Saving Person From Drowning

Gurmehar Pabla, a Panorama Ridge Secondary School student, was recognized by the City of Surrey this week for heroically preventing a drowning during a school trip on June 6, 2024. Sharing a picture on social media, Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke wrote, "I had the incredible privilege of presenting an Award of Recognition to Gurmehar Pabla from Panorama Ridge Secondary School during last night's Council Meeting. On June 6, 2024, Gurmehar showed remarkable bravery and quick thinking when he saved a life and prevented a drowning during a school trip. Gurmehar is not only a hero but also an inspiring member



of our community as an active Air Cadet with the 278 Cormorant Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron here in Surrey. Your courage and dedication make us all proud! Thank you, Gurmehar, for being a shining example. Let's all celebrate this young leader!"

## 2025 Express Entry Draw Adds Education As New Category

Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship announced the 2025 Express Entry categories, which include a new education category. The 2025 Express Entry will focus on inviting candidates with strong French language skills or work experience in key sectors such as health care, social services, trades and education.

For 2025, the focus of the federal economic class draws will be to invite candidates with experience working in Canada (Canadian Experience Class) to apply for permanent residence. To meet Francophone immigration targets and meet the acute needs in health, trades and education, IRCC will conduct category-based invitation rounds

in strong French language skills, or work experience in the following fields:

health care and social services, such as family physicians, nurse practitioners, dentists, pharmacists, psychologists and chiropractors  
trades, such as carpenters, plumbers and contractors  
education, such as teachers, child care educators and instructors of persons with disabilities

"As Canada makes adjustments to achieve well-managed, sustainable growth and economic prosperity for the long term, IRCC continues to focus economic immigrant selection efforts on priority sectors, such as health care, construction and education. This allows us to issue invitations to apply to



prospective permanent residents who have specific skills, training or language abilities in order to bring those in-demand professionals to Canada," Miller said.

Express Entry is Canada's flagship application management system for those seeking to immigrate permanently through the Federal Skilled Worker Program, the Federal Skilled Trades Program, the Canadian Experience Class and a portion of the Provincial Nominee Program.

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# More Than 60 Pharmacies Under Investigation After Reports Of Misusing Prescribed Opioids Program



The Province is updating its Prescribed Alternatives Program to prevent the diversion of prescribed opioids and hold bad actors accountable for putting people and communities at risk. Prescribed Alternatives Program provides prescribed medications as a safer

alternative to the toxic illegal drug supply to people who are at high risk of overdose. According to province, since 2024, the Ministry of Health's Special Investigative Unit, in collaboration with the College of Pharmacists of BC and law enforcement, has been investigating pharmacies

suspected of engaging in illegal activities, including misusing fee-for-service payments to offer incentives to attract patients. So far, the Ministry of Health has received allegations against more than 60 pharmacies. In cases where wrongdoing is confirmed, the Ministry of Health will, in co-ordination with the College of Pharmacists of BC, ensure that a pharmacy's licence is suspended or cancelled, made ineligible to bill PharmaCare and referred to law enforcement as appropriate.

The Province will make changes to fix the fee structure for pharmacies that provide prescribed alternatives. Fees will be restructured for daily dispensing to better align with the cost of providing service and avoid financial incentive for bad actors to offer kickbacks to retain and attract new patients, and to try to take advantage of the system.

The Province is also working with partners to take action to reduce the over-prescribing of opioids generally by health-care providers. In December 2024, 97% of the people who were prescribed an opioid medication in B.C. received it for reasons unrelated to prescribed alternatives, such as pain management. The Province will establish a working group with the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the College of Nurses and Midwives to investigate the inappropriate prescribing of opioids and take action to reduce overprescribing, including enhanced monitoring and additional guidance. "The overwhelming majority of pharmacies and prescribers follow the rules, but it is unacceptable that bad actors are exploiting the health-care system and



Josie Osborne,  
Minister of Health

putting communities at risk," said Josie Osborne, Minister of Health. "We are working with law enforcement to stop illegal activity and ensure pharmacies operate in the best interests of patients and public safety."

"We are committed to saving lives and getting the people who are suffering from addiction the treatment they need," said Osborne. "In doing this work, we need to

know that medications, like prescribed alternatives, are being used by the person they're intended for. Prescribed alternatives have been proven to save lives by providing a safer option for people at high risk of overdose. We are requiring that the use of prescribed alternatives must be witnessed by a health professional. This will remove the risk of these medications from ending up in the hands of gangs and organized crime."

The Province is revising the Prescribed Alternatives Program to require that the consumption of all prescribed alternatives must be witnessed by health professionals, ensuring they are consumed by their intended recipient. This requirement will be implemented immediately for new patients. The Province will work with clinicians to transition existing patients to witnessed consumption as soon as possible, while ensuring continuity of care.

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# Punjabi Language Education Association (PLEA) celebrates 20th Annual International Mother Language Day

By Gurinder Mann

On February 23, 2025, Punjabi Language Education Association (PLEA) celebrated its 20th Annual International Mother Language Day event. Alongside active members of PLEA, well over 100 supporters of Punjabi were in attendance. Harman Pandher was the MC for this Program, who opened the event with a land acknowledgement, recognizing they were on the unceded territory of the First Nations people. PLEA's Vice President, Dr. Sadhu Binning, expressed words of tribute for prominent painter Jarnail Singh, who had recently passed away. Then, he read a message from PLEA President Mr. Balwant Sanghera, who was sadly absent due to health reasons. Binning also shared a consistent message from PLEA, that Punjabi should receive national recognition in Canada.

Gurvinder Singh Muker opened the Program by reading the poem 'Label' written by Ajmer Rode. This was followed by comments from Jessie Sunner, who is a Canadian born MLA representing Surrey Newton. She shared her personal experiences with Punjabi. PLEA member Rajinder Pandher shared some words in support of reading Punjabi and informed everyone of free books that were being given during the event. Two students from Princess Margaret School in Surrey, Japjee Aujla and Sureena Nagra, presented on cultural artifacts. Gary Thind from Surrey School District and Nimmi Daula from Delta School District provided an update on the progress of Punjabi. Preet Rai from Abbotsford School District sent his regrets, but provided a written report, which was read by Harman Pandher. Singer Sukhi Lally recited a song from the famous poet Shiv Kumar Batalvi, after which Inspector Jag Khosa from the Surrey Police Service talked about the importance of connecting with youth. Jaiden and Rohan Gill from Simon Fraser University showed a visual presentation on Punjabi. Sarbjit Randhawa, Librarian from the University of British Columbia, shared information about Punjabi resources at the Asian Library of UBC. This was followed by details from Prabhjot Kahlon, who works for Multicultural Media Relations at the City of Surrey. Announcements were also shared about resources available. KPU student Raunik Birk expressed 'Why you should learn Punjabi'. L.A. Matheson's Gurman Singh Doad narrated the poem 'Seena Patan Di Gal', from Sadhu Binning. PLEA member Parabjot Kaur Singh made an announcement about Punjabi reading, and introduced her latest book. Gurfateh Brar from UBC explained the importance of Punjabi, after which Satkaar Kaur Sodhi shared the poem 'Huva



da Jeevan' by Mohan Singh. Mannat Jindal and Diljot Gill from Princess Margaret shared a poem on Punjabi language, followed by comments from SFU student, Cayley Geddes. Towards the end, MC Harmen

Pandher provided information on his books. L.A. Matheson teacher, Gurpreet Bains thanked the audience and offered a special thanks to Kultar Thiara, the owner of Taj Park Convention Center. She also

expressed thanks to Surrey Public Library for having a booth to share information about books, as well as to Satish Gulati from Chetna Prakashan for their book display, and to Gurjinder Sekhon for decorating the

PLEA stage. Appreciation was expressed to PLEA members Ranbir Johal, Paul Binning, Gurinder Mann, Amandeep Chhina, and Reetinder Kaur, for their contribution in making the event a success.

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# Surrey Council votes unanimously to withdraw from Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy

Mayor announces intention to coordinate South Fraser Summit

Surrey City Council is taking a decisive step in addressing ongoing governance concerns within the Metro Vancouver Board by unanimously approving a motion to withdraw from the Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy. Councillor Pardeep Kooner tabled the motion at Monday's Regular Council Meeting, driven by significant apprehensions around the efficacy and equity of regional strategies that do not align with Surrey's priorities.

"Today, we are standing up for the interests of Surrey residents," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "The Metro 2050 strategy imposes unfair costs and expectations on our community, which do not reflect the unique needs of our growing city or Surrey Council's vision for our city. It's time for us to take action, ensuring that local



Councillor Pardeep Kooner

governance truly serves our residents." Coun. Kooner's motion cites several critical issues with the Metro 2050 plan, including a misalignment between the

strategies contained within it and the city's own vision, along with a lack of emphasis on fostering healthy human settlements that make efficient use of public resources. "This motion focuses on fairness and equity, as Metro 2050 places an undue burden on our residents while failing to deliver equivalent benefits," stated Kooner. "The City of Surrey is dedicated to ensuring that our residents have access to the services and resources they rightfully deserve, without facing an unreasonable financial strain."

Surrey Directors on the Metro Vancouver Board have been raising the issue of cost, equity, accountability, governance and scope creep of MVRD. "Surrey and some other cities, predominantly South Fraser, have stressed that MVRD move to delivering the core

functions of water, sewer and solid waste cost effectively, keeping taxpayers at the forefront of decision-making," noted Mayor Locke. "To address this, it is my intention to coordinate a South Fraser Summit to bring Mayors, Council members and Senior Management together. This summit will determine next steps in ensuring regional service and corresponding costs to our taxpayer are fairly allocated. By working collaboratively, I hope we can bring greater balance, transparency and equitable service delivery by MVRD to all of our communities, in particular South of the Fraser River, without unfair financial strain on our residents."

Surrey staff have been directed to organize this summit, aiming for constructive discussions that will lead to more equitable regional governance.

# Anita Huberman Narrowly Misses Conservative Party Candidacy for Surrey

Anita Huberman, well known in circles of Surrey businesses, announced that she was ending her run to become the

candidate for Member of Parliament in Surrey Centre. She said in a statement, "I want to sincerely thank everyone for their support throughout my candidacy journey. After careful consideration and communication with the Conservative Party of Canada, I am ending my run."

Citing the reason, she said, "Due to existing party regulations governing administrative qualification for all nominees, I am ineligible at this time. While I meet all other requirements, the party requires a full six months of membership, and I fall just



three weeks short of this deadline. As a result, the Press Conference that was scheduled for February 27 was also cancelled. "This decision has nothing to do with my qualifications, leadership experience, or commitment to my community. It is solely based on an equally applied rule across all candidates. I remain deeply committed to Surrey and will continue working to strengthen our economy, public safety, and business community. The challenges we face require strong leadership, and I look forward to exploring future opportunities to serve."

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# Surrey Schools Budget Falls Short Of \$900,000

Surrey Schools continues to face mounting budgeting challenges as it balances enrolment pressures from ongoing growth and capacity restraints with limited funding for new schools and additions, according to a budget update from the Surrey Board of Education at the February public board meeting.

Board Vice-Chair Terry Allen, who also chairs the board's finance committee, delivered the update following the approval of the 2024-25 Amended Annual Budget, which cited enrolment growth, capacity pressures, inflation, insufficient government grants and rising replacement cost salaries as factors that have put a strain on the district's financial resources. The administrative memorandum for the amended budget notes this strain has emptied the district's accumulated surplus balances from previous budget years, with projected expenses exceeding total revenues in the operating fund and resulting in a forecasted shortfall of \$900,000.

"As we look forward to the 2025-26 budget and the school year, this is going to be one of the most difficult budget years that



we've had for many years," said Allen. "We continue to see cost pressures on the budget due to inflation. This will pose a significant challenge and force the board to make strategic decisions to ensure we fulfill our goals as outlined in our strategic plan."

Last May, the board approved its second billion-dollar budget, weighing in at \$1.142 billion for the 2024-25 school year. The amended annual budget was updated to \$1.159 billion, reflecting projections through the end of June 2025.

Allen said instructional space, staffing,

infrastructure and maintenance remain persistent budget issues stemming from overcrowding concerns. He also said the district would continue to allocate staff where they are most needed in classroom positions, as part of ongoing efforts to maintain certified teachers in classrooms for students and in line with priorities from the local parent community. The board is currently seeking input through Feb. 27 on parents' priorities for the 2025-26 budget.

"Additional measures will be necessary to ensure the Surrey School District's long-term financial stability and minimizes disruption to educational and operational services," said Allen.

In recent years, the district has pursued numerous alternative solutions to the lack of adequate classroom spaces: six secondary schools are on extended day schedules, staff are exploring the potential of year-round trimester schooling and the district is set to trial select, optional hybrid learning courses for Grade 10 to 12 students in a pilot project in the coming school year.

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# Delta Hospital Emergency Department Closed For Two Days Due To Lack Of Staffing, Delta Council Responds



Fraser Health informed Delta and surrounding area residents that due to physician staffing challenges at Delta Hospital, Delta Hospital emergency department was closed from **9:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22 to Sunday, February 23 at 7:00 a.m.**

According to Fraser Health, the service interruption began at 9:30 p.m. to ensure all patients already in the emergency

department were seen by a physician before they ended their shift at 1:30 a.m.

After 9:30 p.m., emergency-trained nurses continued to be on-site and were available to support walk-in patients needing basic first aid, assist with re-direction of care, and/or transfer patients with urgent needs to a neighbouring hospital.

Delta Council called an emergency Special Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2025,

in response to interruptions at the Delta Hospital emergency department and their profound impact on the surrounding community.

Three Motions were made by Council and the following resolutions were adopted unanimously.

In one motion, a letter from the Mayor on behalf of Delta Council was sent to Premier David Eby, Minister of Health Josie Osborne, and Fraser Health Interim CEO Dr. Lynn Stevenson, expressing serious concerns regarding the closure and requesting information regarding steps the Province is taking to ensure the Delta Hospital Emergency Department remains fully open. The letter mentioned that Delta Hospital Emergency Department

provides an essential service for residents of Delta, Tsawwassen First Nation, and those employed within Delta's diverse industrial and commercial sectors, as well as BC Ferries passengers and commuters on Delta's Highway 99, 91, 17, and 17a network. It stated that other facilities in Richmond, Surrey, and New Westminster are at capacity and access can be cut off by traffic and incidents on highways including at the George Massey Tunnel.

The letter highlighted importance of how Delta residents fought hard for the hospital, both in preventing the long-term closure of the Emergency Room overnight in the early 2000's, and to get the hospital's acute-care status restored after being

downgraded by the Province.

Another motion mentioned that representatives from Fraser Health Authority responsible for the Delta Hospital Emergency Department including staff with direct knowledge of the current state of the Emergency Department, be invited to attend the March 3, 2025 meeting of Council to provide a presentation to Council, as well as answer questions on this subject.

Another motion asked staff report back at the next Regular Council meeting with a proposed UBCM resolution for Council's consideration on the need for sustainable funding and continuous operations for emergency and urgent care health services throughout the Province.

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and credits when they file their taxes. These include the B.C. family benefit and the climate-action tax credit.

The B.C. family benefit is deposited in eligible families' bank accounts around the 20th of each month. The average family receives an annual total of \$2,000 from the B.C. family benefit and the one-year BC Family Benefit Bonus, which lasts until June 2025. Approximately 275,000 families with children receive support through the benefit.

The climate-action tax credit for individuals and families can provide a family of four as much as \$1,008 for the 2024-25 tax year. More than two million families and individuals will receive more than the 2023-24 tax year.

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One in five people living on very low income don't file their taxes, missing out on getting benefits and credits that can help. Consider visiting a free tax clinic and using the B.C. Benefits Connector to get some support in 2025.

Canadians missed out on almost \$2 billion in unclaimed benefits in 2015, according to a 2020 report published in Canadian Public Policy. Men are more likely than



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# Hermender Singh Kailley and Vancouver Community College president Ajay Patel part of BC's new Anti-racism Committee

A new provincial committee has begun work to remove systemic barriers that make access to government programs and services challenging for racialized people in British Columbia.

While the Anti-Racism Data Committee advises government on how data can be used to identify systemic racism, the Provincial Committee on Anti-Racism will use that information to take action toward dismantling systemic racism. In addition, the committee will help develop anti-racism training standards for public bodies.

The committee's first meeting took place in Vancouver on



New provincial committee tackles systemic racism

Wednesday, Feb. 19, and Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025 chaired by Hasan Alam, a lawyer with the B.C. General Employees' Union (BCGEU).

An additional 10 anti-racism advocates were selected for the committee by the Ministry of Attorney General through a public application process that identified racialized people in British Columbia with expertise in addressing systemic racism.

Hermender Singh Kailley,

secretary-treasurer, BC Federation of Labour and Ajay Patel, president and chief executive officer, Vancouver Community College are two South Asians who are part of this newly formed 10 members committee.

Kailley is advocate for workers' rights, social justice and anti-racism. His work has been marked by his strong advocacy for justice and inclusion, and his focus on upraising the voices of workers from excluded and marginalized communities.

Patel is an active community member and was previously the chair for the Vancouver Sport



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"This committee is the result of decades of advocacy by racialized communities to dismantle systemic racism in B.C.," said Hasan Alam, chair of the Provincial Committee on Anti-Racism. "My fellow committee members and I are committed to ensuring the voices of those most affected by racism are heard loud and clear through meaningful engagement with marginalized communities across the province, so we can finally move toward building a more equitable and just B.C. for everyone."

It will provide input on public education and awareness strategies about anti-racism; and consult with public bodies and engage racialized community members on implementing the Anti-Racism Act.

"Systemic racism cannot be dismantled without us all working together," said Jessie Sunner, parliamentary secretary for anti-racism initiatives. "We look forward to collaborating with this committee to create a B.C. where everyone has the same access to the government services and programs."

Indigenous perspectives on the Anti-Racism Act and the action plan will be incorporated through direct government-to-government consultation and co-operation with First Nations, the First Nations Leadership Council, the Alliance of Modern Treaty Nations and Métis Nation BC. The Anti-Racism Act requires the action plan to be published by June 1, 2026.

Other members of the Provincial Committee on Anti-Racism include

Vinu Abraham Chetipurackal, founder and former co-chairperson, Deaf IBPOC committee,

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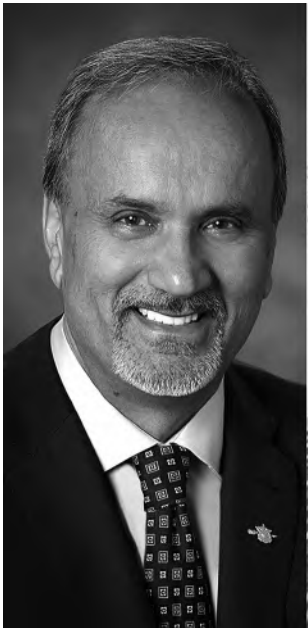
# Harry Bains, Bruce Ralston receive honorary degrees from KPU

Five community advocates who dedicated themselves to improving the lives of others received honorary degrees from Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) during convocation ceremony on Feb 28.

"We are proud to recognize the outstanding contributions and remarkable achievements of five community champions," said Dr. Alan Davis, President and Vice-Chancellor at KPU. "Our region has witnessed the passion and dedication these individuals have brought to their work, and our communities are better for it."

Former B.C. cabinet ministers and Surrey MLAs Harry Bains and Bruce Ralston, humanitarians Amos and Edith Kambere, and not-for-profit leader and community services supporter David Young will each receive a Doctor of Laws degree during convocation week at KPU Surrey, Feb. 24 to 28.

Harry Bains, a former B.C. New Democratic Party MLA and Minister of Labour, said, "I am so honoured and humbled to be the recipient of this very prestigious award" says Bains. "I will cherish this award as a lifetime honour." Bains moved to Canada from India in 1971. His path into politics began two years later at age 21. While working at a sawmill in Vancouver he experienced discrimination and racism, and became committed to making his workplace safer by participating in his union. He was elected an officer of Steelworkers-IWA Canada Local 2171, going on to serve in union leadership positions for 15 years. Bains was first elected MLA for Surrey-Newton in 2005 and was re-elected in 2009, 2013, 2017 and 2020. He was appointed



KPU's honorary degree recipients from left to right: Harry Bains, Edith Kambere, Bruce Ralston, Amos Kambere and David Young.

Minister of Labour in 2017, allowing him to make changes he had been advocating for.

"From a dedicated advocate for workers' rights, to serving as British Columbia's Minister of Labour for seven years, Harry Bains has left an indelible legacy on this province," said Randall Heidt, Vice-President of External Affairs at KPU.

As Labour Minister, Bains took B.C.'s minimum wage from one of the lowest in Canada to the highest. He also ensured most workers would have access to five paid sick days a year and removed roadblocks for workers to join unions. Bains made improvements to the Workers Compensation Act and prioritized the rights of injured workers. He improved safety for those performing asbestos abatement work and brought successorship provisions into the labour code to provide protection for workers against contract flipping.

Bains also served as Opposition critic for the Ministry of Olympics and Sport, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. In 2024 Bains retired from politics to spend more time with his family.

Bains served on the KPU Board of Governors from 1993 to 1999, including three years as vice-chair.

"I always believe that the best gift one can give to anyone is the gift of education, as education is the best way to create equality in our society," said Bains. "I am so proud to

say that KPU is delivering that opportunity to our community."

Bruce Ralston is a former B.C. cabinet minister, a five-term MLA for Surrey-Whalley and a two-term Surrey city councillor. He ran a successful law practice for 24 years, and was appointed King's Counsel in 2021 in

recognition of exceptional merit and contribution to the legal profession. During his career, Ralston also served as a director of VanCity Credit Union, as volunteer president of the B.C. NDP, and on the boards of Surrey Memorial Hospital and Surrey Public Library.

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Greater Vancouver Association of the Deaf. Athena Presquito Madan, assistant professor, department of sociology, University of Victoria. Sireen Suleiman El-Nashar, regulated Canadian immigration consultant, and executive director, Zaytuna Services Society. Carmel Ayala Tanaka, community engagement professional:

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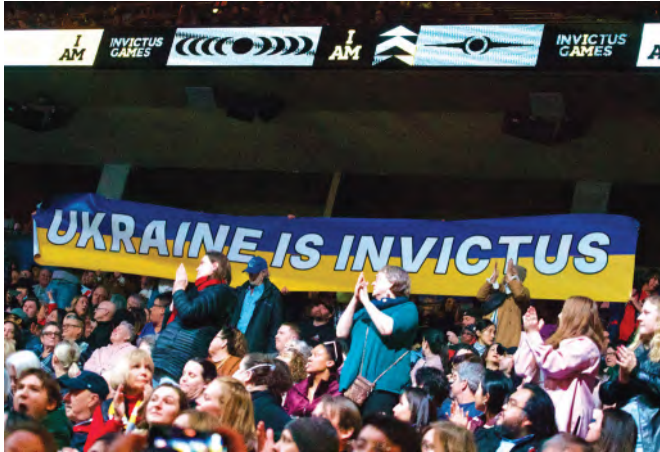
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# A Vibrant Celebration of the Unconquered Spirit Closes Out the Invictus Games



The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025, presented by ATCO and Boeing, concluded with a spectacular sold out Closing Ceremony with 11,532 in attendance Live at Rogers Arena celebrating the unconquered Invictus Spirit. The evening served as a compelling testament to the resilience, courage, and determination of wounded, injured and sick service members and Veterans from around the world and their supporters, who came together to use sport as a platform for recovery and healing. The Closing Ceremony showcased a vibrant display of pageantry, music, and symbolism, celebrating the spirit

of resilience and unity that defines the Invictus Games. Highlights included the Parade of Nations' Flags, a stirring performance by the Canadian Armed Forces Band, and an inspiring address by BC's renowned accessibility advocate Rick Hansen. The emotional pinnacle came as Canadian designer, Chloe Angus — using a groundbreaking exoskeleton by B.C.'s Human in Motion Robotics —walked the Invictus Games flag to Team Canada Captains Cheryl Belanger and Kiernan Underwood. The flag was then passed to the Canadian Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Invictus Games Foundation, and finally to representatives from Birmingham, UK,

host organizers of the 2027 Invictus Games. The show also honoured the vital role of the Four Host First Nations — Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and Lil'wat — in the success of the Games. Their leadership and support guided the journey, leaving a lasting legacy of partnership, friendship and greater understanding. Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, Founding Patron of the Invictus Games Foundation, delivered a heartfelt address including inviting the Invictus Family to stand and be recognized, to resounding applause and cheers from the audience. He too received a standing ovation during Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's speaking remarks, who thanked him for his energy, dedication and commitment to the Games since its inception. The Duke of Sussex spoke about the challenges faced by Invictus Games competitors, recognizing how difficult and uncertain the path can be and that they've shown everyone what it means to never give up, to never give in.



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# Indian Immigrant Son Kash Patel Sworn In As FBI Director

On February 21, Kash Patel was sworn in as the ninth Director of the FBI in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Attorney General Pamela Bondi administered the oath of office.

“I promise you the following,” Director Patel said at the swearing-in ceremony. “There will be accountability within the FBI and outside of the FBI, and we will do it through rigorous constitutional oversight, starting this weekend.”

In a social media statement the day before, Patel said his goals as Director would be to “let good cops be cops” and to restore the public’s trust in the Bureau. “Working alongside the dedicated men and women of the Bureau and our partners, we will rebuild an FBI the American people can be proud of,” he wrote.



President Donald Trump nominated Patel for the position to replace former Director Christopher Wray. “Kash is extremely passionate about restoring the reputation of the FBI, and I look forward to working closely with him to end violent crime, protect our national security, and make America safe

again,” wrote Attorney General Bondi in a social media statement following Patel’s confirmation. According to media reports, Patel may soon bring in UFC trainers to beef up his agents. He discussed his possible plan to have the UFC train his FBI agents during his first video conference call with the bureau’s

55 field office supervisors on Wednesday (February 26). Patel reportedly hopes the move will beef up agents’ martial arts and self-defense skills.

Patel, a former defence department chief of staff and ex-federal prosecutor, is a staunch Trump supporter. He was confirmed in a party line vote of 51-49, with only two Republicans joining all Democrats against him, citing concerns over his qualifications to lead the agency and claiming that he will pursue retribution against critics of Trump. Patel only narrowly cleared the final hurdle, reflecting the deep divisions over his nomination - the last three FBI picks were approved by at least 90 senators.

Patel, the son of Indian immigrants, is a former defence

lawyer and federal prosecutor. He quickly rose within Trump’s circle after he was hired as a national security aide in 2019, and in 2020 was appointed chief of staff to the head of the Pentagon.

## Trump To Sell \$5 Million ‘Gold Card’ To Wealthy Foreigners Who Want To Get Us Citizenship

U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday floated the idea of replacing a visa program for foreign investors with a so-called “gold card” that could be bought for \$5 million as a route to American citizenship.

Trump told reporters he will replace the “EB-5” immigrant investor visa program, which allows foreign investors of large sums of money that create or preserve U.S. jobs to become permanent residents, with a so-called “gold card.”

The EB-5 program grants “green cards” to foreigners promising to invest in U.S. businesses.

“We are going to be selling a gold card,” Trump said. “We are going to be putting a price on that card of about \$5 million,” he added.

“It’s going to give you green card privileges plus its going to be a route to (American) citizenship, and wealthy people would be coming into our country by buying this card,” Trump said, adding that details about the scheme will come out in two weeks.

Trump added it is possible Russian oligarchs could qualify for the gold cards, when asked by a journalist if those people would be eligible. “Yeah, possibly. Hey. I know some Russian oligarchs that are very nice people,” he said.

The EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program, administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, was created by Congress in 1990 to “stimulate the U.S. economy through job creation and capital investment by foreign investors,” according to the USCIS website.

“The EB-5 program ... it was full of nonsense, make believe and fraud, and it was a way to get a green card that was low price. So the president said, rather than having this sort of ridiculous EB-5 program, we’re going to end the EB-5 program. We’re going to replace it with the Trump gold card,” Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick told reporters on Tuesday.



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# Ruby Dhalla Disqualified From Liberal Leadership Race

The Liberal Leadership Vote Committee unanimously decided to disqualify Ruby Dhalla from the 2025 Liberal Leadership race. The decision followed an extensive process and review, including interviews, questionnaires, and an opportunity for Dr. Dhalla to directly address the committees.

"After a thorough investigation, the Leadership Vote Committee and the Leadership Expense Committee, sitting jointly, unanimously determined that Dr. Dhalla was in breach of 10 violations of the National Leadership Rules, Leadership Vote Rules, and the Leadership Expense Rules. The violations include concerns about alleged violations of the Canada Elections Act, certain other election finance matters, non-disclosure of material facts, and inaccurate financial reporting. The Leadership Vote Committee determined that the violations were extremely serious, accepted the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer and disqualified Dr. Dhalla under section 8(i) of the National Leadership Rules," said **Azam Ishmael, Liberal Party of Canada National Director**.

Dhalla reacted to her appeal being denied on X. "My appeal to the establishment was to fight for the millions of Canadians who believe in democracy, free speech, and fair elections. The appeal was denied," she wrote. "This is not the end, but the beginning of a new movement of truth."

In posts on X, Dhalla identified some of the concerns raised by the party but said she had done nothing wrong. She



said six out of several hundred donations involved a couple using their joint credit card to make donations for both the husband and wife.

"This is entirely LEGAL," she posted. She said another "fabricated violation" was that donors made \$21,000 in contributions directly to her campaign instead of using the required custom link that sends the funds first to the party. "The campaign refunded the donations and asked the donors to resubmit them via the customized link," she said. "These donations estimated \$21,000. This was not a VIOLATION. Yet another fake, false and fabricated allegation, designed to keep me from the ballot."

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**11516 PARKWOOD PLACE DELTA**  
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**NEW LISTING**

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**5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN**  
**\$1,495,000**  
**SOLD**

Beautiful Corner House in the most desired area of Collingwood. Unstained features three bedrooms and two bathrooms with a good size family room and a large master bedroom with separate entry and at the back of the house for suite. It comes with a full bathroom and 1 bath along with its own laundry. Lots of parking and very close to all amenities . walking distance to Joyce Collingwood sky train and Gaston Park.

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**9750 128 ST., SURREY**  
**\$999,900**  
**SOLD**

Solid 6 bed and 2 bath home in the heart of Surrey. A perfect home for time home buyers. Features include: Upstairs features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen with granite counter top, laundry, Massive Master Bed freshly painted. Downstairs comes with 3 bed, 1 den, 1 bath and kitchen. Lots of parking at the front and back. Detached garage . Some recent renos include roof, windows, paint..

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5758 131 A STREET SURREY



11BED - 11 BATHS - 20,255 SF LOT

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9097 BROADWAY STREET



3 BED - 1 BATH - 10,019 SF LOT

Builder's Alert! The Property is sub dividable and has been rezoned R1-C. PLA Application has been submitted to City & is in process. Excellent Heritage style home with three bedrooms and one bathroom . Large Private backyard.

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11956 98 AVENUE, SURREY



7 BED - 5 BATHS - 6,600 SF

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

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7028 142 STREET, SURREY



5 BED - 5 BATHS - 7,107 SF

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

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10095 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, CHILLIWACK



4 BED - 2 BATHS - 9,750 SF LOT

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2 BED - 2 BATHS

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# 2025 Nissan Kicks SR Premium: Cool Styling, Attractive Pricing!

Auto Review by Veeno Dewan

For 2025, the Nissan Kicks compact Crossover is based on a new stiffer platform and has a new 2.0L engine replacing the previous 1.6L Four cylinder and, for the first time, available all-wheel drive (AWD). In the design department, there is sharp fresh look with LED light strips flanking the front grille, plus the cool “floating” roof feature. The rear fascia receives a



new full-width LED light setup. Overall, this is handsome looking SUV. Cabin updates include an available 12.3-inch centre touchscreen, more technology options, extra rear cargo space, updated safety aids as well as new comfort and convenience options.

The updated 2.0L four-cylinder engine replaces the previous 1.6L unit and makes 141 hp and 140 lb-ft of torque.(Up 21 hp and torque increased by 27 lb-f from the previous unit.) The transmission as before; remains an automatic continuously variable transmission (CVT), remapped for better performance and fuel efficiency.

The 2025 Kicks comes in three trim levels: S, SV, and SR Premium. The S and SV come standard with Front Wheel Drive, but can be optioned with All Wheel Drive, while the SR Premium (As evaluated) is AWD only. In terms of pricing, the S trim

and FWD starts at \$29,229, SV (FWD) is \$30,779. AWD adds \$2,000. The SR Premium AWD is \$36,929 plus \$1,855 Freight and PDE

The base S and SV get a seven-inch instrument cluster. with cloth upholstery, while the SR Premium has faux leather with cloth inserts. The SV and SR Premium have 17-inch rims, while the S has 16-inch wheels. The SV offers an extra cost Premium Package with panoramic sunroof, roof rails, and more.

All trims include wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay; two USB-C ports up front, while the SR Premium has a total of 4 USB outlets.

Entertainment and Connectivity can be enabled by the NissanConnect SM system.

The fully loaded SR model has the 19-inch wheels and also offers heated

seats, remote start, climate control, blind spot warning, and LED lamps. The Bose Audio system includes eight speakers, of which two are located in the headrest for the driver. the SR Premium has the configurable 12.3-inch digital instrument panel housed under a single seamless pane. SV and SR Premium levels also offer a wireless charger and automatic climate control. Tested here was the SR Premium, which adds an auto-dimming mirror, red accent stitching, and a soft -touch lower dash panel finished off with a faux carbon fibre effect.

Interior wise - the Kicks interior is classy looking with a premium feel and look. Raised stitched detailing around the dash and console adds some refinement. In cabin storage is handy with multiple storage places and cubbyholes. The seats are spacious and leg and head room is fine. Four

normal-sized adults fit inside comfortably, five at a push. Rear cargo space is expanded in the 2025 model with 677 – 850L litres of space with the rear seats up and 915 litres with the seats folded down.

In terms of safety, All trims come standard the Nissan Safety Shield 360, suite which includes emergency front and rear braking, blind-spot monitoring with rear cross-

traffic alert, lane departure warning, rear parking sensors, and automatic high-beam headlights, plus adaptive cruise control. The SR Premium further adds lane-keep assist, blind-spot steering intervention, front parking sensors, traffic sign recognition, surround-view cameras, and an extra 1 airbag between the front seats.

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## US Tariffs: Here’s How Consumers And Businesses Can Prepare

Steel and aluminum will be the next industries to take a financial hit with the ripple effects felt across the supply chain. The issue for Canadian companies is when any retaliatory tariffs come in, they then could be paying tariffs both ways. An example is craft brewing in B.C., which employs about 4000 people across the province. Canada smelts the aluminum, but the U.S. turns it into cans, which are reimported to Canada to be used by the brewing companies. Depending on Canada’s application of reciprocal tariffs, B.C.’s brewing industry can get hit with tariffs both ways.

Another sector likely to take two-way hit on tariffs is the automotive sector, which has intertwined supply chains between the U.S. and Canada. Raw material inputs like aluminum and car parts can cross the border seven or eight times before final assembly, so higher costs will quickly pile up. Expect construction, infrastructure and consumer goods to get more expensive too. For Canadian businesses, it’s a no-win situation. Tariffs will inevitably drive up costs. Companies either have to absorb them—hurting razor-thin profit margins—or pass them on to customers, risking lost sales. Some companies will lose contracts and have to cut production and lay off workers.

**What can consumers expect?**

It’s a tough situation and consumers are stuck in the middle. We can expect higher prices across the board. For consumers, one of the big ones would be fruits and vegetables, and the prices would immediately go up if retaliatory tariffs were put in place. The same goes for cars, household goods, and anything that relies on U.S. materials.

It’s not just about direct costs—economic uncertainty will slow hiring and wage growth, making it harder for households to keep up. The tariff threats have triggered a whole “Buy Canadian” movement. What do you think of that trend?

People are definitely talking about it. I’ve heard people say, “I don’t want to go to the States now. I’m going to travel somewhere else like Mexico or South America, or in Canada.” And people are looking at other “Buy Canadian” options. I think it’s useful, and it will help small- and medium-sized businesses, but I don’t think it will solve the problem because we are a small market. But the big winners will be the mom-and-pop shops that are making artisanal products, or who are sourcing locally and selling locally.

**What else can consumers do to buffer themselves?**

Consumer’s need an awareness of what I call the “Canadian Supply Chain,” meaning that if you plan to buy Canadian it is important to know that “Assembled in Canada” or “Packaged in Canada” does not necessarily mean the resources used to make the product are from Canada or that the manufacturing actually occurred in Canada. Consumers should look out for labels such as “Made in Canada,” which means the majority of the product and its inputs originated in Canada. What consumers should be asking retailers is “does your product have a Canadian Supply Chain?,” and this will mean that the raw materials, manufacturing, packaging and distribution are happening here in Canada.

**What can Canadian businesses do to adapt?**

There are five key strategies. The Canadian economy has limited resources and can’t afford protectionist measures so one approach is diversifying both suppliers and customers to reduce reliance on the U.S., like seeking alternative markets in Europe, South America, and Asia.

Another is coordinated work between policymakers, business leaders, trade associations and academics on mapping the supply of our critical and strategic industries as well as understanding where all our suppliers are, where we are getting our products from and who we are selling to. Then you can begin to look at how you diversify your supply chain.

Strategy three is the removal of interprovincial trade barriers. There’s a real push to get rid of these barriers at the moment, especially around things like trucking, limits on alcohol and allowing qualified individuals such as doctors move between provinces more easily.

Strategy four is moving up the value chain. Rather than exporting raw materials, Canadian industries should focus on producing finished goods for global markets like Europe, China and India, because the transportation costs are lower and they can be absorbed within the profit margins of the higher value goods. We have to realize this is the state of things: the U.S. is becoming very protectionist, and Canadian businesses have to move up the value chain to become more competitive globally.

Strategy five is establishing regionalized supply chains—by setting up production facilities in multiple regions, businesses can minimize the risks associated with

border tariffs and supply disruptions. Companies are also looking at vertical integration – so owning more stages of the supply chain rather than outsourcing everything to third-party companies in India and China, as a way of increasing supply chain visibility and reducing risk.

What should Canadian governments be doing?

An interesting case study is what China has done. China has faced steel and aluminum tariffs from the United States since 2018, as well as tariffs on other types of products — and what the Chinese government has done is actively diversified. They’ve been very active in promoting Chinese businesses to other markets, and they’ve started moving steel and aluminum to places like South Korea and India and Singapore. Chinese companies have also been setting up shell companies in Mexico and then shipping products from Mexico. So the Canadian government needs to support Canadian businesses in looking for external markets, in international trade agreements, and in partnerships with the EU, the UK, South America and Southeast Asian countries, and then actively promoting those businesses to increase trade. The European Union is the second largest consumer market after the United States, so that is a very attractive market, and a lot of products that are similar to those sold in Canada are also consumed in Europe. So that’s definitely one opportunity.

To read more on this topic, visit: <https://www.sauder.ubc.ca/news/insights/talking-tariffs-how-can-canada-weather-impending-economic-storm> (Excerpts from full interview which was published on UBC’s website)

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# Interfaith Seminar At Shree Mahalakshmi Temple Explores Topic Of Faith And Environment

By Acharya Dwivedi

Although, most religions of the world promote peace, compassion, love, equality and universal brotherhood but human beings are still facing enormous racism, hatred, enmity, wars and riots based on religions on the earth. Interfaith encourages inter dialogue, cooperative, constructive, and positive interaction between people of different faiths and spiritual practices. World Interfaith Harmony Week was conceived to promote culture of peace, love, non-violence and harmony among the diverse faiths and spirituality. King Abdullah II of Jordan proposed the resolution, “First Week of February as a World Interfaith Harmony Week”, and it was passed by UNO in 2010. Since, interfaith organizations around the world have been promoting it through seminars, conferences, devotional musical concerts and spiritual gatherings.

Every year new theme is picked up, and this year in our province of BC the theme is “Faith and Environmental Stewardship”. Muli-faith Action Society (Vancouver), Global Clergy Association of Canada (Surrey), Surrey Interfaith Council, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (Van.), Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at (Delta), Multi-faith Summit Council (Van.) Global Sikh Summit, and Bahai Community have organized symposiums, seminars and devotional music programs in which hundreds of people of diverse faiths and spirituality participated. The Surrey Interfaith Council organized seminar of a youth panel on “Religion and Environment” in that representative from Christian, Hindu, Jain, Bahai and Sikh community took part. The way they reflected their views was quite impressive. Shree Mahalakshmi Temple in collaboration with the Global Clergy Association, organized the interfaith seminar on 16th



February at Shree Mahalakshmi Temple in Vancouver, Theme was “How my faith helps the Environment?”. Shri Prameya Chaitanya welcomed the guests and introduced the MC- Nirmala Rani Gerg. She introduced the speakers and called upon them, one by one, to present their views: Shri Firdosh Mehta (Zoroastrian), Sherry Marceil (Christian), Shirly Berelowitz ( Jew), Acharya Dwivedi (Hindu), and Gyan Singh Kotli (Sikh) ; Nirmala ji as a MC was

articulate and graceful. Speakers presented the analysis based on their respective scriptures and personal experiences. Members of the congregation loved and lauded their outstanding informative and stimulating presentation. Speakers were honored by the members of the Executive of the Mahalakshmi Temple and guests were served with delicious lunch. More than 200 people attended the Interfaith function.

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## JUNOS Plaza Party...

“We are especially proud to feature South Asian artists like Sarbjit Cheema, and Chani Nattan and Inderpal Moga and, who have made history with Jazzy B with their JUNO Award nomination for “COOLIN.” We are excited to also feature Surrey-born country star Tyler Joe Miller at the event. With over 30 artists representing our diverse cultural community, this festival will be a day to remember and showcase the incredible talent that Surrey has to offer.” Born and raised in Surrey, two-time JUNO Award-nominated country star Tyler Joe Miller is set to ‘go home’ and perform for his hometown fans. Miller’s acclaimed album Going Home has been nominated for Country Album of the Year at the 2025

JUNO Awards, marking his second consecutive nomination after first being recognized in 2024. Since bursting onto the Canadian country music scene with his Gold-certified debut single, “Pillow Talkin’,” in late 2019, Miller has continued to dominate the airwaves. The breakout hit earned him the title of iHeartRadio Future Star and became his first #1 at Canadian country radio. To date, he has achieved nine consecutive Top 10 singles, solidifying his status as one of the genre’s most consistent hitmakers. Now, Miller is bringing his chart-topping hits back to where it all began, delivering an unforgettable show for his hometown crowd. Chani Nattan and Inderpal Moga have made history with their JUNO Award nomination for “COOLIN” in collaboration with Jazzy B, in the new South Asian Music Recording of the Year category. Their nomination

highlights their influence and the increasing representation of South Asian artists on local and national levels. Their performance at the Let’s Hear it BC JUNOS Plaza Party will be a pivotal moment and celebration for Surrey’s thriving South Asian community. Sarbjit Cheema, prominent Punjabi singer, is known for his significant contributions to Punjabi music in both India and Canada. Over the years, he has released numerous successful albums, including Chandigarh Shaher Di Kuddi, and is known for his dynamic performances of Bhangra beats. “Let’s Hear it BC JUNOS Plaza Party is a powerful showcase of music that reflects the talent and diversity that define our province while meaningfully representing the local community,” expressed Neesha Hothi, Director of Marketing and Communications, Vancouver JUNO Host Committee. “As a long-standing hub for South Asian artistry

and innovation, Surrey is the perfect place to celebrate the introduction of the JUNOS’ new South Asian Music Recording of the Year category. From homegrown country stars to groundbreaking Punjabi artists, this festival is a testament to the voices and cultures shaping Canadian music today. We’re excited to bring the energy of the JUNOS to Surrey and unite music fans for an unforgettable celebration.” Let’s Hear it BC JUNOS Plaza Party is all about bringing a wide array of music genres—from local rising stars to internationally recognized artists—for the community to experience. With free admission, entertainment for all ages, and family programming, there’s something for everyone. As part of the Let’s Hear it BC JUNO Tour, the festival will unite music fans in celebration of Canadian music ahead of the 2025 JUNO Awards in Vancouver.



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As the provincial regulator for the funeral, cemetery and crematorium industry, Consumer Protection BC is warning consumers to be vigilant before handing money over in memory of a loved one. The funeral industry has received reports of some

websites pirating or copying information pulled from legitimate obituaries to solicit donations or sell memorial gifts such as flowers on behalf of grieving families. Instead of supporting someone you care for, the bad actors make off with the money.

The best way to protect yourself is to know who you're giving to. Ensure the obituary is posted by an organization you recognize, such as a funeral home or a local newspaper. Call the funeral service provider listed on



the obituary to verify they are soliciting donations on behalf of the family. If it's appropriate, talk to someone close to the family and confirm their wishes.

Search for the name of the funeral home or crematorium on the Consumer Protection BC website to ensure the company is licensed to operate in BC. Consumer Protection BC has reviewed the practices involved in online obituary piracy and considers the activity fraud. The regulator is not responsible for dealing with issues of fraud, but there are other resources that can help. If you think you or someone you know is a victim of obituary piracy, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre or your local police department.

## BC Residents Advised To Check Their Immunization Records Ahead Of Spring Travel

With spring break coming up, the Provincial Health Officer, BC Centre for Disease Control, and public health officials are reminding B.C. residents to check their family's immunization records before travelling to ensure everyone is up to date on their immunizations.

There is still time to book appointments for any missing vaccines and build immunity before spring break travel. It's important to be up to date on your immunizations, especially when travelling, as you may come into contact with illnesses that are rare in Canada. Being immunized ensures you are protected from many different diseases and their complications.

Earlier this month, two cases of measles, a child and an adult, were reported in residents of Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health regions who had recently returned from overseas. Measles is an extremely contagious virus that can cause severe complications including pneumonia, encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), and even death.

There has been a resurgence of

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measles activity in Canada in recent years, with 44 cases so far in 2025 and 146 cases in 2024 – with cases occurring largely in people who were unimmunized or under-immunized. There is also significant measles transmission in many parts of the world including Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Parents and caregivers should check their child's immunization records through Health Gateway or through your local public health unit or family doctor. If you have additional immunization records (e.g., from out of province) they can be updated or submitted online. This will prevent children from missing school in the event

of a measles case. Parents and caregivers should also ensure they are up to date with immunizations, including measles immunization.

**Where to get immunized**

- Vaccine appointments can be booked through local public health units, community health centres or nursing stations. Find your local centre on the Immunize BC website.
- Some primary-care providers and travel clinics also offer vaccinations. It is recommended to call in advance to check if the measles vaccine is available.
- You can also receive the vaccine at a pharmacy. Pharmacies can vaccinate anyone over the age of 4 years old. Find a pharmacy near

you on the BC Pharmacy website or call your local pharmacy to check in the measles vaccine is available.

**About measles and measles vaccine**

- Measles vaccine is given as a series of two doses:
  - oThe first dose is given as the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine at 12 months of age
  - oThe second dose is given around kindergarten school entry (starting at 4 years of age) as the measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (MMRV) vaccine.
- Infants as young as six months can get vaccinated against measles if they are travelling to areas where measles is spreading (usually international destinations).
- Children between one and four years can also get their second dose early if travelling to areas where measles is spreading.
- If it is the child's first dose, it is best to get immunized at least two weeks before travel to give the child's body time to build immunity.
- Adults should ensure they have

received both doses of a measles-containing vaccine if they were born in 1970 or later. One dose is not enough to ensure adequate coverage.

- Measles vaccines are typically not needed for those born before 1970 as most people in that age group have immunity to measles from a prior infection, before vaccination was widely available.
- Measles is a highly contagious virus that can spread through air. People can pass the virus to others before they show symptoms, and the virus can stay suspended in the air in a room for several hours. That is why protection by immunization is so important. If you are not fully immunized, you are at risk from measles.
- Symptoms of measles include fever, cough, runny nose, and conjunctivitis. Three to four days after the onset of fever a rash begins in the hairline, which spreads rapidly to the face and body. Measles can also lead to pneumonia, encephalitis (swelling of the brain), and even death. Visit Immunize BC for information about measles vaccine

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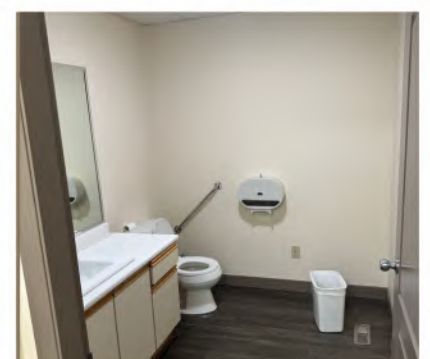
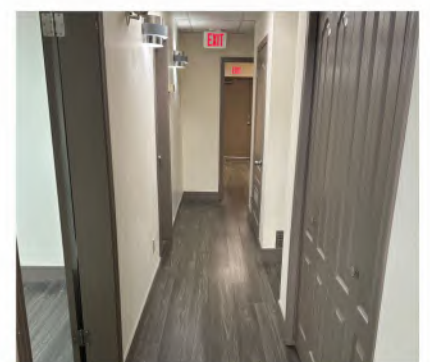
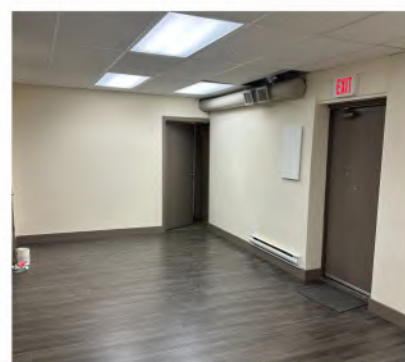
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## Upcoming Program

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

2nd March, Sunday at 10:30 am, Weekly Kirtan Diwan, Katha Vichar and langer will be served by the sangat.

#### Special Program

**Like every year, Sri Akhand Path Sahib will be started by the devotees of Raja Sahib.**

7th March, Friday at 10:00 am, Sri Akhand Path Sahib will be started by the devotees of Raja Sahib.

**All the three days of langer will be served by the devotees of Raja Sahib.**

8th March, Saturday at 4.30 pm, Bhog Sri Sehaj Path and Antim ardas for late Iqbal Kaur Bassi by the Bassi family.

9th March, Sunday at 10:00 am, Bhog of Sri Akhand Path Sahib Ji, held by the devotees of Raja Sahib, followed by Kirtan, Katha Vichar and religious ceremonies of Dhadi Waran.

**The Dhadi Singhs will shed light on the life and teachings of Raja Sahib Ji.**

**All the Sangat are requested to come to the weekly Kirtan Diwan and Katha Vichar Smagam every Sunday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.**

**The Sangat is invited to come to the weekly Smagam and make your life successful.**

**If any family wishes to do seva of Gurbani Kirtan and Langar in the weekly Diwan, they should contact the Management Committee.**

\*Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji by the Bibian and the Langer service will be provided by the group of Sukhmani Sahib Walian Bibian.

#### \*Important Information:

Punjabi classes have started in Punjabi schools from Sunday, January 5th. Please enroll your children in the school so that they can speak, read and write Punjabi. For more information, contact Secretary S. Balwant Singh Sanghera 604-836-8976

**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**

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

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



# Kiara and Sidharth Announce Pregnancy

Actor Kiara Advani announced that she and her husband, Sidharth Malhotra, are expecting their first child together. The actor took to Instagram on Friday and shared an adorable picture of the two of them holding baby socks. Kiara Advani is pregnant. Kiara and Sidharth shared a joint post on their pages to announce the pregnancy. The caption of the post read: “The

greatest gift of our lives. Coming soon.” The actors did not share a due date or any more details. The actors were inundated with best wishes and congratulatory messages from fans and industry colleagues. Actor Huma Qureshi commented, “Omg congratulations.” Neha Dhupia also commented congratulations on the post. Fans also showered their blessings upon the couple. One wrote, “Going to be best mom and dad.” Another added, “So happy for you both and whole family.” Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra’s love story. Kiara and Sidharth met on the sets of their 2021 film, Shershaah. The war drama saw Sidharth play Param Vir Chakra recipient, the late Captain Vikram Batra. Kiara played his girlfriend, Dimple Cheema, in the film. The film was critically acclaimed upon its release on Amazon Prime Video. The actors reportedly began dating during the shoot. Despite rumours that they have been

dating and doing the rounds since 2020, neither of them spoke publicly about it. Filmmaker Karan Johar seemed to confirm it in 2022 when he mentioned Sidharth was dating Kiara during his appearance on Koffee With Karan. The two actors tied the knot on 7 February 2023 in a traditional Hindu ceremony in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. Their wedding received widespread media attention, resulting in their wedding pictures being the most-liked Instagram post in India for a while.



## Alia Bhatt Reminds Soni Razdan Of Raha Kapoor As They Cook Mac & Cheese



part from being an actor, a doting wife to Ranbir Kapoor and a loving mother to Raha Kapoor, Alia Bhatt is also a fan favourite. Netizens adore her and can never get enough of the star. Which is why Alia’s YouTube channel is such a hit amongst fans. Well, after 10 long months, Alia dropped a brand new video today. Five years ago, the actor started a series called In Alia Bhatt’s Kitchen where we witnessed her take over the kitchen. In continuation, she shared an episode titled In My Mama’s Kitchen today where Alia and her mother Soni Razdan cooked Mac & Cheese. Before they started cooking, Alia shared how she and her sister Shaheen Bhatt have grown up eating and relishing some of Soni’s classic dishes, which the veteran actor cooks today for her granddaughter Raha. Well, all you need for this special recipe of Mac & Cheese is 350 ml milk, 90 gm grated cheese, 90 gm pasta, 2.5 tablespoons maida, 25 gm butter, salt and nutmeg. Alia and Soni begin by boiling the pasta. They add a teaspoon of salt and a dash of oil to it so it doesn’t stick. As it boils, in a separate pan they add a dash of olive oil before putting butter and stirring it to make the sauce.

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# Anil Kapoor Expresses Shock Over ‘True Legend’ Gene Hackman’s Death, Remembers His ‘Effortless Performances’ In Films

Actor Anil Kapoor paid tribute to Oscar-winning actor Gene Hackman, who died at the age of 95. Taking to his X account, he shared a series of pictures of Gene along with a note. In it, he expressed that he is unable to process the fact that “the world no longer” has Gene in it. “Cannot believe the world no longer has Gene Hackman in it... His effortless performances in films like The French Connection, Unforgiven and The Firm are just a few times the world witnessed his genius. A true legend whose legacy will live on. Rest in peace,” read his X post. The office of Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza confirmed their deaths to Variety. There is no immediate indication of foul play, according to authorities, though the Sheriff’s office did not immediately provide a cause of death. “All I can say is that we’re in the middle of a preliminary death investigation, waiting on approval of a search warrant,” the sheriff told the Santa Fe New Mexican. The statement came before authorities had positively identified the pair, according to the publication. “I want to assure the community and neighbourhood that there’s no immediate danger to anyone.” One of the industry’s most honoured performers, Gene, 95, was a five-time Oscar nominee who starred in dozens of films. He received two Oscar wins for The French Connection and Unforgiven. He had also won two BAFTA Awards and four Golden Globes.



## Shraddha Kapoor And Rahul Mody Are The Perfect Couple As They Attend A Wedding Reception Together

Actor Shraddha Kapoor had shared a picture with rumoured boyfriend Rahul Mody on her Instagram Stories a few days ago. The two had recently attended a wedding together in Ahmedabad. Now an inside video from the wedding has emerged on X (formerly Twitter), where the actor was seen in a shimmering sharara as she made her way to congratulate the newly-wed couple. Right beside her, stood Rahul. Shraddha and Rahul attend wedding In the video, which was shared by a fan page of the actor on



X, Shraddha was seen getting on the stage to meet the newly wed couple and their family members. The actor stunned in a shimmering cream-coloured lehenga with matching jewellery as she smiled and folded her palms to meet the couple. She hugged the bride and her parents, and posed with them. Rahul looked dapper in a suit and stood right beside Shraddha and also greeted the groom. About their relationship There were rumours a few months ago which claimed that Shraddha and Rahul had broken up. The actor put the split rumours to rest after she shared a picture enjoying a vada pav date with Rahul Mody. She tagged him and captioned the post, “May I always bully you into taking me for vada pav,” and added Kishore Kumar’s classic tune “Yeh Vaada Raha” in the background. Although the actor is yet to make her relationship official in public, Shraddha is often seen sharing goofy pictures with Rahul on social media.

## Kangana Ranaut, Javed Akhtar Resolve Their Legal War After 5 Years



After warring with each other for five years in the courtroom, actor-MP Kangana Ranaut and lyricist Javed Akhtar have reached a happy settlement in their defamation suits against each other. She took to Instagram to post the update for her fans along with a happy picture. A happy settlement “Today Javed ji and I have resolved our legal matter (defamation case) through mediation, in the mediation Javed ji has been very kind and gracious, he also ‘ agreed to write songs for my next directorial,” Kangana wrote with the post. What was the feud all about? The legal war between the two began with an interview given to a news channel by Kangana in 2020 after the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. Among other statements, Kangana had claimed Akhtar asked her to apologise to co-star Hrithik Roshan, who in 2016 filed a lawsuit against her seeking an apology after public spat over a statement on their alleged relationship. “Once Javed Akhtar called me to his house and told me Rakesh Roshan (father of Hrithik Roshan) and his family are very big people. If you don’t apologise to them, you will have nowhere to go. They will put you in jail, and eventually, the only path would be that of destruction... you will commit suicide. These were his words. He shouted and yelled at me. I was shaking in his house,” Kangana had told the news channel.

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## 2025 Nissan Kicks SR Premium: Cool Styling, Attractive Pricing!

It also receives ProPilot Assist, a first for the Kicks, which combines adaptive cruise with lane centring. On the road, the Nissan Kicks handles most road surfaces very well. The Kicks feels lighter, more car-like and nimble in corners. The All-Wheel Drive system works well; mostly driving the front wheels but can send up to 50 per cent of the available torque to the rear wheels as needed. There is also a drive mode setting for slippery conditions. Harsher road surfaces do allow for more noise, bumps, and knocks, but it is not really obtrusive. Long range driving comfort is also aided by Nissan offering its excellent pressure reducing “zero gravity” seats in both the front and rear. The continuously variable transmission (CVT) exhibits well timed smooth shifts. Front-wheel-drive models are officially rated at a fuel economy of 7.4 L/100 km in combined driving —while the AWD version offers 7.7. combined. To sum up, the Kicks does make a great family CUV with its five-seat capacity and stand out cargo room. The Nissan Kicks is also superbly affordable and terrific value for money. The new changes and updates are perfect for this model. Highly recommended. 2025 Nissan Kicks priced from \$29,229. SR Premium AWD from \$36,929. Plus \$1,855 Freight and PDE More info at [www.Nissan.ca](http://www.Nissan.ca)





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