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BY ISABELLA RODRIGUES

Apr 24 – Sep 20

Richmond Night Market

8351 River Rd, Richmond, BC
 Fri, Sat & Stat Sun 7:00pm - 12:00am
 Sun & Stat Holiday 7:00pm - 11:00pm

This summer, millions of fans and visitors from around the globe will fill the city with excitement — and the Richmond Night Market will be the place where everyone comes together to eat, laugh, and feel the energy!



Courtesy Richmond Night Market

Jun 5 – 7

The Nations Cup

9180 No 1 Rd, Richmond, BC
 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Come to the 45th Annual Nations Cup Soccer Tournament. The Nations Cup is recognized by players and spectators alike as one of the foremost amateur men's and women's soccer tournaments in Western Canada.



Richmond Sentinel

Jun 6

Move to Cure ALS

12011 Seventh Ave, Richmond, BC
 10:30am - 1:00pm



alsoc.ca

Come to the 2026 Move to Cure ALS for a walk in support of people living with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). There will be food, refreshments, fundraisers and live music to participate in. If you have participated before please bring your T-shirt to help save money. Donations are collected but are not required.

Jun 7

Cars and Coffee

3688 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC
 10:00am - 1:00pm

Come to the Pacific Autism Family Network for this sensory-friendly car show, with free drip coffee courtesy of the Paper Planes Café. Donations will also be collected to support programs for Autism in BC.



pacificautismfamily.com

May 5 – Dec 22

Kwantlen Farmers' Market

Richmond Public Library – Brighthouse
 100 - 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC
 Every Tuesday 11:00 - 4:00

Come by this vibrant farmers market hosted by the students of Kwantlen Polytechnic University! Spend the day enjoying live music, delicious local food, fresh produce, handmade goods, and an amazing community atmosphere. It's the perfect place to support student entrepreneurs and local vendors while soaking up the good vibes with friends and family.



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Apr – Jun

Seniors Activities, Guides & Passes – Spring 2026

In-person and online



City of Richmond

The City and partners are proud to offer high-quality social programs and services for those 55+ years at eight community facilities, including the Seniors Centre at the Minoru Centre for Active Living.

The 45th Annual Nations Cup Soccer Tournament will be held June 5–7, 2026 in Richmond, BC.

BY FLORENCE GORDON

Although I admit due to my personal experience I know a lot more about hockey, baseball and golf than I do about soccer, I'm in awe of the skill and talent demonstrated on a soccer field. Living on Ryan Road behind South Arm Community Centre where the soccer fields are utilized with games for the very young to the very active Seniors, whether it's cold and raining or the sun is shining – the game must go on.

Such is the case with the annual Nations Cup Soccer Tournament held each year in Richmond. Last year I tagged along with a friend to a game and ended up coming back to watch several games. This year, the organizing committee have taken into consideration the 2026 FIFA World Cup so please note the date for the Nations Cup Soccer will be held June 5 – 7, 2026

Schedule

For full game schedule go to www.thenationscup.com

After extensive consultation with the City of Richmond, sponsors, and service providers, the Committee has chosen this weekend with the 2026 FIFA World Cup in mind. Vancouver's host-city duties will place major demands on resources—security, fencing, food vendors, accommodations—and could affect player and spectator participation, as well as drive hotel and rental costs much higher. The first weekend of June avoids World Cup conflicts, peak travel season, and winter league playoffs—while preserving the quality and spirit of the tournament. We recognize this is a shift from our traditional July dates, but we're hopeful you'll embrace this one-time change and help make the 2026 Nations Cup a resounding success and the perfect prelude to the first ever World Cup hosted in our city.

This family-friendly multi-cultural sporting event showcases our community's diversity through the beautiful game of soccer. The entire event is open to the public at no cost. This unique concept of grouping players based on their ethnic backgrounds and/or countries of origin creates an exciting atmosphere that provides a platform for people throughout the community to express their ethnic pride. Teams repre-



senting countries such as China, India, Croatia, England, Italy, Mexico, Serbia, Germany, Iran, Fiji, First Nations, and Scotland, just to name a few, are comprised of elite players from throughout the Province (and beyond) to compete for the coveted "Nations Cup" trophy.

The Tournament

This three-day event includes food trucks and a beer garden and all the sights and sounds of a World Cup atmosphere right here in our community. With 1,400 participants and averaging over 10,000 spectators over the course of the weekend, the tour-

namment provides a vibrant showcase for some of our province's finest soccer talent.

With separate sections for Open Age Men, Open Age Women, Over 30 Men, Over 38 Men, Over 45 Men, Over 52 Men, and Over 59 Men, the tournament allows players from various age groups to compete in this exciting and entertaining event. Come on out, enjoy the pitch-side beer garden and international food vending area, show your colours, wave your flags, and be a part of the Nations Cup!

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Gather, Play, Celebrate and Connect during BC Seniors Week in Richmond

Richmond, BC – Join the City of Richmond and its community partners in celebrating BC Seniors Week from Monday, June 1 to Sunday, June 7. This year's theme, "Gather. Play. Celebrate. Connecting Communities and Cultures!" showcases a lively celebration of culture, community and global spirit.

Seniors are invited to experience a diverse lineup of international cuisine, engaging entertainment and interactive activities designed to bring people together—celebrating diversity and the joy of shared experiences. Richmond residents aged 55+ are encouraged to participate in free programs that support active living and community connection.

The week begins with a kickoff event at Mi-

noru Centre for Active Living on Monday, June 1, from 1:00 to 3:30pm, featuring remarks from Mayor Malcolm Brodie. The event will officially launch Richmond's BC Seniors Week celebrations with food stations showcasing flavours and traditions from around the world, cultural experiences and live music featuring beloved Canadian classics. Free transportation to and from Minoru Centre for Active Living will be available from Richmond community centres.

Pre-registration is required for most Seniors Week activities as space is limited. For a full schedule and registration details, visit richmond.ca/SeniorsWeek. Printed brochures are also available at Richmond parks, recreation and culture facilities.



Seniors Week highlights include:

Soccer – Indoor: Tuesday, June 2, 3:00-4:00pm - South Arm Community Centre

Experience this internationally played sport while getting a great workout in a safe, welcoming, instructor-led environment. Enjoy light drills and friendly games with modified rules that deliver fun and skill-building for all levels. Registration required

Strength and Balance for Seniors: Wednesday, June 3, Noon-1:00pm - Richmond Olympic Oval

Focus on building muscle strength and improving stability with gentle, low-impact exercises that help support everyday activities. This session offers a safe and welcoming environment to stay active and build confidence. Suitable for all fitness levels. Registration required.

Walking Soccer: Thursday, June 4, 4:00-5:00pm - Minoru Centre for Active Living – Field 2

Stay active and have fun with modified, low-impact soccer activities and a game. Designed for older adults with no previous soccer experience to enjoy gentle exercise in a supportive, social environment. Registration required.

Outdoor Games: Friday, June 5, 2:00-3:30pm - Thompson Community Centre

Play bocce, frisbee, golf and croquet with others in a lively atmosphere. Refreshments included. Registration required

Fitness in the Forest, June 6, 1:00-2:00pm - Richmond Nature Park

Embrace nature with an outdoor experience. Move through playful poses and mindful stretches to build balance, encourage focus and connect with nature's beauty. Registration required.

Celebrated across Canada, BC Seniors Week is held each year during the first week of June to commend and recognize the contributions that seniors give to their community.

The City of Richmond is an age-inclusive community that is committed to supporting healthy aging for all residents. Throughout the year, a variety of programs and activities are available for seniors. Seasonal 55+ Program Guides can be found online at richmond.ca/seniors or at any Richmond Parks, Recreation and Culture facility.

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Richmond RCMP boosts bike patrols in city centre to address retail theft this summer

www.rcmp.ca



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In response to an increase in retail theft affecting businesses and workers in the city centre, Richmond RCMP is significantly increasing bike patrols throughout the downtown core this summer. Officers will focus on retail areas, parks, transit-adjacent locations, and other high-traffic public spaces, with the goal of deterring offences, protecting workers and patrons, and supporting local businesses during the busiest months of the year.

As warmer weather brings increased pedestrian activity, officers will be deployed in high-traffic areas, employing intelligence-led policing and utilizing current crime trends to guide proactive patrols. This approach allows police to be more accessible to the public, disrupt criminal activity, and respond quickly to reports of crimes in progress. Many of the thefts being reported involve repeat offenders, and some incidents have involved confrontations

with retail staff. Increasing officer presence in these areas is intended to reduce those risks, intervene early, and reassure workers and shoppers that police are actively engaged in keeping the city centre safe.

“Visible policing, ‘boots on the ground’, is something we consistently hear the community appreciates, especially in the downtown core,” said Constable Fiona Tsang, Richmond RCMP Media Relations Officer. “Bike patrols allow our officers to engage directly with the public, build relationships with local businesses, and act swiftly when incidents occur.”

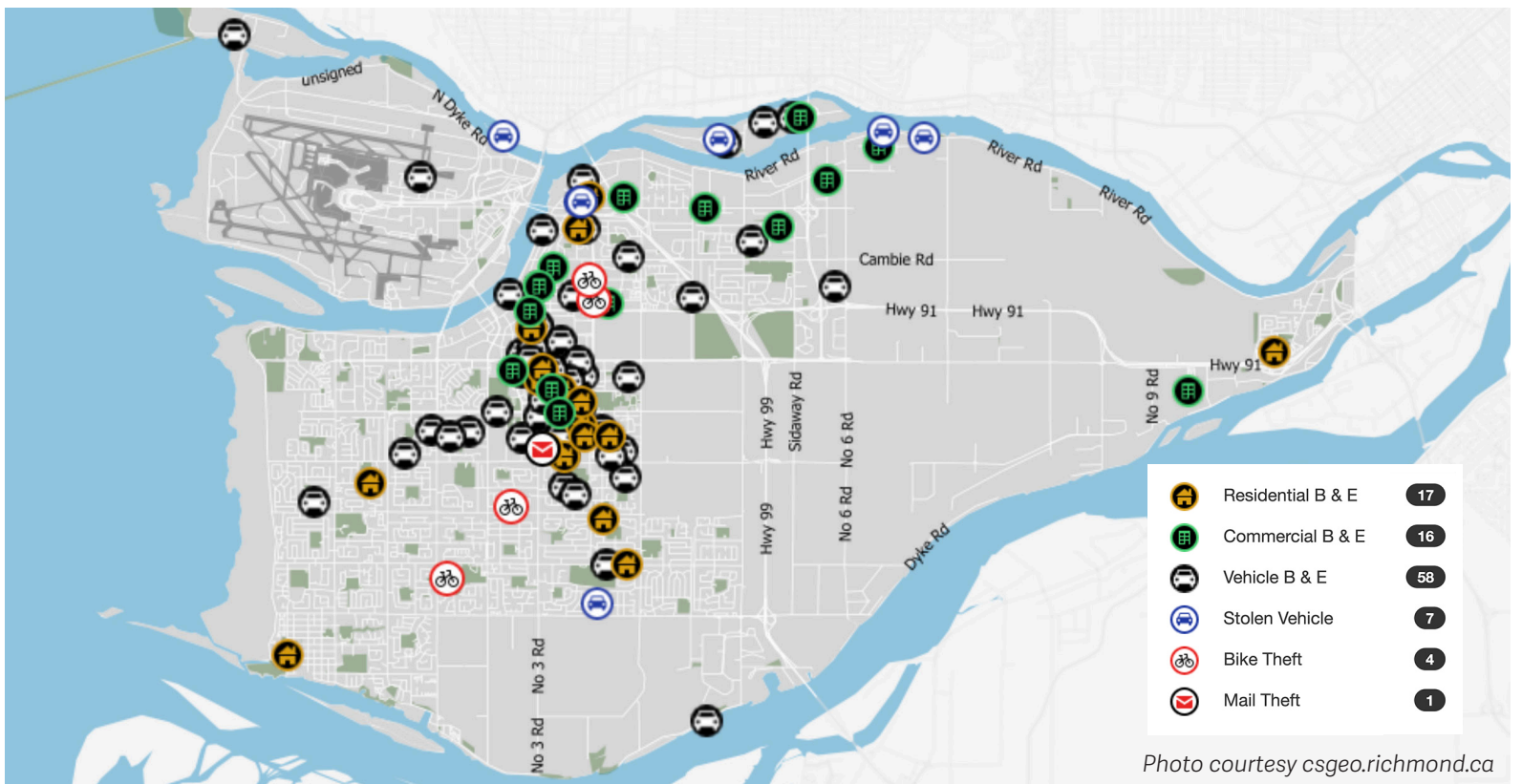
Officers on bikes can navigate urban spaces efficiently, providing quick response to calls for service while maintaining a visible presence. They will also continue working closely with business owners and community partners to identify concerns, share crime prevention strategies, and enhance overall safety.

Richmond RCMP is reminding the public that timely reporting plays a critical role in preventing crime. Local businesses and residents are encouraged to report suspicious activities as soon as they occur. Community vigilance and timely reporting are essential to deterring and addressing retail theft and criminal activity. Anyone witnessing a crime in progress or suspicious activity is asked to call police immediately by dialing 9-1-1. Non-emergency concerns can be reported through the Richmond RCMP non-emergency line 604-278-1212. Residents are also encouraged to download the Richmond Community Safety App, which provides direct access to crime maps, prevention tips, and minor crime reporting.

Richmond RCMP remains committed to working with the community to ensure a safe and welcoming downtown throughout the summer months.



RCMP Crime Map May. 1, 2026 – May. 29, 2026



Aboriginal title can't be declared over private land, Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear an appeal

BY FLORENCE GORDON

The above headline was released just when we were ready to go to press. Before pulling a story and replacing it with the above headline, we needed to take a beat to understand what this entailed. The Supreme Court of Canada declined to hear an appeal regarding the massive Wolastoqey Aboriginal title claim in New Brunswick.

This decision therefore, leaves standing, the previous ruling - that Aboriginal title cannot be declared or applied to private, fee-simple land, meaning First Nations can only pursue the Crown for damages rather than claim ownership of private property. A decision BC has been watching closely.

Today there's a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel when the Supreme Court of Canada upheld a ruling that Aboriginal title cannot be declared over private land, in a decision the federal government says will have an impact on the Cowichan Tribes case in British Columbia. The refusal by Canada's High Court to hear a First Nation's "appeal" in New Brunswick establishes a precedent.

BC's Attorney General Niki Sharma on Thursday, May 28th said "the high court's refusal to hear an appeal by the Wolastoqey First Nation in the case involving Aboriginal title in New Brunswick gives B.C. a clear path for an appeal in the Cowichan case." She explained when the Supreme Court of Canada decided not to hear the New Brunswick case that meant the law would remain in place. Sharma went on to say that she thinks the ruling gives BC a clear path to an appeal.

Canadian Press, May 28, 2026

In a newsletter received tonight from MP Parm Bains, the cover story was on Private Property Rights and a quote from Prime Minister Mark Carney during House of Commons Chamber Question Period April 29th "....We appealed the decision, on September 8, along with the Government of BC, the City of Richmond and all other parties to the litigation. We fundamentally disagree with the BC Supreme Court's Cowichan decision and will advance all viable legal arguments to protect private property....Canada's new government will work with provinces and territories and Indigenous partners to advance reconciliation and protect the property rights of all Canadians." parm.bains@part.gc.ca

Site C dam receives official name: The John Horgan Dam and Generating Station – New name honours former B.C. premier

"We're proud to name the Site C dam and generating station in honour of former premier John Horgan," said Premier David Eby. "John's leadership and his decision to complete Site C through tough challenges helped secure B.C.'s clean-energy future."

The official name honours former premier John Horgan and recognizes his leadership and commitment to serving the people of British Columbia. The naming milestone marks the conclusion of more than a decade of construction and the beginning of a new chapter in clean-energy production. The John Horgan Dam and Generating Station construction began in July 2015, with all six generating units entering service in August 2025.

"Former premier John Horgan approached Site C with a strong sense of responsibility for British Columbia's long-term energy needs, and with a real commitment to listening and working with Treaty 8 First Nations and affected communities," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions.

"As electricity demand continues to grow, his decision to move forward with Site C has proven critical to securing reliable, clean power for the future, and it reflects his strong belief in stewardship, public service and making tough decisions in the public interest."

Reflecting enduring First Nations connections to the land

The reservoir will be named Nááchę mege (Dreamer Lake), a name chosen with local First Nations to reflect the deep history, language and cultural connections Indigenous Peoples have to the region and the Peace River. The John Horgan Dam and Generating Station and Nááchę mege reservoir-area holds deep cultural and historical significance for Treaty 8 First Nations who once shared the land. BC Hydro invited First Nations to participate in the naming process, with language recommendations developed through workshops and meetings.

The final reservoir name was put forward by Doig River First Nation and Blueberry River First Nations as part of the former Fort St. John Beaver Band. Selected in the Beaver (Dane-zaa) language, the reservoir is called Nááchę mege (pronounced nah chay meegeh), which translates to Dreamer Lake. "In our culture, Dreamers hold a place of the highest respect and play a vital role as cultural leaders and knowledge holders," said Chief Sherry Dominic of Blueberry River First Nations. "Our members continue to carry



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their teachings and songs forward to this day. The name Nááchę mege reflects our history and our enduring connection to this land. It honours the cultural legacy of our people and ensures it will be recognized for generations to come.

Partnerships and powering the future

"Former premier John Horgan played a key role in moving Site C forward and ensuring B.C. has the clean, reliable power we need today and into the future," said Charlotte Mitha, president and CEO, BC Hydro. "We're also grateful for the guidance shared by Treaty 8 First Nations through our naming engagement, which began in 2023 and reflects the importance of collaboration and respect every step of the way."

The new names reflect the leadership that helped deliver one of British Columbia's most significant infrastructure projects, and the partnerships that will continue to shape its legacy. The John Horgan Dam and Generating Station stand as a foundation for a cleaner energy future, supporting communities, advancing reconciliation and helping ensure reliable power for generations to come.



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Richmond Launches Soccer Celebration as part of 2026 FIFA World Cup

BY BEZ CHAO

FIFA is hosting another World Cup tournament in 2026, where 48 teams will compete across Mexico, the United States, and Canada from June 11 to July 19 for the championship title. The current defending champions are the Argentina national football team, who won the tournament in 2022. The tournament is held every four years, and is considered by many to be one of the largest sporting events in the world.

total of 104 games played across 16 host cities.

The expanded tournament format was introduced to increase representation from regions such as Africa, Asia, and North America, while also giving smaller nations more opportunities to compete on the world stage. FIFA also expects the larger tournament to generate more revenue, and attract higher global viewership.

the highest-ranked teams along with the host nations, while Pots 2 through 4 consist of progressively lower-ranked teams. This system is used to help prevent the strongest teams from being grouped together early in the tournament.

During the draw, one team from each pot is placed into each group, creating a balance of stronger and weaker teams across the tournament. Another important rule is that teams from the same continent are generally not allowed to be in the same group, with the exception of European teams, where up to two can be placed together in a single group.

The results after the drawing are:

- Group A: Mexico, South Africa, South Korea, Czech Republic.
- Group B: Canada, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Qatar, Switzerland.
- Group C: Brazil, Morocco, Haiti, Scotland.
- Group D: United States, Paraguay, Australia, Turkey.
- Group E: Germany, Curaçao, Ivory Coast, Ecuador.
- Group F: Netherlands, Japan, Sweden, Tunisia.
- Group G: Belgium, Egypt, Iran, New Zealand.
- Group H: Spain, Cape Verde, Saudi Arabia, Uruguay.
- Group I: France, Senegal, Iraq, Norway.
- Group J: Argentina, Algeria, Australia, Jordan.
- Group K: Portugal, DR Congo, Uzbekistan, Colombia.
- Group L: England, Croatia, Ghana, Panama.

The traditional powerhouses are Brazil and Germany. Rising teams are the United States of America, Morocco, and Japan. Star players are Mbappé, Haaland, and Bellingham.

Schedule

Lucky for residents of the Lower Mainland, several FIFA World Cup matches will be hosted locally. Canada will be hosting the games at BC Place in Vancouver and at BMO Field in Toronto.

Here are the specific dates and times for each Match in Vancouver:

- June 13, 2026 9:00 p.m. UTC-7 Australia vs Turkey (Match 6) at BC Place, Vancouver.
- June 18, 2026 3:00 p.m. UTC-7 Canada vs Qatar (Match 27) at BC Place, Vancouver.
- June 21, 2026 6:00 p.m. UTC-7 New Zealand vs Egypt (Match 40) at BC Place, Vancouver.



Photo courtesy richmondcelebratesoccer.ca

History

FIFA was founded on May 21, 1904, and was established to oversee international competition. Today, it has grown into the global governing body of soccer (football), responsible for organizing international competitions, setting rules and standards, and overseeing more than 200 national federations worldwide.

The name FIFA originates from the French phrase “Fédération Internationale de Football Association” which translates to “International Federation of Association Football.” Because the organization was founded in Paris, it adopted a French name and acronym, which has remained the international standard, even in non-French-speaking countries.

FIFA is not owned by any single person or corporation, but instead operates as a non-profit association. Its revenue is used to invest in football development, World Cup operations and prize funding, the Club Benefits Program, administrative and operational expenses, the FIFA Foundation, and other organizational initiatives.

A First – Hosted by 3 Countries

This year will be the first FIFA World Cup to be hosted by three countries and the first to feature 48 teams competing instead of the traditional 32. The tournament will include 72 group-stage matches and 32 knockout-stage matches, for a

Game Format

The 48 teams will be divided into 12 groups of four. Each team will play three matches resulting in one match against every other team in its group. A win is worth three points, a draw is worth one point, and a loss is worth 0 points. Teams are ranked based on points, goal differences, goals scored, and head-to-head results.

The top two teams from each group will automatically advance to the knockout stage, along with the eight best third-place teams. This expanded qualification system aims to help balance fairness by preventing strong teams from being eliminated too early. In total, 32 teams will move on to the knockout rounds.

From there, the tournament becomes single elimination, meaning the losing team is immediately eliminated. Each subsequent round of games will eliminate half the teams until two teams remain for the finals. Knockout matches cannot end in a draw. If a match is tied after 90 minutes of regulation time, two 15-minute extra-time periods are played. If the score remains tied after extra time, the match winner will be decided by a penalty shootout.

The teams are placed into their groups through a process known as the World Cup draw. Before the draw takes place, the teams are ranked according to the FIFA World Rankings and split into four separate pots. Pot 1 contains



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June 24, 2026 12:00 p.m. UTC-7 Switzerland vs Canada (Match 51) at BC Place, Vancouver.

June 26, 2026 8:00 p.m. UTC-7 New Zealand vs Belgium (Match 64) at BC Place, Vancouver.

Qualifications

Canada was selected as one of the hosts for the 2026 FIFA World Cup through FIFA's official bidding process which begins roughly 8-10 years in advance, with applications sometimes limiting eligibility by region to rotate continents. During each bidding cycle, countries (or groups of countries) submit detailed proposals that are evaluated based on infrastructure, transportation, accommodation, financial planning, security, and operational readiness. FIFA inspectors then evaluate and review each bid and produce reports assessing factors such as readiness, risk level, cost, and sustainability.

In the case of the 2026 tournament, the traditional approach of a single country hosting was expanded into a joint bid involving Canada, the United States, and Mexico. This change reflected both the scale of the expanded 48-team format and the need for sufficient stadium capacity and infrastructure across multiple regions. Historically, FIFA discouraged co-hosting after the 2002 World Cup due to concerns about logistical hurdles, travel distances, and a desire for a centralized unified tournament atmosphere.

After evaluations and recommendations, FIFA member associates vote on the final selection. This replaced an earlier, smaller committee voting system after corruption concerns raised in the mid-2010s.

BC Place Vancouver will be undergoing several upgrades and renovations ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. These improvements include enhanced accessibility features, new hospitality spaces, upgraded stadium technology, and the installation of hybrid grass pitch. The goal of these upgrades is to ensure the venue continues to meet world-class standards for both players and spectators.

Beyond the tournament itself, these upgrades support B.C.'s Look West: Tourism Sector Action Plan, by leveraging the FIFA World Cup 2026 to boost global exposure, investments, and long-term economic growth.

City of Richmond FIFA Activities

The City of Richmond, Tourism Richmond, and the Richmond Hotel Association have announced a city-wide program called Richmond Celebrates Soccer, launching on June 12 with the World Soccer Day Kick-Off event. This pro-

gram is open to all and will run for six days, featuring free public watch parties as well as variety of activities, designed to bring together the city's diverse community through the spirit of sport, play, and cultural connection.

The program has a total budget of \$600,000, funded through multiple sources: \$250,000 from Tourism Richmond, \$110,000 from the City of Richmond, \$150,000 from Richmond Hotel Association, and \$90,000 from the Province of B.C.

Funding will be allocated across several areas, with \$180,000 being spent on the signature event, \$45,000 being spent on community events and viewings, \$10,000 being spent on the kick-off event, \$150,000 being spent on technical needs and activation, \$35,000 being spent on grant programs, and the remaining funds directed towards operational and safety costs.

Here are the 11 free to attend events for Richmond Celebrates Soccer:

1. World Soccer Day Kick-Off Event, will take place on Friday, June 12 at the Richmond Olympic Oval where anyone can enjoy two live game viewings on a large outdoor LED screen, with festival-style seating. The activities and highlights include: a Public Foosball Tournament and demo, Public 3x3 Soccer Tournament, Vancouver Rise FC 2025 Championship Trophy viewing, Live music - Gift Shop (Tragically Hip Tribute Band), Obstacle Course Activity Zone, and BBQ and soccer activities.

2. Hamilton's Soccer Slam will take place on June 14 at the Hamilton Community Park. It will feature an outdoor viewing party with family-friendly activities, including inflatable attractions and soccer-themed crafts. The inflatable attractions include ball races, iBubble soccer, and soccer dome ball bounce.

3. Minoru Match Day Meet-up will take place on June 18 at Minoru Park at the Minoru Centre for Active Living Plaza. It will be a vibrant community event featuring soccer-themed activities and crafts, live entertainment and performances, and community partner activations.

4. City Centre Celebrates Soccer Event will take place on June 21 at Garden City Community Park. It will be a dual celebration of soccer and indigenous culture, featuring traditional Indigenous games and cedar weaving, Indigenous food offerings, and a celebration of Indigenous athletes.

5. Community Soccer Fest will take place on June 24 at Thompson/Burnett Community Park. It will be a soccer-themed twist on the annual community picnic featuring a Soccer Zone with a

mini-obstacle course and a goalkeeper challenge, roving freestyle soccer performers, and international soccer anthems and cultural showcases.

6. Neighbourhood Block Party—Soccer Edition will take place on July 6 at South Arm Community Park. It will be a community block party promoting connection and soccer excitement, with an inflatable soccer zone, live performances, and all ages skill and recreational soccer games.

7. Cambie Kick-Off Event will take place on July 7 at Cambie Community Centre Outdoor Plaza, King George/Cambie Community Park. It will be a lively celebration with live entertainment, food trucks, face painting, raffles and giveaways, and soccer skill challenges.

8. Burkeville Soccer Celebration Event will take place on July 11 at Burkeville Neighbourhood Park. It will be a community event fun for all ages with interactive programming like soccer drills and creative art stations.

9. Richmond Celebrates Soccer—West Fest will take place on July 14 at Hugh Boyd Community Park. It will be a free festival for all ages, including art stations giant games, inflatables, sensory play stations, and free barbecued hot dogs.

10. Steveston Soccer Social will take place on July 18 at Steveston Community Park. It will be a community event designed to bring people together, with recreational soccer games, food trucks, and a beer garden.

Final Event: Richmond Celebrates Soccer, will take place on Sunday, July 19 at Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park featuring soccer-themed programming with local soccer clubs, community actives, live performances, family-friendly activities, and public match viewing. The Activities and Highlights include: local community performances and roving entertainment, engagement with local soccer organizations, the City's soccer event kit activities, soccer demonstrations, food trucks offering a variety of game day foods from a variety of cultures, activities promoting community spirit and soccer enthusiasm, watch party to view the FIFA World Cup'26 Final on a big screen, shuttle bus and wheel watch, soccer art activities such as create your community flag, and a Richmond Celebrates Soccer selfie station.

With Canada hosting the FIFA World Cup for the first time, residents are encouraged to take part in the celebrations and experience the excitement of the tournament alongside their community. <https://www.richmondcelebratesoccer.ca/>

Prime Minister Carney to position Canada as an investment hub with visit to New York City

May 24, 2026
Ottawa, Ontario

The world is changing rapidly. In response, Canada's new government is focused on what we can control. We are building at scale and speed – from major infrastructure projects to new defence industries – to catalyse \$1 trillion in new investment in Canada over the next five years.

To that end, the Prime Minister, Mark Carney, will travel to New York City, United States of America, from May 27 to 28, 2026. In New York City, he will meet with investors, including top CEOs, entrepreneurs, business leaders, and capital managers to position Canada as a premier destination for new investment.

The Prime Minister will deliver remarks at the Economic Club of New York, where he will outline Canada's new economic strategy and the progress made so far.

Canada has what the world wants. We are an energy superpower with vast deposits of critical minerals. We have one of the world's most educated workforces, the lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio in the G7, and with our recent tax cuts, we are on track to make Canada the most tax-competitive country in the G7. As a result, foreign investment in Canada has reached its highest level in two decades.

In a more uncertain world, Canada is harnessing these strengths to build a stronger, more competitive, and more resilient economy for all.

Quick facts

Over five years, the government's capital investments and incentives in support of third parties, totalling about \$280 billion, are expected to enable more than \$1 trillion in total investment from public, private, and institutional partners.

Canada consistently ranks among the top destinations for foreign direct investment confidence, with a AAA rating, the lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio in the G7, and ranking number one in the G7 for banking stability.

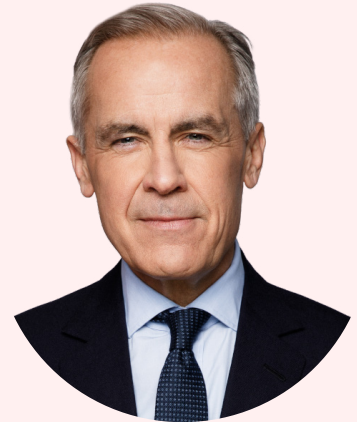
In May 2026, Canada was ranked the world's most attractive market for infrastructure investment by the Global Infrastructure Investor Association.

Canada has the world's most educated workforce, a leading artificial intelligence sector that is adding jobs faster than the United States, and a \$140 billion quantum opportunity. With 16 free trade agreements across 51 countries, Canada has preferential access to 1.5 billion consumers representing two-thirds of global GDP.

Canada has the best tax treatment for new business in the G7, and the Productivity Super-Deduction will further reduce the marginal effective tax rate (METR) by more than two percentage points.

Canada's Major Projects Office is advancing 22 nation-building infrastructure projects and transformative strategies that position Canada for growth across electricity, nuclear, LNG, critical minerals – such as nickel, graphite, and tungsten – and transportation infrastructure. Together, these represent over \$126 billion in investments.

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“Canada has what the world wants. We're an energy superpower, and we're catalysing unprecedented levels of new investment. That means more growth for our industries, opportunities for workers, and a stronger, more independent economy for all.”

– The Rt. Hon. Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada



From every corner of the globe to our own backyard, Richmond Celebrates Soccer is bringing communities together all summer long.

Join free, family-friendly celebrations across Richmond featuring match watch parties, live entertainment, cultural experiences, food trucks, games and soccer-themed activities for all ages. Running **June 12 to July 19, 2026**, these events bring the excitement of international soccer to welcoming neighbourhood spaces throughout Richmond.

Bring your friends, wear your team colours and be part of the celebrations!

World Soccer Day Kick-Off Event
Friday, June 12, 2026
Richmond Olympic Oval

Hamilton's Soccer Slam
Sunday, June 14, 2026
Hamilton Community Park

Golden Boot Gathering
Thursday, June 18, 2026
Minoru Centre for Active Living Plaza

View the full event lineup at
RichmondCelebratesSoccer.ca



B.C.'s minimum wage increases to \$18.25, June 1

Province's minimum wage remains among Canada's highest



Summary

- On June 1, 2026, B.C.'s general minimum wage increases from \$17.85 to \$18.25 per hour
- The general minimum wage is increasing by just over 2.1%, based on B.C.'s average monthly inflation rate in 2025
- This increase supports the lowest-paid workers, who are the most affected by rising costs

Types of wages affected

The increase of just over 2.1% raises the general minimum wage from \$17.85 to \$18.25 per hour. The same percentage increase applies to the minimum rates for resident caretakers, live-in home-support workers, live-in camp leaders and app-based ride-hailing and delivery service workers.

The minimum agricultural piece-rate wages for the hand harvesting of specified crops will increase by just over 2.1% on Dec. 31, 2026. The Dec. 31 date for the annual increase to the minimum piece rates ensures crop producers will not need to adjust wages in the middle of the harvesting season.

Context for this increase

- The Province is committed to a minimum wage structure that benefits the lowest-paid workers, while providing employers with certainty and predictability.
- Changes were made to the Employment Standards Act in 2024 to ensure annual minimum wage increases occur automatically based on B.C.'s average monthly inflation rate from the previous year.
- Approximately 141,300 employees in B.C. earned the minimum wage or less in 2025.
- These increases have moved B.C. from near the bottom to among the highest minimum wages in Canada.



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Everything's coming up roses

The change in weather is always a welcome treat in Vancouver. Not just because the rain has come to an end and the days are getting longer and warmer, but because it also signifies that it's rosé season. This may be my favourite season of all. There's something about sitting in the sunshine with a glass of rosé on a patio that makes you feel like you're somewhere on the coast of the south of France, eating mussels and not thinking about anything that matters.

Rosé does something no other wine quite manages. It has the character of a red, the structure, the suggestion of fruit that makes you feel like you're drinking something with a bit of weight to it, but it carries the freshness and brightness you want when the temperature climbs past twenty degrees and a heavy Cabernet starts to feel like a bad idea. In all fairness, a lot of whites get you part of the way there, but rosé splits the difference in a way nothing else does. It just works.

The colour in rosé comes from the skins. That's the short version and honestly, it's all you really need to know. Red grapes go into the tank, the skins sit in contact with the juice for a matter of hours rather than days, and the winemaker pulls them out before the wine gets too dark or picks up too many tannins. The shorter that contact, the paler the glass. Some of the most beautiful rosés I've had are barely pink at all, more of a faint copper, and they're electric.



Skin contact equals colour, and the winemaker decides how much of both they want. Simple. One thing worth clearing up: rosé is not sweet. I don't know where that idea came from, but it has stuck around a lot longer than it deserves. The good stuff, the rosés worth seeking out, are dry, crisp, food-friendly, and a lot more serious than people give them credit for.

France makes the most of it, and Provence in particular has basically made rosé its whole personality - ninety percent of what they export is pink wine. But Languedoc-Roussillon, just up the coast, is producing some seriously good bottles that most people walk right past in the wine shop, usually because they're too focused on Provence. That's what the magazines tell you to buy, so that's what people buy. And in doing so, they're missing some pretty amazing wine. Italy's doing interesting things with it, Spain too. The world has caught on, and that's a good thing for everyone's patio.



When it comes to food, rosé goes with almost everything you'd actually want to eat on a warm evening. Seafood, obviously. A good cheese board. Anything off the grill. I've had rosé alongside a plate of charcuterie that was one of the better pairings I can remember, and I wasn't even trying.

None of the four bottles below are going to break the bank. We're talking the kind of price point where you buy two, because one is never quite enough when the evening is going well.

So get out there and find a patio. Pour something pink. The season is short and the sun, when it finally shows up in Vancouver, doesn't wait around.



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Tasting Notes

Hampton Water Rosé, Languedoc, France
Grenache, Cinsault, Mourvèdre | \$29.99

Delicate and pretty, subtle fruit with a hint of savoury character. Perhaps a little too easy drinking, but on a hot sunny day, is that actually a bad thing? Worth mentioning that Jon Bon Jovi is one of the people behind this wine, which either means nothing to you or means you're buying a case.

Tormaresca Calafuria Rosato, Puglia, Italy
100% Negroamaro | \$29.99

Fresh and easy drinking with a delicate pink colour and an aromatic hit of ripe fruit and floral notes. Crisp acidity, a savoury finish, wild strawberry, citrus, and what I can only describe as a hint of ocean breeze. The reds from this producer are awesome and full of character too. Just saying.

Cedar Creek Pinot Noir Rosé, BC
Pinot Noir | \$26.00

An interesting one. Made in BC using grapes from Oregon, which is an unusual combination worth paying attention to. It had the most sweetness of the four, but not in a bad way, just enough to give it a fuller palate. Ripe berries, flowers, great mouthfeel. A little different from the others and worth trying for exactly that reason.

Côte Mas Rosé Aurore, Pays d'Oc, France
Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah | \$16.99 (1L)

This wine screams value and sings fly me to the moon. Soft red fruit, some stone fruit, great balance, ridiculously easy drinking. Nobody is going to be upset when you show up with this. And at that price for a litre, you should probably show up with two.



Fashion for Men

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Connecting Socks to Fashion

When it comes to gentlemen's fashion and adding accessories such as ties, jewelry and yes even socks, whether wearing a business suit or attending a more formal event, or just even a casual look for daily activities the one thing that often gets overlooked are men's sock fashion. Having the right pair of socks is very important and will help complete your look as well as keep you feeling extra fresh and comfortable in your favorite pair of shoes. For years, the traditional sock colour of black, dark brown and grey were the standard. Then as the "slim" look in men's suits and casual pants entered the scene and the pant length exposed the ankle, designers got busy creating designer socks and an actual new business was created. These were "fun, crazy, colourful, and trendy" for a while but at the end of the day, you can never beat a traditional, classy look.

To help elevate your sock game try to avoid these common styling mistakes.

- Never wear white athletic socks with dress shoes.
- Try not to expose bare skin on your ankle or leg while seated. That means your socks are too short or the elasticity in the fabric is too loose causing them to slip and never wear ankle socks with dress shoes.



- Throw out socks that are worn out.
- Try to match your socks to your pants rather than your shoe colour. This helps extend the longevity of your shoes, elongated line. For instance, if you're wearing grey trousers opt for grey socks.



outfit rather than acting as a jarring distraction. Also when you wear more patterns the more they fight each other creating visual chaos. If you're wearing a patterned suit, the solid coloured socks will always balance your outfit by letting your clothing be the hero.



- Another important thing to mention is by wearing socks it will help your shoes longevity because your feet naturally produce sweat. Without wearing socks, this moisture along with dead skin cells, gets absorbed directly into the leather or canvas of your shoes. Without wearing socks over time the un-absorbed sweat will degrade materials and you will be stuck with permanent odors in your shoes. That is one of the major reasons why wearing socks is so important.

When it comes to the warm summer months in the 21st century it is okay to wear a sockless look with your shorts or cropped chinos, but just wear true no show socks to protect your shoes from sweat while maintaining that clean, breezy aesthetic.

When it comes to wearing a suit in the middle of summer during the heat of day I recommend going with the "no show socks" with a pair of loafer shoes. Yes, it is not as formal and some will argue your look is not complete but I would also argue at least you're looking a lot more comfortable in your summer suit, especially when wearing a linen fabric or a seersucker suit.

Having great socks fashion I say is essential for the modern gentlemen because it bridges the gap between hygiene, comfort, and your personal expression. A thoughtfully chosen pair of socks will protect your feet and help extend the life of your favorite pair of expensive footwear and will also serve as the ultimate detail that proves your refined attention to detail in your outfit.

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- If you're wearing a fancy tailored suit try to stay away from the colourful looking socks with wild patterns. They do not do you any favors but takes away from your sharp look. The point I am also trying to make is less is more. If you're wearing a beautiful navy blue suit. Just keep things simple by wearing a matching blue pair of socks. This will always look way better and will help give you that complete look. The solid basic color socks just look better on men because they create a clean, unbroken visual line from your trousers to your shoes, which visually elongates the legs and makes you appear taller.
- Unlike the wild patterns, solid socks blend seamlessly into the overall

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SPOTLIGHT ON

TWO FILMS

AND AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL



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THE VIEW #1 – Pressure

It's not overstating to say that June 6th, 1944 might be the most important day of the 20th Century. On that day, known as "D-Day", most of the world held its breath as the Allies landed on the beaches of Northern France. A year later, the war in Europe would end with the complete defeat of Nazi Germany. What many don't know is that in the days leading up to the invasion, one man held the fate of millions in his hands – no, not the leader of the Allied Forces, General Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower, but an unknown, gifted meteorologist named James Stagg. It was Stagg who, under immense levels of pressure, had to make the call on what day would be best weather wise for this historic journey across the English Channel to the beaches of France. Those 72 hours before the invasion are the setting for the appropriately titled new film, *Pressure*, which takes the viewer through all the stress, uncertainty, infighting, second guessing, not to mention plenty of anger within those sleepless hours as Eisenhower tries to keep the Allies together while waiting on Stagg to make the final call. This film is full

of gifted actors, including Andrew Scott as Stagg, Brendan Fraser as Dwight D. Eisenhower, along with Kerry Condon, Chris Messina, and Damian Lewis. With history becoming less and less important in many people's opinion (or re-written and/or sanitized), movies like *Pressure* not only deserves to be seen but demands to be seen! Look for the film in theatres now. www.focusfeatures.com



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THE VIEW #2 – Kraken

Kraken is a Norwegian action-thriller/monster film set in the deep fjords of western Norway. The story follows marine biologist Johanne Berge as she's brought into a small town to investigate mysterious and unnatural behavior in the wild salmon and then brutal deaths connected to a remote fish farm. She eventually discovers that the legendary Kraken — a massive sea creature from Norse mythology — may have awakened beneath Norway's deepest fjord. The film blends Nordic folklore, environmental themes and large-scale creature horror against the dramatic backdrop of the fjords. To us, this film is *Jaws* meets *Alien*. And we enjoyed every minute of it. Look for *Kraken* in Theatres and for home viewing June 12th.

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THE EVENT – 2026 Vancouver International Jazz Festival

The 2026 Vancouver International Jazz Festival, presented by Coastal Jazz, returns June 19 through July 5 with performances taking place across Vancouver at venues including the Hollywood Theatre, Vancouver Playhouse, The Birdhouse, Granville Island spaces and outdoor downtown stages. Known for its wide musical range, the festival blends traditional jazz with funk, soul, world music, avant-garde, blues and experimental sounds, featuring artists such as Keyon Harrold, Tomoki Sanders, Isaiah Collier and local favourites including Cory Weeds. The festival – in its 41st year - also includes numerous free public performances, helping create one of Vancouver's most vibrant and culturally diverse live music celebrations each summer. Look for previews on this year's jazz festival on Our City Tonight Sunday June 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. More information at www.coastaljazz.ca

Canadian actress recognized for powerful roles

Canadian/Polish actress, Carolina Bartczak, has built an impressive career across film and television. She's now earning award recognition for her powerful role in the TV series "Plan B".



OCT: Let's start with talking about some of your favourite roles.

CB: I would say that one of my bigger roles that launched me forward was playing the wife of Michael Fassbender in one of the X-Men films, "Apocalypse". It was one of my favourite roles because Michael Fassbender is one of my favourite actors. I also got to steal a little on-screen, unscripted kiss and who doesn't love that. My character's name was Magda.

OCT: You have balanced film roles alongside many TV series. You had a really interesting role in the Netflix series called "Painkiller".

CB: That is actually one of my favourite roles to date and I had a little more breadth than in the role of Magda in X-Men. "Painkiller" was a six episode storyline so I got to really dive into a subject that fascinated me. When I got the role, I had been auditioning so much that I didn't know which role I got at the time. When they sent me the script, I had a 45 minute flight to Montreal so I quickly read all six scripts. It made me laugh and cry, and I felt honoured to be part of the show.

OCT: "Plan B" is a really popular TV series now and you're playing an interesting character. In the role you're dealing with unimaginable loss. Let's talk a little bit about that.

CB: I play this wonderful woman named Abigail Walker who is a force to be reckoned with at the beginning of the series. We meet her when she has this amazing career, a great relationship with her ex-partner, two great kids, a lover and everything is going well. Very quickly, and this is not a spoiler, everything changes. Her daughter takes her life and it becomes a very dramatic, dark show. I always liken it to dark Danish dramas, and it has a strange twist that I love about Quebecois filmmakers. Abigail finds out that she can travel back in time, so it's about her trying to prevent this tragedy from happening. It's also about what she learns along the journey of taking care of her family and herself.

OCT: You have been recognized with a Canadian Screen Award nomination for your role in "Plan B" as the character of Abigail Walker. What does this honour and acknowledgement mean to you at this stage of your career?

CB: To be honest, I was not expecting it. I knew that the nominations were happening, and of course there was a part of me that wanted to be recognized, but I had peace in my heart. I was just so happy that I got the role and got to do it the way that I wanted. Then I accidentally thought the nominations were announced the next day. When friends started texting me

with congratulations, I had no idea what was happening. I had to go on the Internet to find out that I had been nominated. Of course, I was absolutely delighted.

OCT: That is such a wonderful story. You remain so humble. You have gone from big Hollywood projects like X-Men to a little bit more human like what you're doing with Abigail's character. How do you choose the roles that you do? Do you give yourself limits of what you don't want to take?

CB: The truth is at my stage, I'm still kind of a journeyman actor and I'm certainly not Cate Blanchett, so I don't get to read 20 scripts and decide. It's not as glamorous as people think. We are auditioning all of the time. In fact, I was almost late for this interview because I was coming back from an audition. We don't, at my level, really feel like we're choosing. When I book a role, then I decide if it's something I really want to do and pour my heart into. Sorry that's not such a glamorous answer, but that is the truth of the business for me.

OCT: That is a very honest answer actually. It's a very good answer because you can still choose. And putting yourself out to these auditions is still very valuable to get that experience and I know that you can't turn that down. It's part of the job.

CB: Yes, definitely. This morning I auditioned to be a spy and then this afternoon I was an art dealer. We are constantly working different muscles.

OCT: What would be a dream role for you as an actress?

CB: A dream role for me would be to play Marie Curie. We have a very similar background as we are both Polish, both speak French and we're both scientists. My first career was studying biochemistry and she was the first woman to win two Nobel prizes. I think she's so cool and she was friends with Einstein. She would tell him what to do and she sounds like she was absolutely fabulous. I would give anything to play her.

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