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**McNair Secondary's
Leon Picha, Cole Langer
win Loran Scholarships**

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Cole Langer, left, and Leon Picha (each awarded a \$100,000 Loran Scholarship), were selected from more than 5,000 applicants and 88 finalists. A total of six students in B.C. were among the 34 in Canada to receive the scholarship.



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Scholarships to fuel pursuit of dreams

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Leon Picha and Cole Langer's futures look a little brighter today.

The two students from Matthew McNair Secondary have each won a \$100,000 Loran Scholarship Foundation scholarship to further their post-secondary education.

McNair principal Jason Leslie describes Picha and Langer as: "Truly remarkable students who have made positive contributions in too many ways to count. We are incredibly proud of these boys."

Picha was overjoyed at the news.

"I can't even put it into emotions honestly. There's such a great opportunity that's been given to me and I'm overjoyed to be able to take that opportunity and see where I can go from there."

Picha, as one of 34 Loran Scholars in Canada to receive this funding, hopes to pursue a business degree. His dream university would be McGill but will be happy wherever he ends up, knowing that his university expenses will be covered for his undergraduate degree.

The Loran scholars also have access to networking and summer internships through the Loran Foundation. Of over 5,000 Canadian students who applied, 88 finalists were selected. Langer and Picha are two of the six to receive the large scholarship in B.C., 34 in all of the country.

"I'm super excited about it," says Langer, "It's an incredible opportunity."



Photo by Chung Chow
 Cole Langer and Leon Picha outside Matthew McNair Secondary School.

"The scholarship gives me the opportunity to go to school outside of B.C. and the program gives me summer internships. That's pretty incredible, if I was able to go to McGill, being able to speak French and be immersed in the culture," Langer says.

Langer says he hopes to study psychology then go on to an MBA or a law degree.

Asked how his parents feel, Langer says: "My family is super excited for me. My mom when she first heard from me was crying and my dad was just as happy for me. Same with my siblings."

Picha says his family is elated: "So proud. I get texts daily saying how proud they are, even hourly sometimes saying, just a reminder that I've made them proud."

"Every single person that I have come across in my life has shaped me into the person I am today and I can honestly say that if it weren't for them, I wouldn't be one of the (Loran) scholars in Canada," Picha says with a smile.

Both young men concur, the effect of the opportunities and the funding through the Loran Scholars Foundation is, as Langer says, "Huge!"

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Burkeville battling YVR plans

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Some 15 years after Burkeville residents pressured WestJet to pull back off from its plans to occupy a proposed cargo handling facility along Templeton Road, there's another battle brewing.

But this time, these Sea Island residents have a tougher challenge; the would-be tenant for a proposed logistics centre with 25 cargo truck bays, remains unknown. Without knowing who the facility is being built for, residents can't focus their concerns on any one company, like it so successfully did with community-sensitive WestJet back in 2004.

But that hasn't stopped residents from rallying together and pushing back against the Vancouver International Airport Authority, which plans to break ground on the new facility in the coming weeks.

More than 100 people attended an information session on Thursday, Feb. 7 at Pacific Gateway Hotel, where residents came looking for answers.

Area resident Melissa Gervais told The Richmond Sentinel the Vancouver International Airport Authority was playing a game of

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Richmond Continuing Education will be offering a Full-Time program for Richmond Education Assistant Program (REAP) in 2019. REAP students learn how to work with Kindergarten to Grade 12 students with physical, behavioural, sensory and learning needs in schools. Joining REAP will open the door to job opportunities in this challenging and fulfilling career field in education.

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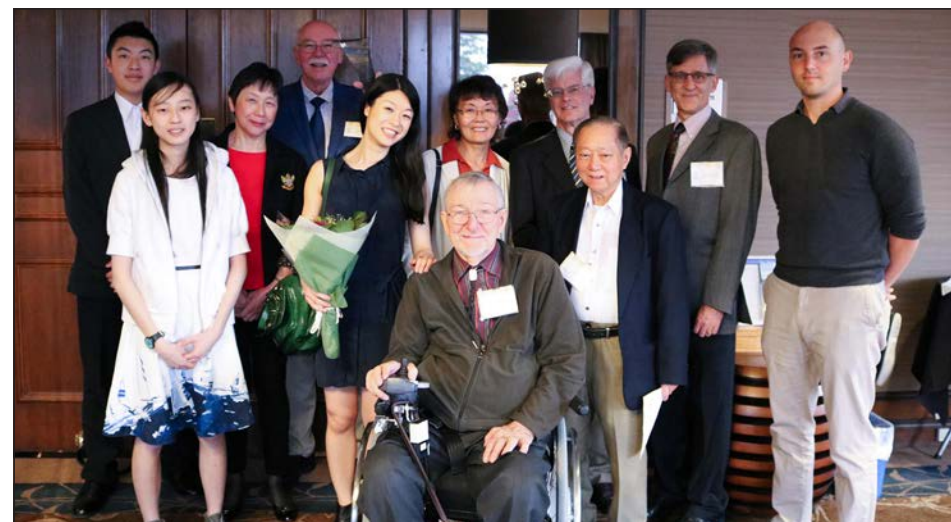


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Volunteers from the Richmond Olympic Oval at the 2018 Volunteers Are Stars Awards. Nominate for this year's gala April 9 at Pacific Gateway Theatre.

Nominate a star volunteer

By **DON FENNELL**
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- youth volunteers
- non-profit leaders

Volunteers continually make a difference and Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives wants to say thank you.

Help recognize a volunteer you know by nominating them for the 2019 Volunteers Are Stars Awards April 9 at Pacific Gateway Hotel.

Nominations can be submitted online at www.rcrg.org/vas until March 11.

The awards gala showcases the efforts of the many individuals and groups who give so generously of their time to make the community shine.

"It's a celebration of volunteers and all that they contribute to our community," says Ed Gavsie, president and chief executive officer of Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives. "From healthcare, to social services, to sports and recreation, volunteers are part of the fabric of Richmond, making a difference every day."

Seven awards will be presented in four categories, with nominations being accepted for the following:

- individual volunteers
- volunteer groups

"Last year, the community submitted 43 nominations," says Gavsie. "Every one of them was a brilliant, inspiring volunteer, and that will surely be the case again in 2019. With so many volunteers doing amazing work, we'd love to see even more nominations this year."

Following a two-year hiatus, the Volunteers Are Stars Awards returned in 2018, with over 250 community members attending the sold-out event.

Pacific Gateway Hotel will serve as host and presenting sponsor for the second year in a row.

"Pacific Gateway Hotel is a wonderful community supporter," says Gavsie. "We're proud to work with them again to honour Richmond's outstanding volunteers."

Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives (RCRG) is a registered charity that serves as a hub for volunteering and giving. RCRG is also a direct service provider, operating a Child Care Resource & Referral Centre, the Richmond Christmas Fund, and a variety of Seniors Community Support Services.

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Don't miss a single word of *Yoga Play*

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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The great thing about an opening night is the excitement, and the chance to meet the people in the show afterwards.

The downside is they can sometimes still be working out a couple of kinks.

It was hard to make out what the actors were saying some of the time and what the off-stage voices were saying over half the time, in the world premiere of Dipila Guha's, *Yoga Play*, at Richmond Gateway Theatre.

So as not to prime the pump, I asked others at the break and at the reception what they thought of the play. One person sitting much closer than we were, said: "They speak so quickly. It's hard to make out what they're saying."

They did slow down in the second half and that helped. But still, the lack of consistent volume continued to be a problem. The actors did not have microphones in this production. They might have benefited from amplification.

Another theatre-goer said: "I bet if you could hear the words, it would be really funny."

The words we could make out were really funny. The play is witty, relevant and deeper than one would expect from a comedy, with examples like Raj from New Jersey's line:



Photo by David Cooper

Christine Quintana and Chirag Naik appear as two of the ensemble performing Gateway Theatre's *Yoga Play*.

"Do you think there's a special place in hell for people who appropriate their own culture?"

The play takes Indian culture seriously but not itself. All the jokes are

on those who pretend to be deeply into Indian spirituality. This play punctures the pomposity of cultural appropriation: stealing someone else's spiritual practices to make

them marketable.

It is surprising that this oh-so-Vancouver play is set in the United States.

The play elicits laughter the moment it begins when one of the large screens has a view of a very-much Chip Wilson-esque person supposedly on a video call. The corporate setting of the play echoes many of the issues and the ethos of lululemon without mentioning it ever by name.

The knowing laughter continued, with more laughs coming from the front rows than the back.

Both the depth and humour of the play showed in the call to mindfulness: "You are not a human doing; you are a human being."

There was also the prescient line: "I had a dream that I was on stage naked and no one could hear me."

At the reception it was clear; what people could hear, they loved. The performance received two curtain calls.

First off, Gateway Theatre's *Yoga Play* is funny and well-worth seeing. Secondly, until they fix the problem with the sound, get tickets for a night when you can sit in the first few rows.

For tickets: call (604) 270-1812, go into Gateway Theatre's box office 6500 Gilbert Rd, or online at gatewaytheatre.com

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Foundation offers multiple scholarships

By **DON FENNELL**

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If you're graduating from secondary school in Richmond this year and plan to pursue post-secondary studies, be sure to apply for a Richmond Community Foundation scholarship.

The odds are in your favour.

Last year, only about 100 students applied for the more than 47 scholarships awarded. They were worth a combined \$27,650.

There are scholarships for almost all areas of study, from social sciences to humanities and trades to arts.

Current scholarships include:

- **Audrey Fricker Scholarship**—Students who are affiliated with the Richmond Orchestra & Chorus Association, and are pursuing musical studies (The first Audrey Fricker Scholarship will be awarded in 2020)

- **Derek Dang and Dr. Margaret Yeung Scholarship**—Any Post-Secondary Pursuit, Including Academic, Vocational, and Apprenticeship Programs

- **Etta Demerse Scholarship**—UBC, SFU, or Kwantlen

- **Kronier Family Scholarship**—Community Involvement, Any Post-Secondary Pursuit, Including Vocational and Apprenticeship Programs

- **Michael Diston Memorial Scholarship**—Fine Arts, General Arts (History, Social Sciences, Humanities), Apprenticeship Programs

- **RichCity Idol Scholarship**—Performing Arts

- **Richmond Community Foundation Scholarship**—Community Involvement

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- **Walter Wu Scholarship**—Students who wish to compete in sports at a higher level, but require funding assistance to help them continue their post-secondary studies while pursuing their goals as an elite athlete

There is no requirement for a specific grade average for any scholarship and students who are pursuing trade and diploma courses are encouraged to apply in addition to those undertaking degree studies. The criteria for all the above scholarships include the following:

- A permanent Richmond resident

- Canadian citizen or landed immigrant

- Graduating, or have graduated within the past two years, from a secondary school in Richmond

- Applying to an accredited post-secondary school

- A demonstrated commitment to the community of Richmond

Students may apply for multiple scholarships, so be sure to select all those you are eligible for.

Along with your application, you will need to include two reference letters.

The application deadline is March 11, 2019.

To learn more, call 604-270-4483 or email info@richmondfoundation.org.

The Richmond Community Foundation also offers a variety of scholarships not listed on this site, as they have alternate application procedures and deadlines.

For more information on these scholarships, visit rcrg.org/GrantsScholarships

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Family Day promises to be magical

By **DON FENNELL**
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Mythology and magic are sure to captivate children of all ages at this year's Family Day in Richmond.

Presented by TD Bank Group, The Troll Grandfather will enthrall audiences through an original performance by local Vancouver theatre group Axis Theatre.

Twin powers will unite as author and illustrator Holman Wang and his brother Jack take audiences on imaginary and unforgettable journeys in Cozy Classics and Star Wars Epic Yarns linking literary and cinematic classics.

"The Children's Arts Festival is designed to inspire children's imagination and creativity," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "This popular annual event is a great way to spend Family Day as kids and parents from across

the community can play together in a fun, festive environment."

Presented by Landsdowne Centre, the 11th annual Children's Arts Festival affords children of all ages many opportunities to get creative on Monday, Feb. 18 at the Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate.

Feature artist Keely O'Brien will be working with community members to create a digitally-printed wall mural for the Richmond Arts Centre. Attendees are encouraged to contribute to the piece, which will be composed and refined by the artist using digital post-production techniques.

Throughout the day, kids can express themselves in their own works of art by taking part in a creativity class (pre-registration is required) like acrylic painting or stop motion animation. They might even want to dance or take an improv class. The festival has several imagination

stations to inspire.

As always, there will be plenty of entertainment including Middle Eastern tales from Stories on Wheels, a breathtaking demonstration by kite-flyer Tristan Underwood and the sounds of Rumba Calzada, Krystle Dos Santos and Kutapira.

General admission is \$5 per person, which includes drop-in access to the imagination stations and a range of fun and creative activities. Classes are \$15 each and include general festival admission.

To learn more, visit www.childrensartsfestival.ca

All told, there are more than 65 family-friendly local activities in Richmond this Family Day weekend, including:

Saturday, Feb. 16

- Family story time at Richmond Public Library
- Spin (cycle) sessions at West Rich-

mond Community Centre

Monday, Feb. 18

- Family Day breakfast and activities at Steveston and Cambie community centres
- Yoga, wacky science and family open gym drop-in at Hamilton Community Centre

All long weekend

- Themed activities at Richmond Nature Park and Steveston Interurban Tram
- Swimming and skating
- Family rock climbing, skating, a Family Passport Challenge and Olympic autographs at Richmond Olympic Oval
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Richmond High started as Bridgeport School

With many of the details from the City of Richmond Archives, and specifically its Richmond Schools online exhibit, this second installment in a four-part series shares the little-known stories associated with Richmond school names.

By **DON FENNELL**
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There was more than a sense of déjà vu when John Montgomery stepped foot in Richmond Secondary last spring to celebrate the school's 90th anniversary.

A student in the Class of '58, he also recalled that his mom, Amy Edwards, was in the first graduating class of 17 students in 1928 when it was still known as Bridgeport—coinciding with the name of the road which it fronted.

The first dedicated high school on Lulu Island, it was located at the corner of Cambie and Sexsmith roads near what is today a Costco. Bridgeport School had been a combined elementary and secondary from 1910 to 1927, with the original four-room school house reverting only to an elementary through to 1980. The intent was that two rooms on the second level would eventually be used for Grade 10 and 11



Photo courtesy City of Richmond Archives

Originally Bridgeport School, Richmond Secondary's history spans nearly a century. 1977 1105

students (Grade 11 was then the graduating year).

The doors to the original Richmond High School first opened on a site at Cambie and Sexsmith roads. When Richmond High moved to its current location on Minoru Boulevard in 1952 (since replaced by a new building), the Cambie Road building became Cambie Junior Secondary. The site is now occupied by a shopping mall.

Allan Roy MacNeill plays a prominent role in the history of Richmond Secondary. In 1928, MacNeill (after whom the secondary school on No. 4 Road is named) began a 31-year run as the school's still longest-serving principal.

Hugh Boyd Secondary

Opening initially as a junior secondary in 1960, the school is named after

Hugh Boyd who came to Sea Island in 1866 from County Down, Ireland. Boyd and Alexander Kilgour purchased farm land on the south side of Sea Island naming it Rosebrooke Farm. Boyd also signed the original petition for incorporating the township of Richmond in 1879 and served as the municipality's first reeve (mayor) from 1880 to 1885. During his first year, council meetings were held in his farmhouse.

JN Burnett Secondary

Opening initially as a junior secondary in 1968, the school is named after John Napier Burnett who was a pioneer in B.C. education. Born in Scotland, he moved to Vancouver with his family in 1911 to escape chaos building in his homeland at the time and served in the Second World War. Following the war, Burnett became inspector of schools and in 1949 was hired by the Richmond School District as an administrator, serving as superintendent of schools from 1955 to 1964—a period of unprecedented growth in Richmond. A graduate of UBC, and a former president of the BC Teachers Federation, he worked tirelessly to promote education standards.

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Matthew McNair Secondary

Opened in 1971 and refurbished as a full-spectrum secondary school in 1996, the school is named after Matthew McNair who settled in Richmond in 1911 as a pioneer farmer (serving on the board of the Potato Growers Association). As a businessman, McNair established a milk delivery service following the Second World War, and later served as a city councillor from 1946 to 1948. He was also active in the Richmond Kiwanis and local board of trade.

Kingswood Elementary

Opened in 1976 to serve a new neighbourhood in southeast Richmond, between Shell and No. 5 roads, the school is named after the subdivision.

Walter Lee Elementary

Opened in 1960 as annex to White-side Elementary, by 1967 the school was operating independently with 10 classrooms and a gymnasium added. The school is named after Walter Lee, who came to Richmond from New Zealand in 1874 after participating in the California Gold Rush. Lee and Thomas Kidd pooled their resources to purchase land in the South Arm district near the Fraser River sloughs. Lee was also among those who signed the petition for incorporating Richmond in 1879 and served on its first council.

Maple Lane Elementary

Opened in 1974 to serve residents of a new subdivision between No. 3 and Gilbert roads, between Williams Road and Steveston Highway, the school is named after Maple Lane Farm in the area which was owned by the Abramson family.

James McKinney Elementary

Originally built as an annex to Lord Byng Elementary, the school was enlarged and became a full-fledged Kin-

dergarten to Grade 7 school in 1974. It is named after James McKinney, who came to Lulu Island from Ontario in 1892 and owned 200 acres of farmland near No. 2 Road and Steveston Highway. It is on this site that the school is located. McKinney served on school board and was heavily involved in the church and other community activities.

Robert J. Tait Elementary

Opened in 1955 as a primary annex to Bridgeport, Tait became a full-spectrum school in 1979. It is named after pioneer farmer Robert J. Tait who served as a municipal councillor from 1908 to 1910. Tait's family continued farming the land in Richmond, and the school was eventually built on a portion of that land. The Tait's eventually moved to Marpole where they managed the Marpole Theatre.

RC Talmey Elementary

Built in 1991 to serve the needs of the new Oaks subdivision near No. 4 and Cambie roads, the school is named after Dr. Richard Talmey, a well-respected family physician in Richmond who was active in a number of community programs. Talmey was one of the three founders of the Richmond Hospital Society and first chief of staff when the hospital opened in 1966. He was also Richmond's coroner for more than 20 years and served on school board and as chair in 1957. Talmey was also well known in horse racing circles as the owner of a successful thoroughbred "Patormike."

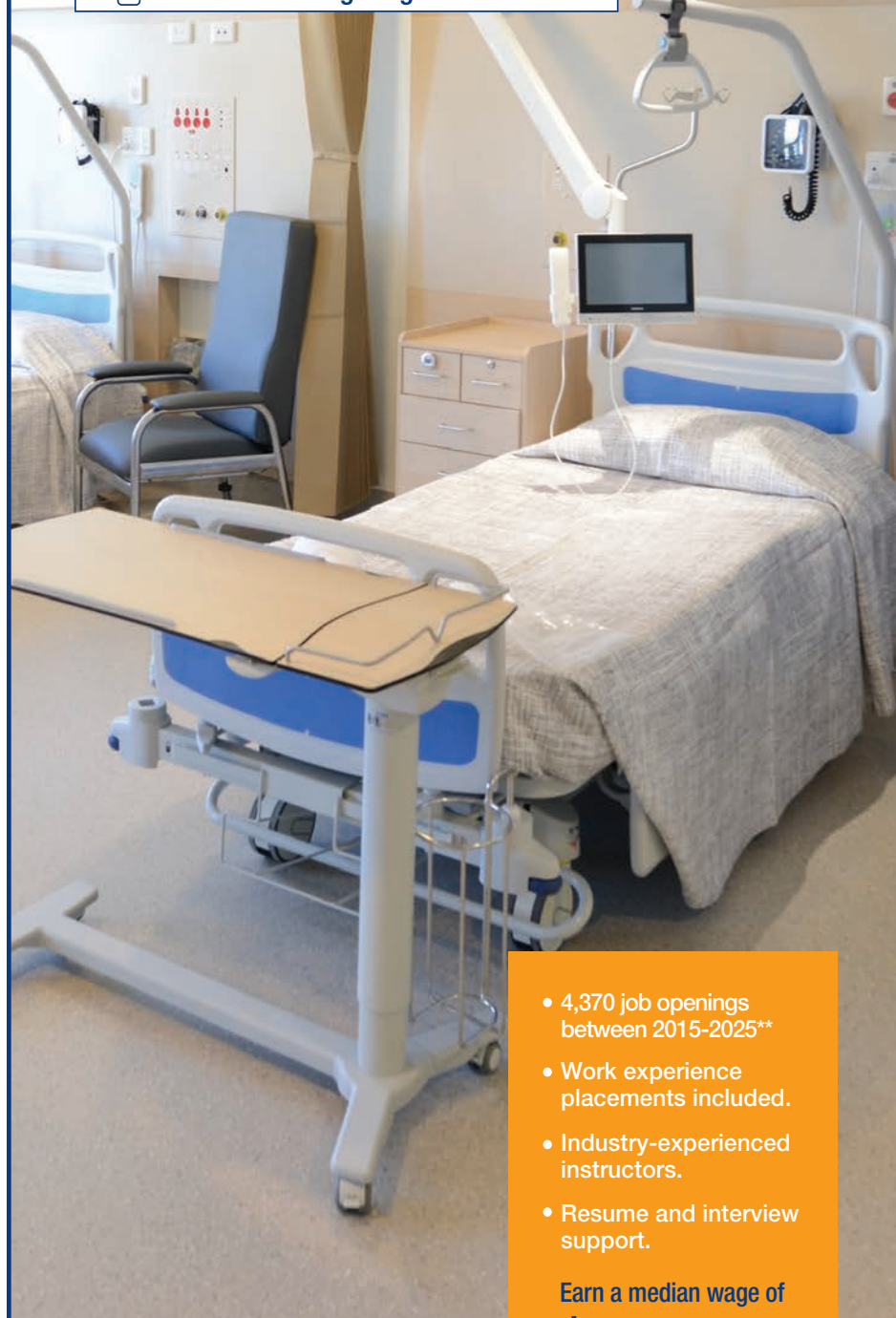
James Thompson Elementary

Opened in 1953 as a two-room annex to Grauer, it has remained a full-spectrum school since 1967. The school is named after James Thompson who was a pioneer farmer and served as a school trustee from 1908 to 1915. Thompson also chaired the Lulu Island West Dyking Commission from 1915 to 1934. The school sits on a portion of the original Thompson farm.

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Physics and food combine for KPU physicist

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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The *Sentinel* first introduced Dr. James Hoyland, Kwantlen Polytechnic University researcher and instructor, when he competed in CBC's Great Canadian Baking Show.

While he didn't win, he did share with locals a winner of a recipe for the Christmas before last.

Researching where physics, engineering and agriculture intersect, Hoyland's academic life also strives to put more healthy food on people's tables by helping farmers to get the most out of their land without extra chemicals, extra work, or more water than absolutely necessary.

"We're looking at teaming up with (KPU's) Department of Sustainable Agriculture. We are starting to look at agricultural applications of this kind of technology, particularly in two main areas, one in-the-field sensors, networks of sensors for monitoring things like soil moisture, so farmers can micromanage, different drainage from different bits of their fields, so they don't have to water the whole field," Hoyland says.

Lab test on a chip

The first project is an agricultural version of a lab on a tiny computer chip. This multifunctional computer chip, similar to what is used in diabetics' blood sugar monitors, needs only a tiny bit of liquid to test for concentrations of different substances. In the case of diabetics, it measures the amount of sugar in their blood by just using the tiniest drop of blood. For farmers, Hoyland is creating a low-cost chip that will give real time reading of water levels, acidity, and nutrient levels in each area of a field.

With water management becoming a big issue in times of drought, like last year's long, hot summer, it is important to conserve this scarce resource.

Micromanagement can allow for



Photo by Chung Chow

KPU's Dr. James Hoyland demonstrates the fruits of his labours, both in and out of the lab.

treating just the small areas within a field that need something extra in terms of acidity, fertilizer or extra water. It means putting what's needed where it's needed instead of blanketing a field with everything. It saves money, it saves crop loss and it saves the environment.

While what they are doing isn't brand new, KPU's research aims at the smaller farmer.

"A lot of those things already exist, but they tend to be for larger farms. They are expensive, (hundreds of dollars each) and proprietary. We aim to make ours open source so farmers can build it themselves."

That means the farmers can have the plans for free and put it together the way that works best for their farm.

Printable water meters

"It's a new area for me," Hoyland says of the second project he's working on with a KPU team.

It's something similar to the chips that vets put into animals, called passive chips because they need no batteries to sing out their information when they are pinged with an electronic reader's radio signal.

It's also similar to what stores sometimes use to prevent theft; a chip stuck to an item that sets off the detectors at the store's door.

Grape growers in California, he says, have an expensive version that's already proven to be very useful.

"That one is more like a dog microchip. It's a little hard capsule embedded into the vine. The vine grows over it and it can tell things about the plant."

He hopes to make flexible, compostable versions of these radio-frequency identification chips for farmers to drop in a grid pattern in their fields. So they can check on them on a regular basis. The current prototypes look like black squares with concentric

tric squared circles.

"We are working on passive RFID sensors using conductive inks. You can print your sensors with special inks. You can put it into the ground. Its totally passive. You send a radio pulse at it so your reader can tell what the local conditions are. It lasts maybe a season, then rots into the ground," he says.

Because it's flexible, on paper, Hoyland says it's also called a chipless RFID.

"So far, it is a lab bench experiment but we are hoping to get done soon," he says.

The first ones have been silk-screened with an ink that conducts electricity. Hoyland's group hopes to use an ink jet printer with biodegradable, food-safe conducting ink.

The shape of the printed coils changes slightly when wet, so the signal they send back when they are pinged will be different depending on how wet or dry each spot in the field is. If it's just a little dry, the farmer may be able wait out a rainless spell.

Others of these devices can be printed with something that tells the farmer if the soil is too acidic or not acidic enough. If that's off, the nutrients in the soil cannot be used by the growing plants.

"Now, we are working on the inks themselves to find what is most effective in the field. They have to be a good conductor, printable, non-toxic and not an environmental contamination," he says.

The ultimate goal is to have farmers able to download the sensor they need for free, use their own ink jet printers with safe electrical ink, so they control the costs of the device and ultimately, farm cost.

Design criteria

All products need to have the end of their useful life, their disposal, con-

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Lovers' Cake

By JAMES HOYLAND

This hot milk sponge cake is a dairy-free take on an old classic.

It makes a moist light sponge.

The simple jam and coconut topping makes this a cozy, comforting cake, ideal for your loved one!



Recipe:

3 eggs

1 cup sugar

1 tsp vanilla

1 cup all purpose flour

1 tsp baking powder

1/4 tsp salt

1 tbsp ground dried ginger (add more or less to taste)

2/3 cup coconut milk (full fat!)

2 tbsp coconut oil (butter or vegetable oil will also do)

Jam—If you make your own jam, great. But any nice quality jam would do. Since this is a Valentine's cake, something red is probably a good idea.

Shredded coconut

Preheat oven to 325F.

Grease an 8" x 8" (20 cm x 20 cm) square baking dish or cake tin.

It's worth cutting a square of oiled or buttered paper out and putting it in the bottom of the dish—this makes it easier to remove the cake when done.

Beat the eggs—no really beat them! Ideally use a stand mixer with whisk attachment and set it to high but you can also use electric hand beaters or whisk by hand. Whichever way you want to beat until they get thick and foamy. They will also start to go a little paler in colour but this can be hard to see.

Next add the sugar and vanilla and continue to beat until they are totally incorporated.

In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, salt and ginger.

Put the oil and coconut milk in a small pan and bring to a boil. Let it boil vigor-

ously for a couple of minutes. Keep an eye on it so it doesn't burn. Then take it off the stove and let it cool only slightly.

Mix the dry ingredients into the wet. Warning: this is the trickiest bit. You want to mix well without knocking all the air out of your eggs. I find using a rubber spatula and just continually scraping down to turn the stuff in the bottom of the bowl to the top works well. You should get a smooth, thick batter.

Now add the hot milk mix. Add a little at a time otherwise the eggs might start to scramble—not good. Once you've got a smooth creamy batter pour it all into your cake tin and stick it in the oven for 30-35 minutes.

When done it should be golden on top with the edges just starting to brown. A skewer into the centre should come out clean. Leave it in for a couple more minutes if necessary.

When done let the cake cool almost to room temperature in the pan.

Carefully take the cake out of the pan and flip it upside down on a cutting board, so you can spread your jam on the flat top (formerly the bottom). Sprinkle shredded coconut on top.

For maximum valentines bonus points—before you sprinkle, cut out a heart shape from paper and lay it on the jam covered cake. Then sprinkle and carefully remove the paper leaving a red heart.

This cake does well made in advance. I find the flavour intensifies a bit overnight.

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Steveston resident in *The Matchmaker*

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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It may be a small role but it's a big chance for RA. McMath Secondary grad Jason Sakaki, who has his first job with The Arts Club, Canada's largest not-for-profit theatre company.

"I play a waiter named August, who has just started working at a fancy restaurant in New York and has a very bad day," says Sakaki.

The actor credits his days at Westwind Elementary for his love of theatre.

"I owe my interest in the theatre to Bob Riddell, my Grade 7 teacher, who emphasized the importance of arts in education. In the two years I had him as a teacher, we did about six or seven plays, and they really made learning exciting for me," he says.

"I was very lucky to have an incredibly supportive drama teacher, Joel Garner, who let me direct and produce some of the shows at McMath. Through these opportunities I gained a better understanding of the entire creative process, and channeled that through my performances."

The play, billed as a classic farce written by Thornton Wilder, tells the multi-faceted tale of a disparate group of people, each of whom seeks love in their own

way.

Some actively look for love while others do not, yet even the matchmaker herself Dolly Gallagher Levi—of *Hello Dolly* fame in the later musical version—ends up (spoiler alert) with a love.

"I was exposed to theatre at a pretty young age, and was always enamoured by the magic of it," Sakaki says. "I got my start on the Gateway stage in



JASON SAKAKI

2013, and ever since I've pursued every opportunity I could to make performing into a full time job."

With his role of August, in this production of *The Matchmaker*, Sakaki is well on his way.

The Matchmaker runs through Feb 24 at Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage, 2750 Granville St, Vancouver.

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Photo submitted

Jason Sakaki landed his first job with The Arts Club in *The Matchmaker*.

BURKEVILLE

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semantics when it came to gauging the impact of the new facility on the neighbourhood.

"She kept insisting that the noise would remain the same," Gervais said of YVR vice-president Anne Murray, who answered questions from residents and spoke about the project.

But Gervais said a huge new logistics centre, with 25 bays for cargo trucks and five bays for airplanes, will flood the area west next to their homes with traffic, and generate plenty of new noise, 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

The airport authority doesn't have a good track record of gauging a new development's community impact, she said, pointing to the McArthur Glenn's outlet mall development, which most recently at its Boxing Day sale, and also during its opening weeks of operation in the summer of 2015 caused commuter chaos on the bridges leading to the airport and led to flight delays.

Malcolm Brodie said he's interested in the well-being of his constituents, and the concerns raised by them were addressed during a meeting with the airport authority's board of directors.

"They feel that this is the plan that will work best for them," Brodie said of the Templeton Road proposal and noise concerns. "I have heard that they are being addressed and will be addressed."

But Brodie noted that the project is within the airport authority's jurisdiction.

Meanwhile Gervais now plans to take the fight to the media, and hopes that the company that's planning to move in, will see the opposition in the news coverage.

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PHYSICS & FOOD

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sidered at the time of design, he says.

"Sustainable agriculture is the main driver of this, but we are trying to bring our physics tools to help manage this in many ways. We are just starting."

Hoyland is also enjoying the change from Kwantlen being a community college to a degree-granting university.

"I'm quite excited about where it's going. KPU is an old institution but a new university so the research side is just starting to come up. That's actually quite fun so we can decide which way we are going for ourselves."

"We just got our second set of students going through our full degree program in physics. It's been really fun being at the starting point, developing those courses from scratch."

And, if these two KPU projects result in products?

Hoyland says his group is trying to create tools for smaller farmers, particularly urban farmers, including those in Richmond.

"Hopefully this will allow them to get those advantages of yield and better quality crops without having to resort to chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and preserve water resources."

Ever the scientist, Hoyland is also experimenting in his off hours. There is an online forum for fellow participants in CBC's Great Canadian

Baking Show where they take on a monthly challenge and post their creations.

For February, he developed an elegant but easy-to-make cake for that special someone. It's aimed at someone who has not baked before.

This has been designed to be easy to make. For someone looking for a romantic Valentine's food that doesn't break the bank, this might be just the ticket.

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RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us

The incredible but true story of two tenacious cats



**Lisa
Parker**

Jack Sparrow is a one-year-old black cat with one eye and a missing hip socket. His dad, Pops, who is five, has feline immunodeficiency virus and deformed rear legs. Despite their challenges, they've come a long, long way—literally.

The pair were seized by California animal control officials in California in January 2018 from a breeder who was apparently attempting to create a new “specialty” breed of small cat, but in the process developed a number of animals with severe physical issues. Along with them were Jack's brother and mother.

Pops was kept in a cage for the first years of his life, allowed out only to breed.

Once they were placed in a California shelter, they faced euthanasia due to their obvious disabilities, but were saved and brought to B.C., where Jack, Pops along with Jack's brother who is also disabled, lived in foster care for the past year. The brother was adopted by the foster



Pops, left, and Jack have come a long way. From California in fact.

family and, though Jack and Pops were also up for adoption during that year, they had no luck finding a forever home. They now happily reside at the RAPS Cat Sanctuary, eagerly soaking up the affection and care of staff and volunteers.

Dad and son are deeply bonded, very sweet with people and other cats and also very active.

The tale of Jack Sparrow and Pops is a story in microcosm of the RAPS Cat Sanctuary.

Among the nearly 500 cats who live here are many who would have been euthanized in other jurisdictions. That's one of the reasons RAPS changed its name from the

Richmond Animal Protection Society to the Regional Animal Protection Society. All our operations are located in Richmond, but we believe that where an animal lives shouldn't determine whether an animal lives.

In most cases, of course, cats come to us from Richmond, throughout Metro Vancouver or from other centres in British Columbia. It is unusual, but not unheard of, for animals to come to us from as far away as California if the alternative is euthanasia.

Our organization has become synonymous in the animal-loving community with a no-kill commit-

ment: Under our care, no animal is ever euthanized due to lack of space, treatable illness, physical defect, age, rectifiable behavioural or socialization issues.

Keeping this promise led us to open the RAPS Animal Hospital a year ago this month—on Family Day in 2018—making it more affordable for us to provide veterinary care to the residents of the Sanctuary, the animals who come to the RAPS-run City of Richmond Animal Shelter. The hospital is also for the public to bring their animals in for veterinary care, revenue from which is reinvested into RAPS programs, including the Sanctuary.

All of this has been possible because of the support of people in the community who share our commitment to saving and improving the lives of animals.

One of the most effective ways of helping the Sanctuary is to sponsor one of our feline residents. For \$25 a month—less than a coffee a day—you can enable us to keep our promise to all the animals in our care, providing a safe place to live and the necessary medical care they need and deserve.

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Lisa Parker is manager of the RAPS Cat Sanctuary.

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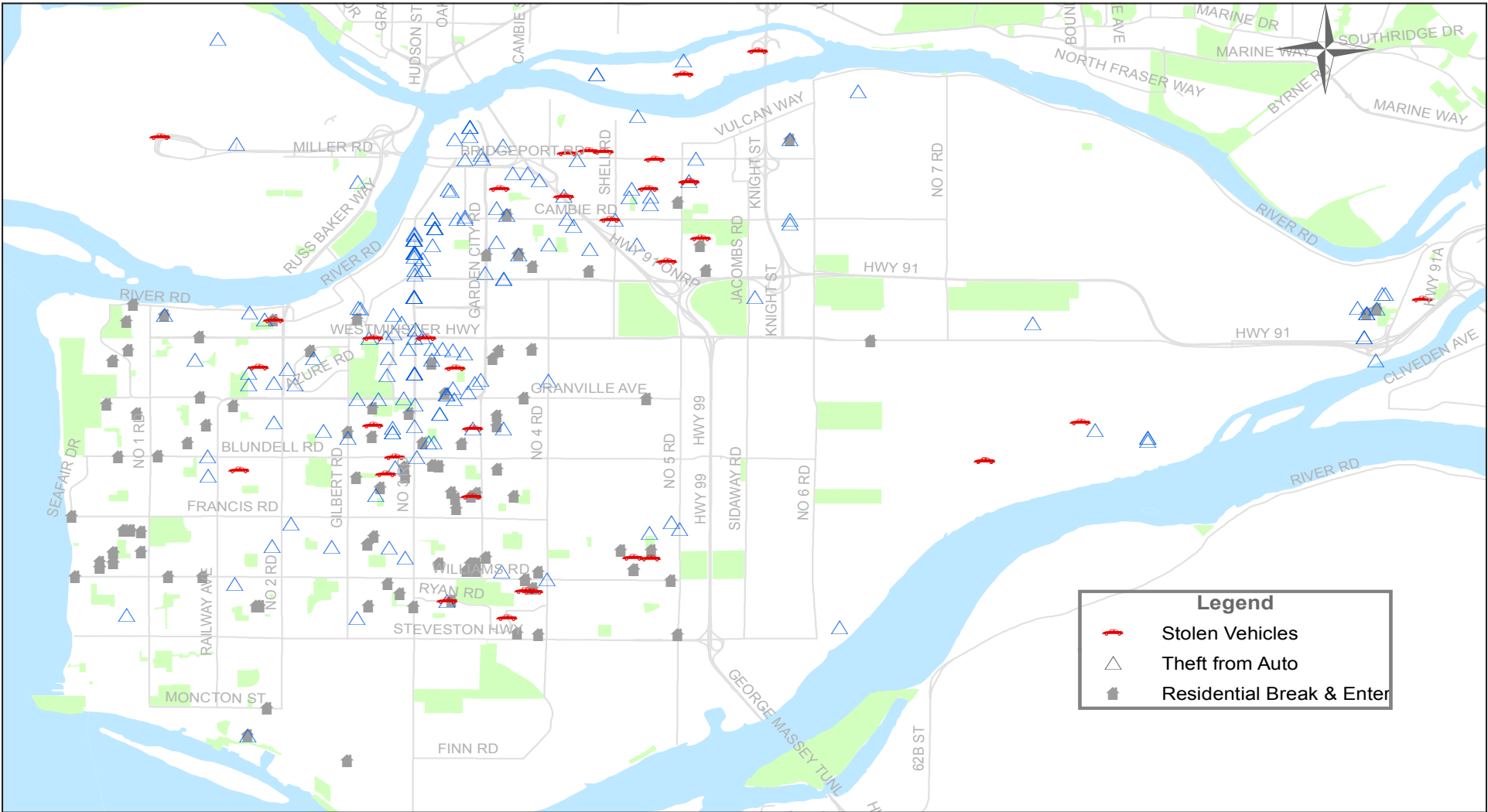
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Jan. 1 - 31, 2019



Man critically injured in Alderbridge Way crash

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Richmond Mounties are looking for witnesses to a Saturday, Feb. 2 crash on Alderbridge Way that shut down the intersection for more than six hours as police investigated.

A late 1990s VW Beetle driven by a Kamloops woman struck a lamp standard around 9 a.m., and then pinned a 22-year-old Richmond man who was trapped beneath the vehicle.

The victim, who was not believed to have been on the roadway at the

time of the crash, suffered critical injuries and was rushed to hospital after being extricated by emergency crews. The driver suffered minor injuries.

Police investigators are trying to piece together what happened, and are asking anyone who has dashcam footage of the scene to contact them at 604-278-1212.

Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the collision.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to call Const. Z. Sharoom at 604-278-1212 (File: 2019-3977)

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Photo courtesy CTV News
This VW struck a pedestrian on Alderbridge Way Feb. 2.

Ukrainians and Chinese celebrate New Year



It was a full house at the Ukrainian Community Centre, where locals celebrated Ukrainian New Year with food and dance.

By **LORRAINE GRAVES**
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14, and locals celebrated at a sold-out event at the Ukrainian Community Centre on Jan. 26.

Both Ukrainian New Year and Chinese New Year are on dates that differ from those of the Gregorian calendar commonly used in much of North America.

Ukrainians, and many observers of Orthodox Christianity, celebrate on the Julian calendar which is usually two weeks later than the Gregorian.

This year, Ukrainian New Year was on Jan.

Chinese Canadians observe their New Year following the lunar calendar, so the date changes each year. This year, it was celebrated on Feb. 5, and Aberdeen Centre was the centre of many celebrations.

Whatever date it is observed, the New Year is welcomed with joy, hope, family and with traditions as old as time itself.

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Aberdeen Centre hosted a large community welcome to the Lunar New Year.

Photos by Chung Chow

In their own words...

Minoru Centre for Active Living to open in March



Malcolm Brodie
Mayor

Excitement is building towards the opening in March of Richmond’s \$79 million Minoru Centre for Active Living. This provides a major expansion of aquatics and seniors services for our community to replace existing undersized and obsolete facilities. It is a simple, spectacular design located on the west side of Minoru Park and will feature an outstanding array of sport and recreation services.

The aquatics centre is the largest component. With six different pools, it will increase the surface water area by 60 per cent from the old Minoru Aquatics Centre. You will find these highlights:

- two 25-metre accessible pools with flexible programming features
- a large leisure pool including a river run, spray elements and play features
- a wellness area with two hot pools, cold plunge pool, steam room and saunas
- large change room areas with a mix of gender-specific and universal change areas.

The facility will also provide the new home for our seniors centre. It is double the size of the old seniors centre and is designed on two floors with a dedicated entrance and lobby. It includes a fireside



The new Minoru Centre for Active Living will provide a major expansion of aquatics, seniors, sports and recreation services.

lounge and a full-service café with a commercial kitchen, as well as a range of activity rooms such as an arts studio, woodworking shop, billiards/ games area and multipurpose rooms. “Older” adults represent Richmond’s fastest growing population segment and the Centre will meet their important needs today and for decades to come.

Minoru Park is the host site for hundreds of events each year. Park users are well aware of the popularity of its running track and playing fields. Eight team rooms will be provided in the Centre for sport field users along with multipurpose spaces to support tournaments and events.

There will also be a spacious fitness centre, along with three outdoor plazas to enhance the experience.



This new Minoru Centre for Active Living will replace facilities that no longer meet the needs of our growing community. Council has already approved the repurposing of the existing seniors centre to augment the program space needed for arts and community groups. Council also needs to make a decision on the future of the current Minoru Aquatics Centre building. I believe the site should be returned to open green space for families, partially replacing the green space in the park that has been taken up by the new building. As a centre-piece park for our community, we need to avoid over-crowding Minoru Park with buildings.

To learn more about the Minoru Centre for Active Living, its amenities and programs visit the centre’s new website at www.minorucentre.ca.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

General Purposes Committee 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 19 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall	Planning Committee 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 20 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall	Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 25 Council Chambers Richmond City Hall
Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 19 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall	Public Works & Transportation Committee 4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee 4:00 p.m. Tuesday February 26 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

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Hilton comes to the rescue of sport for kids

By DON FENNELL
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KidSport Richmond was at a crossroads. It was the summer of 2013 and Bob Jackson, chair of the charity's local chapter, was explaining to colleagues during a meeting of Richmond Sports Council the challenging plight. The KidSport Richmond committee had just approved several applications but was forced to wait for grants to distribute the funds.

That's when an unexpected Good Samaritan stepped forward.

Sanjeet Sadana was at the sports council meeting as a member of the Richmond Cricket Club, but in his capacity as director of sales and marketing at the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel saw a way the hotel could extend a helping hand.

Gary Collinge, general manager of the Richmond hotel, was equally enthusiastic.

"We wanted to get behind one good charity so we could make a difference," said Collinge of the Hilton's offer to host a fundraising banquet.

But the depth and generosity of the hotel's support for what became the Creating Community Champions Gala has been overwhelming.

"We wouldn't be able to do this without their support. We're so grateful," said Jackson.

On Friday, March 1, KidSport Richmond will host the already sold-out sixth annual Creating Community Champions Gala fundraising dinner. This follows Collinge's commitment during the 2018 banquet that the hotel would continue to support this event.

"It's fun for us, and it's something the staff looks forward to with great anticipation every year," said Collinge.

The fact the Hilton covers the costs for the evening further illustrates its affinity for the cause.

"In most events there are costs that soak up a lot of money," said Jackson. "If we charged \$200 a ticket, nearly \$100 would probably have to go to cover the cost of the meal and rental of the room. This allows us to put every dollar back into the community."

All three men have a deep appreciation for the intrinsic values of sport, and what the opportunity to participate has meant for their own children.

"It kept both my kids out of trouble because they had something to do. And they learned about teamwork," said Collinge, whose son and daughter have taken those lessons and successfully applied them as adults.



Photo by Don Fennell

From left, Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel's Sanjeet Sadana and Gary Collinge and KidSport Richmond chair Bob Jackson.

What's more, Collinge says his son still retains many of the close friendships established on his high school volleyball team.

A Richmond resident, Sadana currently has a son and daughter involved in sports locally and knows how much joy they get from participating.

Unfortunately, there are families struggle to make ends meet. And the cost of registering their children for a community or high school sport is simply prohibitive. But thanks to the vision of community leaders like Collinge and Sadana, and the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel, that's a burden they no longer have to bear.

Deflecting his own contributions, Sadana marvels at the efforts of the many individuals who daily give back to sport. With KidSport Richmond, that's the likes of chairperson Jackson and volunteers such as banquet chair Steve Valenzuela, Alexa Loo and Annie Watson whose tireless work behind the scenes often goes unnoticed.

Further, there are individuals like Bobby Singh, a Richmond-raised athlete who went on to enjoy great success in pro football and who is largely responsible for encouraging other athletes—past and present—to donate their time to Creating Commu-

nity Champions Gala.

"They put in so much work and deserve to be recognized," Sadana stressed.

Prior to the Creating Community Champions Gala, KidSport Richmond was forced to operate on a shoestring budget. Due to the very limited amount of available funds, in the past, the not-for-profit charity had decreased its maximum allocation to \$150 from \$200 per child. Today, thanks to the growing generosity of the community, KidSport Richmond is able to give out up to \$500 per child per year—the highest figure in the province.

The inaugural Creating Community Champions Gala generated \$25,518 in 2014, and funds have increased every year since reaching \$49,968 in 2018.

Since launching in 2008, KidSport Richmond has provided more than 2,300 grants totalling more than a quarter million dollars. More importantly, it has ensured thousands of Richmond kids have had the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of participating in sport.

There can be no greater gift.

In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: "For it is in giving that we receive."

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Sockeyes take aim at repeat performance

By **DON FENNELL**
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Richmond Sockeyes would love nothing more than to be the first team since the Campbell River Storm in 2003 to win back-to-back provincial hockey championships.

But hoisting the Cyclone Taylor Cup, as they did in their home rink last spring, will take more than just playing well. A little luck is a must too.

The challenge becomes that much greater for a Richmond team short on experience at the junior level, with only a handful of returning players from their 2018 playoff run. Yet this is a Sockeyes' team with all the ingredients needed—including potentially the biggest difference maker in Jeremy Kelleway.

The league's top goaltender during the regular season, the 20-year-old Kelleway has the poise and experience any team hoping to go on long and successful playoff run must have. He's also coming off a regular season in which he compiled a spectacular 191 goals-against average and won 23 of 34 games while posting seven shutouts. His save percentage of .938 reflected his consistency.

Despite finishing third overall in the Tom Shaw Conference standings at 30-10-3-1, the Sockeyes, with 64 points, were only five points back of North Vancouver Wolf Pack and Delta Ice Hawks which shared top spot.

But captain Matt Brown, one of the few returning players from the 2018 championship team, says the Sockeyes still haven't shown the consistency he believes they're capable of.

"I think with such a young team we are all going to have to buy in and play for each other," he explains. "We have struggled to play a full 60-minute game and that will be a key in the playoffs."

Still, if the Sockeyes had their bouts of inconsistency during the season there were reasons, not the least of which were injuries. But now they're healthy and ready to go, Brown says.

"I think we just have to remind ourselves to take it shift by shift. As long as we all work together and play as a team we will have the ultimate success."

Rookie Marcus Pantazis led the Sockeyes offensively during the regular campaign with 52 points in 43 games. He was also second on the club in goal scoring with 22, five behind fellow rookie Craig Schouten with 27.

Defenceman Jacob Keremidschiff set up much of the offence from the blueline, earning a team-high 36 assists.

Richmond's title defence will begin with a quarter-final playoff matchup against the fourth-place Grandview Steelers (23-19-2-0) this week. Game 1 is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at Minoru Arenas. The remainder of the best-of-seven series is scheduled as follows:

Game 2: Sunday, Feb. 17 at Burnaby Winter Club, 7:15 p.m.

Game 3: Monday, Feb. 18 at Minoru Arenas, 7:30 p.m.

Game 4: Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Burnaby Winter Club, 7:15 p.m.

Game 5: Thursday, Feb. 21 at Minoru Arenas, 7 p.m. (if needed)



Photo by Don Fennell

Goaltender Jeremy Kelleway will need to stand tall for the Sockeyes this spring.

Game 6: Sunday, Feb. 24 at Burnaby Winter Club, 7:15 p.m. (if needed)

Game 7: Monday, Feb. 25 at Minoru Arenas, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)

The Sockeyes and Steelers met four times during the regular season.

Sept. 20 at Minoru Arenas: **Richmond 5 Grandview 2**

Marcus Pantazis scored once and earned first star honours, and Jeremy Kelleway stopped 20 of 22 shots to pace the Sockeyes.

Oct. 14 at Burnaby Winter Club: **Grandview 3 Richmond 1**

First star Cale Dolan stopped 27 of 28 shots and Anthony Benevoli scored the winning goal to break a 1-1

tie early in the second period.

Dec. 6 at Minoru Arenas: **Grandview 3 Richmond 1**

Jack Hamilton's unassisted goal 2:48 into the second period stood up as the winner.

First star Jeremy Kelleway stopped 34 of 36 shots in a losing cause, while his counterpart Cale Dolan was named second star after turning aside 25 of 26 shots.

Dec. 23 at Burnaby Winter Club: **Richmond 4 Grandview 3**

First star Thomas Von Schoenberg scored once and set up another for the victorious Sockeyes.

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Thursday, Feb. 21 vs. Grandview Steelers at Minoru Arenas

NEXT HOME GAME

FEB. 25 VS GRANDVIEW STEELERS

Richmond set to stand tall at Canada Games

By **DON FENNELL**

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Five of BC's eight-member squash team set to represent the province at the upcoming Canada Winter Games hail from Richmond.

And all are poised to challenge for podium positions.

Gabriel Yun, 15, from Sport Central's West Coast Squash Academy will be aiming to repeat his gold-medal performance at the 2018 Canadian Junior National Squash Championships, while fellow Sport Central member and JN Burnett Secondary student Quan Ng, 17, looks to build on his silver-medal showing at the provincial under-17 finals of a year ago. So too will James Toth, 16, also a Burnett student who finished second at the BC's under-17s in 2018.

Sisters Sara and Cindy Cao, 15 and 17 respectively, train at the River Club. Sara competed at the 2018 Pan-Amer-

ican championships and was second at the under-15 Canadian juniors last year. Cindy placed fourth at the 2018 Canadian juniors and sixth in the junior open.

Badminton is another sport at which Richmond athletes hope to excel. Coached by Darryl Yung, Wendy Zhang trains at Clear One Badminton.

"It is a rare experience to represent Team BC and I'm excited to compete in the team event with my teammates," said Zhang.

Coached by Phyllis Chan, Richmond's Katie Nagai of Ace Badminton will also be competing in the Canada Games, along with Kevin Lou of Ace Badminton Centre.

Hockey, as always, will garner plenty of attention and three Richmond players will play prominent roles for Team BC. Two of the best players in their age group in Canada will suit up for Team BC's female team; Katie Reilly on defence and Katie Chan up front. Reilly

is currently attending Shattuck-St Mary's in Minnesota, while Chan attends Delta Hockey Academy. The men's team will feature forward Michael Abgrall of the Burnaby Winter Club Academy.

Adi Shapira, 16, of Vancouver belongs to the Richmond Archery Club and will represent the province in the women's recurve division. Shooting only since 2017, Shapira won two gold medals at the 2018 BC Winter Games in Kamloops and another at the 2018 junior indoor championships.

The Steveston Judo Club has a long and proud history of success, and Ian Ryder and Caleigh Kuramoto are carrying on the tradition. Kuramoto will compete in the women's -57 kilogram weight class, while Ryder will compete in the men's 81 kilogram weight class.

Hailey Takasaki will suit up with Team BC's talented women's ringette team, while David Lin is set to compete in table tennis and Ella Jaland-

oon in gymnastics. Recently-crowned Canadian Novice men's figure skating champion, Wesley Chiu will look to continue his mastery on the ice.

"Competing at the Canada Winter Games is an exceptional athletic achievement," said Lisa Beare, BC's Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture. "The national stage showcases the talent, dedication and spirit our athletes, coaches and staff have in sport and it gives all of us the opportunity to show our support and cheer them on."

The 2019 Canada Winter Games are set to open Feb. 15 in Red Deer, with 251 BC athletes competing in the 21-sport event. The Games will continue until March 3.

Team BC finished third behind Quebec (141 medals) and Ontario (111 medals) at the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George with 88 medals—21 gold, 34 silver, and 33 bronze.

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Basketball's February fever leads to March madness

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Playoff time is here.

Starting Feb. 4, Richmond high school basketball teams began their march toward potential championships with the city playdowns. For those teams fortunate to extend their seasons, the ultimate goal is to go from February fever to March madness thus earning a shot at a provincial title.

After capping their regular-season schedule with a 79-59 victory over North Surrey on Seniors Night Feb. 1 at the Richmond Olympic Oval, the McMath Wildcats proceeded to go undefeated in the city championships winning both round-robin playoff dates 84-24 over McNair Marlins and 79-49 over Palmer Griffins to advance to the Vancouver and

District championships which began last Saturday (Feb. 9) at North Vancouver's Argyle Secondary. The tournament, for the Crehan Cup, is scheduled to continue through Feb. 16 with the final at Vancouver's Lord Byng Secondary.

McMath has won 18 games in a row.

Steveston-London Sharks also advanced to the AAA regional playdowns after posting 90-42 and 80-74 victories over McRoberts Strikers and Hugh Boyd Trojans respectively. Palmer and Boyd advanced to the Lower Mainland AA playdowns.

McMath also captured the Richmond juvenile girls' championship Feb. 6, defeating Hugh Boyd 36-28 in the final. Both teams will advance to the district playdowns. Boyd won the regular-season title with a 9-0 mark, while McMath went 8-1.

MacNeill Ravens and McNair Marlins will both represent Richmond in the Vancouver and District playdowns at the Bantam girls' level. The Ravens won both the regular-season (9-0) and playoff titles, defeating McNair (8-1 during the regular schedule) 47-38 in the city playoff final Jan. 31. Burnett Breakers also advanced the regional tournament with a 47-36 win over Steveston-London Sharks.

Richmond Colts captured city playoff honours in the Bantam boys' division, outscoring Burnett Breakers 61-33 in the title game Feb. 1. Both teams earned berths in the district playdowns, joined by the MacNeill Ravens who earned the final berth with a narrow 52-50 win over Cambie Crusaders.

The top three finishers during the regular season retained their positions in the city champion-

ships, with McMath, MacNeill and Steveston-London all advancing to the district playdowns. McMath won the city final 59-45 over MacNeill, while Steveston-London got past Boyd 47-41.

McRoberts Strikers, Richmond Christian Eagles and Steveston-London Sharks advanced to the district playdowns at the juvenile boys' level.

Locally, the focus now shifts to the Richmond senior boys' championships slated to start Tuesday, Feb. 12 at Steveston-London Secondary. The tournament final is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

MacNeill Ravens are favourites, coming off a 10-0 regular-season record in which they outscored their opponents by 229 points. Richmond Colts were second at 9-1, while McMath Wildcats were third at 8-2.

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Hockey coach sharing his love for the game

By **DON FENNELL**
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Jarred Wong took his first strides toward hockey in 2006. A decade later he was enthusiastically sharing his love for the game.

As a curious six-year-old boy, Richmond's Wong was introduced to "Canada's game" watching TV. Then when his cousin starting playing he followed suit. Today he's giving back to a game that's brought him much joy as a volunteer coach in the Richmond Jets minor hockey association.

"Back in 2016 an email was sent out to the team asking for volunteers," he recalls. "I thought it would be cool to pass on some skills to new players, and to stay involved with hockey after my final season playing. Coaching is still something that I very much enjoy."

Initially, he signed on to coach Hockey's Canada's First Shift program and subsequently volunteered for the follow-up program, the Second Shift. Then in 2017, he completed a Hockey Canada coach clinic and became a fully-qualified coach. He's been rostered as an assistant since and has coached Initiation hockey (both Hockey 1 and Intro to Hockey).



Richmond's Jarred Wong is a popular figure with the Richmond Jets' newest players and their parents.

Studying life sciences at Simon Fraser University, with an eye on a career in medicine, Wong delights in seeing the progress of his young proteges.

"Seeing the progress made from the beginning of the program to the end impresses me the most," he says. "Every player shows great improvement in their skills; seeing their passion and eagerness for the game brings me back every day."

Ever-positive, Wong tries to teach

the players that failure is something not be feared to not master a skill right away.

"This is an important lesson that not only applies to hockey, but also to many other things throughout their lifelong learning journey," he says.

Newly-elected Jets' president Carolyn Hart says Wong has all the qualities you'd hope to find in a coach.

"I have literally had a parent contact me (ahead of a session) to ask if he

was going to be there," says Hart. "His presence is so important to our newest players, and appreciated by their parents."

Of Wong Hart says he has a "friendly, welcoming demeanour and is also a firm coach. He is great at getting a new player's attention so that the player listens and learns. Dealing with very young new players, many of whom don't yet know how to skate, is truly an art. He is completely dedicated to helping any new player get into our game and I am very happy to have him as part of our team."

When Wong was starting out in hockey, speed and tactical thinking were two aspects that appealed to him. They're still what he appreciates most about hockey.

"The requirements of quick thinking and being faster than I could ever run was, and still is exhilarating," he says.

Now whenever his nose isn't in a book or he's not on the ice, Wong enjoys playing Quidditch, the casual sport made famous by Harry Potter, to get exercise.

"It can get quite competitive, especially with nationals coming up," he says.

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Kajaks introduce SpeedLab

By **DON FENNELL**
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With an increasing need for speed in sport, the Richmond Kajaks Track and Field Club is introducing a program to help athletes pick up the pace.

Recognizing that track and field has produced the fastest athletes in the world, largely because of an expertise by that sport's coaches in human movement, SpeedLab aims to give athletes in other sports the tools they need to improve their speed in their respec-

tive field of play.

"Athletes who take part in this program will be instructed in proper running mechanics and training tools, designed to both improve their speed on their field of play and help prevent injuries brought on by improper running techniques," says Kajaks' executive member Karen Fisher Hagel.

"We look forward to helping more athletes achieve their potential."

Geared specifically toward girls and boys aged 11 to 15, the SpeedLab is scheduled to be held every

Tuesday through mid-June. The inaugural session was to begin today (Feb. 5) and continue through March 12 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the Richmond Olympic Oval. The second session is slated for April 2 to May 7 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Clement Track in Minoru Park, with the third session May 14 to June 18; also from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Clement Track.

The cost for each session (six workouts) is \$150.

Learn more at, <https://www.kajaks.ca/programs/speedlab/>

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Richmond Kajaks are unveiling a program to help athletes in all sports become faster.

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Eugene Sheffer's crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Retained
- 5 More, to Manuel
- 8 Garbage barge
- 12 Declare
- 13 Mandela's org.
- 14 Arm bone
- 15 Actress Sorvino
- 16 Hide-hair insert
- 17 Disorder
- 18 Grads
- 20 Miles away
- 22 Wallet thief
- 26 Cads
- 29 "Fresh Air" ailer
- 30 Wedding words
- 31 Vogue rival
- 32 Coquet-tish
- 33 "Young
Frankenstein" role
- 34 Soul, to Sartre
- 35 Spill catcher
- 36 Egged on
- 37 Small
- 40 Ellington's "Take —
Train"
- 41 NHL team
- 45 Brazilian rubber
- 47 Part of DJIA
- 49 Now, in a memo
- 50 Out of control
- 51 Historic period
- 52 Peacekeeping org.
- 53 Hindu royal

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- 23 Door handles
- 24 Rim
- 25 Frog's kin
- 26 Pile
- 27 Ticklish Muppet
- 28 Charged particle
- 32 Fortress
- 33 The Emerald Isle
- 35 Spell-off
- 36 Sub-machine gun
- 38 Uniform color
- 39 Hawkeye
- 42 Jacob's twin
- 43 Assess
- 44 Leopard's feature
- 45 Standard
- 46 "I — Rock"
- 48 Mined-over matter

DOWN

- 1 — Sutra
- 2 Wicked
- 3 Lima's land
- 4 Crush under-foot
- 5 Frenzied
- 6 Year in Acapulco
- 7 Full of spunk
- 8 Poison —
- 9 Working for a judge
- 10 Clip- — (some ties)
- 11 Existed

Answers will be posted
in the next issue in
March

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.

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Difficulty Level ★★

2/05

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