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Richmond wildlife photographer shines



Bald eagle at Iona beach last month.

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Kate Paton’s journey to life in Richmond as a wildlife photographer has been a circuitous

and unanticipated one. Growing up in what became Zimbabwe, she moved to New Zealand where she and her growing family lived for 10 years. Then Richmond beckoned, temporarily.

Photos by Kate Paton



A sparrow on a frosty December morning.

“My husband relocated for work. We thought we’d only be here for two years, but now I don’t want to go back, because the wildlife and the scenery has just blown me a way. We’re now permanent residents,” Paton says.

Paton was used to working in offices. When she moved to Richmond in her early 50s, she found it hard to break into the world of paid employment.

“My age worked against me,” she says. “My kids said, ‘Don’t worry about work mom.’ They got me a camera. They saw that when I walked outside, it just lifted my spirits and the world was a wonderful place again.”

Paton describes her new-found calling as, “Ethical birding and wildlife photography—it is so important to respect wildlife and birds. No photo is worth disturbing a bird for.”

She may be an unpaid photographer but her photos have appeared in many publications. “I’ve been in quite a few different things. The New York Times used some.”

In fact, Paton is up for an international award. To vote for her online blog for the Terra Incognita

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Orin Gavsie's Social Studies 11 class learned about poverty during a tour of the Richmond Christmas Fund.

Poverty hidden, students say

By **ANDREW HUNG**
Contributor

When Orin Gavsie introduced the topic of poverty in Richmond to his Social Studies 11 class at R.C. Palmer Secondary School, this came as a surprise to many of his students.

"I talked about poverty in Richmond and they were baffled. Some of them even challenged me," said Gavsie.

Many of his students are aware of poverty in other parts of the world, where people are deprived of basic necessities like food, shelter and water.

"But they don't see what's right under their nose," the teacher said.

Many people don't believe that poverty exists in Richmond, says Orin's father Ed, the president and CEO of the charity Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives.

Several students from Orin's social studies class pointed out that they don't see homeless individuals on their way to school, and that living conditions here are pretty good.

But the truth is that Richmond has a population of the "working poor," Ed told the students, who visited the RCRG's toy rooms in the Richmond Park Pavilion on Dec. 5.

"The need in Richmond isn't abating. It continues to be very strong," he said.

Members from this demographic may be working two to three jobs, often at minimum wage, he said.

Coun. Bill McNulty also took a tour, and he pointed out that some people are spending between 30 and 50 per cent of their net income on rent.

McNulty also urged everyone to help with this situation.

"Hopefully you will do something small about it. Whether you donate a dollar from your lunch money to the Christmas fund, or you bake something, or you do something for someone else, it is always appreciated."

During the holiday season, RCRG seeks to fight poverty through the Richmond Christmas Fund. Eligible individuals and families can receive

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Audi's Richmond Christmas Fund event raises \$65K

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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More than 300 people attended the Richmond Christmas Fund's new fundraising event inside the Audi Richmond showroom at the Richmond Auto Mall on Nov. 28.

"We wanted to create something completely unique," said Wayne Duzita, who along with Rob Howard

and Michael Chiu were co-chairs of the organizing committee for the event. "The Audi Richmond showroom is a spectacular space, and provided the perfect setting for a new kind of fundraising event."

The dozen-strong committee organized the stand-up reception where guests mingled as they snacked on fine food and drinks among Audi's impressive luxury vehicle line-up. A live band was

brought in to play Christmas music.

"It turned out to be the single largest fundraiser in Richmond Christmas Fund history. For that, we owe a Santa-size thank you to the organizing committee, our sponsors, and everyone who attended."

A fundraising auction included a road trip to Whistler in an Audi R8 and two electric miniature replica cars for children to ride on.

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WILDLIFE

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Award go to tinyurl.com/PNKate

Voting closes at the end of December. Only one vote per person is allowed but if you vote for #44, you help Paton, and Richmond wildlife, get greater exposure.

To see more of Paton's work, she can be found on Twitter as @pnwkate, on Facebook and Insta-

gram as [pacificnorthwestkate](https://www.instagram.com/pacificnorthwestkate)

For now, Paton is just happy to be able to get out and snap the abundant life around Richmond: "Hopefully, one day, I would love to do something with my work with wildlife. I'm not sure what but perhaps it could be with education, wildlife and conservation."

And, after six years in Richmond, how does Paton feel about here newfound home? "If I could, I'd like to stay here forever."

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STUDENTS

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grocery gift certificates: one certificate per family member, and up to a maximum of four per household.

After Ed's talk, he led the students to where the toys were stored. Two long and narrow locker rooms were lined with toys on either side for children under the age of 12. An eclectic mix of cars, dolls and other toys were perched on several shelves, ranging from Shopkins figurines to a Hot Wheels racetrack. On the other side of the room, board games and puzzles sat on a table.

For teenagers from the age of 13 to 17, the RCRG provides gift cards.

Orin hopes that this visit to the toy rooms would give his 27 students a concrete and tangible experience of the struggle that many are going through in the city.

"The students were uninformed, or even misinformed, about many of those topics. So I felt the immediate need to go to somewhere in the community that provides these services for people in need," said Orin, who was born and raised in Steveston.

For some of the students, the discussion and tour around the toy rooms has already made a strong impression.

"It was very eye-opening to see how much low-income poverty there is in Richmond," said Leilah, one of the students in Orin's class.

"It's really interesting to see the hidden poverty we have in our community that many people don't realize is there."

Orin and the students have been discussing issues about social welfare programs, and they've also looked at how social status economics can affect a person's education, living conditions, and access to health care.

But the class material can often be too broad or generalized.

"A lot of our curriculum deals with Canada-wide issues or issues addressing specific groups," said Orin.

"But we gloss over needs in our own community. So that's definitely something I'm trying to tackle."

The next class will be a debrief of the visit to the toy rooms, and Orin hopes that the students will come up with their own ideas and suggestions on how they can step in.

Some of the students are already eager to get to work, like Teresa, who says that she would like to begin volunteering when she gets a little older.

"I feel really grateful that we have this in our community, because as a student, I didn't realize we had poverty (here). This experience actually enlightened me to get more involved with this entire crisis."

John Yap

MLA RICHMOND-STEVESTON



Dear Constituents,

The end of a busy fall session of the British Columbia legislature was soon followed by the mail-in deadline for the province's referendum on electoral reform in November. How we elect our MLAs matters and I would like to thank you for participating in this referendum that will shape the foundation of our democracy.

At the beginning of this session, we were proud to see LNG Canada announce a \$40 billion liquefied natural gas project in northern B.C. This largest private sector investment in Canadian history will lead to new jobs and opportunities, which is why we have been supporting the LNG industry for the last decade.

However, despite this piece of great news a number of issues might undermine continued economic development of our province.

The government's decision to charge an Employer Health Tax on top of MSP premiums through 2019 places a huge tax burden on many businesses who will be forced to consider layoffs or cuts to service.

A speculation tax that does not address the housing affordability crisis in B.C. will only drive out investment and increase price pressures on the existing housing supply.

Last but not least, legislation meant to pave the way for ride-sharing services in this province instead continues to provide roadblocks. Services such as Uber and Lyft won't be available this holiday season and, likely, won't be here next year either. Vancouver remains the largest city in North America without ridesharing.

I will continue to work hard with my BC Liberal colleagues to hold the government to account on these important issues. British Columbians deserve better than this.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the recently sworn-in Richmond Council and School Board. I look forward to working with them to continue making Richmond a dynamic place to live and a community that provides opportunity for everyone.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and love!

Sincerely,

John Yap, MLA
Richmond-Steveston
Opposition Critic for ICBC, BC Lottery Corp., and Liquor Distribution Branch



John pictured with Janice Barr and MLA Linda Reid at the Richmond Society for Community Living's 10th Annual "Benefit of Possibilities - A Community Affair".

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The rain didn't stop the folks from coming out and joining the Walk for Autism earlier this fall. John helps welcome the crowd.



Richmond MLAs offer their respects to our veterans at the Remembrance Day service at the Richmond Cenotaph.



John kicked off the Richmond Christmas Fund Toy Drive with RCMP Supt. Ng at the "Stuff a Squad Car" event held at Ironwood.



John is pictured at the Global Women's Federation of Commerce of Canada Halloween Costume Banquet.



John attended the Open House at the Sherman Armory.

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Milestone moment for Menorah lighting

By **DON FENNELL**
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Thirty years ago, the first Menorah lighting ceremony was held in Richmond to mark the beginning of Chanukah.

On Dec. 2, 2018 the festivities took place on the cultural centre plaza in front of the Brighthouse branch of the Richmond Public Library, where the traditions, music and culture of the Jewish faith of this annual celebration were shared with the community.

For event organizer Joe DaSilva, it was a particularly poignant moment.

"In the 30 years I have organized the Menorah lighting event, Helmut

and Hugo Eppich's commitment and resolve to sponsor the yearly Menorah lighting has never diminished but grown stronger," he said.

Added library board chair Susan Koch: "The library is honoured to participate in this annual coming together of the community, where all Richmond residents, regardless of their background of faith, can learn, understand and celebrate the Jewish tradition of Chanukah."

The 25-foot tall Menorah is one of the largest in the world. Designed by renowned Canadian architect Arthur Erickson, it was commissioned by Helmut and Hugo Eppich who founded the Ebco Group of Companies based in Richmond.

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All ages danced, including newly-elected councillor Michael Wolfe, far left.



Latkes and donuts for all, including Na-Amah Schleyer-Rubin, 4, who was caught with powder sugar on her face and jelly on her nose.

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Ava Shmilovitch, 6, is about to decorate her menorah at the 30th anniversary lighting ceremony to kick off Chanukah.



Twins Ana and Bella Ivanov, 3, working on their dreidel decorations.



Bill and Lillian Vander Zalm pose beside a plaque commemorating the 30th anniversary celebration of the first menorah lighting in Richmond.



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Still time to write Santa

By **DON FENNEL**
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Stop by any day between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. until Dec. 23 at 3811 Moncton St. and use a pen or the old-fashioned typewriter to compose your special holiday message.

"Lots of Richmond children are writing their wishes to Santa this

year at Steveston Museum," says co-ordinator Gabrielle Sharp. "The Letters to Santa program is so popular, we have had to reprint our unique museum letter template twice already."

Children are encouraged to leave their letters under the Christmas tree for Santa to read.

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It's neighbour helping neighbour at food bank

By DON FENNELL
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The warmth of the holiday season is unmistakable the moment one steps into the Richmond Food Bank.

Like the elves at Santa's workshop, countless volunteers are diligently engaged in various tasks in a concerted effort to ensure their neighbours will have a Merry Christmas.

"Our volunteers are our lifeline. Without them, we wouldn't survive a single day," says Hajira Hussain, the food bank's executive director.

On a rather typical Wednesday morning, there are at least 20 people engaged in conversation awaiting the food bank's opening. Some have been here for at least a half hour or more, although they'll all leave with what they need.

"I think it's a good idea they come and socialize," says Hussain. "Unfortunately, coming to the food bank is still attached to a lot of stigma and it's difficult to swallow your pride. It's a big step to say 'I need help.' These people are struggling and it's very hard for somebody to dress up and come down. But there is a need."

And the need is year-round.

"It is greater this time of year because people want to join in on the festivities of the season," says Hussain. "Despite any hardship that a family might be facing, this is a time that they want to make extra special and memorable for

their loved ones. About 29 per cent of the people that we serve are children, so it becomes that much more important."

Fortunately, she adds, many of the food bank's donors schedule their annual giving around this time.

There is no typical user of the food bank. And that makes addressing social issues that much more challenging.

"Anybody who lives in Richmond might be in need," says Hussain. "About 70 per cent of the people we serve as single or small households, and many are seniors living on fixed incomes, or are struggling with disabilities or illness and are unable to have a job or are retired. Many are new families to Canada. Every year, we have about 500 new registrations."

Each week, Richmond Food Bank provides nutritious food and household staples to an average of 2,200 residents through its four grocery distribution centres located throughout the community as well as community partners working to alleviate poverty. With the Richmond School District, the food bank also recognizes the need to offer and support meal programs to kids and teens, and even delivers healthy grocery parcels to people with illnesses or disabilities.

Besides welcoming donations of non-perishable food items, especially those containing high protein like peanut butter, a grant last year enabled



Photo by
 Don Fennell
**Volunteers are the
 lifeblood of the
 Richmond Food
 Bank.**

the food bank to install walk-in coolers, making it possible to now also provide clients with perishable foods such as fresh produce. Through the Richmond Food Bank Garden Program, volunteers have also started to grow fruits and vegetables in community garden plots.

Businesses such as Shoppers Drug Mart, PriceSmart Foods and General Mills Canada are strong supporters of the food bank, and frequently donate perishable food items including dairy products and ready-to-eat meals that can now be distributed to those in need.

"It's a sad reality that 31 million tons of food is wasted every year in Canada and we still have people in need," says Hussain. "And now that we have the capacity to accept perishables, we want to make sure the retail market is not dumping any food and instead thinking of us and of their

neighbour first."

Of course, financial contributions are always welcome too and help tide the food bank over—including during the summer months when donations are typically at their lowest. For every dollar donated, the food bank is able to purchase \$6 worth of food.

Hussain is pleased to see the number of community initiatives that support the food bank continue to grow. She says school programs such as food drives are particularly inspiring.

"It's nice to see (schools) are investing in creating responsible citizens," she says, noting that also helps increase awareness.

While the food bank's central mandate may be to ensure those in need are able to access nutritional food, it's clear that its volunteers do much more than simply help to distribute the items.

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Gateway Theatre's *It's a Wonderful Life* is wonderful

By DON FENNELL
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It opens with Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and the old-time credits start to roll on the screen. The music rolls with gentle ease that belies how incredibly difficult the piece is to play.

The professional orchestra flawlessly plays Nico Rhodes' arrangements under the direction of Angus Kellett.

The lighting, writing, music, arrangements, acting, singing and dancing in *It's a Wonderful Life* work as a wondrous whole.

Greg Armstrong-Morris as Clarence, the bumbling angel hoping to finally earn his wings, was spot on. Nick Fontaine as George Bailey shone in this new adaptation by director Peter Jorgensen.

Written at the end of the Dirty



Erin Palm shines as Mary and Nick Fontaine is spot-on as George Bailey in Gateway Theatre's Gershwinesque "It's a Wonderful Life."

30's, the production highlights a familiar theme: slumlords and the working poor who want to buy modest homes of their own.

Photo by David Cooper

Erin Palm, who played Mary, the love of George's life, was clearly a mature actor at the peak of her craft. At the reception afterwards,

she radiated elegance and grace.

Then I read my program: Palm is one of the emerging actors supported by RBC's \$15,000 grant.

Actually a Langara Studio 58 student and a Capilano University Musical Theatre grad, Palm has a presence and the skill that belie her years.

Gateway artistic director Giovanni Sy took on three roles, including the evil Mr. Potter, with aplomb.

The two youngest actors, Kenzie Fraser and Alexander Sheppard-Reid, were professional-quality in their dual roles as young George and young Mary, then as their children.

Go for the nostalgia. Go for the music or go for the story of loss, redemption and hope. Gateway's *It's a Wonderful Life*, on through Dec. 31. Tickets at Gateway Theatre.

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Going for the gold at YVR

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Craig Richmond, CEO and President of the airport authority, says accessibility should be seamless, something that everyone can use without even noticing. He also says it is better to design in accessibility than to try to retrofit it after the fact.

Brad McCannell, the foundation's vice president of access and inclusion, points out that many won't see the special design features. The centre space of all counters is low enough for a wheel chair and has room for the person's legs under the counter, be it food service or an information kiosk.

McCannell further points out the location of the departures and arrivals signage at the top of the escalators leading to international departures. The signs were high enough for everyone to see, low enough that people could go right up to them, and out of the way so those stopping to read the signs were not blocking traffic. Also, the screens can display paging announcements so those who cannot hear them clearly, will see them in large letters.

McCannell says someone told him they didn't notice any special things for accessibility at YVR. He replied, "Good.



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YVR CEO Craig Richmond spoke about the airport's accessibility award from Rick Hansen's foundation.

That's the way it should be. That's inclusion, when no one is separated out. It's inclusion for all."

Craig Richmond says that accessibility isn't just the right thing to do; it is good business.

With 15 per cent of the population living with a disability, Richmond says that particularly as our population ages, we will need to be more attentive to customers.

Calling the gold rating key to YVR's success as a world-class transportation hub, he says it's a "testament to our ongoing efforts to better serve our passengers, partners and communities."

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Transplant recipients take thank-you tour

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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The retinue walked through Richmond Hospital with three very large festive boxes. First, they stopped in the Intensive Care Unit, next the Operating Theatres, and lastly in the Emergency Department.

Workers from each ward gathered, received the gift box of popcorn proffered and had a group photo. Such a festive time. Lead amongst the group was Cary Feldstein and one of his 10-year-old twins, Sophie.

The mission? To thank the many who helped, and to put a face—a now healthy face—onto a transplant recipient, to show them what a transplant means, in human terms.

Cary, who lives with his family in Steveston, has cystic fibrosis.

“Until about 10 years ago, it was a mild form of CF but just about the time my girls were born, I got a nasty lung infection and everything changed,” he said. People with cystic fibrosis have lungs that secrete thick, gluey mucus that are just ripe for hard-to-eradicate infections.

Cary eventually had to be on oxygen full time and, even then, could only be up and about for less than an hour or two.

“I couldn’t work well,” says software engineer, Cory, who works at Destiny Media, a firm that does pre-release promo music for the industry. “You need enough oxygen getting to your brain.”

On the transplant waiting list for nine months, healthy lungs became available because a family agreed to donate when someone they loved suddenly died. All Cory knows is that the lungs came from a regional hospital..

Four years post-transplant, Sophie and her sister, Anna, are enjoying Hanukkah with their parents.

“I live a full life. I work full time. I get the kids to soccer,” he says.

Also on the tour was another Rich-

mond resident, Debbie Bielech, executive director of Children’s Organ Transplant Society. Her son, Matt, was born 10 weeks early.

“A little minky preemie,” is how she describes him. Because he was early, he had problems. Any one of them could have cost him his wee life. The point came where he needed a liver transplant. Mom Debbie gave part of hers, as a living donor. Her liver healed, re-growing what was removed. Inside Matt, the lobe of his mom’s liver settled in and is still functioning well today, 19 years later.

“He doesn’t have to be on much immune suppression. They think it is because we are genetically so well-matched,” she says.

“He’s an amazing kid,” she says, “He’s working at New Balance, a part-time BCIT student going into social media marketing and does track.”

But, Debbie adds a codicil, “Transplants do not cure. These people need the medical system the rest of their lives. Please tell people that I am so thankful for the Canadian medical system.”

Both recipients and their families will gather throughout the holidays, thankful for the new leases on life they have been given. Cory, 40, has had his new lungs for four years.

Thanks to better research, funding treatment and transplantation, CF patients, who were told in the early 1960s they would only likely live to be 10 years old, are now living longer, some into middle years and sometimes beyond. Organ recipients are always grateful to those families who have made this life-giving decision at a tragic time.

When your families and friends gather during the holiday season, have that conversation. It’s only one sentence but could save your family an anguished decision and save the lives of up to eight people.

To sign up as a donor, go to register.transplant.bc.ca

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Photos by Chung Chow


Emergency room Dr. Matthew Kwok chats with Cary Feldstein (a double lung recipient) and his daughter Sophie.



Cary Feldstein and his daughter Sophie thank staff in Richmond Hospital’s Intensive Care Unit.



From left, Jennifer Mackenzie, Chief Operating Officer of Vancouver Coastal Health-Richmond, Gail Malenstyn, and Debbie Bielech, join Sophie Feldstein, her father Cary Feldstein and Richmond Hospital’s Jodi Kortje.

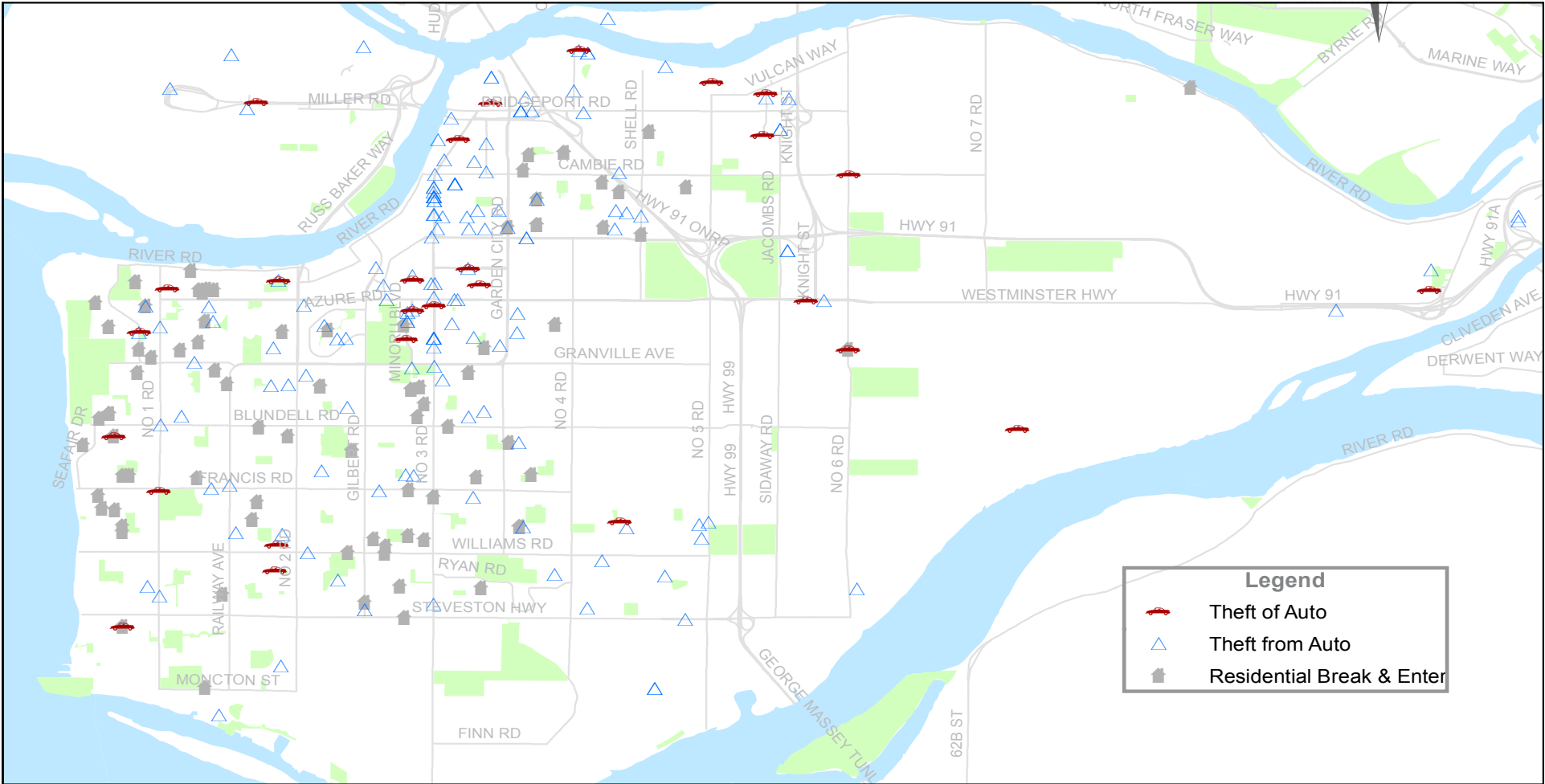


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Crime Map

November 1-30, 2018

RCMP Crime Map presented by Best Security



'Tis the season to be cautious

By **CPL. DENNIS HWANG**
Richmond RCMP

Another Fall/Winter season is upon us.

The Richmond RCMP Toy Drive was hugely successful. We appreciate the generous donations that will go a long way by putting smiles on the faces of less fortunate children. The Richmond

community never ceases to amaze us with its warmth and kindness!

The holiday season is a great time of year. However, Grinches in the guise of thieves are also working. Many people have turned to online shopping for the convenience and to avoid lineups in shopping malls. We would recommend that if you are having parcels delivered to your home, consider hav-

ing them shipped to a storage locker or location where you know someone will be able to receive it. This can greatly lessen the chances of parcels being stolen.

If you do your holiday shopping by braving the shopping malls, please make sure that when you leave your vehicle, all of your doors are secured and locked.

Before walking away, double check to ensure that nothing is left out.

This includes GPS, dashcams, loose change, personal electronics, briefcases, backpacks, purses, and the like.

If there is nothing to see, there is nothing to steal. Minimize your trips back to your vehicle to drop off any shopping related items. Store any items of value, locked in your trunk.



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One Step, A Whole City

Steveston hosting Winter in the Village

By DON FENNELL
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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Steveston.

With the first annual Winter in the Village on through Dec. 31, Richmond's waterfront village has become a winter destination for locals and visitors alike. There are more than 20 free or low-cost family events sure to bring a smile and warm your heart.

Steveston's beloved heritage attractions include:

- Britannia Heritage Shipyards National Historic Site: Celebrate the season by checking out the light displays in the old buildings and the bustling Heritage Christmas Craft Fair, as well as a pair of must-see concerts in December.
- Steveston Museum: Don't miss Lights in the Park illuminations and

regular Songs in the Snow carol concerts. The Steveston Interurban Tram will present a special winter tram event with kid-friendly crafts and refreshments, along with a three-night carolling series located outside the tram.

- Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site

A sparkling Festival of Trees and the ever-popular Cannery Farmers Market—an ideal place for gift shopping—make this a can't-miss stop on your tour through the village.

From a classic car display to Santa's official arrival by boat, or a special night out shopping event, Steveston's Winter in the Village is the place to be this festive season. To learn more about the activities, times and places, check out visitrichmondbc.com/wintervilleage

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Photo courtesy Joel Baziuk

There are plenty of great shopping opportunities in Steveston during the first annual Winter in the Village through Dec. 31.



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DEC 3 • MON	12:15pm – 2:15pm • John Knox Christian School	DEC 15 • SAT	1:30pm & 3pm • Studio Cloud 30
DEC 5 • WED	11:30am – 12:15pm • Richmond Christian School	DEC 16 • SUN	1pm & 2pm • Richmond Peace Children's Chorus
DEC 6 • THU	12pm – 2pm • Steveston London Secondary School	DEC 16 • SUN	3:30pm – 4:30pm • Windermere Vocal Ensemble
DEC 7 • FRI	12:15pm – 2:15pm • John Knox Christian School	DEC 17 • MON	1pm – 1:45pm • Richmond Chorus
DEC 8 • SAT	1pm – 2pm • Richmond Community Concert Band	DEC 18 • TUE	11:30am & 12:15pm • St. Anthony of Padua School
DEC 8 • SAT	3:15pm – 4:15pm • Marcato Youth Community Band	DEC 18 • TUE	1:30pm – 2:30pm • Palmer Secondary School
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THINGS TO DO IN RICHMOND *this winter break*



[www.richmond.ca/
winterbreak](http://www.richmond.ca/winterbreak)

Keep active inside or outside all through the holidays with dozens of fun things to do with family and friends!

Swim, skate, take a winter walk through a park, work out at one of the fitness facilities, take in an exhibition at the museum or art gallery, drop-in for a heritage tour and more.

One day activities

Take a holiday walk with the Walk Richmond group

Saturday, December 15, 10:00 am
Steveston Village, Garry Point concession start

Celebrate the season at City Centre's Winter Carnival

Saturday, December 15, 10:00 am–1:00 pm
City Centre Community Centre, 5900 Minoru Boulevard

Watch or join in the 'Songs in the Snow' community concert

Saturday, December 15, 4:00–6:00 pm
Steveston Town Square Park, 3811 Moncton Street

Celebrate the holiday season with beautifully decorated trees and live music

Saturday, December 15, 1:00–3:30 pm
City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Road

Relax at the Jingle Bell Tea

Saturday, December 15, noon–5:00 pm
Sunday, December 16, noon–5:00 pm
Saturday, December 22, noon–5:00 pm
London Heritage Farm, 6511 Dyke Road

Pick up some unique gifts at the Cannery's Farmer's Market

Sunday, December 16, noon–5:00 pm
Gulf of Georgia, 12138 Fourth Avenue

Sing a Song of Winter at the Steveston Library

Wednesday, December 19, 4:00–4:30 pm
Library (Steveston Branch), 4111 Moncton Street

Celebrate with the caroling quartet, Four Calling Birds

Wednesday, December 19, 6:00–8:00 pm
Saturday, December 22, 6:00–8:00 pm
Steveston Interurban Tram, 4011 Moncton Street

14 Days of Reading challenge!

Friday, December 21 start
www.yourlibrary.ca

Christmas Eve Movie Matinee

Sunday, December 24, 1:00–3:30 pm
55+ years
Minoru Place Activity Centre, 7660 Minoru Gate

Bundle up for the Steveston Santa Claus Parade

Sunday, December 24, 6:00–8:00 pm
Steveston Village

Spend time at City Centre Community Centre on Christmas Day working out, letting the kids play and socializing

Tuesday, December 25
City Centre Community Centre, 5900 Minoru Boulevard

Take a new year's Resolution Walk with Walk Richmond

Saturday, January 5, 10:00 am start
Cambie Community Centre, 12800 Cambie Road

Find all the Drop-in Open Gyms—family, youth, parent and tot—schedules at www.richmond.ca/winterbreak.

From arts to sports, science to baking and swimming to youth camps, check out the great programs offered while school's out. Find out more at www.richmond.ca/camps.

Ongoing activities

Take in the evening Heritage Building Light Display

Britannia Shipyard, 5180 Westwater Drive

Stroll through the Cannery—Festival of Trees

Through Monday, December 31, 10:00 am–5:00 pm
Gulf of Georgia Cannery Site of Canada, 12138 Fourth Avenue

Visit the Richmond Art Gallery's "Pierre Vassura: New Work 1983–2018"

Richmond Art Gallery, 7700 Minoru Gate

Take one of six "10 Minute Art Tours" that feature three to four public artworks

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Get a jump start on a ‘healthier you’ resolution with a workout in any of the City’s fitness centres

Cambie Community Centre, 12800 Cambie Road
City Centre Community Centre, 5900 Minoru Boulevard
Hamilton Community Centre, 5140 Smith Drive
South Arm Community Centre, 8880 Williams Road
Steveston Community Centre, 4111 Moncton Street
Thompson Community Centre, 5151 Granville Avenue
Watermania, 14300 Entertainment Boulevard
West Richmond Community Centre, 9180 No. 1 Road

Regular drop-in rates apply.

Decorate a wooden ornament

Through Monday, December 31, noon–5:00 pm
Britannia Shipyard, 5180 Westwater Drive

Walk off those holiday meals and treats with a picturesque stroll

Richmond Nature Park, 11851 Westminster Highway

Lace up your skates and glide through the holidays at the Minoru Arenas’ Winter Wonderland

Minoru Arenas, 7551 Minoru Gate

Enjoy winter-themed crafts

Through Monday, December 31
Steveston Interurban Tram, 4011 Moncton Street

Take in the live production of “It’s a Wonderful Life”

Through Monday, December 31
Gateway Theatre, 6500 Gilbert Road

Work out or drop-in to a variety of programs

Richmond Olympic Oval, 6111 River Road

Swim, play and be active this holiday season

Watermania, 14300 Entertainment Boulevard

Take in the “Obsessions: Every Collector Has a Story” exhibit at the Richmond Museum

Richmond Museum, 7700 Minoru Gate

Walk, run or cycle along any of the city’s trails and take in the scenic beauty

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Dec 23 12–4pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 24 10am–4pm	Dec 25 Closed	Dec 26 10am–4pm	Dec 27 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 28 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 29 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm
Dec 30 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Dec 31 10am–4pm	Jan 1 12–4pm 	Jan 2 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 3 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 4 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm	Jan 5 10am–2pm 2:30–6pm 6:30–9pm
Jan 6 10am–4pm						



RICHMOND SNOW ANGELS

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR THIS WINTER

Heavy snowfall can create challenges for many residents. Help reduce the risk of injuries from slips and falls by assisting seniors and other neighbours-in-need by removing snow from sidewalks and drains.

For more information on how to prepare for winter weather and to volunteer for the Snow Angels Program, visit www.richmond.ca/winter.



Call for Indigenous artists

By **DON FENNELL**
 @DFSentinel

Indigenous artists throughout BC and the Yukon are being encouraged to apply for the 2019 Emerging Artist and Mid-Career Artist Scholarship Programs.

Previously known as the YVR Art Foundation Scholarship, it has been renamed the Emerging Artist Scholarship Program to include a wider age group. Artists aged 17 to 29 are now able to apply.

Eligibility for the Mid-Career Artist Scholarship Program has also been updated. Applicants must now be aged 30 or older to apply.

The YVR Emerging Artist Scholarship Program annually provides \$5,000 bursaries to young artists to work with a mentor or study at a recognized art school. Their artwork is also exhibited at the Vancouver International Airport for one year.

Applicants are required to be of BC or Yukon First Nations ancestry; reside in BC or the Yukon; create visual art that reflects BC or Yukon First Nations culture; aspire to become a professional artist; have been accepted to study with a mentor or at a recognized art school; commit to attending the schol-

arship awards May 31, 2019 in Vancouver and also, in recognition of their completed art work, the awards May 29, 2020. Travel and accommodation is provided as part of the scholarship, and the completed art work must be received by YVR by April 30, 2020.

The YVR Mid-Career Artist Scholarship Program also provides \$5,000 bursaries to mid-career BC and Yukon artists aged 30 and over who wish to extend their work into a new scale or area. Scholarships are for studying a master artist, pursuing a special project or attending a recognized art school.

To qualify for the latter program, individuals must meet the same criteria as the emerging young artists, but have also completed basic art training including but not limited to formal education in visual arts, work with an artist mentor or a combination of similar experience.

They must also have achieved local and/or provincial recognition through public presentation of their art work, and be able to submit a portfolio of artwork that demonstrates their commitment to the practice.

In addition to being accepted to study or work with a master artist, they must also be willing to at-



Photo submitted

Kelsey Sparrow was among the winners of the 2018 YVR Art Foundation scholarships. Applications are now being accepted for the program, which is now named the 2019 Emerging Artist and Mid-Career Artist Scholarship Program.

tend a recognized school of art or work on a special project that is of cultural significance to the artist's community.

To learn more, visit: yvraf.com/programs

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Check out the priorities we set based on your input in the spring 2018, and share feedback to help us further develop our draft proposal. It could take as little as 10 minutes to contribute to Richmond's future.

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Deadline is Sunday, January 6, 2019.



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RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us

RAPS educates young people about animals



Pat Johnson

RAPS – the Regional Animal Protection Society – is, as the name implies, pretty focused on animals. But RAPS serves the people of Richmond too.

Part of the reason RAPS is such an integral part of the community is because animals make our lives, families, neighbourhoods and communities safer, healthier and happier. Being around companion animals has been shown in multiple studies to improve the health of people of all ages, reduce the effects of many common and chronic ailments and, notably, speed recovery from major incidents like surgery, strokes and heart attacks.

These are all things that are intrinsic to companion animals and, as a direct result, our work in advancing the well-being of animals advances the well-being of people at the same time.

In addition to this natural positive “side-effect” of hanging out with an-

imals, an important part of RAPS’ work is to educate the public, especially young people, about safety around domestic animals and about responsible pet ownership.

Mandy Lichtmann, the community development and volunteer coordinator at RAPS, helps deliver these important outreach messages to a whole range of audiences. In some cases, small groups come to the RAPS Cat Sanctuary or City of Richmond Animal Shelter. In other cases, RAPS representatives travel to schools and other places to bring our message to the audiences.

“We go to classrooms, often with a really kid-friendly animal, and talk to them about the benefits and responsibilities of pets,” she says. “To the younger kids, we speak about being a responsible pet owner, family responsibilities for owning a pet and making sure that everybody in the house is on board and keen to have a new family member. We really stress that animals are family members.”

For some kids, she says, it’s the first time petting an animal.

“In addition to talking about safety and responsibility,” Lichtmann says, “we speak about advocating for the animals in our community, whether it’s by putting on fundraisers or being



involved with volunteering as a group project or as individuals volunteering for the older kids.”

Many Richmond schools are involved with RAPS, either through volunteerism, raising money for the animals through events like bake sales, or via animal-related school clubs.

Patients from Children’s Hospital have visited RAPS, as have residents at Canuck Place. In summer, and on school breaks, kids camps and other

groups drop by to learn about the animals.

“We know that animals make people happy and healthy,” says Lichtmann. “We are glad to be able to bring greater compassion and understanding about animals to all people in Richmond – especially young people.”

Pat Johnson is communications director of the Regional Animal Protection Society, RAPSbc.com.

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News and Information from the City of Richmond

Richmond moving forward on Smart Cities vision

A safer community, improving service delivery for all citizens and bridging language barriers are key outcomes of the City of Richmond’s Smart Cities Challenge proposal. Richmond is a finalist in the national competition, vying for a \$10 million prize.

The City’s proposal is based around the creation of an Intelligent Operations Hub that will seamlessly integrate data and coordinate emergency response, while also enhancing day to day service delivery of key local services and public communications.

The public is encouraged to learn more about the Smart Cities Challenge and help shape Richmond’s future by providing input on the City’s proposal at LetsTalkRichmond.ca from now through Sunday, January 6.

“Richmond is excited to be a finalist in the Smart Cities Challenge,” said Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie. “It is a great opportunity to make our community more resilient and improve quality of life for all residents. We will build upon our award-winning Digital Strategy and use the power of technology to make Richmond a truly Smart City.”

The City’s proposed Intelligent Operations Hub would link existing and new data streams and asset

management platforms across jurisdictions to effectively respond to incidents that could be as small as traffic congestion due to a rain event, or as big as a major earthquake. This initiative will enhance the daily lives of citizens, while improving community resilience to major events and protecting critical local and national infrastructure in Richmond. The proposal is aimed at achieving four key outcomes that will:

- protect a vulnerable island city;
- integrate citizen, infrastructure and emergency data and communication platforms;
- bridge language barriers; and
- create scalable mobility systems that enhance daily life and improve emergency response rates and recovery times.

The Smart Cities Challenge is a national competition that encourages communities to adopt a smart cities approach to improve the lives of their residents through innovation, data and connected technology.

More than 200 communities from across Canada submitted applications to the Smart Cities Challenge, which was created by the Government of Canada. An independent panel of 13 jurors assessed the proposals and



Improved emergency response and enhanced day-to-day public service are key outcomes of the City of Richmond’s Smart Cities Challenge proposal. Richmond is a finalist in the national competition, vying for a \$10 million prize.

20 finalists were announced on June 1, 2018. The final proposals are due in March 2019 and winners will be announced in spring 2019.

Richmond has formed a number of staff teams, who are working alongside a variety of external partners from other government agencies, First Nations and business and community partners, to prepare the City’s final submission. A Smart Cities Advisory Committee with representatives from many of the partners has been formed to help guide this process.

Extensive community engagement

is also being undertaken to ensure the final proposal reflects the needs and interests of local residents and businesses, including the current public survey on LetsTalkRichmond.ca. Further public engagement activities are being planned for January and will be announced soon. To learn more about the proposal visit the project website at smartcity.richmond.ca.

For more information on the Challenge, visit the Infrastructure Canada (INFC) website: www.infrastructure.gc.ca/cities-villes/index-eng.html.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

Community Safety Committee 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 11 Anderson Room Richmond City Hall	Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 17 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall	Public Works & Transportation Committee 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 19 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall	Special Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 19 Council Chambers Richmond City Hall
General Purposes Committee 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 17 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall	Planning Committee 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 18 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 19 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall	

For meeting agendas and reports visit www.richmond.ca. Agenda and reports are usually posted the Friday prior to meetings.

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Beyond, Every Day.

Community gets into Christmas spirit

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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There's been evidence of plenty of Christmas spirit throughout Richmond in the weeks before Dec. 25.

At The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Steveston, the team, under the guidance of owner Steven Chang, has been collecting non-perishable food donations for the Richmond Food Bank, with specially-decorated donation bins set up at Coast Capital Savings, and Steveston Community Centre.

The food drive, which collected enough food for nearly 500 people, was organized by staff and volunteers at The Medicine Shoppe, who dedicated their time after school and on weekends. The effort was in keeping with Chang's philosophy of giving back to the community and helping others.

Meanwhile, students, staff and par-

ents at St. Joseph the Worker elementary school held their annual toy drive late last month, with students bringing in toys that were donated to the Richmond Christmas Fund and B.C. Children's Hospital.

The school also held their 22nd annual Guardians Gala, a semi-formal event held every November to raise funds in support of the school and its students.

Meanwhile, the Country Meadows Senior Men's Golf Club, founded in 1995, has been helping local families in need, including 11 families this year who will receive children's clothes, gifts, household items and a Christmas dinner for eight thanks to more than \$4,000 in donations.

The club also supports prostate cancer research at the BC Cancer Agency, and has raised more than \$13 million over the years.

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Photo by Paul Fraser

Posing with the Christmas train at St. Joseph the Worker school are Lynn Whitlock and students Isabel Saldanha, Tiffany Martin, Melania Yohanna, Isaac Chan and Leilani Dang.

Make plans for family fun and fitness at the pools this holiday season!



This year's holiday schedule runs December 22 to January 6.

Find schedules, fees, when slides are open, Fitness Centre hours and more at www.richmond.ca/aquatics.



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Brother Benjamin Ripley, Father Martin Bettin, Father Joseph Glaab, and Vince Uy at St. Joseph the Worker’s 22nd annual Guardians Gala.



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The Country Meadows Senior Men’s Golf Club has been helping local families in need.



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After 100 years, BC Hockey focuses on the future

By **DON FENNELL**
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As BC Hockey commemorates its 100th anniversary with a year-long celebration of Canada's favourite pastime, the newly-formed Richmond Jets represent the future.

Officially recognized as a minor hockey association May 27, the Jets are the result of a merger between two previously long-established local programs (Richmond and Seafair) that dated back to the 1960s. Reflective of their moniker, the Jets' mission is to further grow the game by being "dedicated to providing an accessible opportunity for the youth of our community to grow through sport." Guided by the values of fair play, respect and inclusiveness, the goal is to promote determination and hard work as a path to success and to make hockey fun and enjoyable for all.

Organized hockey in B.C. dates back to 1912, with the first amateur league organized under the BC Amateur Athletic Union. Seven years later the BC Hockey Association was formed, with Premier John Oliver its honorary president. There were only three ice rinks in the province at the time, and the game—in B.C. at least—was still seven a side. It wasn't until 1933 when, with unanimous support of members, divisions for midget- and juvenile-aged players debuted. Playdowns were first held five years later. Bantam became a reality in 1960 and Peewee in 1969.

"BC Hockey has been integral in helping to grow the game of hockey in our province," says Richmond's Lynne Kiang, president of Pacific Coast



Photo by Don Fennell

Richmond's Lynne Kiang is president of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association.

Hockey Association, which represents the district from Sunshine Coast to Hope and Whistler to Surrey. "They are involved in hockey at all levels from minor to the NHL and international game. The upcoming World Junior Hockey Championships (Dec. 26 to Jan. 5) is an example of the scope of involvement that BC Hockey brings. They also support grassroots programs, elite development, coaching, refereeing and volunteer support. BC Hockey also provides the different districts the opportunity to share and learn from each other."

Kiang notes that amateur hockey is mostly run by volunteers and is proud of the way they step up.

"There is a lot of passion and emotion in hockey, and that is also exhibited by the many volunteers. Through thick and thin, as was recently demonstrated when the Humboldt team bus

crashed, I think it is amazing what the hockey community accomplishes together."

In the Pacific Coast region, the 42 member associations offer an array of programs for youth aged four to 21, but also contribute to the fabric of their communities. Female hockey is thriving in the Lower Mainland, and the area also sports Junior B, Junior A, university, the Western Hockey League and the National Hockey League.

Kiang says the game has changed significantly over the years and perhaps the most progress has been made on safety.

"This includes equipment changes for players, safety policies for minor associations and for teams and team officials and support of programs like the Hockey Canada Safety Program, Respect In sport and the Concussion Awareness Training Tool, as well as

improved training for on-ice officials. Removing bodychecking from recreational hockey is another example of a positive change for safety."

But Kiang says sportsmanship between players, fans and toward officials in an area that still needs work.

"Hockey is an amazing sport but it is hurt by the images of the poor sportsmanship of just a few," she says. "I also believe that the cost of playing hockey has to continue to be addressed. Too often, I hear of stories of families choosing other sports because of the cost. This is not good for hockey in general. Thirdly, I think that we need to be doing more to bring new players into the game, especially at the younger ages and for female hockey. In general, the trend is towards lower registration and we need to reverse this trend. Programs like First Shift and the Canucks Learn to Play are excellent examples of fun and inexpensive introductions to the game."

This year, Pacific Coast is also making advances like embarking on electronic scoresheets. And Kiang is looking forward to many more exciting developments.

As a whole, BC Hockey has come a long way from its early days and shown leadership and innovation. It was BC Hockey that proposed a nationwide celebration of the game that became Minor Hockey Week, and introduced the mandatory wearing of helmets.

Today, BC Hockey oversees some 58,000 players, 10,000 coaches and 4,600 officials and 20,000 volunteers while being committed to positive life-long hockey experiences.

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Sutherland shares the official story

By DON FENNELL
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Though it was 18 years ago, for Kelly Sutherland it's as if it was yesterday. His first NHL game.

"I remember Rob Blake of the LA Kings coming up to me on his first shift, congratulating me, and telling me to have a great career. After that, it was all back to business."

Fast forward, and Sutherland is now one of the league's senior referees nearing 1,200 games officiated. And Blake is approaching two years as general manager of the Kings.

How time flies.

Growing up in Richmond, Sutherland, 47, realized early that his prospects of making the NHL as a player were slim. At the time, size was still a priority, so Sutherland wisely changed his focus to the art of officiating. Advancing through the ranks, from minor hockey to the WHL, he demonstrated a calm demeanour and ability to communicate that earned him wide-spread respect from coaches and players alike. It wasn't long before the NHL came calling, and on Dec. 19, 2000 he refereed his first game at the Great Western Forum in Inglewood, California between the Kings and Atlanta Thrashers (now the Winnipeg Jets). Three years later, he earned his first playoff assignment working a series between the New Jersey Devils and Boston Bruins. The quality and consistency of his work has been further recognized through the years with five Stanley Cup finals (the latest being last year's series between the Washington Capitals and Vegas Golden Knights), an all-star game, the 2015 Winter Classic, the 2016 World Cup of Hockey, and the 2014 gold medal game at the Olympic Winter Games.

Sutherland considers it an honour to have worked so many memorable games.

"I will always remember my first



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

Richmond's Kelly Sutherland has enjoys widespread respect among players and coaches in the NHL.

NHL game, but there are many more including my first Stanley Cup final between Philadelphia and Chicago in 2010," he says. "I was working Game 6 and Patrick Kane scored in OT to win the Cup for Chicago. Being on the ice for that was very memorable. When you are working, everything is a blur. You are so in the zone that you don't realize until it is over. It is when you decompress that it all sinks in. It is why my first final is very memorable. It was hockey at the highest level of pressure, with the highest stakes."

Sutherland says last year's Stanley Cup Finals were notable because of the interaction by the fans, while the

Winter Classic is so different from working in a regular arena because the cheers from the crowd are delayed.

"The fans are so far away and when they cheer it is like rolling thunder coming in," he says. His memories of the Olympics in Sochi, Russia reflect the values Pierre de Coubertin most envisioned when he revised the modern Games.

"I will long remember the crew he was fortunate enough to work with," he says. "It didn't matter what country we were from, we were chosen to work because we were trusted to maintain the integrity of the game. We

were all born Canadians, but we were still trusted by Canada's opponent (Sweden) as the best to do the job."

Sutherland has had many role models in his climb up the officiating ladder. Growing up, it was his dad and his friends who officiated with him.

As he moved up the ranks, Sutherland continued to be a sponge learning as much as he could from co-workers. In the NHL, that list included such legendary referees as Bill McCreary, Paul Devorski, Dan Marouelli and Kerry Fraser.

"I tried to take from each of them

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something that would me do my job better," he explains. "They all had so much to offer."

His advice to aspiring officials is to be patient, and when the opportunity comes to execute it to the best of your ability.

"Never take a night off. Someone is always watching and noticing," he says.

Ben Kiang is one of those young referees Sutherland has inspired to take up officiating. As he climbs the proverbial ladder, the young Richmondite keeps a close eye on his longtime idol.

"Knowing that someone from my hometown was able to make it really motivated me to pursue officiating at a higher level," says Kiang. "Every time you walk into the Richmond Ice Centre, you see his jersey and it's a constant reminder of what is possible."

Kelly is a smaller guy like myself, so I have always tried to learn as much as I could from him."

Kiang appreciates Sutherland's well-established and highly-regarded communication skills.

"Watching clips of him mic'd up during the play-offs really shows how much respect the players and coaches have for him," Kiang says.

One of the more important lessons Sutherland took away is being able to block the outside noise and just focusing on doing the job.

"It is the only way to do the job successfully—eliminate as many distractions as possible and just focus on the task at hand," he says.

Sutherland is also proud of his ability to effectively communicate with players and coaches, having built up a rapport over the years that is so important.

"Rapport and respect are most important. You earn those from having good judgment and doing the job well," he says.

Preparing for another game day, Sutherland sits down for breakfast with his crew before hitting the gym for a light workout. At lunch, the crew meets again to discuss tonight's game.

The schedule can be a grind at times, and Sutherland cherishes the time he's able to spend with his family, and being able to sneak out for the odd round of golf.

But Sutherland is eternally grateful for his path in life.

"The games and career have been everything I could have dreamed of," he says. "The best part is the team of NHL officials I have been able to part of. A truly great family. When we leave the rink after a game, as long as both teams know we worked hard and did everything on my crew's part to uphold the integrity of the game. The ultimate goal for me as an official is that win or lose, the teams involved felt a fair game took place."

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Honoured to be inducted to Richmond Sports Wall of Fame

Sports officials generally see themselves as the Rodney Dangerfields of their profession. Outside of the close officiating family, there's isn't a lot of acknowledgement for the important roles they play. That leaves accolades few and far between.

So when longtime NHL referee Kelly Sutherland (whose NHL jersey hangs prominently in the Richmond Ice Centre lobby to inspire local youth) learned he was being inducted to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame recently, he was naturally elated. And a little surprised.

"This recognition is truly an honour," he said, quick to credit the many people that have helped him along the way to his success.

"People who gave me opportunities and guidance, mentors on and off the ice, as well as my teammates I go to work with every game. I owe them all a great amount of gratitude," he says.

"And last but not least, my family who have been my greatest supporters through good and tough times. This award would not have been possible of not for everyone's



Photo by Chung Chow

Recently inducted into the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame, Richmond's Kelly Sutherland has enjoyed a stellar career as a NHL referee.

help."

Sutherland, who began officiating locally at the age of 11, cherishes the fact he made it to the top of his profession, and is even more appreciative now that he is a senior

referee in the NHL.

"I get to lead my team by example, and share knowledge and wisdom with the next generation of referees coming into the league," he says. (Hockey) is a great game

to be part of, and I have been very fortunate to have made a career of it. Even after all these years, there is not a day I don't enjoy going to work."

— By Don Fennell

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Jets hosting 38th holiday hockey classic

By DON FENNELL
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Seven years ago, one of the NHL's current young guns spent a portion of his Christmas holidays playing hockey in Richmond.

And even then it was apparent Auston Matthews was special.

The Toronto Maple Leafs' star centre was a member of the Arizona Bobcats U16 AAA team participating in the Midget Major Division at the 2012 Richmond International Bantam Midget Hockey Tournament. Sporting his familiar No. 34, he scored seven goals (nearly a quarter of his team's total) in seven games to lift his team to a 5-2 record.

The tournament has been a launching pad for other future NHLers as well, notably former New Jersey forward Scott Gomez who suited up for a team from Anchorage, Alaska in the 1990s. Alaska has been a consistent supporter of the tournament, sending several teams each year.

The 2018 tournament, sponsored



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Hungary was a winner at the 2017 Richmond Bantam Midget tournament.

by the Sheraton, Marriott and Hilton Vancouver Airport hotels, will be the 38th annual and the first with the Richmond Jets (an amalgamation of Richmond and Seafair minor hockey associations) as hosts. It is scheduled for Dec. 26 to 31 with games at Minoru Arenas, Richmond Ice Centre and the Richmond Olympic Oval.

In all, more than 70 rep teams will participate in the event which is one of the biggest in North America.

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McMath Wildcats' guard Caitlyn Badley-Tse takes the ball up the floor versus the Steveston-London Sharks

Wildcats poised to remain a hoop force

By **DON FENNELL**
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Richmond has been synonymous with basketball for as long as most can remember. Not that many seasons ago, arriving for a game between Richmond and Steveston hours before tip-off still wouldn't guarantee you a seat.

But while interest today remains high, there are signs times are changing.

"I am worried about the state of high school girls basketball in Richmond," says Chris Kennedy, coach of the R.A. McMath Wildcats senior team which is the only Lower Mainland squad ranked provincially.

"The loss of a junior league (this season) makes it more challenging to run programs. You look across the schools and there are not many

programs. With girls you have some good teams but not many programs."

Kennedy says it's different on the boys' side, with a number of strong and competitive programs. The top players are as good as they have ever been in the community, but there is not much of a second tier of players right now. I am not sure the cause—maybe sports specialization, maybe it is a lack of strong programs (or) maybe it is changing interests in the community."

McMath is a bit of a bubble when it comes to girls sports, Kennedy points out.

"There is a lot of participation and benefit from a number of strong community coaches," he says. "And you get parents, grandparents, alumni and community at our games. This is very unique, and it something spe-

cial that has been built. And when you look down the line McMath girls' basketball looks to continue to be a provincial contender for at least the next five years. It would be better for the game, though, if it was more like the boys with multiple teams in Richmond in the hunt every year."

The 2018-19 Wildcats appear to have all the ingredients for success. So much so, they should not only contend for city honours but also for the Crehan Cup as the best in the district.

But they've lost several key starters from last year's team to graduation, and must re-establish themselves as a dominant force. In their league opener Dec. 3 versus the Steveston-London Sharks, the Wildcats showed stretches of strong play but were not as consistent as they'll need to be to compete with

the best teams in the province.

"We turned the ball over too much and were sloppy with our passes," Kennedy says.

However, he remains confident the girls will figure it out and be on the same page by early in the new year.

"It is definitely an adjustment for us. We have three girls who played Grade 9 last year and two girls who were in Grade 7, and now we're asking them to be major contributors at the senior level," Kennedy explains. "The game is faster and more physical so that is an adjustment."

Though she is only in Grade 8, Marina Radocaj gives the Wildcats some added height, and Kennedy believes the team is deeper than it has been the last few years.

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Jayna Wilson fends off a Shark.



Elizabeth Kennedy plays keepaway.

WILDCATS

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Against Steveston-London, McMath rolled all 12 players for most of the game. They looked good, even dominating early to build up an 11-0 lead, but must take care of the ball better.

"Some of that will come with experience," Kennedy says. "There was definitely some nervousness for this game as it was seen as a key league opponent."

One bad week last year in February spoiled the Wildcats' plans, and ended their season early. They are determined to make sure that is not repeated.

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Sockeyes growing day by day

By DON FENNELL

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After starting the season undefeated in September, the Richmond Sockeyes as expected came back to earth.

But one of the youngest teams in the Pacific Junior Hockey League is still in the thick of things as we head into a new calendar year.

Trying to defend a provincial championship is no easy feat, particularly when you lose most of the team to graduation. But despite their youth, the 2018-19 Sockeyes are turning more than a few heads with their play.

"It doesn't come easy," says head coach Brett Reusch. "A lot of players want to play Junior A, and while wins and losses (Sockeyes are currently 17-7-2-1) are important there's more to it. At the end of the day we, as the Sockeyes, like to measure how many players we put up to the next level."

When Reusch and general manager Richard Petrowsky were deciding the makeup of this year's team, there were many things to consider. Replacing talented players was difficult enough. But adding individuals with strong character was equally important.

"I think we have the mix to make a good playoff run," says Reusch. "They've also been good about accepting roles (for the good of the team). Scoring goals is nice, but players also have to realize that not everyone can play the powerplay. And preventing goals is just as important as being a goal scorer."

Captain Matt Brown, one of the few returning players from the 2018 Cyclone Taylor Cup champions, says every year is different because of the developmental nature of the league. But he says seeing the Sockeyes bring in such quality young players confirms "what an unbelievable organization we have here."

"At the end of the day, with such a young team, it all comes down to buying in as a group," Brown says. "This team has really come together, regardless of how many years they've played in the league."

Obviously, one of the big contributors to the Sockeyes' success has been goaltender Jeremy Kelleway whose 1.95 goals against average is among the best in the league.

"The confidence Jeremy gives us night in and night out has been that extra boost we've needed in some of those close games," says Brown.

• The Sockeyes are scheduled to play at Langley on Dec. 12 and host Mission City Outlaws on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at Minoru Arenas. Their remaining games in December are Dec. 20 versus Port Moody Panthers at 7 p.m. at Minoru, and Dec. 23 versus Grandview Steelers at Burnaby Winter Club.

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- 41 Per person
- 42 Cannes milk
- 43 Warmth
- 44 Humdrum
- 45 Saxophone range
- 46 Endure
- 49 Punk rock offshoot
- 50 LBJ's successor

DOWN

- 1 Hot tubs
- 2 Apiece
- 3 March Madness gp.
- 4 Hat
- 5 Bank charges
- 6 Web address
- 7 Pitcher Maglie
- 8 Rise
- 9 Actress Rossellini
- 10 Scrapped mission
- 11 Handle
- 16 Favorite
- 20 Bio stat

Answers will be posted
in the next issue in
January.

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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TIC-TAC-LOGIC

A one player game, the object of the game is to place X's or O's in the squares grid. There cannot be more than two consecutives X's or O's in a row or column. There are equal of X's and O's in the same row and column and all rows and columns are unique.

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By Dave Green								
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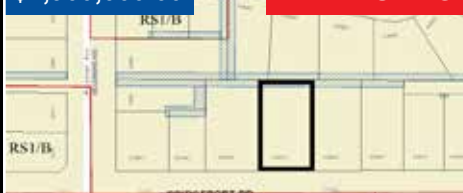
22451 Gilley Road	8 acres
22280 River Road	8.1 acres
14300 Burrows Road	5.3 acres
14400 Burrows Road	3.7 acres
11500 Westminster Hwy	0.5 acre
10451 Palmberg Road	2.41 acres
14260 Westminster Hwy	5 acres
*8720 no. 5 Road	9.8 acres

*Rarely available Zoning AG-1 for Possible Public Assembly

Call Dale for more details on any of these properties!

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NEW LISTING



10511 Bridgeport Road

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23500 Westminster Hwy

Developers/Investors - great investment property! Future Richmond "Hamilton Plan" will allow possible re-zone to multi-family. Almost 22,000 sq ft property in rapidly developing area. Rancher with several detached workshops/outbuildings. Completely fenced/gated & private with room for RV's, trailer parking, etc.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO YOU

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your trust, confidence and friendship over the years. It's you who have made my business a success!

Wishing you a New Year filled with Joy,
Peace and Prosperity.

Gurdial S. (Dale) Badh and Family.



Regional Animal Protection Society

The Regional Animal Protection Society, which was founded in Richmond and remains based in this community, is honoured to present this report to you.

Everything we do is possible because we have the support of people who understand that animals make our lives, families, neighbourhoods and communities safer, healthier and happier.

Over the past quarter-century, we have grown from a small, entirely volunteer organization into an expansive, multi-faceted agency that is responsible for the welfare of all animals in Richmond, including wildlife and livestock. Yet we remain deeply committed to our roots. Volunteerism and community support are central to every area of programs and services. Thousands of volunteers and supporters make all of this possible.

We are proudly a Richmond community organization!



2018 COMMUNITY REPORT

We wish to thank residents of Richmond for making RAPS one of the most respected animal organizations in British Columbia.



We save animals' lives. We hope to make you – and all Richmond residents – proud of our efforts. Here is how we do it:

RAPS CITY OF RICHMOND ANIMAL SHELTER

Since 2007, the City of Richmond has entrusted RAPS with the operations of the City Animal Shelter. Since then, we have saved and improved the lives of thousands of animals in Richmond. We are your voice for animal welfare and care. Together we are making a positive difference.



RAPS ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Opened in February 2018, our state-of-the-art, full-service, not-for-profit veterinary facility provides preventative care and medical treatment for your animals. When you choose the RAPS Animal Hospital, your vet fees are reinvested to save and improve the lives of less fortunate animals. We have exciting news – see inside.



RAPS CAT SANCTUARY

The RAPS Cat Sanctuary – Canada's Cat Sanctuary – is the largest in Canada and one of the biggest in North America. Many of the Sanctuary's residents come from communities in B.C. where they would have been euthanized. Because of RAPS' decades of service to Richmond, we are one of the few cities in B.C. without a feral cat problem.



RAPS THRIFT STORES

Our two RAPS Thrift Stores support our Cat Sanctuary and subsidize the RAPS Animal Hospital (keeping vet fees low for you). So many hidden treasures and deals are to be found. We welcome your donations – which help us save and improve the lives of animals while contributing to the upcycling economy!

Everything RAPS does is founded on our no-kill promise to save and improve the lives of animals.

Shelter + Sanctuary + Hospital + Foster program + Animal Food Bank + Your Support = More Lives Saved!



RAPS
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RAPS ANIMAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

Comprehensive Dog & Cat Wellness Health Services
Orthopedic, TPLO, Spay/Neuter & Other Surgeries
Digital X-ray, Ultrasound & In-house Diagnostics

***Our goal is to provide
cost-effective healthcare.***





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HOSPITAL



Dear Friends,

We are YOUR community organization committed to saving and improving the lives of animals.

This Report to the Richmond Community demonstrates the Regional Animal Protection Society's successes this past year.

Some of the success are:

- Renewal of the contract to operate the City of Richmond Animal Shelter;
- Opening of the RAPS Animal Hospital, the largest not-for-profit veterinary facility in the region. Since RAPS is an organization owned by the community for the community, our hospital is **your** hospital;
- Working with the City of Richmond to build a new City Animal Shelter;
- Providing more than \$300,000 in fully or partially subsidized veterinary assistance this year;
- Delivering \$70,000 in animal food bank assistance to households in Richmond;
- Caring for more than 1,000 animals in 2018, including strays, surrenders, fosters and other cases;
- Fostering 92 animals who have not yet been adopted;
- Caring for almost 500 cats in our Sanctuary – the largest of its kind in Canada.

RAPS exists because you want us to care for the animals in our community.

Our challenges are many. As populations increase, more stray animals need protecting. More cruelty and abuse cases require investigation. The lack of affordable or available housing affects all families and their ability to have a pet. More people and other animal organizations need help with rising costs in animal healthcare.

Richmond and all Metro Vancouver communities are growing and more people are adopting companion animals. With this growth comes challenges and the need for RAPS to advocate on your behalf. For more than two decades, Richmond has been one of Canada's most animal-affirmative cities. We appreciate that our elected officials recognize the individual and community benefits of animal companionship.

These are just some of the issues we are dealing with as part of our mandate to improve the lives of animals and people.

We have many great developments to share with the Richmond community. Thank you for reading this report. We hope it makes you proud of our successes – which are all possible because of you!

Sincerely,

FE Edmonds

Fearn Edmonds, President

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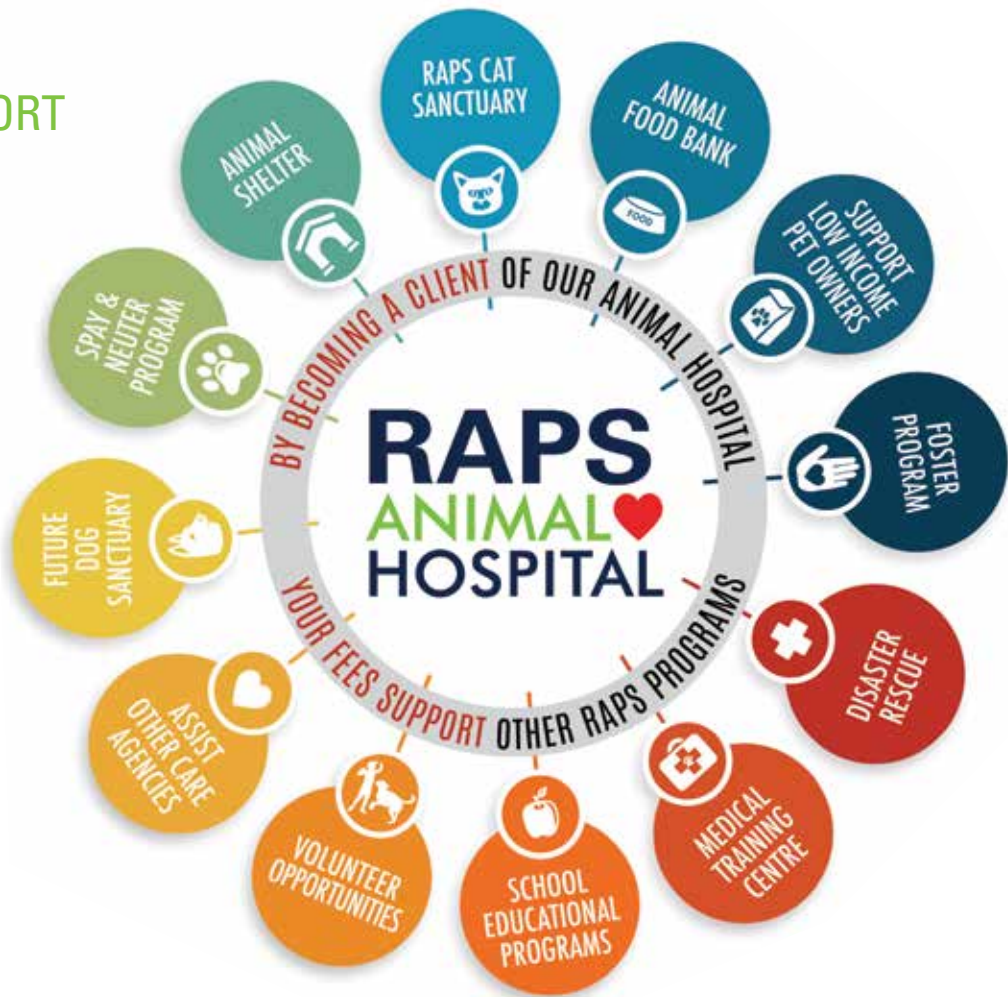
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THE RAPS ANIMAL HOSPITAL MODEL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We built the RAPS Animal Hospital to deliver affordable animal healthcare for your companion animals – and to reinvest proceeds back in the community to save animals’ lives and make life better for everyone in Richmond.

RAPS is sharing our resources with other animal agencies. We have partnered with the BC SPCA to provide affordable veterinary care at the RAPS Animal Hospital. Together, our agencies are stretching the dollars of our respective supporters to care for more animals.



RAPS CITY OF RICHMOND ANIMAL SHELTER OVER 1,000 ANIMALS SAVED	RAPS ANIMAL HOSPITAL \$300,000 IN ANIMAL HEALTHCARE SUBSIDIES	RAPS ANIMAL FOOD BANK DONATIONS \$25,000 CAT FOOD \$45,000 DOG FOOD	RAPS CAT SANCTUARY <i>Caring for</i> 500 CATS <i>Which Requires</i> 73,000 LBS IN CAT LITTER PER YEAR 400 CANS OF CAT FOOD PER DAY	DISASTER RESCUE <i>Provided</i> THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS worth of pet supplies, food and medicines to affected areas of British Columbia
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RICHMOND NIGHT MARKET
PROUD TO SUPPORT RAPS

RAPS CANADA'S CAT SANCTUARY

The RAPS Cat Sanctuary is a testament to our no-kill promise. Hundreds of cats, most of whom are unadoptable, live a life of contentment, with all the care they need and want. Many or most would have faced euthanasia in other jurisdictions.

The Sanctuary is open to the public most Sundays (check our website for details: catsanctuary.ca).

You can support the Sanctuary by **sponsoring a resident cat for \$25 a month** (tax deductible – also makes a great gift!). Your sponsorship will be recognized with a Certificate and a Feline Friend Card.

catsanctuary.ca/cat-sponsorship/



Bubbles FERAL CAT FINDS FOREVER HOME



Bubbles was a feral cat, scavenging around a neighbourhood of South Surrey. About two-and-a-half years ago, the Milliken family noticed Bubbles was spending a lot of time in their backyard – and he wasn't looking any too healthy.

They began feeding (and naming) Bubbles, but while he welcomed the nourishment, he was too long in the wild to allow them to get close.

Finally, the family all sat down together and acknowledged that Bubbles may not be well and that finding a place for him where he would receive more attention and possibly assimilate into a colony might be the best thing for him. They were also very conscious that many animal organizations would euthanize a cat with Bubbles' history and challenges.

That's why they chose RAPS, which is a no-kill organization.

The family managed to capture Bubbles, using a humane trap provided by RAPS. He was brought to the RAPS Animal Hospital for an exam and, it turns out, he's in pretty good condition for all he's been



through. He had fleas, but that was the worst of his ailments. He was neutered, tattooed and checked for infectious diseases.

The Millikens were especially heartened when they were introduced to a cat who arrived at the Sanctuary about as feral as Bubbles, but who has settled in beautifully to life in what has been called Kitty Club Med.

Bubbles photo courtesy of Michele Wright, Furry Friends Photography

WE SAVE ANIMALS' LIVES

In the past 20 years,
RAPS HAS TRAPPED,
SPAYED/NEUTERED & SAVED
THOUSANDS
OF RICHMOND CATS

As a result, there is no feral cat problem in Richmond. In contrast, Surrey has an estimated 35,000 feral cats. RAPS makes a difference in Richmond!

DID YOU KNOW?



8.8 There were
MILLION CATS

*in Canadian households in 2016,
up 20% from 2 years earlier.*

If we use these numbers to extrapolate current populations, we estimate there are **10 million** cats in Canadian households in 2018.

The average household has 2 cats. That equates to Richmond having approximately 108,000 cats in households.

REGIONAL ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY CANADA'S CAT SANCTUARY

WHERE THOUSANDS OF CATS OVER THE YEARS HAVE
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RAPS CITY OF RICHMOND ANIMAL SHELTER

For 12 years, RAPS has operated the City of Richmond Animal Shelter. We are responsible for animal protection and enforcement – and that includes wildlife and even farm animals, when necessary.

The City of Richmond has approved construction of a brand new, purpose-built Animal Shelter, which will replace the current, dated facility. RAPS is working closely with city staff to help ensure the new Shelter meets the needs of animals in our community for decades to come.

WHY RICHMOND NEEDS A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER

Current Shelter was built in 1970
Animal Populations continue to grow in Richmond and the region. RAPS estimates that ...
102,131 DOGS + 108,528 CATS
IN RICHMOND IN RICHMOND
210,659
DOGS & CATS
IN RICHMOND HOUSEHOLDS
If even 2% become strays or surrenders, that is 4,213 animals who need to be reunited or adopted each year.
LET'S KEEP RICHMOND THE MODEL IN CANADA FOR BEST PRACTICES IN ANIMAL WELFARE

RAPS SAVES ANIMALS' LIVES

Advocating for Richmond – Making a Difference



BECAUSE OF RAPS, Richmond has only a few hundred feral cats – thanks to the proactive advocacy of RAPS over the past 23 years.

BECAUSE OF RAPS, and forward-thinking residents and local governments, Richmond was the first city in Canada to mandate the spaying and neutering of pets and to ban the sale of dogs and rabbits in pet stores.

BECAUSE OF RAPS, thousands of cats have been moved into the RAPS Cat Sanctuary. This has offset thousands of dollars in expenses to City of Richmond taxpayers annually.

BECAUSE OF RAPS, Richmond is home to the largest not-for-profit animal hospital in British Columbia – welcoming you and your pets.



FOSTERING NETWORK AND ANIMAL FOOD BANK

Our fostering network is a critical piece of our no-kill model. In some jurisdictions, healthy animals are euthanized because the shelters run out of space to house them.

Thanks to the devotion of scores of dedicated animal-loving people, we have a fostering network that allows animals – especially ones that face challenges being adopted and therefore are likely to remain in-shelter for long periods – to find the resilience to prepare for the next phase of their lives.

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University studies have found that **85% of dogs and cats** over the age of 6 years old have some form of dental disease.

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*Restrictions apply. Please see www.rapsanimalhospital.com/dental-special for full details.

DID YOU KNOW?

LACK OF PET-WELCOMING EMERGENCY HOUSING means victims of domestic violence who have pets are more likely to remain in an abusive situation longer, or return to it sooner.

HOUSEHOLDS WITH COMPANION ANIMALS are likely to pay more in rent and/or live in substandard housing, due to animal-restrictive rules in rental and strata housing.

RENTAL HOUSEHOLDS WITH PETS remain in place for an average of 46 months – compared with 18 months for an average rental household. That's good for landlords.

**IT'S NOT A JOB
IT'S A CALLING**

The RAPS Animal Hospital is home to dedicated staff, including our veterinarians, who are deeply devoted to the well-being of animals and their people. Together, our veterinarians have decades of experience and come from a variety of backgrounds. Their choice to be a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) is, in each case, a calling driven by a love of animals.

When the RAPS Animal Hospital first became a possibility, two of our DVMs joined the Board of Directors to help guide the process of building a state-of-the-art animal hospital. Our lead DVM has donated hundreds of hours to establish the processes and policies for effective hospital operations that reflect the values of the Regional Animal Protection Society.

*Honey* **ONE LUCKY CAT**

We have found forever homes for thousands of cats, dogs, birds, small mammals and others who were surrendered, abandoned or otherwise homeless. But “forever home” doesn’t always mean a typical family environment.

One lucky cat – Honey – enjoys the attention of dozens of residents at Rosewood Manor, an intermediate care facility for seniors in Richmond. He had barely been in the door when he was curling up on laps or stretching out on beds throughout the facility.

The affection is reciprocated. Residents who have had pets all their lives love having Honey around. And studies show that companion animals help people ward off both minor and serious health issues and recover faster from incidents including strokes and heart attacks.


DOGTER LEVI

PHOTO: MICHELE WRIGHT,
FURRY FRIENDS PHOTOGRAPHY

As a not-for-profit, we set a vision for the hospital that is dedicated to keeping costs low for clients, oriented to breaking even rather than maximizing profits, is responsive to the community and dedicated to nurturing an enviable workplace.

Each of our DVMs, along with the staff, donate their time each week to RAPS animals and the broader community. They examine the residents at the RAPS Cat Sanctuary and go to the RAPS-run City of Richmond Animal Shelter to examine the animals preparing for adoption or who have been surrendered. They donate their time to spay and neuter clinics for abandoned animals. And they get their friends – other veterinarians – to assist RAPS in these important activities.

For the dedicated veterinarians at the RAPS Animal Hospital, caring for animals is not their job, it is their calling.




Exclusive to the RAPS Animal Hospital!

HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, used for years in human medical treatment, strengthens the body's natural healing process by inhalation of 100% oxygen.

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Coming Soon!

THE RAPS ANIMAL HOSPITAL

A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

The RAPS Animal Hospital is the foundational core of the RAPS Model. In time, it will ensure permanent financial sustainability for the organization.

Until this year, we had been spending hundreds of thousands of dollars annually on external veterinary expenses for the animals in our care. While there are some specialty procedures that still require external care, almost all our cats and dogs are now treated in-agency.

Crucially, the RAPS Animal Hospital is open to the public. The revenue from services to the public is reinvested to support all of RAPS’ programs and services. This revenue, combined with savings on external veterinary expenses, will allow RAPS to save and improve even more lives.

WALK-INS WELCOME!



RAPS ANIMAL HOSPITAL VIP PROGRAM

The RAPS Animal Hospital has created a VIP program that provides 25% off most in-hospital veterinary services, as well as other limited-time specials, to a select group of clients.

If you have not yet registered for your VIP card, please do so at www.rapsanimalhospital.com/vip-members

An ongoing special offer (time-limited) is 40% off a dental treatment. Get full details online!



HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY

The RAPS Animal Hospital is about to become the only veterinary facility in Canada providing hyperbaric oxygen therapy.


Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, used for years in human medical treatment, strengthens the body’s natural healing process by inhalation of 100% oxygen while the patient is inside a total body chamber, where atmospheric pressure is increased and controlled.

Once the hyperbaric equipment is installed and operational, our veterinarians will be advising clients on whether this therapy could be advantageous for cardiovascular, pulmonary and immune system issues, bone and tissue repair, central nervous system effects and other conditions.

This is just one example of how the RAPS Animal Hospital is a forward-looking facility offering a full range of diagnostic services, veterinary care and complementary therapies.








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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The RAPS Animal Hospital is the result of an extraordinary confluence of partnerships.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have the support of socially responsible corporate partners in this project. None of this would have been possible without the kindness of Applewood Nissan in the Richmond Auto Mall, which is providing 6,000 square feet of space to us rent-free – with a value in excess of \$500,000.

When you purchase an Applewood car – Nissan or Kia – you are supporting animals.

Once the space was confirmed, we received a strong vote of confidence from Vancity Credit Union, which provided funding for the entire project.

We were also fortunate to have a number of the contractors and suppliers who were working on the project provide generous contributions of in-kind good and services. Our contractor Mainland Ventures provided in-kind services and also found economies that helped save hundreds of thousands of dollars on the project. Mainland Ventures specializes in home renovations.

As well, CRDS donated computer hardware and software technological solutions expertise for the setup of the hospital. They are exceptional IT experts.

We'd also like to thank the RiverRock Casino Resort for being a pet-friendly hotel with partial proceeds donated to RAPS.

Applewood
NISSAN
Richmond

Vancity



RiverRock
CASINO RESORT



Euro THREE LEGS AND A WAGGING TAIL



The first RAPS animal treated at the hospital was a very special case.

Euro, a young adult German shepherd-cross, arrived at the City Shelter after being struck by a car. She suffered trauma, including nerve damage, called brachial plexus avulsion.

Amputation was indicated.

“They can do great on three legs,” says Dr. Assaf Goldberg, a vet at the RAPS Animal Hospital.

In many other jurisdictions, there would have been another option: euthanasia.

RAPS is a no-kill animal-serving organization and, because we operate the City of Richmond Animal Shelter, Richmond is a no-kill community. We would have saved Euro’s life no matter what. But because we now have an in-agency veterinary



hospital, we are able to do this with no additional impacts on our budget. That means we can save and improve the lives of more animals like Euro.

“Her prognosis was good,” says Dr. Goldberg. “Her life quality is excellent and she’s doing great.”



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. In every area of our operations, a small core staff team is supported by small armies of dedicated people who make everything we do possible.

From Kitty Comforters, who make the transition easier for new residents of our Cat Sanctuary, to dog walkers who exercise and socialize those in our City Shelter, everything depends on these folks who are so generous with their time. It’s not all glamorous. With 500 cats at our Sanctuary, there’s a lot of scooping to do. ... Be assured, though, that our volunteer coordinators will ensure you are paired with a task that meets your interests and abilities.

rapsbc.com/volunteer/



**WE MAKE FRIENDS. WE HAVE FUN.
WE GET THINGS DONE!**

WE ARE THE VOLUNTEERS OF RAPS. JOIN US!

Contact mandy@rapsbc.com to volunteer at:

**RAPS THRIFT STORES, RAPS CAT SANCTUARY,
RAPS ANIMAL HOSPITAL, RAPS CITY ANIMAL SHELTER**

RAPS THRIFT STORES

Yes, that’s right: plural! We recently opened the second outlet of the popular RAPS Thrift Store. The original store, on Granville Avenue, just east of Number 3 Road, is joined by a much-larger space at 9040 Francis Road, at the corner of Garden City.

The larger space allows us to showcase furniture and other larger items, while the Granville location is focused on antiques, housewares and smaller treasures. Both locations have a giant selection of clothing for kids, women and men. (And even, sometimes, couture for animals!)

RAPS Thrift Stores are an important revenue generator for our programs and services. They help the environment – and help all of us get things we need (or want) at amazingly low prices.



We’re upping our ask. We are so fortunate to have all this space for retail sales. And, right now, we’re doing great, thanks to the generosity of a few major contributors. However, we’re going to need a steady stream of products coming in to keep our customers happy.

Please share the message with your friends: Unlike at many thrift stores, which are operated by for-profit companies, **100% of profits from the two RAPS Thrift Stores go directly into saving and improving the lives of animals.**

And RAPS VIP members get everything at an additional 25% off our already unbelievable prices. (Get your VIP card at www.rapsanimalhospital.com/vip-members)

rapsbc.com/raps-thrift-store/



Downsizing?

Consider donating to the RAPS Thrift Stores. Moving into your first apartment? Come to the RAPS Thrift Stores for the essentials. Spring cleaning (or winter, or autumn, or summer, or garage, or closet, or toolshed cleaning?) ... think of us first. Christmas or birthday gifts? Bargains on clothes of every style for every season? We’re your destination.

RAPS 2016-2018 Financial & Other Successes

- \$800,000 turn-around in deficits and liabilities
- Hundreds of new volunteers
- Opening of new RAPS administrative offices (donated space)
- Opening of \$1 million new RAPS Animal Hospital (donated space by Applewood Nissan, financed by Vancity)
- New RAPS animal control van (donated by Applewood Nissan)
- Revitalizing the RAPS Canada Cat Sanctuary (with more upgrades to come...)
- RAPS Cat Sanctuary sponsorships up 50%
- New contract with City of Richmond for animal shelter operations and animal control
- Renovated City Animal Shelter and new trailer addition (Thanks City of Richmond!)
- Opening of a second Thrift Store at Francis & Garden City to great success
- New staff and managers throughout RAPS providing professional oversight
- Expansion of RAPS programs in Richmond
- Attracting talented new additions to the Board of Directors
- Attracting amazing new corporate sponsors
- New financial controls throughout RAPS to guarantee effective stewardship of donor support
- RAPS is now a regional organization with all assets still based in Richmond

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& ACCESSORIES - 50% OFF!! *
(INCLUDING ALL CASHMERE SWEATERS)



PARTNERSHIPS

RAPS has always sought out synergies with other organizations in the community to advance our mission of saving and improving the lives of animals. This year, we celebrate a number of new – and extremely innovative – partnerships.

PANTHER CHEER ATHLETICS

RAPS partnered with Panther Cheer Athletics for the first annual **Panther Pups & Puddles 5K Walk for RAPS**. Kids, parents, pups and friends raise money to support RAPS programs. It was so much fun last year we are doing it again on **January 12, 2019!** Join us!



KITTY SNATCH

Kitty Snatch, a casual match-three game like Candy Crush features real cat personalities in the game.

Vancouver company airG Inc., which offers a suite of multiplayer mobile games and social entertainment applications, has developed a RAPS Cat Sanctuary-branded version of Kitty Snatch. Our very own Honey Bear – one of the most beloved and recognizable residents of the Sanctuary – is the featured cat. While the game is completely free to download and play, it offers in-game purchases ... half of the revenues from which will go to RAPS to help support the cats at our Sanctuary.

Download the game at:

<https://kittysnatch.com/raps>

Have fun and know that you are helping support our animals!

KIDTROPOLIS

Kidropolis, an interactive city model designed to provide a safe, unique and realistic educational environment, invited us to brand their vet facility as the RAPS Animal Hospital.

At an official grand opening event November 17, RAPS representatives, including veterinary staff, cut a ribbon and welcomed kids and their parents to learn more about animal health care.



THE RICHMOND SENTINEL

The Richmond Sentinel is an innovative newspaper that sees community news as a civic resource and a public trust. We are thrilled that they recognize that animals make our lives, families, neighbourhoods and communities safer, healthier and happier.

The Sentinel (RichmondSentinel.ca) invited RAPS to connect with the community through a column in every issue – including a feature that showcases one of the animals available for adoption at the Shelter.

We are honoured by this partnership, which allows us to share the stories of success and challenges we face as an organization and that our animals experience with the entire community.

BC SPCA PARTNERSHIP

The RAPS Animal Hospital will provide veterinary services to the animals cared for by the BC SPCA. And, just like every client who chooses the RAPS Animal Hospital, the BC SPCA will be supporting the entire range of programs both our organizations deliver. Revenue generated from the RAPS Animal Hospital, and monies saved by the BC SPCA on animal health care, help us fund the myriad programs and services each of our organizations provides.



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THANK YOU FOR READING THIS REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY.

Everything you have read in this report has been made possible through the support of people just like you.
There are so many ways to help.

VOLUNTEER

More information about volunteering, as well as relevant forms, are online at rapsbc.com/volunteer. There's a task for every kind of animal-lover!

CAREERS

Considering animal care as a career? Already in the field and looking for exciting new opportunities in a warm, not-for-profit environment? See openings and send your resume at rapsbc.com/careers.

ADOPT OR FOSTER

Talk to your family about whether an animal companion is right for you. See who is looking for a forever family at rapsbc.com/adopt.

SPONSOR A CAT

Hundreds of residents at the RAPS Cat Sanctuary are looking for sponsors. For just \$25 a month – far less than the cost of a coffee a day – you can support one of our cats. And it's tax-deductible! catsanctuary.ca/cat-sponsorship/.

CHOOSE A NOT-FOR-PROFIT VETERINARY HOSPITAL

When you choose the RAPS Animal Hospital for your animal's care, you are helping support all the programs and services RAPS delivers ... so we can save and improve the lives of less fortunate animals! Book your first appointment online at rapsanimalhospital.com or call 604-242-1666. If you're not already a VIP, register for your special privileges today at rapsanimalhospital.com/vip-members.

SUPPORT RAPS THRIFT STORES

Donate to and shop at the two locations of the RAPS Thrift Store in Richmond:
8260 Granville Avenue, just east of No. 3 Road
9040 Francis Road, at Garden City
Details at rapsbc.com/raps-thrift-store

MAXIMIZE YOUR GIVING

We have financial experts and estate planning lawyers who volunteer their time to ensure that friends of RAPS can maximize the impact of your giving. For more information about planned giving, gifts-in-kind, corporate partnerships, securing the future of your pets and other strategies for impactful donations, call our team at 604-242-1661 or email admin@rapsbc.com.

Many businesses have matching gift opportunities for employees. To see if your employer is among them, go to rapsbc.com/matching-gift-programs/.

MAKE A ONE-TIME OR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION

Donate securely online at rapsbc.com/donate-online or call us at 604-242-1661. We are available to accept donations at all RAPS locations.

To contribute by mail, please complete the form on the following page and mail to:

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Richmond, B.C. V6V 1V8



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Use your credit card to make a donation by phone! Call us at (604) 242-1661 or donate online at rapsbc.com/donate-online

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