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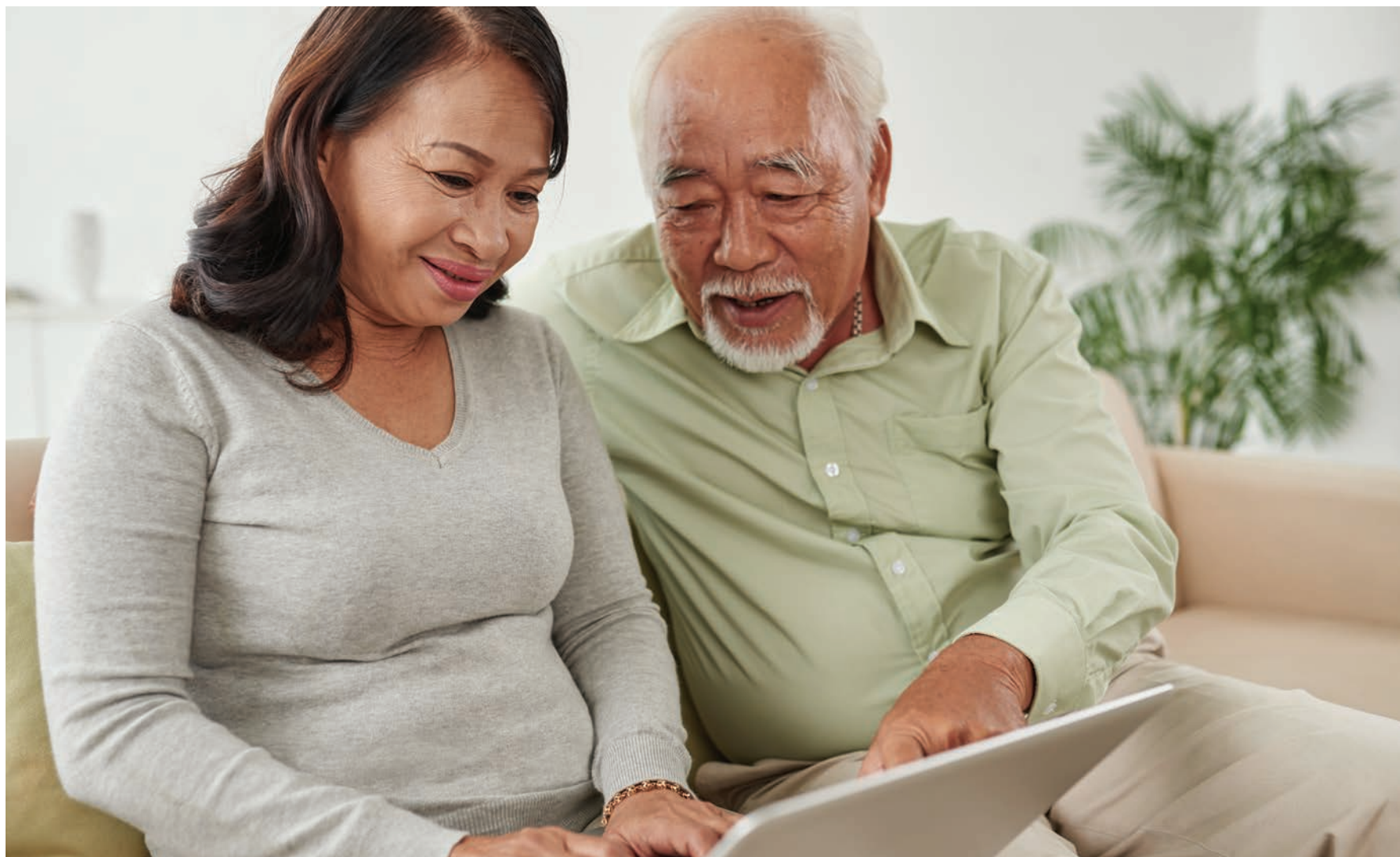


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South Asian Fashion Week to bridge cultures

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Metro Vancouver’s first South Asian Fashion Week kicks off March 2, with a glam gala dinner and show at Hard Rock Casino Vancouver in Coquitlam. Then, March 3 and 4, fashionistas of all heritages can take in 20 different runway shows spread over the two days.

“Each show is unique,” says Richmond’s Pindie Dhaliwal, one of the four show producers.

South Asian Fashion Week encompasses so much more than just the usual fashion from the usual spots. Many don’t realize, she says, that South Asia includes, “Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka as well as India. We want to give individuals a platform to explore and permission to incorporate South Asian apparel into their wardrobes and out into the world.”

Dhaliwal is clear that South Asian fashion designers aim at the broader community, not just people from the designers’ countries of origin.

“We’re really committed to creating a place of inclusion,” she says.

She says the Lower Mainland’s South Asian designers are on the world stage.

“We’re at scale and competing with London and parts of India. These designers have such a wonderful aesthetic and design that is very Vancouver.”

Dhaliwal speaks of having to wait to see a local designer while a customer finished her final fitting before flying home to New Jersey.

“People come all the way from England to have clothes designed and made here.”

Dhaliwal highlights what she calls the commitment to design as well as craftsmanship by the designers featured at the show.

“A lot of these pieces that we have that we are showcasing on the runway are made to order. Everything is bespoke. There’s a wonderful artistry and craftsmanship that we don’t find in the traditional western retail sector.”

Citing the cross-cultural reason behind the show, Dhaliwal says: “We wanted to give individuals a platform to explore, and permission to incorporate, South Asian apparel into their wardrobes and out into the world.”

Asked why she is involved with the South Asia Fashion Week, Dhaliwal says: “The South Asian identity is very near and dear to my heart because it is such an expansive territory that has seen the test of time.”

She also mentions that her love of fashion started young: “I remember it like it’s yesterday. My earliest memories as a girl growing up in Richmond is going to Vancouver to shop, watching my mom as she



Photo courtesy SAFW
Pindie Dhaliwal says of South Asian Fashion Week, “This three-day fashion affair is a beautiful homage to the beauty of South Asian design.”

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Growth provides Richmond prosperous path

By **DON FENNELL**
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Richmond is building for tomorrow. Historically rooted in fishing, agriculture, shipping and aviation, the city has changed dramatically in the last half century.

Attracting migration from many countries, the city's cultural diversity has enriched the community that today is poised to become a major regional hub.

With more than \$2.4 billion in new development during the current council term, Richmond continues to enjoy sustained growth as noted by Mayor Malcolm Brodie in his annual address on Feb. 1.

"Our Official Community Plan provides a comprehensive blueprint for Richmond's future,"

he said during a Richmond Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

"Sustainable growth within the highly dense city centre is based on transit-oriented development while our single family neighbourhoods, farmland, open space and natural environment are preserved," said Brodie.

Added Brodie: "The development community has embraced our vision as they make significant investments in Richmond. Total construction val-

ue of building permits for 2017 was \$709 million, the third-highest year ever."

The Canada Line is "the biggest single factor" in Richmond being able to continue to enjoy such robust growth, he said.

"The whole plan was to grow the city centre around transit-oriented development," he said. "Because of the Canada Line we've been able to realize that vision, basically from city hall to River Rock."



MALCOLM BRODIE

Brodie reviewed a number of other recent accomplishments and future plans during his annual address.

Highlights include:

- Completion this spring of an ambitious, decade-long public safety building program that has included construction of five new fire halls and

purchase and retrofit of the Richmond Community Safety Building home to the Richmond RCMP detachment. All the new buildings are post-disaster rated to ensure continuity of public safety services after a significant earthquake.

- Further expansion of the Richmond RCMP complement with funding provided for an additional 16 new officers this year. In total, council has now funded 40 additional police officers and six municipal police support



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The Canada Line has sparked robust growth in Downtown Richmond.

staff positions in the current council term.

- The opening of three new child care facilities in recent years with a five more under development. These new facilities will add an estimated 233 licensed child care spaces for the Richmond community.

- The opening of the Storeys affordable housing complex in late 2017, which has become a national model for multi-agency cooperation in meeting social housing needs. The project was built through the city's Affordable Housing Strategy, which has led to construction of hundreds of new units of affordable housing throughout Richmond.

- Richmond's numerous sustainability initiatives have contributed

to an overall six per cent reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions over the past decade, despite a corresponding seven per cent growth in population, saving \$13 million in residential energy costs in one year alone. Civic energy savings include a cumulative reduction of over 8,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, equal to taking 2,500 cars off Richmond roads and reduction of \$3 million in total operational costs.

With a current population of 218,000, Richmond is the fourth-largest city in Metro Vancouver. Its population is projected to grow to 275,000 by 2041. The regional population is expected to grow from 2.4 million to 3.4 million during the same period.

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CATCH THE SOCKEYES IN ACTION ALL HOME GAMES AT MINORU ARENA

Ruined is a good choice for Black History Month

By LORRAINE GRAVES
@LGSentinel

When Jessica Garden, one of the producers and the assistant director of the play *Ruined* told me what she was planning to do, I wished her well.

To raise the funds for that production, she and partner, artistic director Angela Konrad, both of Dark Glass Theatre, assembled groups of actors to offer evenings of music and stories about the impact or need for forgiveness in their lives.

She called the fundraising evenings on the theme of forgiveness, Trespass.

I saw the performance of this touring work at Trinity Western University's Richmond Campus. Billed as an evening of storytelling, the professionals gave the theatre-goers a moving, inspiring and sometimes

humorous evening. It worked, both as theatre and as a fundraiser.

Coupled with much community support from groups throughout the Lower Mainland, *Ruined*, began its run Feb. 2 at Pacific Theatre in Vancouver.

This is a highly professional production with a large cast of skilled actors and musicians.

Set in a bar/brothel in rural Congo as civil war rages, Lynn Nottage's play examines "What is justified when survival is on the line?"

Ruined earned Nottage the first of her two Pulitzer Prizes—a first for a



Ruined at Pacific Theatre.

Photo by Jalen Saip

women, let alone for a woman of colour. She is currently a professor at Columbia and a lecturer at Yale.

This is a well-crafted piece of theatre from the writing, the staging, the music to, in particular, the acting.

The absolute standout performance from Tom Pickett, a professional of long standing in Vancouver, set the tone for the entire evening.

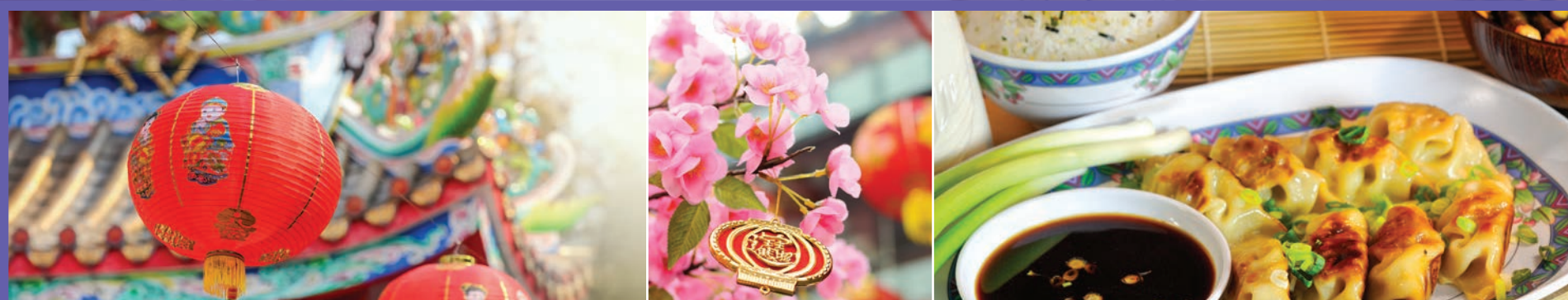
Pickett is flawless as Christian, the smooth-talking, itinerant "merchant" who sells supplies of whiskey, cigarettes, condoms and prospective prostitutes to the establishment's owner, Mama Nadi.

No one is entirely evil, and no one is entirely good in this play about the very dark grey areas of life during the brutal civil war.

By buying and using the "girls", Mama Nadi saves their lives using the money they earn to feed, house and clothe them yet it is all at a profit for her.

Ruined runs Wednesdays through Sundays, with added Saturday matinees through Feb. 17. Pacific Theatre is on West 12th Ave in Vancouver.

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The plan for the new Lansdowne neighbourhood includes a five-acre park for public gatherings.

Input sought for Steveston and Lansdowne projects

By **DON FENNELL**
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The heart of Steveston is set to get a facelift.

With plans afoot for a new community centre and library in Steveston, the City of Richmond wants to hear what you think.

An open house is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Steveston Community Centre multi-purpose room.

As well, further information and the opportunity to complete an online survey by Feb. 25 are available at tinyurl.com/Steveston2018

"Community facilities play an important role in the delivery of a broad range of services to the public in each of Richmond's neighbourhoods," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie.

"Through a rigorous review process,

the replacement of the Steveston Community Centre has been identified as a priority major facility project for the period of 2016 to 2026.

Public input will contribute to the development of a facility that will reflect and respond to current and future needs of the community."

The concept design process includes the completion of a needs assessment and the development of a program that will inform the location, size and layout of a new facility.

Once the process is complete, a report outlining options and costs is expected to be brought forward to council for consideration.

There will be several additional opportunities to provide input on the projects in the coming months as

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INPUT

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the project progresses.

Visit www.richmond.ca/steveston for project updates.

The Steveston Community Centre was opened Nov. 2, 1957 by then-provincial Education Minister Leslie Peterson, just over a decade after the Steveston Community Society was incorporated on Sept. 17, 1946 with the goal of establishing a community centre at Steveston Park.

Today, facilities at the community centre, which is on the north side of Moncton Street between No. 1 Road and Railway Avenue, include the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Steveston Martial Arts Building, a gymnasium, fitness centre, games room, table tennis area, squash court, spin room, three indoor tennis courts, two outdoor tennis courts, lacrosse box, two softball diamonds, playground, picnic areas, waterpark and outdoor pool.

Input sought on Lansdowne Centre too

The 50-acre Lansdowne Centre property will be dotted with two dozen residential and office towers and thousands of new homes.

But the precise details for the massive project remain unknown, with the mall's owner, Vanprop Investments, seeking input.

An information centre has been opened inside the Lansdowne Centre, with scheduled public information meetings on Feb. 17 and Feb. 22.

Current plans call for the existing shopping mall to remain in full operation until 2025 "and possibly longer," according to Vanprop.

Vanprop is currently "drafting a master plan that we hope will, indeed, serve the community of Richmond, enhance the environment, strengthen the economy and create a lasting legacy."

The current plan calls for a five-acre park that's visible from Lansdowne Road, as well as a grand civic plaza that would sit adjacent to the Lansdowne station of the Canada Line.

When the site is complete, it will feature 24 new towers, including two office towers, and a community or recreation centre adjacent to the proposed civic plaza "gathering place" at the corner of No. 3 Road and Lansdowne.

Updates will be posted on the new lansdownedistrict.com.

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FASHION

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bargained her way through the shops on Main Street."

Dhaliwal speaks of one of the design houses involved and, again, her goal of bridging cultures, Western and South Asian.

"Including Indochino gave me so much joy because they understand the power of connecting the traditional sector with the Asian sector—how it builds community and Indochino is about building community."

She speaks also of Baynes + Baker which does bespoke men's wear, based out of Vancouver and

New York.

"It was founded by three South Asians. I just like a wonderful story and I'm so happy to have them on-board, and to support a business growing here locally and also internationally."

Talking about the group who initiated and produced the gala dinner and shows, Dhaliwal says: "All four of us come from a family of entrepreneurs, the typical immigrant story. We all had the desire to do better, to build a better world."

And how does she feel it went?

"It's been fun connecting with other entrants and designers to put this on."

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Eric Lai, assistant branch manager at G&F Financial Group.

Fishers collectively cast financial nets for 77 years

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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While the Gulf and Fraser Fishermen's Credit Union may no longer have an iconic building in Steveston, the bas relief panels continue on and so does the institution, now called G & F Financial Group.

The single location in Steveston has become two spread throughout the municipality, a branch on No. 1 Road across the street from Seafair Shopping Centre and the other in Richmond Centre.

With roots in the collective movement of the Dirty Thirties, G&F first became a credit union for fishers and those working in the fishing industry in 1940.

In Jan DeGrass's book on the history of the G&F, *Safe Haven*, she quotes an early member, Agnes Hill, as saying: "When we first started the credit union, we dedicated 10 cents a month. We pledged from each member and this was quite a bit to pledge. If anyone couldn't make it somebody else would put in for him until he got it."

DeGrass says it took four years

for the credit union to build up its first \$6,000.

DeGrass describes how the atmosphere was different from that at banks. When someone came in, if they didn't remember their account number, one of the tellers would. In those days, everything was scribed by a human hand with a pen or at a typewriter.

Robyn Larsen, G&F manager of marketing, offers a definition.

"With a credit union, we're like a bank but different in that we can provide all the same services and products that a bank can but we are owned by our members so we're not there for the bottom line to make sure some shareholder gets a good dividend; we're here to do the best for each other."

DeGrass also tells of the modest and can-do attitude of the bankers who worked for the credit union. The staff wanted a coffee table so the assistant manager bought a door, put four legs on it and it became the spot around which the Saturday communal lunch would be held. A staff member would be sent out to buy sliced

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Photo by Chung Chow

While no longer home to G&F, the distinctive bas relief panels live on outside and inside the new building.

GULF & FRASER

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meat and bread. While eating the rule was, the closest staff member to the wicket, regardless of rank, got up to help when a member came in.

By 1963, G&F had 2,627 members and over \$3,500,000 in assets. The emphasis was still on saving for emergencies or saving up for something.

G&F helped set policies outside their own organization. The credit union's fish boat lending policies and standardized fish boat appraisals created the template for other credit unions lending money secured by boats.

It wasn't until the late 1980s when former federal cabinet minister, Pat Carney, was leaving elected government that, as a parting action she is proud of to this day, CMHC started guaranteeing a boat or floating home mortgage. Before that, all the risk fell to banks and credit unions.

The credit union innovated in other areas too. According to Larsen, G&F was the first financial institution to loan money to a woman in her own name.

The modest financial institution has had brushes with fame. The original head office of G&F was in Vancouver.

In their newer headquarter, opened in 1968 also with the distinctive panels, spare office space was rented to a lawyer, William Deverell. After leaving that space, the lawyer went on to a writing career winning the Dashiell Hammett Prize for literary excellence in crime writing in North America and the Arthur Ellis Award twice for best Canadian crime novel. (With macabre irony, the award uses the name once assumed by all federal hangmen in Canada.)

The credit union's other touch with fame is salmon fisher, Lewis Bubl , who is the current president and chair of G&F. His son, Michael Bubl , not following in his father's fishing footsteps, sings for a living.

According to DeGrass, many fishers drove from Steveston into Vancouver to bank at G&F so, on May 26, 1978 sod was turned for the Steveston branch on Chatham Street.

Richmond business was good enough that the space was doubled in size in 1987.

In 2014 the site was redeveloped and the branch moved out of Steveston to its current location across from Seafair on No. 1 Road.

Much has changed in the financial institution's 77 years, from a credit union only for those involved in fishing and their families, to today's open



Photo by Michael Weaver

The developer of the former Steveston Branch site saved and reinstalled Leonard Epp's distinctive panels.

door policy. Innovation continues today with online banking and smart-phone apps while still offering first name service at the branch level.

Building on their humble beginnings to today's 15 branches, the credit union has grown gradually and cautiously, because, "Everyone who banks here is an owner," says Larsen, "That's why I love working here."

Like other BC-based credit unions,

Larsen says, "We're local. All the decisions are made locally. It doesn't have to go back to Ontario."

"They help us to continue our mission to preserve and promote the history of Canada's West Coast fishing industry, which is very fitting for a company whose roots are tied so closely with our local fishing history and community," says Horita.

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Photo courtesy G&F Financial Group

The original Steveston Gulf and Fraser Credit Union building Chatham St. and Third Ave. G&F donated their iconic anchor to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery museum.



City seeks public input on Lansdowne Centre Master Land Use Plan

You are invited to provide feedback on the proposed phased redevelopment of Lansdowne Centre shopping mall located at 5300 No. 3 Road.

Residents and interested parties are invited to attend a public information meeting to review display boards that provide information about the Proposed Master Land Use Plan for the property, to complete a feedback form, and to talk with the applicant's representatives and City staff about the proposal.

The property owner has approached the City regarding redeveloping the site. Based on the size and prominence of the property, and the necessity of redeveloping in phases, City staff advised the owner to draft a Proposed Master Land Use Plan to guide future redevelopment of the site.

Public Information Meetings

The applicant will host two drop-in style public information meetings at Lansdowne Centre as follows:

Saturday, February 17, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 22, 2018

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Lansdowne Centre, Unit #210 located west of the food court in the North Mall (5300 No. 3 Road)

For more information

Visit: www.letstalkrichmond.ca/lansdowne-master-plan

Contact: Diana Nikolic, Senior Planner

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- For more information about the Proposed Master Land Use Plan
- To complete the online version of the feedback form

The feedback form will be available at www.LetsTalkRichmond.ca from Tuesday, February 6, 2018 until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

Richmond First calls for new acute care tower

By **DON FENNEL**
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Richmond First is calling on the province to commit, immediately, to building a new acute care tower at Richmond Hospital.

At a morning press conference Tuesday, Richmond First city councillors Derek Dang, Bill McNulty and Linda McPhail explained that nearly 2,000 people have already signed a public petition calling on Premier John Horgan to include the request in the 2018 provincial budget.

McNulty, in fact, called for "an entirely new hospital."

"We started our petition a little over two months ago hoping to get 1,100 signatories asking the premier and his government to commit to a new acute care tower. We're already at nearly 2,000 and it's still going strong," McNulty said. "Our community is united calling for a replacement of our 50-year-old acute care tower, and today we're calling on the premier to act."

Since launching on Nov. 30, more than 1,842 people have signed the Richmond First Voters Society petition.

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Joey Kwan, marketing director at Aberdeen Centre, invites locals to celebrate Year of the Dog.

Chinese New Year Friday

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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Friday marks the Chinese New Year, though many Asian countries also celebrate the lunar new year at the same time, including Korea and Vietnam.

There will be many festivities throughout Richmond for the 16-days of celebrations. Celebrants will focus on family dinners, giving red envelopes to children, setting off firecrackers and fireworks, and visiting relatives and friends.

2018 marks the Year of the Dog, and local feng shui expert Sherman Tai offered his global predictions on what the year will bring.

In making his predictions, Tai noted that Canada's economy is highly

dependent on the United States. He said the prices of oil, minerals and metallic materials will increase, which will help boost the economy.

In the political arena, while Canada's government will be headed in the right direction with good policies, he said "many scandals will appear."

He predicts taxes are on the rise, and that will affect the retail sector and consumer spending.

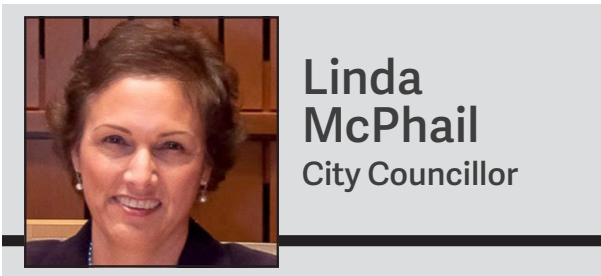
How will our neighbours to the south fare?

While the United States has recovered from the 2008 financial crisis, he said the standard of living will drop in 2018, and America's reputation in the international stage will flop.

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That's why it is important that individuals and families have an emergency plan and take steps to ensure they will be prepared to help themselves when a crisis happens.

But it's not just about bracing for "the big one." The possibility of a major earthquake is an ever present threat in our region. However, even a smaller crisis such as a kitchen fire or a car

accident, can have devastating effects and turn our lives upside down.

The City is helping our residents be better prepared through Richmond Resilient Communities. This new program is designed to provide residents with the tools and knowledge to prepare themselves, their families and their communities to be resilient to emergencies of all sizes. This program was launched last year and has received very positive reviews from participants. I was pleased that Council has extended funding to continue this important community service.

Attendees first learn emergency preparedness fundamentals and then immediately create usable family and community-specific emergency plans. This workshop ensures each resident is measurably more prepared before they leave the session. Information and training are also provided around what happens in the days, weeks and months after a major emergency along with the challenges that every family and community will face during that difficult time. Additional training is available to help each resident address their own specific needs.

Workshops are being held twice a year in each community of Richmond. All workshops and materials are free for residents of Richmond. To find out more and to see a schedule of upcoming workshops in your neighbourhood, visit www.richmond.ca/rrcp.

Another important tool provided by the

City is Richmond BC Alert, our emergency notification system. When an emergency occurs, this automated service will send voice or text messages to all registered contacts in the impacted area. Evacuation notices, emergency instructions, direction to emergency reception centres or shelters and information on family reunification will be among the messages that could be sent out during an emergency situation.

You can choose to receive alerts by phone, email, text or fax. Richmond residents and businesses may register up to six phone numbers, two email addresses, one SMS text and one fax number for each local address. It's completely free but you do need to sign up, which just takes a few minutes. Visit the City's website at www.richmond.ca and click on the Emergency Notification button on the home page to get started.

For those of you on social media you can also follow our @RichmondBCAlert Twitter account, which will also be used to convey messages to the public in an emergency, alongside our regular communications channels such as our website and main City Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Being prepared can save your life and those of your loved ones. It can also help you cope when normal services are disrupted and help you return to your normal daily routine as quickly as possible. That's an investment of your time that is worth making.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

General Purposes Committee
4:00 p.m. Monday, February 19
Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Public Hearing
7:00 p.m., Monday, February 19
Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

Planning Committee
4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 20
Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Public Works & Transportation Committee
4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 21
Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, February 26
Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee
4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 27
Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Development Permit Panel
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 28
Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall



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Cancer-stricken girl, 8, needs community's help

By LORRAINE GRAVES
@LGSentinel

The parents of a young Richmond girl are reaching out to the community for a helping hand.

Karalyn Giron-Plante, 8, a James Whiteside elementary Grade 3 student, was recently diagnosed with a rare brain tumour. In early January, surgeons at B.C. Children's Hospital removed all they could of this potentially lethal tumour that had caused little Kara blinding headaches amongst a myriad of confusing symptoms.

Now, Seattle offers hope of destroying the rest of the cancerous cells using leading-edge treatment with proton therapy. But her parents, Juan and Katelyn, need help to cover expenses both in the U.S. as well as back here in Richmond for things like out-of-school care for Kara's siblings.

"She's really bounced back to her normal everyday self (following the surgery)," Katelyn told The Richmond Sentinel Sunday.

Ependymomas are usually tumours arising from the cells that line the brain's fluid-filled cavities. When they are "anaplastic," these brain tumours can be associated with less favourable outcomes.

For that reason the family hopes to use all possible methods for mopping up any tumour cells still lurking in Karalyn's brain after surgery.

Proton therapy is not new. International research centre TRIUMF on the University of B.C. campus, pioneered world-leading cancer treatments with pion and proton beam therapies. Unfortunately, other than treating a rare type of eye tumour, the nuclear research facility is not set up to do regular cancer treatments.

It is not a hospital, so while B.C. has done the early scientific work in new beam therapies, the people of B.C. look south for the use of those discoveries in proton beam therapy.

That is why Kara and her family must



Photo by Chung Chow

Kara is fighting cancer with the support of her family and the community.

journey south of the border and why they need your help today so she can have this life-prolonging therapy in Seattle.

Katelyn said her family is new to Richmond, having moved here less than a year ago, but they've been welcomed with open arms.

"It's been incredible, the outpouring from schools, parents, teachers, classmates. They have gone above and beyond. There's not enough thank-yous."

The outpouring has "made this difficult time a little bit easier," she said.

The proton therapy treatment in Seattle is planned for later this month, but first Kara must undergo a genetic test. If she carries a specific gene, then the proton therapy treatment won't help her. If that happens, the family will need to consider alternative therapies.

In the event the U.S. trip is cancelled, Katelyn would like to use the funds for alternative medicines. In the event Kara is miraculously cured, then Katelyn plans to earmark the funds to cancer research.

Kara's brain tumour is a very aggressive variety, and doctors have said the likelihood of it growing back is very high.

To donate, see the family's fundrais-

ing page: tinyurl.com/karalyn2018

The goal is \$18,000 to cover expenses for the two months of Karalyn's treatment, when her mom will be at her side and unable to work.

By Tuesday afternoon, more than \$8,800 had been raised.

A number of fundraising events have already been organized including a Hot Chocolate and Muffin sale for \$2 on **Friday, Feb. 16 at James Whiteside Elementary**, with proceeds to Kara's YouCaring Fund

Local organizations have also stepped forward to help.

Richmond Martial Arts has offered to help with after-school care, while hot lunches will be provided by Libby's Kitchen.

Sweet & Savoury Pastries, Broadmoor Bakery and volunteers from McRoberts Secondary combined to sell 52 special bags of cookies for \$10 each.

Other community fundraisers are being planned in the coming weeks, with updates on dates/times/locations available on Whiteside Elementary PAC's Facebook page.

—with files from Martin van den Hemel

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RICHMOND FIRST

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"Nearly \$27 million has already been raised by Richmond Hospital Foundation to support the new tower," said McPhail. "We have nearly 2,000 people signing a petition, and doctors and medical professionals are sounding the alarm about the need for change."

Since the 2017 provincial election, the government has committed to move to business planning to construct new hospitals in Williams Lake and Terrace, and have started a concept plan for a new hospital in Surrey.

A concept plan for a new acute care tower in Richmond was delivered by Vancouver Coastal Health to the provincial government in early 2017. To date, no further action has been taken.

"Richmond Hospital has one bed available per 1,000 people living in Richmond, the fewest of any hospital in B.C.," said Dang. "We're not asking for special treatment, we're asking for equal treatment."

Richmond Hospital opened Feb. 26, 1966 with 132 beds for under 50,000 residents. Today, with 233 beds, it serves 220,000 residents.

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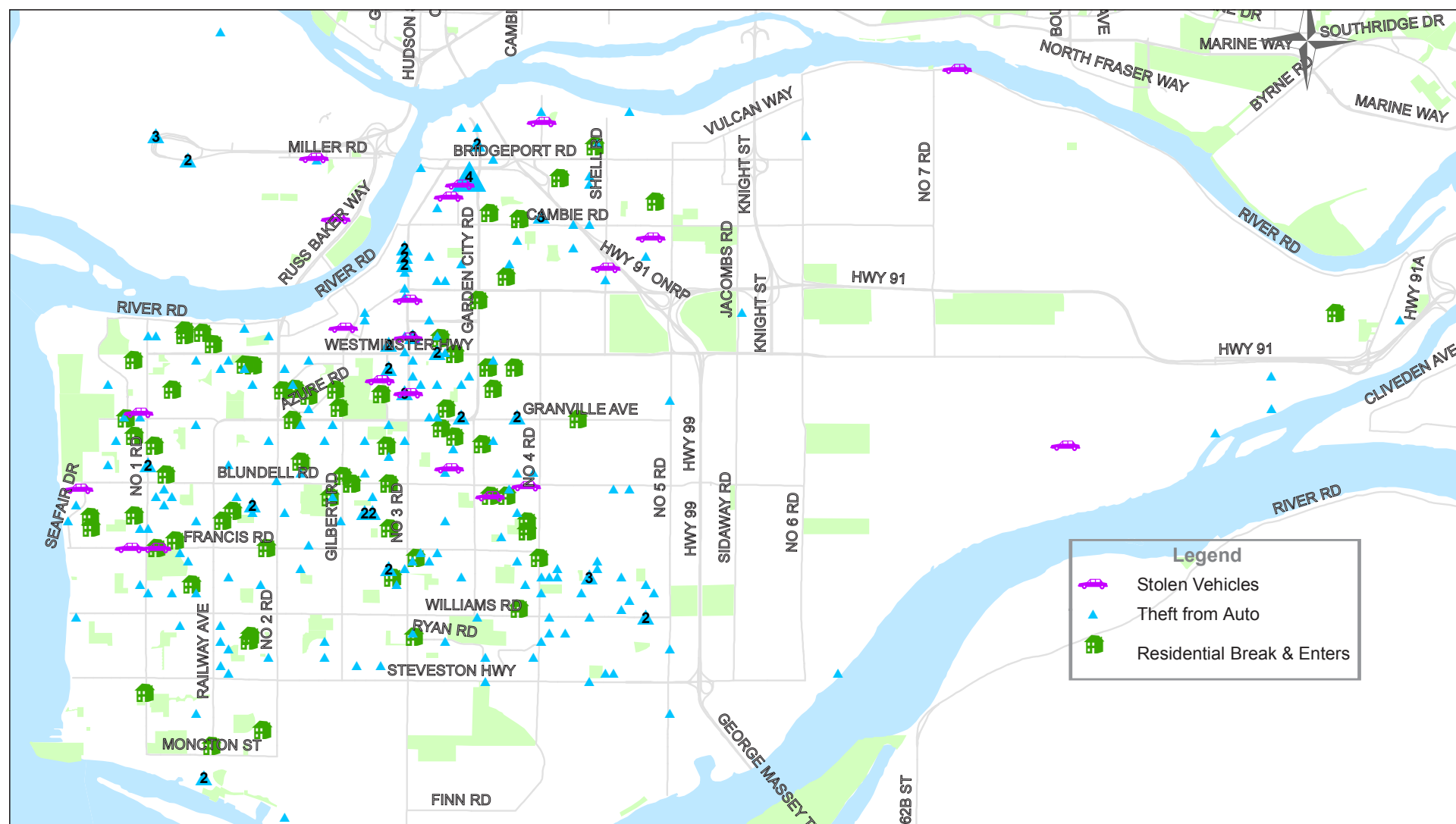
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Supported by Richmond First members and community leaders Elsa Wong and Peter Liu, city councillors Bill McNulty, Linda McPhail and Derek Dang are calling for a new acute care tower at Richmond Hospital.



RCMP

Crime Map January 1-31, 2018



Rash of car break-ins prompts RCMP reminder: Lock up

By Cpl. DENNIS HWANG
Richmond RCMP

The Richmond RCMP is currently seeing spikes in vehicle break-ins or thefts from vehicles. In simple terms, thieves are breaking into all types of vehicles and stealing the contents inside.

Statistically, in at least 27 percent of our recent cases, the vehicles themselves are unlocked.

There are several suspects that we are looking for in relation to this type of crime.

The suspects may look over thousands of vehicles during the course of a day and only target the ones that have something worth stealing. If there is nothing to see, they move on.

It does not matter what type of vehicle you drive and it does not matter where you park.

Even if you believe that you'll only be 5 minutes before returning to your car, that is more than enough time for thieves to do their work and leave.

If you are prone to forgetfulness or may have children who are leaving electronic devices in the back seat or

out in the open, be aware that there are thieves looking for any opportunity to break into your car and steal your valuables.

There are two simple things that can greatly reduce the likelihood of being a victim:

- 1) Always keep anything of value out of sight
- 2) Always lock your vehicle

The Richmond RCMP is focused on locating and arresting those responsible for these crimes.

We are grateful for the support. Please help our community in preventing crime.



Photo by Jay Lamping

Wildcats net fifth straight city hoops crown

By DON FENNELL
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The season is far from over as far as the McMath Wildcats are concerned.

But their final home game, the last ever for five Grade 12s, will be a special chapter in the story they're writing.

On the eve of the Lower Mainland basketball championships, which they hope will lead to a berth in the provincial senior girls' AAA high school tournament next month in Langley, the Wildcats can't help but feel a little sentimental.

For the graduating players, the last

five years have been a wondrous journey. The opportunity to play the lead role last Wednesday, in the Wildcats' 82-37 victory over the Hugh Boyd Trojans in the Richmond league final, reflected part of the mission accomplished.

"I am so proud of how the girls have come together all season, how everyone plays with passion in representing McMath," said Dakota Chan.

One of the five Grade 12s, Chan is described by McMath co-coach Anne Gillrie-Carre as perhaps the Wildcats' ultimate unsung player. A tenacious defender, she has worked tirelessly to also improve

her contributions offensively.

Chan, like her teammates, feels a need to help carry forward a well-established legacy of success at McMath. The Wildcats have now won five straight city titles and eight of the last 10.

"It's awesome to keep the tradition

going. Now we've got to do it at the Lower Mainlands," added Chan, one of three seniors who started their day signing letters of intent to join various college programs. Chan is accepting a soccer scholarship to the

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Photo by Chung Chow

McMath's Grade 12s returned to the game late in the fourth quarter for one last hurrah in the Wildcats win over Hugh Boyd Trojans in the Richmond high school senior girls' basketball final Wednesday.

Teamwork puts Icebreaker run on solid ground

By DON FENNELL
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Even in an event such as the annual Steveston Icebreaker, where participants are racing only against the clock, success is a team effort.

Facing unexpected obstacles, namely high winds that reached upwards of 100 kilometres per hour during the recent 2018 race, the planning team led by Jared Hulme remained steadfast.

There was no way 378 participants—the most in over 15 years—were going to be denied the opportunity to start, and experience one of the most popular events on the racing calendar.

"As wild as the wind was, it was the fastest field in years due to it also being

the BC Athletics 8K provincial championships, though no records were set because of the same wind," Hulme said.

Notables included Kajak alumni Ryan Hayden, who in 2002 ran a sub-four-minute mile of 3:58.27 at the NCAA indoor championships.

Keeping with the theme of success through teamwork, Hulme said the Icebreaker simply wouldn't happen without the support of the community, led by the Steveston Community Centre and the City of Richmond.

As well, sponsors like Running Room, New Balance, Boston Pizza, Pure Water, Save On Foods, Lifemark and Subway also stepped up.

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HOW TO ENTER

Submit 30 to 45 second video about: a) hazards of impaired driving OR b) perils of drug abuse.

Entry Deadline: Video must be submitted to The Richmond Sentinel by Tuesday, April 1, 2018

Criteria: Video with most Facebook likes by Friday, June 1, 2018 will be declared winner

Limit: A maximum of three videos will be accepted per high school.

Kojima powers McMath to Richmond title

By **DON FENNELL**
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Sure it's a tired old axiom, but in this case obviously true: practice does make perfect.

After working on his shooting for a couple hours prior to the city high school senior boys' basketball final Thursday, McMath guard Jordin Kojima proceeded to put the rehearsal to good use. In what was clearly a career performance, the Grade 12 poured in 41 points (which included eight three-pointers) to power the Wildcats past the McNair Marlins 103-79 in the Richmond final.

"(McMath) hasn't won the city title in 13 years, so it feels good," Kojima said, noting the last Wildcats team to top the senior boys' league was in 2005. At that time, McMath was wrapping up its fourth title in as many seasons.

Kojima said having to claw their way to an 80-70 victory over Steveston-London Sharks in the opening round of the playoffs Tuesday was a good wake up call.

"It shows Richmond isn't a joke. There are good teams and good players," he said.

McMath coach Tony Wong Hen said it was obvious the Wildcats shot better against McNair, and played with more intensity throughout.

"We didn't just rest on our laurels. We kept the momentum going," said Wong Hen of a McMath team that won the regular-season title with a 10-0 record.

"We know how well-coached McNair is (Ranj Sangra and Jessy Dhillon) and that they were going to be prepared and up for the game," he added. "It was important that we elevate our game to match their intensity. I think we accomplished that."



Grade 12 McMath guard Jordin Kojima was a force on the floor Thursday, scoring 41 points in the Wildcats to their first high school senior boys' basketball championship since 2005.

So on, in fact, were the Wildcats that their press produced many uncharacteristic McNair turn-

overs. That also led to many uncontested baskets.

"We've working on our zones and building through various games we've played in tournaments," Wong Hen explained. "Tonight, everybody showed they knew their positions and when to pinch or relax. It's an ongoing process, but we're hoping it will lead to us peaking at the right time."

Wong Hen said it was satisfying to finally win the city title, after the Wildcats were runners-up each of the previous three years.

"To bring the title back to McMath, especially with this group of kids, is so satisfying. They work so hard, and the parent support is awesome. Tonight (with the stands packed to rafters at Richmond High) was like old-time basketball in the '80s when we played."

Wong Hen said while expectations at the start of the season were high, this season hasn't all been smooth sailing. He noted that the team entered many high-level tournaments (all except one were quad-A) throughout the year and took their lumps, causing the players to get down on themselves a bit.

But the process has helped the Wildcats get to where they are now, and to where they can hopefully continue to build momentum toward the provincial championships in March.

McMath (sixth in the provincial AAA rankings), McNair, Richmond High and Steveston-London will all play in the Lower Mainland AAA championships Feb. 13 to 16 (at various sites) and Feb. 22 to 24 at the Richmond Olympic Oval. Palmer, Cambie, McRoberts and Boyd will play in the Mainland AA championships Feb. 15 at Palmer and Feb. 20 to 23 at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

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WILDCATS

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University of Nebraska, Jalen Donaldson is heading to Northwestern State University in Louisiana (also on a soccer scholarship), and Abby Zawada will be joining her older sister Jessica with the University of the Fraser Valley women's basketball team.

Winning her second league MVP title, Zawada has averaged 21 points for the Wildcats—an honourable men-

tion in the provincial AAA rankings—this season. She is looking forward to reuniting with her sister.

"I've missed her a lot the last two years," Abby said of Jessica. "She's my best friend. I think there are a lot of opportunities for me with this team, and that I can contribute."

Said UFV coach Al Tuchscherer: "Abby can really shoot the ball. That's the first thing that kind of stands out about her game. And over the last couple of summers she's added a few things. She can

put the ball on the floor and attack, and she's become a better ball-handler. She's really turned herself into a multi-dimensional scorer."

McMath co-coach Chris Kennedy said it was nice how last week's game played out, especially for the Grade 12s.

"We did everything well and it was a great way for finish up the Richmonds," he said. "I still think the Richmonds are a big deal. We take a lot of pride in winning the city. You never know what's going to happen."

For Abby Zawada, it was even more noteworthy. McMath's victory over Hugh Boyd allowed her to play all five of her high school seasons without losing a single game in Richmond.

"That's a pretty cool way to go out," said Kennedy.

The Lower Mainland championships, in which the participating teams will play for the Crehan Cup, winds up with the championship final at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at Carson Graham Secondary School.

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Sockeyes look to quiet Wolf Pack

By **DON FENNELL**
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The Richmond Sockeyes knew quite some time ago they'd likely be facing the North Vancouver Wolf Pack in the opening round of the playoffs. Now that it's official, both teams are anxious for the games to begin.

That will start this Thursday (Feb. 15) when the Sockeyes host the Wolf Pack at 7 p.m. at Minoru Arenas.

"North Van will be a strong competitor, (but) I believe our team is as ready as we possibly can be," says Sockeye alumnus Doug Paterson.

Paterson says the club set out this season to be in the top four in the province.

"We have balanced scoring on all four lines, and (goaltender Jacob) Latrace has demonstrated he can be a No. 1, and Hardy (Hardarshan Hoonjan) very capable to back up. And our defence is strong."

On paper, at least, the first-round series has all the makings of a classic. But rarely do these kind of things go according to script.

While Richmond finished 12 points ahead of North Vancouver in the regular-season standings, three of the four meetings between the teams went to overtime.

Richmond sported the third-best penalty killing average (just over 85 per cent) in the league, while North Vancouver was fourth-best, killing off an average of just over 83 per cent of its penalties.

Then there are the two captains, Richmond's Tyler Andrews and North Vancouver's Mitch Ledyard. Both centres, they were also both among the top-10 scorers in the league during the regular season. Andrews averaged nearly two points a game, while Ledyard averaged just under 1.5 points per game.

Following Thursday's playoff opener, the remaining games in the first-round playoff series are scheduled as follows:

Game 2 Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at Harry Jerome Rec Centre; Game 3 Monday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Minoru Arenas; and Game 4 Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at Karen Magness Arena. If needed, Game 5 will be played Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7



Photo by Chung Chow

Richmond captain Tyler Andrews had a goal and an assist in the Sockeyes 8-4 win over Abbotsford Pilots Feb. 8 at Minoru Arenas. The Sockeyes begin their playoff quest Feb. 15 with a home game against North Vancouver Wolf Pack at 7 p.m.

p.m. at Minoru Arenas; Game 6 Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at Harry Jerome Rec Centre; and Game 7 Monday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Minoru Arenas.

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SEASON SERIES RECAP

• Sept. 7 Sockeyes 6 Wolf Pack 5 OT at Minoru Arenas

Captain Tyler Andrews led by example in the opening game of the season.

The Sockeyes' forward scored back-to-back goals midway through the third period, and set up first star Nicolas Bizzutto for the equalizer and winner as Richmond rallied from a 5-2 deficit after 40 minutes. Winning goalie Jacob Latrace made 14 saves, and also got in on the scoring, passing the puck up to Tyler Paterson on the game's opening goal at 2:25 of the first period.

• Oct. 14 Sockeyes 6 Wolf Pack 5 OT at Harry Jerome Rec Centre

North Vancouver got an early lead and went

4-for-8 on the powerplay, but couldn't hold off another Richmond rally,

After being outscored 4-1 in the opening period, the Sockeyes scored the only two goals of the middle frame including a shorthanded tally by captain Tyler Andrews, who also earned a pair of assists in the game. Braeden Gurney forced overtime with a goal at 14:36 of the third period, before Brett Gelz scored the winning goal at 1:41 of the extra frame to complete a hat trick.

Rookie goaltender Hardarshan Hoonjan stopped 18 of 19 shots, after coming on in relief of starter Evan McCune.

• Nov. 9 Wolf Pack 2 Sockeyes 1 OT at Minoru Arenas

The third meeting of the season between Richmond and North Vancouver resulted in, you

guessed it, another overtime. But this time, the Wolf Pack prevailed.

Though Richmond outshot North Vancouver 35-24 in the game, the latter got a pair of goals from Mitch Ledyard (the equalizer late in the third period and the winner 35 seconds into OT) to earn the two points.

• Feb. 3 Sockeyes 8 Wolf Pack 0 at Harry Jerome Rec Centre

Richmond outshot North Vancouver 37-13, and scored early and often, to win the final regular-season game between the two teams.

Once again, Sockeyes' captain Tyler Andrews led the way giving Richmond a 2-0 lead with goals at 10 seconds and again at 3:26 of the first period.

Jacob Latrace earned the shutout.

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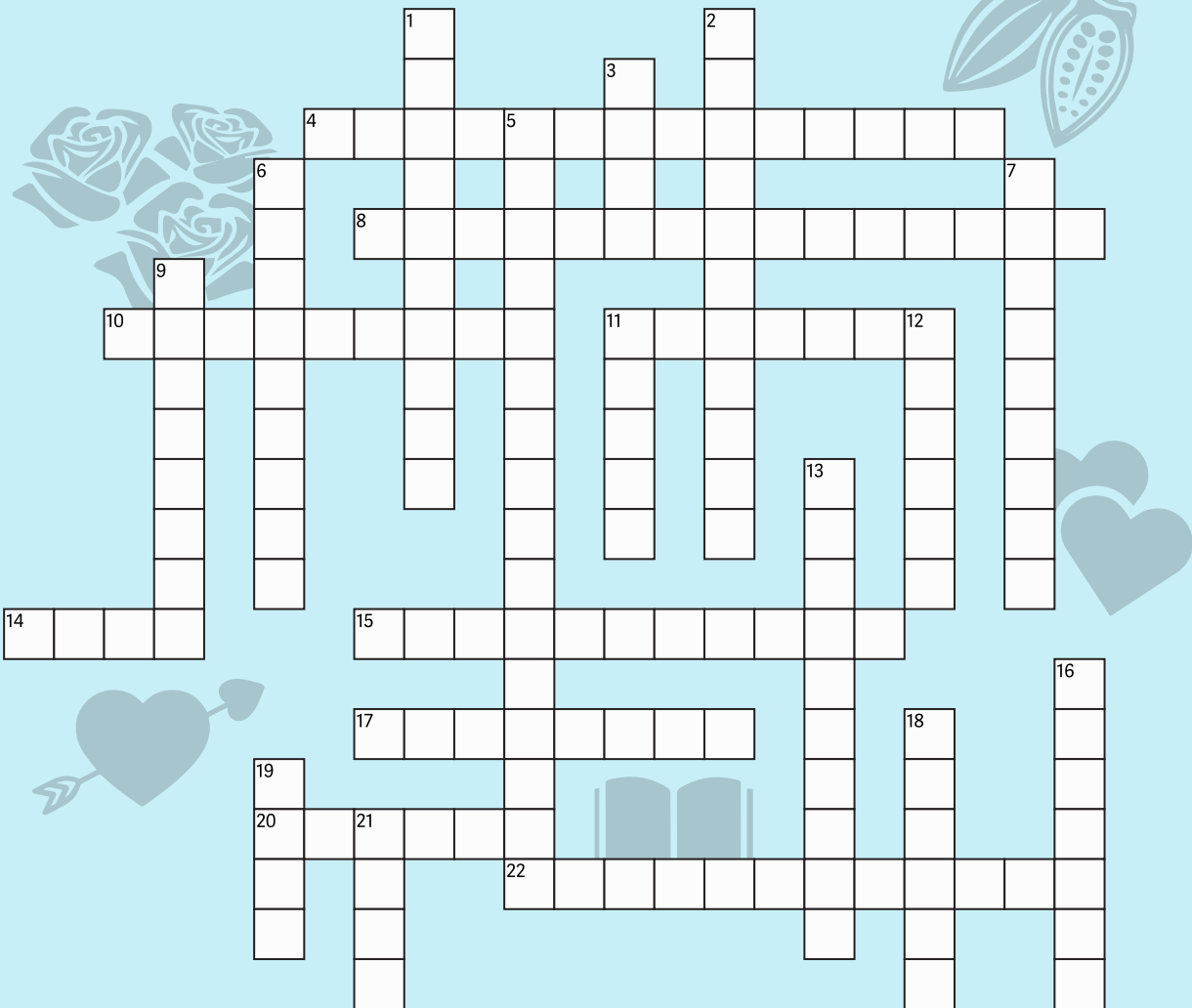


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SUDOKU

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.

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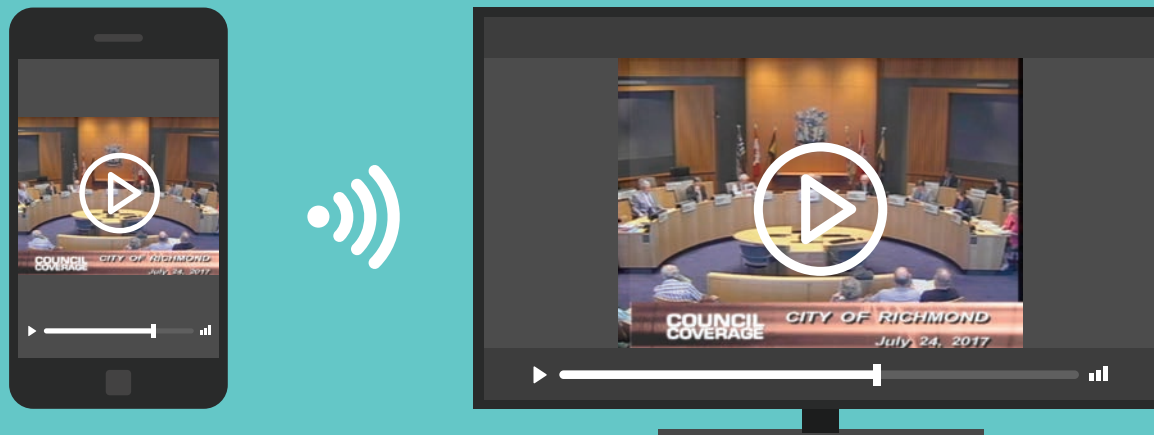
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