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A crowd estimated at 100,000, including many Richmond youth, took part in Friday's climate rally.

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## RoboPlanet exploring the world of tomorrow

teams gathered at the University of British Columbia recently for an international robot- judges. Competitors not only practiced their tion, Whales Bot plans to further collaborate ics competition.

On Aug. 9 and 10, Richmond-based RoboPlanet Education and Community Society and the Institute for Education and Sports Development co-hosted more than China at the Enjoy Al North American Open. Specifically designed and organized for students aged five to 17, the competition was initiated by a non-profit organization, the Federation of Global Youth Artificial Intelligence, and sponsored by Whales Bot.

During the competition, teams competed in two rounds; which included completing

East met West when some 30 youth specific missions with their custom-built ro- botics. Hoping to provide technical support bots, as well as presenting their robots to also enhanced their teamwork and problem-solving skills while sharing their inter- designated competition robotics set. ests in robotics with each other.

100 competitors from North America and from RoboPlanet left a deep impression on the judges. Despite their age, they were confidently standing on the stage, vividly sharing their stories of robotics, and passionately expressing their love towards robotics.

more children to explore their interests in ro-

and to boost development of STEM educamechanical and programming skills, but with more local elementary and secondary schools in North America with their official

RoboPlanet Education and Community During the judging process, two students Society (roboplanets.com) is a non-profit group which believes in offering the highest quality courses, created by schools and partners who share their commitment to excellence in teaching and learning—online and in the classroom.

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## City wants update on hospital tower

By **DON FENNELL** ØDFSentinel

nxious to hear the status of a Aproposed new acute care tower at Richmond Hospital, city council is sending a letter to the province formally requesting an update.

It's been nearly 18 months since Premier John Horgan told an eager crowd packed into the hospital atrium March 29, 2018 that the government was committed to replace the long-awaited facility. While actual construction wasn't expected to begin until closer to 2020, it was understood a business plan would proceed, and be completed, in this span.

Richmond city council would like to know where the business plan is at, as well as a timeline of the treasury board approval.

"I know this is front of mind to a lot of people in Richmond," said Coun. Linda McPhail, who also congratulated the Richmond Hospital Foundation on having achieved 80 per cent to go toward construction.

Coun. Bill McNulty added "We are in a ready state (and) we are the only municipality in the province that has this (foundation) money earmarked."

Coun. Chak Au said it was important to write a letter at this time given actual construction was supposed to start in 2020. He said a new tower is a "top priority" for residents of



File photo

The province announced March 29, 2018 that Richmond was getting a new acute care tower.

Richmond.

Added Coun. Harold Steves, who was on the hospital board in 1968: "We've had some tremendous improvements in equipment and care, but the building itself is archaic. of its fundraising goal of \$50 million We've got to have a much better facility than that."

> Opened in 1966, the original tower had six storeys and 108 beds. Today, Richmond Hospital has about 231 beds and serves Richmond, South Vancouver and Delta, as well as people using Vancouver International Airport, and BC Ferries.

> Richmond Hospital Foundation president and CEO Natalie Meixner

has said there is growing list of challenges associated with the aging structure, which is well past its lifespan and bursting at the seams. She said the tower's building envelope, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems are all failing and seismic capacity now meets only 17 per cent of current standards.

Additionally, it is understood the building would be subject to collapse if there was an earthquake of 5.9 or greater on the Richter scale. The operating rooms are built below the flood plain which is subject to lique-

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## Richmond lauded for child care strategy

By **DON FENNELL** Output

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Richmond's vision has earned the city another major award.

This time, from the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

At its annual convention last week in Vancouver, the City of Richmond was recognized with a community excellence award as a local government leading the way with vision, creativity and innovation. Specifically, Richmond was lauded for Excellence in Governance for its 2017-2022 Child Care Needs Assessment and Strateav.

Previous child care needs assessments, in 1995, 2001 and 2009 helped guide the city's childcare action—a vision that began in 1991. In 2016, the city conducted a comprehensive analysis of its child care needs to forecast the next five year's need. Community engagement was further used to develop a strategy for five years.

"Winning the UBCM award...emphasizes our priority goal and commitment to develop short-term and long-term comprehensive child care services,"

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## Race walker Dunfee reaches podium at worlds

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

It was bronze for the birthday boy.

On the same day he was celebrating his 29th birthday, Evan Dunfee found another way to mark the occasion: third place at the World Track and Field Championships.

Starting in 20th place, the Richmondite systematically—and in his usual determined fashion—worked his way through the pack to earn a podium finish in the grueling 50-kilometre men's race walk Saturday in Doha, Qatar.

Dunfee, the Canadian record holder, fought through high temperatures and humidity to cross the finish line in 4:05.02.

"Third best is still third best," a delighted Dunfee tweeted.

A day before the race, which was scheduled to start at 11:30 p.m. Doha time and extend into the wee hours of the morning.

Dunfee also shared via twitter the following: 4795 kilometres completed this year and they've all built to this moment, 50 more to go. Tomorrow night I line up beside the best 50km walkers in the world. Ranking means nothing. Personal bests mean nothing. All that matters is who covers those 50,000 meters the fastest."

Earlier this year, Dunfee told the Richmond Sentinel he was optimistic heading into the worlds.

"The goal is to be up there. I've had some good 50k work so I'm confident I'm back where I was in 2016 and ready to prove Rio wasn't a fluke-more to myself than anyone."

Dunfee was fourth in the event at the 2016 Olympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, a result he hopes to build on at next summer's Games in Tokyo.

the 20k race at the worlds Oct. 4.

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Photo by Athletics Canada

Dunfee is also expected to compete in **Evan Dunfee earned bronze in the men's 50-kilometre race** walk Saturday at the World Track and Field Championships in Doha, Qatar.

## Health chair extols donors, while highlighting medical advances

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

Ihile Richmond Hospital Foundation took time V to honour many donors at its annual Community Cares Celebration last week, the board chair of Vancouver Coastal Health spoke encouragingly of the advances in healthcare.

"As we are working together to bring some new life to Richmond Hospital and your new pilot project, I reflect how things have changed," said Dr. Penny Ballem, board chair of Vancouver Coastal Health.

Having spent 45 years in healthcare, Ballem was trained as a blood doctor and started her medical career in the 1970s treating leukemia patients. By 1985, the first bone marrow transplant in B.C. was successfully completed.

"In those days 100 days in hospital was standard," she said. "Nowadays, you can be home in two or three weeks or less."

She also referred to the advances in cataract surgery, which has gone from a patient spending five or six days in hospital to now potentially being a five-minute procedure.

"And for anyone who remembers what is was



Photo by Don Fennell

Dr. Penny Ballem (left), with Richmond Hospital Foundation president Natalie Meixner, spoke encouragingly about health care in the future.

like to have a heart valve replaced, (previously) a life-threatening procedure, now can be done by putting a little fibre into an artery. It is miraculous to think about the changes over my career."

"As (healthcare) providers, it is so exciting to change the outcomes of people's lives with all the advances we have," Ballem said. "And, as we look at rejuvenating the capital structure we have across this country, it's important we look at the curve of change and understand what it is and what healthcare is going to be looking at in five, 10, 20 years. For the board of Vancouver Coastal Health, replacement of the north tower (at Richmond Hospital) is a high priority. We want to make sure it is a building for the future and (offers) the kinds of opportunities and innovations that Richmond Hospital is going to want to have to serve you. The community needs to be forward looking, and to respond to the incredible growth you are having in your community. Richmond is bound to grow by 23 per cent by 2030. And over 10 years the senior population is going go up by 120 per cent. We are aging, but at the same time we also have higher expectations of what we are going to be able to do as we age and what our health care is going to be able to do for us."

Ballem said the generosity of donors in Richmond inspires all of us. She said it is part of a "healing process" to have a community that shows it cares enough to contribute."

September was Richmond Hospital Foundation's Community Cares Month, uniting our diverse community to inspire support for an important cause to ensure local health care is here when needed, now and in the future.

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## Richmond mourning loss of Robert Gonzalez

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

Richmond is mourning the loss of a much-loved and admired citizen.

city employee, and an active contributor to the community, passed away Sept. 18 at the age of 49.

A member of City of Richmond's senior management team, he joined the city in 1999 as a project engineer and soon moved into the management ranks. He served in various leadership positions including the director of engineering and, in 2008, the general manager of engineering and public works. In 2015, Gonzalez was also assigned responsibility for the deputy CAO position, a role he held until his passing.

"Robert was an asset to the city and the community he loved and

served, who always worked to ensure that the best interests of the city and community were maintained," said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "He was actively involved in the development and implementation of Robert Gonzalez, a long-standing many key initiatives. One of those, the Lulu Island Energy Company, is an award-winning component of the city's green strategy.

> "Robert Gonzalez was regarded by those who knew him as a compassionate, innovative and creative leader," Brodie added. "On behalf of council and the city, we extend our deepest condolences to his family."

> On his Facebook account, former city communications manager Ted Townsend spoke fondly of his former colleague and friend.

> "I'll have a heavy heart today," he wrote from Spain, which was Gonzalez' beloved homeland. "He was always a good friend, a great team-



Photo courtesy City of Richmond Robert Gonzalez was a beloved city employee and member of the community.

mate and a supportive mentor. He was also a tough out at poker with an inscrutable poker face."

Gonzalez also volunteered as a ringette coach, and sat on the board of the Richmond Arenas Community Association. He was also well known for his love of classic cars.

"I am sure my friend is upstairs now behind the wheel of a powerful muscle car with the pedal to the metal," Townsend wrote. "Robert, I grieve at losing you too soon and will miss that sly smile and fun-loving personality. But I take joy in remembering our good times together and the unwavering care and support you gave to so many people at work, at home and in the community."

Gonzalez is survived by his wife, Tina, and their two daughters, Juliana and Isabella.

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## Richmond home to country's greenest school

By LORRAINE GRAVES ©LGSentinel

Deating out every other school in DCanada, W. D. Ferris Elementary won the Greenest School in Canada award on Sept. 26.

At a school-wide assembly, silent sign language applause broke out across a gym full of crosslegged stu-

dents, circled at the edges by seated dignitaries, teachers, and city representatives, when the announcement was made.

Again the students' hands enthusiastically shot up when teacher Kevin Lyseng asked the assembled students, "How many of you are surprised?"

In their citation, the Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC) and the

Canada Coalition for Green Schools out-of-doors where they have planted gave the Sunnymede Crescent school the award for: "Its robust programming, which includes: energy and water conservation efforts, community gardens, waste reduction, encouraging active transportation, and programming focused on sustainability and the environment"

For this national competition, schools from across the country were judged on criteria including: efficient use of resources and reduced environmental impact; enhanced health and about biking to school. learning among students, teachers and staff; and emphasis on sustainability and resource-conservation education.

The award is also recognition of the through daily exercise. many years that conservation and recycling have been a conscious effort at Ferris by students, staff and parents. Always striving to do better, one recent triumph was finding a way to recycle the crinkly plastic found on candy wrappers. Another initiative was water bottle fillers and the removal of vending machines which promotes healthy water instead of sugary drinks of pop single-use plastics.

As the students said on the school's video presented at the ceremony, "The amount of garbage we throw away has reduced by 80 per cent."

The school and students reinvest the money they earn from recycling into green initiatives.

Some of those green efforts are

trees, a garden, and added mason bee homes to increase pollination. They have also installed picnic tables and umbrellas built with two greenhouses, as well as creating an outdoor performance area and added benches.

In another green effort, to cut down on carbon emissions, walking or biking to school has been encouraged. When asked, "Who walked to school today?" most students put up their hands. A few more responded when asked

Lyseng said students were told to find another way to get to get school besides driving to cut carbon emissions and promote healthy living

Lyseng outlines criteria for the students and staff: "We need to make healthy food choices. We need to plant gardens and trees. We need to buy less and make better choices."

As Ferris school principal Diane Steele said, "We are also going to think about how we can remain committed to being a green school."

And as Akua Schatz, a vice-presior fruit juice while also cutting down on dent of the Advocacy Canada Green Building Council, said when handing out the award certificate which comes with \$2,000"Ferris is working to make it less harmful to the earth."

Not resting on their laurels, the Ferris student video ends with the students shouting"What else can we do at Ferris in the future?"

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Photo courtesy Richmond Hospital Foundation Richmond's Sandy So has been a pillar in support of improving local health care.

## **Hospital Foundation to** honour community leader

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

andy So was presented the Milan & Maureen Ilich Award of Distinction on Sept. 24, when the Richmond Hospital Foundation celebrated its annual Community Cares Month.

A community leader, so was recognized for her long-standing commitment and partnership.

The foundation also honoured several donor contributions to Com- nity of care in Richmond. munity Care in Richmond.

Community Cares Month unites our diverse community to inspire support for an important cause to ensure local health care is here when you need it: now and in the

Over 30 years, Richmond Hospital Foundation has raised over \$100 million to help purchase vital medical equipment, improve patient care services, and upgrade facilities at Richmond Hospital and our commu-

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Photo courtesy City of Richmond Richmond's new rainbow crosswalk brightens the midblock crossing of Minoru Boulevard.

## Life is coming up rainbows in Richmond

By LAURA PRIESTLEY Contributor

It's big, bold and cheerful. Richmond's rainbow crosswalk links the Richmond Arts Centre with the Richmond School Board for anyone crossing Minoru Boulevard.

Installed at the initiative of Richmond's LGBTQ2S community and allies, the vivid walkway shows the city's support for our diverse queer community.

"The crosswalk is an expression of how we value and respect diversity. We recognize the importance of a safe and inclusive community for all the people in Richmond," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie.

Approved by council in mid-June, the crosswalk was completed near the middle of summer. The total cost of the project was \$15,000. Many other municipalities in British Columbia

Based on advice from local community, the crosswalk design the eight colours, of the original gay pride flag, designed by gay activist and artist Gilbert Baker in 1978.

And, while the multi-coloured walkway was designed to show support, it also points out clearly that there is a mid-block crosswalk, making it safer for everyone who uses it. An example of unintended positive consequences.

Although the crosswalk faced protests at each stage as well as posters opposing it showed up around high traffic areas in Richmond including the

Brighouse Canada Line station, the city says they received phone calls and emails of support for the brilliantly-coloured crosswalk and its meaning.

Although the crosswalk was protested while being painted and anti-LGBTQ+ posters were plastered around Brighouse station and other high traffic locations. The city has received various phone calls and emails expressing their support of the colourful crosswalk.

"It's okay to be yourself" says Richmond city Coun. Bill McNulty.

Local LGBTQ2S members have shared their gratitude with statements such as "I love how Richmond has a permanent visual that shows their support of the LGBTQ2S community."

Another Richmond LGBTQ2S member said, "My hopes are that the rainbow crosswalk will aid in further educating the public about the LGBTQ2S community, reduce social stigma and increase inclusivity in our beautiful city. Go outside and enjoy it"

Seen by the LGBTQ2S community as a concrete sign of support, they are quick to note that showing support for all members of our community, whose human rights are explicitly entrenched in the wording of the Canadian Charter of Human Rights is the way to go.

As one community member said, "This small step has gone a long way in supporting the LGBTQ2S community. Showing support for members of our community positively impacts everyone. Kindness invites kindness."

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## People of Richmond, start your tastebuds

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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t's back. Steveston's winter artisanal market opens Oct 6 at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site. With all the fun, food, and crafty options you would find at a summer outdoor market, the Cannery Farmers' Market moves indoors to the cozy wooden atmosphere of our historic cannery.

With the scent of fresh bread wafting throughout, going to this market is an event, so much more than just a place to buy a host of wonderful offerings.

Locally-baked, grown, caught, and crafted products join seasonal events and activities for all ages. Free performances by home-grown musicians and entertainers add to the festival atmosphere whether the weather outside if frightful or delightful, the winter artisanal market is the place to be.

Stephanie Halapija, executive director of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society says, "It supports our local small businesses, vendors and community while offering an interesting heritage experi-

ence for market-goers. We are especially proud of our relationship with the Richmond Food Security Society, which is returning for workshops and learning opportunities as part of the market experience this season."

"The passion of our staff and volunteers makes the market a truly spectacular and meaningful event. I look forward to digging into all of the autumn baked goods, taking in the special musical performances, and mingling with our visitors at this year's markets," Halapija says.

The museum, 12138 Fourth Avenue at Moncton, Richmond (Steveston Village), is open year round. On market Sundays, admission is free and guided tours are offered by donation.

For more information call 604-664-9009 or go to gulfofgeorgiacannery.org

Market: Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 6 & 20,

Nov. 3 & 17

Dec. 1, 8 & 15

Feb. 9 & 23

March 8 & 22

April 5 & 19.



Photo courtesy Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society Among the many vendors at the Winter Market is Richmond's Sharing Farm.



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Photo by Laura Priestlev A crowd estimate at 100,000 people, including many Richmond youth, marched for Global Climate Change at a rally Sept. 27 in Vancouver.

## 100,000 march at climate rally

By **DON FENNELL 9**@DFSentinel

Swedish high school student's Asingle stand against climate change has inspired a world-wide

It was only a year ago that Greta Thunberg, 16, decided to take off from school to demonstrate outside the Swedish parliament, holding up a sign calling for stronger climate action. Soon, other students took notice and began engaging in similar protests in their communities, and a strike movement called Friday for Future began.

Friday (Sept. 27), students participated in strikes across Canada. Many students from Richmond took part in a Vancouver rally, to which Richmond School District superintendent Scott Robinson has issued the following statement:

"There have been some guestions as whether or not students will be 'allowed' by the district to attend the rally on Sept. 27. Ultimately, this decision rests with each individual parents and not the school or the district. If you wish to excuse your child from ernment don't get the basic issue. school to attend the rally, we ask that you contact your child's school in advance to provide your permission. Students who choose to attend the rally with their parents' permission will be marked 'absent-excused' and will be considered under the supervision of their parents. We will be asking schools to ensure that if any students are excused by their parents for the day, that they be provided the opportunity to make up any missed work without penalty. Students will be encouraged to take responsibility for speaking with their teachers about this."

At least two Richmond high school classes or small groups attended the Sept. 27 event, described as a general strike for climate action. It culminated in a mobilization at Vancouver City Hall at 1 p.m.

Richmond city councillor Bill McNulty, a former public educator, is complimentary of the students and their initiative.

"I'm very encouraged. What they are doing is very important," he savs. "Often senior levels of gov-

These issues affect everybody, and will for future generations."

The walk out was intended to further demand action against global warming. Part of Global Week for Future, it is among a series of international strikes and protests at over 4,500 locations in 150 countries. On Sept. 20 we saw perhaps the largest climate strike in world history, which included 1.4 million participants in Germany and 300,000 in each of Australia and the United Kingdom and 250,000 in New York. As well, more than 2,000 scientists in 40 countries pledged their support.

The first strike in March saw more than 1.6 million protest in over 125 countries.

Coincidentally, Sept. 27 is the anniversary of the publishing of Silent Spring, a 1962 book which was key to starting the environmental movement.

Thunberg, who spoke at the United Nations on Monday, Sept. 23, was featured on the cover of Time in May. The magazine named her a next generation leader.

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Photos by Chung Chow

Among the highlights at the recent South Arm United Church's 60th Country Fair were (from left) an old-fashioned hayride, face painting and highland dancing. The annual fair is one of Richmond's most enduring and popular community events.

## Country fair celebrates diamond anniversary

By LORRAINE GRAVES © LGSentinel

The 60th annual South Arm Unitl ed Church Country Fair was a resounding success.

co-ordinators, Olwen Walker says the

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the church on the corner of No. 3 Road and Steveston Highway, was boosted by the inagural appearance of balloon animals.

Offered by Fanly, the wife of the new As one of the three unofficial fair minister, Rev. Dr. Alan Lai, they were so popular that Walker says, "She got

popularity of the community event, at a sore arm from pumping up all those traditional havride as "one of the things balloons. She did about 80 of them."

> At the well-attended fair, Walker and lots of smiling faces and people just having a good time."

> Saying that the fair's atmosphere was very welcoming. Walker cites the

people really relate to, young and old."

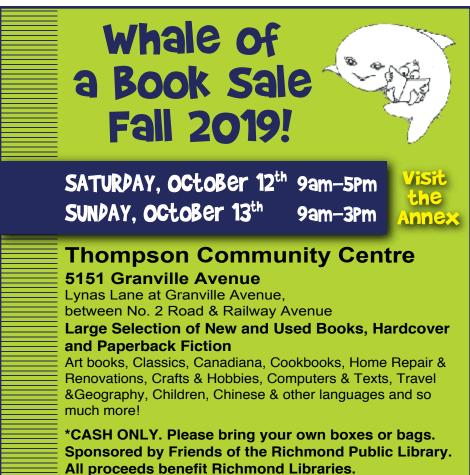
While the money raised supports says, "The spirit was great I saw lots the good works of the congregation, the fun supports the sense of community throughout Richmond for people of all faiths.

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## Candidates debate food security at Eat, Think, Vote



By HANNAH SCOTT Contributor

\\ \int\_{\ell} e all need to eat every day. But how often do we stop to think where our food comes from, or how sustainable it is?

All across Canada, voters are being exposed to these questions at Food Secure Canada's candidate events.

Last Thursday, Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS) hosted one such event at its Richmond campus. Eat, Think, Vote aims to address the fragmented nature of Canadian food policy, bringing food security to the forefront of the election.

Organizer Naomi Robert explained that, while similar events took place during the lead-up to the 2015 election, this is the first time Kwantlen has played host. All candidates—save for one announced very late—from both Richmond ridings were invited.

Four candidates participated in the event. Françoise Raunet is the Green Party of Canada's candidate for Richmond Centre and Ivan Pak the People's Party of Canada's candidate for the same riding. From Steveston-Richmond Fast. Joe Peschisolido is the incumbent Liberal Party of Canada MP. One of the youngest federal candidates at 18, the New Democratic Party's Jaeden Dela Torre is challenging for that," he said. Peschisolido's seat.

Attendees were asked to write down



Photo by Hannah Scott

From left, candidates Joe Peschisolido, Françoise Raunet, Ivan Pak, Jaeden Dela Torre.

any questions they had. Candidates' responses were timed so they had equal time to address each question.

Initially, Raunet expressed her desire to support family farms through federal grants. She called the current level of food waste "absolutely appalling" when so many Canadians struggle to access sufficient food. She also promoted the development of a national school lunch program, sourcing from local farms wherever possible.

Dela Torre echoed Raunet's concern, encouraging "a national strategy to reduce waste." Peschisolido advocated for a local food security policy, noting that a place-based model could be used both nationally and internationally.

Later on in the event, discussion turned to immigration, with Peschisolido and Pak vehemently disagreeing.

The question that spurred this unexpected debate focused on temporary foreign farm workers.

Peschisolido believes that there should be "a pathway to citizenship" that enables these workers to fill jobs more permanently.

"If I'm re-elected, I will push very hard

Pak disagreed, saying that while these workers are useful short-term.

it is "a privilege to become Canadian" and we should encourage Canadian citizens to step into farming jobs ingthem"the training to make sustainthemselves.

According to Peschisolido, whose parents were Italian immigrants, "we would be honoured" to have longtime foreign farm workers as Canadians. He explained that he has met many of these "amazing" hard workers.

On the labour shortage, Peschisolido said: "We need people to come to Canada to work. And people want to come to Canada to work. Not to take advantage of Canada, but actually to help Canada."

Raunet echoed the desire to fill more jobs with both Canadians and temporary foreign workers. And Dela Torre shared Peschisolido's "pathway to citizenship" goal.

One question addressed diversification of farming in order to increase sustainability. Pak and Peschisolido disagreed again, with Pak supporting the idea of a free market.

Peschisolido countered, saying that free markets are not realistic and that his opinions in comparison to Pak's were representative of conservative versus liberal views.

Dela Torre said as someone young, "we don't have much time left." He stressed the importance of providing farmers with governmental help, givable choices."

Dela Torre closed his answer with a question: "Are we only going to decide for the next ten years, or are we going to decide for the next 10,000 years?"

Raunet shared Dela Torre's strong concern for the future.

"We're using the planet faster than it can stand," she said, noting that she wants to protect the earth for her children's sake.

She encouraged the government to take"a far more active role" in sustainable farming practices.

Raunet admitted that the Green Party was unlikely to win Richmond Centre—a riding held by Conservative Alice Wong since 2008—but that "the ideas can win."

While the four candidates didn't always agree on federal policy, it was clear that they all believed the government should do more to pave the way for the agricultural sector.

With food provided by the Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School, attendees of Eat, Think, Vote were nourished in body and mind, and encouraged to think critically about food and sustainability as they vote on Oct. 21.

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## Candidates seek voters' support to represent Richmond in Ottawa

In our ongoing coverage of the Oct. awards for his community work, orga- Kou is actively involved in various a member of the Philippine Canada 21 federal election, we present biographies of four candidates who were previously not included in our mid-September issue. They are listed by riding, and in alphabetical order.

All told, nine individuals (five in the riding of Richmond Centre and four in the riding of Steveston-Richmond East) are seeking your support to represent Richmond in the House of Commons.

### **Richmond Centre:**

Dustin Innes, NDP Steven Kou, Liberal Ivan Pak, PPC Francoise Raunet, Green Alice Wong, Conservative (incumbent)

### Steveston-Richmond East:

Kenny Chiu, Conservative Jaeden Dela Torre, NDP Nicole Iaci, Green Joe Peschisoldio, Liberal (incumbent)

### Richmond Centre



**Dustin Innes, NDP** Growing up Richmond where he continues to live and work, he is a graduate of J.N. Burnett Sec-

ondary School and has earned many

nizing Terry Fox events and leadership programs. He has also worked with schools, hospitals and orphanages, including in Haiti and the Dominican Republic and has volunteered with United Way and the BC Cancer Foundation.

His passion at college was philosophy and political science, and later studied art history in Europe. As a lifeguard he learned how to help people drowning; he sees people drowning in debt from housing prices, medication costs, mental health, and a future with climate crisis.

Having served two terms as a union vice-president and a labour activist, he is a delegate for the BC Federation of Labour and CUPE BC. He believes that we're all stronger when we stand together, and that every individual matters and has worth.

He hopes to encourage more young people to get politically engaged and run for office to face issues impacting our present and future.



Steven Kou. Liberal

A chartered accountant, Steven Kou immigrated to Canada in 2001 and is the author of

three books on Canadian taxation.

A devoted community advocate,

community initiatives and encourages and educates newcomers to integrate into Canadian society.

Kou has firsthand experience with the challenges that face small business owners and middle-class families. He cares about education, our social welfare system, job opportunities and economy development, creating new job opportunities and building a better future for families throughout the region.

### Steveston-Richmond East



Kenny Chiu, Conservative

A former Richmond school trustee and recent co-host Fairchild morning

radio. Chiu moved to Canada in 1982. and has worked, raised his family in, and been serving the community for over 25 years.

While building his career in Richmond's high-tech industry as a software engineer and senior development manager, Kenny has also been active in numerous boards around Richmond such as the city's Family and Youth Court Advisory Committee.

Previously on the board of the Mennonite Housing Society, he helped provide housing for low-income families and assisted living for seniors. As

Trade Council, he encouraged entrepreneurship for new immigrants. He was also a past executive for the Richmond Rotary Club, giving back to the community through projects supporting Richmond's local organizations and institutions.



Jaeden Dela Torre. **NDP** 

Currently studying political science at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Dela Torre is a life-

long Richmondite who is passionate about tackling climate change and fixing income inequality.

As an active volunteer during the of NewsTalk on 2017 provincial election, the 18-yearold gained a better understanding of the issues facing Canadian families. In 2018, he led a youth campaign in favour of temporary modular housing for homeless in Richmond, including a camp-in outside of city hall. He also ran a campaign to have youth representation on the Richmond School Board

> Dela Torre believes the environment needs to be protected with better laws and science-based targets and timelines. He is also calling for a federal climate plan to protect the community from flooding and introducing clean, well-paying jobs to Richmond.

## Tories would 'prioritize' replacing tunnel

new Conservative government will Aprioritize critical infrastructure projects, like replacing the George Massey Tunnel, that shorten commute times in the Greater Vancouver Area. Conservative leader Andrew Scheer said Fridav.

"Canadians are sick and tired of being stuck in traffic and waiting for delayed public transit," said Scheer. "Canada's Conservatives will get on with real projects that reduce congestion and deliver faster commute times for evervone. whether you drive or catch public transit."

A new Conservative government will also restore transparency to infrastructure spending by scrapping the \$35-billion Infrastructure Bank.

Scheer added, "As Prime Minister, I will ensure that all infrastructure projects that have already been committed to will move forward. Going forward, a new Conservative government will have a strategy in place to prioritize future transportation projects on whether they lower commute times and also provide more housing options for Canadians."



## **UBCM**

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said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "The strategy is a critical and innovative tool to guide and provide a framework for quality child care and a network of related services."

sight into the status of child care in

the city and its stakeholders.

## Significant progress

"The City of Richmond is a municipal leader in fostering the conditions necessary for expanding and enhancing child care choices for Richmond's resident and employee populations," the report says. The city recognizes A 2018 update provided further inthat child care is critically important to its residents, is an essential need for

working parents, and supports parents who are pursuing their education. A key goal of the city's commitment to child care is to promote the establishment and ongoing maintenance of a comprehensive child care system."

The report says since there has been "significant" progress in addressing the short term and ongoing actions.

City staff is currently reviewing all funding initiatives to determine which, if any, may be relevant to Richmond to address some of the key challenges and priorities identified in the 2017-2022 strategy. Staff will continue to monitor future funding opportunities to understand potential opportunities to partner with other organizations and create new child care spaces.

## Addressing future needs

In December 2018 there were 6,439 licensed child care spaces, offering about 640 more child care spaces than in 2016. The number of licensed child care spaces has continued to increase each year since 1995—when there were 2,436 licensed child care spaces in the city.

Between 2016 and 2018, the number of spaces in group care, in-home multi-age care and group care has increased significantly. However, the number of licensed school-age care spaces has not kept up. There is a continuing the shortage of school age care spaces in Richmond.

To accommodate the growing need due to population increases, three new city-owned child care facilities have opened since July 2017. In September 2017, Willow Early Care and Learning Centre opened providing 37 child care spaces in the City Centre community centre. In the Summer of 2018, Gardens Children's Centre and SeaSong Child Care Centre opened, providing 37 spaces at each cityowned facility.

The city has also secured a new early childhood development hub in the city centre planning area which will provided up to 87 new spaces, as well as child and family development programs and services.

An additional three facilities secured prior to 2017 will provide a further 175 licensed child care spaces in the next few years, the report says.

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## **City Board**

Richmond

## **Asphalt Paving Advisory** June 1 to October 31, 2019

The City of Richmond has contracted Lafarge Canada Inc. to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond from June 1 to October 31, 2019:

### **Proposed 2019 paving location details**

- Westminster Hwy, Willett Avenue Boundary Road
- Westminster Hwy, CN Tracks Oliver Drive
- Russ Baker Way, No 2 Bridge Inglis Drive
- 7000 Block No 5 Road, Granville Ave Blundell Road
- 11000 Block No 5 Road, Steveston Hwy Rice Mill Road
- 12000 Block No 5 Road, Rice Mill Road Dyke Road
- Sharpe Avenue, Muir Drive Cul-de-Sac
- No 6 Road 91 Hwy, Maycrest Way Commerce PKYW
- Saunders Road, No 3 Road Garden City Road / Francis Road
- Shell Road (East), Williams Road House # 10620
- 7th Avenue, Regent Street Georgia Street
- Firbridge Way / Lane, No 3 Road Minoru Blvd. Ackroyd Road
- No 3 Road, McDonald Frontage
- Desmond Rd, Diamond Rd, Barmond Ave, Lamond Ave, Sub- Division
- 8000 Block Alderbridge Way, No 3 Road Garden City Road
- 9000 Block Alderbridge Way, Garden City Road No 4 Road
- Bridgeport Road, Viking Way No 6 Road
- McLean Avenue, Westminster Hwy Oliver Drive

Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Night time work hours will be from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (typically).

Traffic will be reduced to single-lane and there may be temporary lane closures. Delays may occur. The use of an alternate route is strongly encouraged.

This work is weather dependent and dates are subject to change without notice.

The scope of the advertised work may be adjusted or cancelled in line with available funding.

Questions may be directed to Wasim Memon, Supervisor, Engineering Inspections, at 604-276-4189, or visit the City's paving program webpage at www.richmond.ca (City Services > Roads, Dykes, Water & Sewers > Construction Projects > 2019 Paving Program).

City of Richmond | 6911 No. 3 Rd. Richmond BC V6Y 2C1 | Tel: 604-276-4000





Photo courtesy UBCM

Richmond city council members received the Excellence in Governance Award at annual conference Sept. 24.

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## Indigenous investment is good for business

By LORRAINE GRAVES © LGSentinel

Investing in Indigenous, Métis and Inuit commerce makes solid business sense. That was the word at the Sept. 26 Canada Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) meeting at River Rock Casino.

Discussing a detailed research report co-authoured with the Shareholder Association for Research and Education (SHARE), Randy Moore, vice-president of strategic development and Aboriginal relations for Bee-Cleen Building Maintenance, spoke of CCAB's business certification program.

"With the Progressive Aboriginal Relations program (PAR), investors know that the corporations have been vetted for financial responsibility so they will be solid business partners. (They have) employment policies (that make them) great places to work (and) solid commitment to prosperity in Aboriginal communities."

PAR director Luanne Whitecrow says, "PAR is the only Corporate Social Responsibility program with an emphasis on Aboriginal relations."

The chief strategy officer for SHARE, Shannon Rohan says of the report titled, Moving Capital, Shifting Power,

that Indigenous business was worth \$31 billion to Canadian economy in 2016. By 2024 that's expected to reach \$100 billion. Aboriginal, Métis, and Inuit workers are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in Canada.

Whitecrow says, "The supply of Indigenous talent abounds and the research was done because we wanted to understand the demand for it."

More than just encouraging firms to employ First Nations workers, the report looked at the next step, supporting businesses that support or are owned by Indigenous people.

"The research set out to see what role investors can play for Indigenous employers, Indigenous people on boards, and in the workplace, as well as direct investment in Indigenous-owned businesses," Rohan says."Where can those investors actually amplify their voice in terms of outcomes?"

Rohan was clear that asset owners such as endowments, mutual funds, pension funds and trusts need to understand that investing in a vetted PAR-certified venture is not only good business, but also a way to walk the walk towards reconciliation.

"In Canada we are talking about \$2 trillion dollars in investment funds held by pension funds and \$1.5 trillion in mutual funds. Indigenous trusts, by



Photo by Lorraine Graves

Luanne Whitecrow is a director of the Progressive Aboriginal Relations certification program of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business.

conservative estimate have \$9 billion the Canadian economy and that will themselves and that is expected to grow," she says. "We are talking about enormous power at the end of the day. How does that capital move into the economy and invest in businesses? How can we enhance the outcomes for Indigenous peoples?"

Max Skudra, director for research and government relation for CCAB, says, "There is an opportunity for the big banks and other invest firms to have an outsized impact throughout

really reshape our economy."

Vickie Whitehead, senior manager working in Aboriginal client services at Deloitte Vancouver (one of the world's largest accounting and professional services corporations), told the assembled business leaders, both Indigenous and settlers, "Use your purchasing power. We all have RRSPs and money invested. It's time to start talking about it."

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## **REWIRING YOUR BRAIN**

## Mental Illness Awareness Week

New studies have revealed that you can rewire your brain to delete certain connections, ultimately changing the way your brain works.

Originally published at anxiety-gone.com

This free film and panel discussion introduces small changes that can be made to rewire the brain for mental wellness.

## **FREE EVENT**

We gratefully acknowledge support from the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise

## ( Doors Open 6:30pm **Tuesday, October 8** 2019 at 7:00pm

## **Ralph Fisher Auditorium Richmond Hospital**

7000 Westminster Hwy Free parking limited to the gravel lot accessed from Westminster Hwy

## Organized by

Pathways Clubhouse

Richmond Mental Health and Substance Use Partner & Family Advisory Committee

Richmond Mental Health Consumer and Friends

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## RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us



## Campaign underway to fund veterinary costs



Pat Johnson

A Richmond man who has been homeless since being renovicted five years ago, was in a serious car accident in Delta Sept. 11.

Gregory Wright, a Canadian Coast Guard veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder, was not seriously injured, but his animal companion, eight-year-old Staffordshire terrier Rocky, faces ongoing veterinary procedures. A community fundraising campaign is underway, spearheaded by the not-for-profit RAPS Animal Hospital.

Greg and Rocky's story exemplifies the human-animal bond.

"I served with Canadian Coast Guard up north and all over the West Coast of Canada," he says. "It was meaningful work. Unfortunately, there were some circumstances that I ended up developing post-traumatic stress disorder and severe depression."

To aid his PTSD, Greg adopted Rocky when the dog was two years

"We bonded immediately when he bounced out of the car. Now we've been together six-and-a-half years," Wright says.

Just about the time Wright adopted Rocky, the pair were renovicted from their home. Like too many British Columbians, Wright could not find affordable, livable housing that allows pets. The pair soon found themselves homeless.

dike for two years.

"Finally, a gentleman who owns Soggy Doggy dog walking found me



Screen grab from YouTube video

## Rocky is facing ongoing veterinary procedures.

on the dike and offered Rocky and me a safe place to park the RV," Greg says. "So I had somewhere stable to be with the dog. That's been going on two years now. I still cannot find a place to rent."

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, the pair were driving a borrowed car to the food bank. Rocky becomes nauseous on curving roads and so, as Wright exited the Massey Tunnel southbound and turned onto River Road, Rocky tried to move from the front of the car to hide in the back seat. But he became stuck.

"I was driving with my left hand, trying to help him so he didn't hurt himself and ended up hitting a telephone pole, shearing it off, and flipping several times into a ditch," he explains. "Miraculously, I didn't even come out with a scratch, although They lived in a RV on the Richmond I'm so sore. Unfortunately, Rocky got the worst of it."

> Veterinarians at the RAPS Animal Hospital, a not-for-profit veterinary that was not a concern," Wright says. rected to the same number.

facility in Richmond owned by the Regional Animal Protection Society, are caring for Rocky, who has broken ribs and possible other iniucare and, in addition to standard treatments, will likely undergo hyperbaric oxygen therapy. RAPS Animal Hospital is home to Canada's only veterinary hyperbaric oxygen facility, which provides 100 per cent oxygen at as much as three atmospheric pressures, counters inflammation and encourages natural healing in the affected

While RAPS is a full-service veterinary facility, it does not have an MRI machine, which Rocky requires to determine if there is a spinal injury. The external procedure could cost going medical care is urgently welas much as \$5,000 and his entire medical care could run as high as \$20,000.

"I had absolutely no money and

"The concern was the health of my dog. They are absolutely amazing people here."

As a community-owned veterinary ries. Rocky remains in the hospital's facility, the RAPS Animal Hospital's bottom line is not profits, but animal well-being.

> "We are able to provide veterinary care at lower costs than for-profit clinics because we raise money to save you money", says Eyal Lichtmann, RAPS CEO. "We also provide no-interest payment plans for households in need and, thanks to the generous support of our community, we are able to ensure that no one is forced to make a life-anddeath decision about their companion animal due to lack of funds."

> Support to help fund Rocky's oncomed through online donations or by phone at 604-285-7724. Housing opportunities that would welcome both Greg and Rocky can also be di

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*In their own words...* 

## The power of the people: giving back



**Carol Day** City Councillor

Richmond is one of the most multicultural cities in Canada and we lead the world in showing what cultural harmony looks like. The Highway to Heaven makes me so proud with all the various faiths not just tolerating each other but supporting one another.

Richmond's Highway to Heaven (No. 5 Road) is home to more than 20 places of worship representing different faiths including Sikhism, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism and many others. Whether these groups are sharing their parking resources, providing a safe haven for students in the event of an incident or building the highway to heaven float for the Canada Day parade in the Salmon festival, they are committed to working together to make Richmond a special place to live and work. Some of them also participate in the annual Doors Open event, opening their doors and welcoming visitors.

Volunteering can change your life and we have hundreds of ways to become a volunteer. Through Richmond Shares Richmond Gives you can get involved with: Animal Welfare, Arts and Culture, Children, Civil Rights and Social Action, Disaster and Humanitarian Relief, Education, Environment. Food



Security, Festivals and events, Health, Human Rights, Newcomer Services, Politics, Poverty Alleviation, Science and technology, Social Services, Seniors, Sports and Recreation. For more information, visit www.rcrg.org/VolunteerNow.

Through the City of Richmond you can get involved in Richmond Aquatic Services, Richmond Arts Centre, Richmond Art Gallery, Britannia Heritage Shipyard, London Farm, Richmond Museum, Richmond Nature Park, Minoru Place Activity Centre, Cambie Community Centre, City Centre Community Centre, Hamilton Community Centre, Sea Island Community Centre, South Arm Community Centre, Steveston Community Centre, Thompson Community Centre, West Richmond Community

Centre, just to mention a few! For information on how to be involved, visit www.richmond.ca/parksrec/ about/volunteer.htm

Occasionally we have people demonstrating negative behavior against another person or group. I believe we are a kind and compassionate community and those isolated incidents do not represent who we are. They do remind us that there is still work to be done in making sure that Richmond continues to be a welcoming and inclusive community for everyone.

We live in a vibrant and energized community and I am proud to call Richmond home for 56 years. I hope you can see the good, because we are surrounded by it.

## City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

#### **General Purposes Committee**

4:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Finance Committee**

Monday, Oct. 7 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Planning Committee**

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Council Meeting**

Following the GP Committee meeting 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15

### **Community Safety Committee**

4:00 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

#### **Development Permit Panel**

3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall



## **Council Meeting Live Streaming**





Visit www.richmond.ca to link to live streaming or watch archived video.

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For meeting agendas and reports visit www.richmond.ca.

## Mother knows best

By **HANNAH SCOTT** Contributor

nost parents tussle with their teenagers. But what happens when your daughter tells you her instructions come from a saint?

Richmond's Ron Reed started Pacific Theatre over a quarter century ago to tell just such stories. As artistic director, his latest choice is Jane Anderson's Mother of the Maid.

In the play, Joan of Arc takes a backseat to the parallel struggle of her mother Isabelle, played poignantly by Anita Wittenberg. Most audience members know of Joan's historic fate, but we don't know Isabelle's perspective on her daughter's changes.

The lights come up on Isabelle Arc alone on stage, providing a third-person narration of her experience parenting her teenager, Joan. The scene that follows is a relatable family argument, a sparring session between mother and daughter.

Director Kaitlin Williams highlights these family scenes at the core of the play. As Joan, Shona Struthers describes her visions with a firm confidence.

The stage space is small and intimate. Sitting on the northwest side, we missed some early facial expressions. Later, with Joan in a jail cell, we had a full view of the action. Carolyn Rapanos' set design is minimal and effective.

In between scenes, the theatre goes black and audiences' ears are filled with Mary Jane Pacquette's eerie, moving musical interludes. Costume design by Stephanie Kong and Jessica Oostergo highlights the class difference between Joan's family and the wealthy Lady of the Court (AJ Simmons).

Raes Calvert plays Joan's brother Pierre with a lighthearted haughtiness. Ian Butcher as father Jacques is a harsh family patriarch. Richard Newman, as always a standout, and Chantal Gallant skillfully play several supporting roles, further distancing the Arc family's humble origins from the riches of the court.

It is clear that, despite Jacques's bombast, Isabelle is the foundation of her family. With increasing desperation, she forces herself into court to see her daughter more than once.

As Joan's social position rises, her family life fades further away. Struthers demonstrates Joan's naïve strength and, later, her brokenness. Despite her death looming, Joan maintains: "you don't abandon your faith when you're at your darkest."



Photo by Chelsey Stuyt Photography

Anita Wittenberg, as the Mother of the Maid, comforts her daughter Joan of Arc, played by Shona Struthers.

young teenager to a confident adult. The scenes turmoil. Struthers called it "a joy and a treat" to play in her jail cell return her to a childlike state. Jonathan Kim's lighting design increases the intimacy of these scenes.

The production spans a massive range of theatrical emotion. At times, Joan's dry humour incited slightly uncomfortable laughter from the audience.

During her final scene, as Isabelle prepares Joan for her walk to the pyre, you could hear a pin drop.

Wittenberg captures a mother's fierce love, remaining positive until Joan is dragged away. Isabelle lets out a blood-curdling scream as the lights

The play's final scenes include third-person narration from Jacques and Pierre, explaining Joan's death and their reactions. It is Isabelle who closes the play, posthumously clears Joan's name, and concludes:"I had a daughter once."

A post-show talkback revealed that the actors were attracted to the script's contemporary lan-Over the course of the show, Joan grows from a guage and moments of humour amidst historical office at (604) 731-5518.

Joan, a well-known character.

The actors said they enjoyed eating real food on stage, noting that the mead was really chamomile tea. Butcher not only played Joan's father, but also made all the bread consumed onstage.

The talkback closed on Simmons' hope that plays like this, with a strong female presence on stage and backstage, would continue to be produced often.

I wholeheartedly agree with artistic director Reed's comments on the play: "It takes me through an amazing gamut of emotions, from the laughter of recognition in the opening scenes to the heartbreak of the story's inevitable conclusion."

While the writing wasn't my favourite, I would make a point of seeing these strong actors again.

Mother of the Maid plays at the Pacific Theatre, at 12th Avenue and Granville Street in Vancouver, through Oct. 5. Accessible seating is available. Buy tickets at tickets.pacifictheatre.org, or call the box

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Don Fennell photo

Richmond Sockeyes showed determination during a team bonding exercise Wednesday at the Richmond Fire Hall on Cambie Road.

## Sockeyes bond over firefighter challenge

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

ichmond Sockeyes have complet-Ted the month of September undefeated.

fine play throughout October.

Coming off a notable team building exercise the day before, in which they raced against the clock over an obstacle course routinely used by Richmond firefighters, the Sockeyes proceeded to blank the North Vancouver ver was particularly impressive, given Wolf Pack 5-0 Thursday at Minoru it was the second-place Wolf Pack's

Arenas. It was the Pacific Junior Hockey League-leading Sockeyes' seventh straight win.

It was clear at Wednesday's firefighter challenge, held at the fire hall on Cambie Road, that this is a group Now, the goal is to continue their of players that is already close. During the exercise in which each player took their turn in a test of strength, endurance and tactic, there was a notable mix of jesting and encouragement among teammates.

Last week's win over North Vancou-

first loss of the season in their eighth game. Michael Araki-Young scored two goals and assisted on another to boost his team-best point total to 14, just three points back of North Vancouver's Jacob Fournier for the league lead. Goaltender Mauricio Soriano-McKinnon made 34 saves to post his fourth victory of the season. He's only eight goals against in those four appearances.

Defenceman Thomas Von Schoenberg, the team's top scoring defenceman, also contributed to the offence with his first goal and eighth point of

the season, while Craig Schouten had three assists and now has 12 points in his first seven games.

Richmond began September by edging White Rock 3-2 Sept. 5, then doubled Mission 4-2, tripled Langley 6-2, outscored Ridge Meadows 9-5, topped Grandview 5-1 and dumped Ridge Meadows 8-3.

Set to enjoy a short break in the schedule, the Sockeyes are scheduled to next play Oct. 2 at Aldergrove before returning home to host Langley on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at Minoru.

See video at richmondsentinel.ca



## **UPCOMING HOME GAMES**

Thursday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., vs Langley Thursday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., vs Port Moody

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## **EVENTS**



## Richmond Night Market

You've still got a couple of weeks to take in the Summer 2019 Chill Party at Richmond Night Market, 8351 River Rd. Check out the fun from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 13. Admission is \$4.75 per person, and free for seniors 60 and over with identification.

## Steveston Heritage Tour

Don't miss your opportunity to take the Steveston Heritage Experience Tour on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Britannia Shipyards, 5180 Westwater Dr. Leading you back to 1914, the interactive walking tour stops at four celebrated historic attractions-Britannia, the Steveston Tram, Steveston Museum and Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site. The cost is \$65 per person, plus tax and includes a popular dish of the day from local favourite Pajo's and a craft brew from Steveston's Britannia Brewing.

### Free Fix-it

Get your broken small appliances and torn clothing repaired by handy volunteers at the Fix-it station inside the Richmond Community Directions Fair. This event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Richmond City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Rd.

### Winter Market

Steveston's winter artisan market opens Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site, 12138 Fourth Ave. in Steveston. With an assortment of fun, food and

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crafts, there's everything you'd find at ly from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. a summer outdoor market, but with a 31. cozy indoor atmosphere.

### Kwantlen St. Farmers Market

Don't miss your last chances to check out the fresh food market Tuesdays until Oct. 8 at Minoru Plaza. 7700 Minoru Gate.

## Therapeutic Riding Opening

Richmond Therapeutic Riding Association is opening its new outdoor riding ring Wednesday, Oct. 2. A ceremony featuring local dignitaries, donors, volunteers and riders and their families will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Twin Oaks Farm, 13671 No. 3 Rd. The new ring was made possible by generous donations from the YP Heung Foundation and Townline Homes.

### **Lobster Fest**

Canadian Brewhouse, 4755 Mcclelland Rd. at Central at Garden City mall, is hosting Lobster Fest 2019 on Friday, Oct. 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. You could win a trip for two to Halifax for an Alexander Keiths brewery tour.

### Scarecrow Crawl

It's back.

The Steveston Scarecrow Crawl is you chance to explore the streets of the historic village for one-of-a-kind scarecrows lurking outside many of the storefronts and restaurants. Dai-

## **Hallow Nights**

Visit Richmond's most technologically advanced haunted house at 9111 Beckwith Rd. starting Friday, Oct. 11. Tickets start at \$25.

## **Once Upon A Pumpkin**

The perfect getaway for nature lovers, Richmond Nature Park is hosting Once Upon a Pumpkin at Richmond Nature Park, 11851 Westminster Hwy. Explore the Nature House and learn all about Halloween's origins Oct. 13 to 31.



## Flight Path Park

Larry Berg Flight Path Park is one of the city's most unique parks, just beyond the perimeter fence at the end of Vancouver International Airport's south runway. Free parking.

### **Environment at YVR**

YVR is hosting a tour on Monday, Oct. 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Vancouver International Airport, 3211 Grant McConachie Way. The tour offers a glimpse into the innovative environmental programs at the airport, and supports the Ecocity World Summit being held in Vancouver from Oct. 7 to 11.



## Adventure Playground

Terra Nova Adventure Playground is a dynamic, million-dollar playground features innovative structures designed to reconnect kids with nature. Located at the west end of River Road at the north end of West Dyke Trail, 2340 River Rd.

### **Science Fiction Convention**

Held since 1971, the oldest science fiction and gaming convention in Canada is being held Oct. 11 to 13 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Hwy.

## **Autism Speaks Walk**

Goodlife Fitness Family Autism Hub, 3688 Cessna Dr. will host a special fundraising walk Sunday, Oct. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

### Whale Watch

Vancouver Whale Watch offers professional wildlife guides for a three-to five-hour whale watching tour starting in picturesque Steveston and traveling through the spectacular

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Gulf and San Juan Islands. Recurring daily at 11 a.m. at 210-12240 Second Ave. Price is \$145 per person.

### All Aboard

When in Steveston, don't miss hopping aboard the Steveston Interurban Tram on Moncton St. and experience yesteryear. Tramcar 1220 is the largest artifact in the Richmond Museum's collection, and is one of the only remaining interurban trams operated by BC Electric Railway Company.

## **WORKSHOPS**

## **Celebrating Success**

Richmond Community Action Team invites you to 'roar in the face of stigma' at a special symposium highlighting the team's accomplishments in responding to the local overdose crisis. It's Friday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Richmond Public Library's Brighouse branch, 100-7700 Minoru Gate.

## **Project Connect**

Richmond Family Place is hosting a program for parents and children on Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at South Arm Community Centre, 8880 Williams Rd. This program brings families and seniors together to play, sing and connect.

## **ESL Cooking for Moms**

On through Friday, Oct. 11, ESL Cooking for Moms is a free program for immigrant moms with young children. Held Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at South Arm Community Centre, 8800 Williams Rd., the program encourages moms to have fun practicing English while cooking with other moms and learning about community resources and healthy eating. Registration is required by calling 604-279-7100.

## WorksafeBC Ergonomics Forum

During Ergonomics Month in October, Worksafe BC is hosting its fourth annual forum, featuring experts, on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at 6951 Westminster Hwy.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

### Ice Cube

Iconic American rapper, actor, producer, director and writer is at River Rock Show Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 3.

## **SPORTS**

## Sockeye hockey

A visit by the Langley Trappers on Thursday, Oct. 3 kicks off a busy stretch for the Richmond Sockeyes. A week later, the team hosts Port Moody Panthers, followed by away games in Abbotsford and Delta in a seven-day period. The team is back home to host Mission Ice Breakers Thursday, Oct. 17. All home games are 7 p.m. at Minoru Arenas.

## Richmond Youth Basketball

The Richmond Youth Basketball League has several programs for youth of all skill levels—from Small Ball, which introduces kids in Kindergarten to Grade 3 to the movement and basketball-related skills in a fun environment—to RYVL rep, a program designed for those players that want to have extra practice time and games or play in tournaments. Learn more by visiting rybl.ca.

### Jets Ice Breaker

Richmond Jets minor hockey association is hosting its annual Ice Breaker Atom—Peewee Rep Tournament from Thursday, Oct. 3 to Sunday, Oct. 6 at Minoru Arenas.

We encourage you to share your Richmond events, and photos, at newsroom@richmondsentinel.ca

## **KUDOS**

## Rotary donates to Hospital Foundation



Photo submitted

Richmond Rotary Club recently donated \$10,000 to support the Richmond Hospital Foundation.

## Best on the Block supports Food Bank



Photo by Vivian Wong

A joint venture between neighbouring hotels Sheraton, Hilton and Marriott, and hosted by the three restaurants on their block—75 West, CAVU Kitchen Bar and Harold's Kitchen & Bar—the third annual Best on the Block BBQ Rib Cook-off held Aug. 17 raised \$7,352.80 for the Richmond Food Bank Society. See video at richmondsentinel.ca

## Fire Prevention Week: Plan to get out alive



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## Richmond fire chief Tim Wilkinson stands aside the statue of a firefighter at Hall No. 1 on Gilbert Road.

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ire kills eight people each week in Canada.

73 per cent of the fatalities.

Those numbers alone are alarm- most safe." ing, and should ensure that everyone has a plan to prevent them.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 6 to 12, a time to recognize the life-saving contributions of our firefighters.

and Practice Your Escape! is a camminutes to escape safely from the paign that works to educate every- time the smoke alarm sounds. Esone about the small, but important cape planning and practice can help actions they can take to keep them- you make the most of the time you selves and those around them safe. have, giving everyone enough time And residential fires account for In Canada, most fire deaths occur in to get out." the home, where people believe are

"Home fires continue to pose a wherever they go. significant threat to safety," says Capt. Brian MacLeod, community relations officer for Richmond Fire-Rescue. "In a typical home fire." Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan you may have as little as one to two

MacLeod savs situational awareness is a skill people need to use

"No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

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## Home Fire Escape Planning

Home fire escape planning and drills are an essential part of fire safety. A home fire escape plan needs to be developed and practised before a fire strikes.

A home escape plan should in-

- Two exits from every room in the home – usually a door and a window
- Properly installed and working smoke alarms
- · A meeting place outside the home where everyone will meet after they exit
- A call to 911 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone
  - know your street address

### **Smoke Alarms**

- detect and alert people to a fire in the early stages.
- · can mean the difference between life and death in a fire.
- cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire.

### Recommendations

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.

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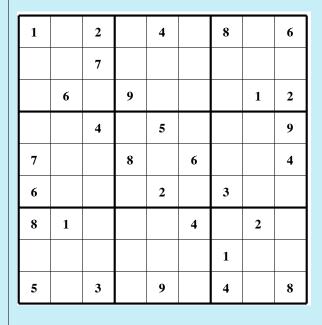
## MID-**SEPTEMBER ANSWERS**



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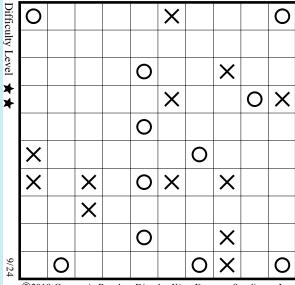
## **SUDOKU**

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.



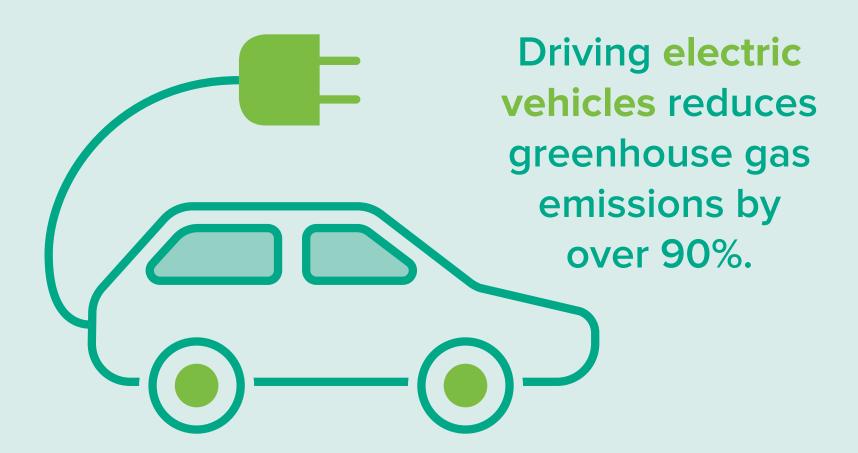
## **TIC-TAC-LOGIC**

A one player game, the object is to place Xs or Os in the squares grid. There cannot be more than two consecutive Xs or Os in a row or column. Each column/row is unique and has five Xs and Os.



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# Help us reduce Richmond's greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030

## **Get involved**

- **1.** Dive deeper into issues by attending a community meeting on **Tuesday, October 1** from noon to 3 p.m. (Britannia Shipyards—Chinese Bunkhouse) or **Thursday, October 3** from 6 to 9 p.m. (East Richmond Community Hall). Registration required.
- 2. Drop by the Community Directions Fair on **Saturday, October 5** at *Richmond City Hall*, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Find out more: richmond.ca/ClimateAction



