



2021 CIVIC BY-ELECTION



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It's about Experience and Leadership...

-  **we need a leader who represents all people**
For over 40 years I have supported people with autism, preschoolers, students, seniors and athletes of all ages.
-  **we need a leader who can help people and organizations be successful**
Spent my career helping people with/without disabilities experience success in their home, classroom, and community. I've helped community sport organizations grow their memberships and programs.
-  **we need a leader who will advocate and fight for others**
I have advocated for families to get specialized government services, funding and therapy. I have also fought for their kids to attend their neighbourhood schools.
-  **we need a leader who is open minded and willing to listen to all sides**
I do not consider myself to be on the "extreme right or left". I start in the middle, listen to everyone – and then I make my decision.
-  **we need a leader who loves Richmond and the people in it**
I think all the candidates love the city and people – but I've been doing it for over the past 60 years.



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Meet the candidates

On May 29, Richmondites will go to the polls to elect a city councillor in a civic by-election. The councillor-elect will fill the seat vacated by Kelly Greene after she was elected to the provincial legislature in the riding of Richmond-Steveston in the October 2020 B.C. election.



KEN HAMAGUCHI,
Richmond Community
and Education Party

What do you think is the biggest priority for Richmond in the next year?

Normally, housing would be the biggest priority in any year—but COVID-19 has changed all that. Dealing with COVID-19 and how we take care of each other will be the biggest priority. Hopefully we're seeing a light at the end of the tunnel with the delivery of vaccinations. If all goes well, we will soon need to look at re-opening our city. As much as that will be a welcome relief, it won't simply be a matter of returning to the "old normal." The effects and impact of COVID-19 will live on and affect our city for years to come. The city needs to be prepared to deal with the expected and unexpected challenges.

We also need to be prepared if the current vaccination plan is delayed and/or doesn't produce the results we are hoping for. Many in our community are struggling with the medical, financial and social aspects of COVID-19. If it turns out that the current lockdown measures have to be extended, then how the city continues to support our community will be critical. Strong leadership and building a strong support network will be necessary to help us get through this (which we will).

What is your preference, rain or snow?

Snow (although eventually it turns to slush which is no fun). But when it first arrives, it excites the children and it puts smiles on people's faces.

How would your long-time community engagement assist you as a city councillor?

As a city councillor it is important to have a connection to the community. My work with people with disabilities (notably autism), involvement in community sports, role as school trustee (and former board chair) and early days working in the local community centres (including the Minoru Seniors Centre), have given me a great opportunity to get to know the general public and the diverse group of service providers within the city. My experience with them has given me better insight into their needs, challenges, hopes and dreams.

But even more significant is the relationships I

have developed with our community members and organizations. Good relationships are invaluable in building trust, solving problems, dealing with conflict and working towards common goals. I have spent over 40 years building these relationships and it has been pleasure doing so, and time well spent. If elected city councillor, I will use these relationships to better serve the community—and to further build on them.



JONATHAN HO,
Richmond Community
Coalition

What do you think is the biggest priority for Richmond in the next year?

The past year has been a difficult one due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The economic repercussions of the pandemic have seriously impacted many residents, and in particular, the hardship experienced by our small business community has been momentarily challenging. The biggest priority for Richmond in the next year is to revitalize the city's economy and save jobs.

What is your preference, rain or snow?

I prefer rain. I like to go outside to feel the rain on my skin, to hear the sounds of rain pattering on car roofs, houses, umbrellas, and to smell the freshness of the air after raining.

What ideas would you propose to help support small businesses?

Richmond businesses have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, and 17,500 jobs were lost in the city in the first 11 months of 2020. Many Richmondites either lost their jobs or had their pay cheques reduced. I firmly believe that we need to revitalize the city's economy by helping out our small businesses.

My team, Richmond Community Coalition (RCC) and I will propose a \$7.8 million plan to support local business and promote a robust economic recovery. Under this plan, each household will receive a \$100 voucher. There are approximately 78,000 households in Richmond. These vouchers can only be spent on businesses in Richmond within three months.

With the "multiplier effect" in economics, it is

estimated that this plan will have the benefit of injecting \$40 million into the local economy. It will be an effective booster for the city's small businesses, speed up economic recovery, and save jobs.

This plan to revitalize the city's economy requires an investment of \$7.8 million. Funds can be allocated from the city's reserves, the COVID-19 Response Grant from the provincial government, or deferring projects that are not immediately needed.



ANDY HOBBS,
Independent

What do you think is the biggest priority for Richmond in the next year?

The No. 1 issue facing us all right now is to stay safe and healthy.

The city must make sure that it implements policies that help support small business so that jobs are protected and families' incomes are secure. We need to take steps now to not only make sure our local businesses, like restaurants, survive COVID-19 but thrive after. I have advocated for the city to expedite permits, at no cost, to allow restaurants to expand patios so they can serve more people in a safe manner.

I have also stated the city should establish a grant program in which small businesses can access money to help buy PPE such as plexiglass, masks, gloves, cleaners, etc in order to keep their workers and customers safe. Small businesses are always the first to support our local sports teams, arts clubs, etc. and we need to do what we can to help them out during their time of need.

What is your preference, rain or snow?

If I wanted snow, I would have moved to North Vancouver. That said, snow around Christmas time is welcome. Also, you don't need to shovel rain.

How would you maximize community safety using currently available resources?

I spent my entire working life keeping people safe—from when I started as a patrol officer with the VPD in 1979 to when I retired 35 years later as a



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superintendent with the VPD.

Community policing is the most effective policing model for Richmond but community safety involves a lot more than just the police and fire services. We must make sure that our local police coordinate action with other stakeholders such as the fire departments, healthcare providers, schools, community groups, etc.

The Richmond RCMP analysis of crime trends and safety issues means police must adjust priorities as needed. Not everything can be the No. 1 priority. When gang shootings escalated in Vancouver, I led the creation of the VPD's Uniform Gang Task Force. That was the No. 1 priority at the time. In Richmond, gang violence is an issue as is hate crime. Police have the resources to be flexible, work with other partners and tackle identified priorities.

Police need to be present within growing parts of our cities to ensure that people and property stay safe, which is why I have called for police stations to be built near Aberdeen Centre as well as in the Hamilton neighbourhood.



MARK LEE,
Independent

What do you think is the biggest priority for Richmond in the next year?

As Richmond hopefully moves towards economic and social recovery from COVID-19, the biggest priority is to invest in our collective humanity and ensure equitable recovery for those in our city who were struggling even before the pandemic hit.

This means a more hands-on approach from local government than is currently budgeted and a re-focus from police contracts to labour and wage justice that keeps people healthy and housed.

Now is the time for the city to take up leadership in facilitating growth of neighbourhood small businesses, new tech ecosystems, and new production opportunities. It is also long past time to explore a sub-provincial minimum wage increase to bring living wages to Richmond.

This goes hand in hand with an inevitable need to bolster the social safety nets Richmond has been working to build in recent years. The city must partner with existing organizations that serve women fleeing domestic violence, sex workers advocating for safer working conditions, drug users and migrant workers. The city needs to be a hub for resources and sharing of information between organizations, and I am eager to find out whether the member organizations of the Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee feel that is being achieved.

What is your preference, rain or snow?

Rain. I'm slightly less likely to slip and fall while dancing in the rain than I am while dancing in the snow.

What would you introduce to further bridge divides in Richmond?

Based on my experience as a translator and interpreter, the language divide in Richmond is actually the easiest to address. Large percentages of our community speak a language at home that isn't English. The bare minimum is providing language access to public services in those languages, so that all residents of Richmond are able to equally participate in civic processes.

In terms of the age divide, I want inter-generational to mean more than "youth and seniors" in Richmond. I would love to introduce youth caucuses for advisory committees and push for more grant funding for truly inter-generational initiatives.

For wealth disparity, I believe in people paying their fair share of taxes. I'm sure it will be less popular with wealthier folks, but I will advocate for progressive taxation until someone can show me a more fair way to redistribute wealth.

For the divides caused by a continuing history of white supremacy and colonization in Richmond, I am not naive enough to think that I am enough to bridge them on my own. Not everyone is even ready to start having these conversations. It is go-

ing to take a major cultural shift for most people, and our increased support particularly of Black and Indigenous voices through both policy and direct action.



DENNIS PAGE,
Independent

What do you think is the biggest priority for Richmond in the next year?

Land use is always a huge factor—regardless of year—because how we plan and shape communities impacts our daily lives immensely. Do we want communities that garner praise and appeal, such as Steveston, or do we want to continue the trend of hollowing out neighbourhoods in order to make the most profit? As councillor, I will always choose to support the development of great communities in Richmond.

What is your preference, rain or snow?

Growing up in Richmond, a snowfall was something special. It would seem at times the whole city would shut down, a stillness would overcome everything except the sounds of kids playing in the snow. We would be bumper riding, building forts and snowmen, or having snowball fights—and to this day, I still pause and enjoy a fresh snowfall.

What would you do to increase housing affordability, particularly in the developing downtown area?

My main priority as councillor is to see mixed-income communities return to Richmond—starting with the downtown core. We can work with the province to make sure Richmond is getting the support it needs to help create these developments. Seniors need to live close to amenities they require, college grads, and those starting out need places that meet their needs, and people wanting to save for homes deserve decent places to live. If we don't finally address this issue, we will continue to drive people out of our city.

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**KARINA REID,
RITE**

What do you think is the biggest priority for Richmond in the next year?

The affordable housing crisis—we need a renter's advisory board to ensure renters' voices are heard. (We should) create an anti-racism policy and collect and analyze data on hate crimes.

What is your preference, rain or snow?

Snow

What new community services would you introduce to further support residents?

- Richmond can address pressing social justice issues by engaging in creative and thought-provoking public art. Art can create healing and tell important stories in history, and creates lasting impact and a sustainable and prosperous economy. Local arts bring business, and investment in arts is needed for a vibrant city and to bring tourism back to Richmond.

- Expand services for women fleeing intimate partner violence.

- Invest in technical competence and information literacy. With COVID-19 everything was pushed to be online, but this has further left people behind.

Access is a concern and so is the skills divide.

- Further expand mental health support for youth, children and all Richmond residents.

- Support our non-profits who have been essential to all Richmond residents through this pandemic.

- Expand the Fee Subsidy Programs from \$300 to \$500. Activities and sports are needed now more than ever for mental health.

- Prioritize childcare investments to limit the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on women in the workforce.

- Support businesses to operate safely through this pandemic by expanding opportunities for the temporary patio program and other outdoor spaces.

- Create a job action plan and a mentoring opportunity to help people overcome barriers. Richmond lost 17,550 jobs in 2020, we need to help everyone affected and this requires immediate action on all levels.



**JOHN ROSTON,
Independent**

What do you think is the biggest priority for Richmond in the next year?

The biggest priority for the next year is the survival of small business. I live in Steveston and spent several years working in a native art gallery on the wharf owned by a very smart young woman who

had the ideal business in the ideal location. However the very high rent meant that the landlord was the one taking home most of the profits. So I understand the disaster that has hit Richmond small business now and how much more help is needed. The B.C. government has legislation that allows the city to give favourable tax treatment to businesses in a particular location. In the past, council has turned down my suggestion that it use that power. Let's hope we can turn that around.

What is your preference, rain or snow?

I love winter sports, but I spent several decades in a city where blizzards piled snow above car roofs and everyone spent a lot of time digging them out so give me rain any time.

Why do you think it's important for Richmond specifically to commit to environmental sustainability?

If Richmond does nothing on environmental sustainability then it is only a matter of time until we are short of food, need to consume lots of energy for cooling and disappear beneath the waves. That is why I have spent so much time on the preservation of farmland for food production, the protection of large trees to provide shade for cooling and the promotion of electric vehicles to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and slow ocean rise.

• Kay Hale, Sunny Ho and Jennifer Huang did not reply to questions by the *Richmond Sentinel's* press deadline.

To hear more from the candidates, visit richmondsentinel.ca/videos

Vote by mail available for Richmond by-election

For the first time, all eligible voters in the City of Richmond will be able to submit their ballot via mail for the May 29 by-election.

The move, made possible through a ministerial order, supports the city's commitment to delivering a safe and physically distanced by-election during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How to request a mail ballot package

Eligible voters may apply for a mail ballot package up to and including General Voting Day on Saturday, May 29 at richmond.ca/electionservices/voters/votingopportunities/mail. The online form will be available until 4 p.m. on May 27. To request a mail ballot after this time, please call 604-276-4100.

Anyone who is unable to submit an online request for a mail ballot package should contact the mail ballot office for assistance at 604-276-4100. Phone lines will be open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Who can request a mail ballot package?

All existing voters and new registrants will be able to request a mail ballot package. The mail ballot package will include instructions on

how to complete and return the mail ballot.

New registrants must meet eligibility requirements and will receive a voter registration form (200M) along with their mail ballot package. The voter registration form must be filled in completely. If the form is incomplete, the mail ballot will not be accepted.

Non-resident property electors must contact the elections office at 604-276-4100 to obtain a mail ballot package.

How to return a mail ballot package

All completed mail ballots must be received by the chief election officer at elections headquarters before the end of voting at 8 p.m. on May 29 to be counted.

It is strongly recommended that completed ballots should be placed in the mail no later than May 14 to ensure delivery by the May 29 deadline. After May 14, completed mail ballots can still be returned:

- in the drop box at Richmond City Hall;
- at an advance voting opportunity; or
- at one of the 10 voting places on General Voting Day.

Cameras coming to Richmond intersections

Reflecting its strong focus on safety, the City of Richmond recently introduced intersection video cameras on many of its major streets.

In total, 110 intersections will feature the cameras.

"Having video cameras at over half of Richmond's intersections is an important road safety and traffic management initiative that will positively impact road users in Richmond," said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "By providing the city more accurate data, traffic planning to increase safety and potentially mitigate vehicle congestion will increase. The cameras will also enhance community safety as camera footage will be available for up to 30 days, to assist in vehicle-related incidents."

The launch of the intersection video cameras will be gradual over the coming weeks. In support of the city working with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC), camera footage will not be available at an intersection until the signs, indicating the cameras are operating, are visible to the public.

While the aim of the program is to make Richmond roads safer, steps have been taken to ensure privacy is maintained. Again, to support the city's work with the OIPC, it is in compliance with regulations and will not collect video footage of a sufficient resolution quality to identify facial or licence plate data. The cameras will not be used for generic surveillance or observation.

The public and businesses may apply to purchase video footage from the cameras to assist in legal or other matters such as evidence of collisions. Video footage can be requested within 20 days of the recording date. Footage will be



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

Intersection video cameras are debuting today (April 28) at Richmond intersections.

purged after 30 days and will no longer be available. The cost of footage will be \$375 plus GST and service charge per request and the application for footage will be made online through the city's MyRichmond portal.

For more information, visit richmond.ca/videorequest or email trafsig@richmond.ca.

Asphalt Paving Advisory

The City of Richmond has contracted All Road Construction to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond from **March 8 to October 15, 2021**:

PROPOSED 2020 PAVING LOCATION DETAILS

Garden City and Alderbridge Way	Intersection only
8000 Block Westminster Hwy	Eastbound lanes only
Bridgeport Road and Viking Way	Intersection only
6000 Block Cooney Road	Granville Avenue to Westminster Highway
11000 Block No. 3 Road	Intermittent spot repairs for vibrations
8000 Block Lansdowne Road	No. 3 Road to Garden City Road
10000 Block No. 4 Road	Williams Road to Steveston Highway
11000 Block Railway Avenue	Steveston Highway to Moncton Street
Colbeck Road	
Palmberg Road	
Kozier Drive	Vibration complaint
8117 No. 1 Road	Vibration complaint
6651 Blundell Road	Westbound lane – vibration complaint
13000 Block Cambie Road	Jacombs Road to No. 6 Road
Gilbert Road	Northbound lanes (River Road to Elmbridge Way)

Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Night time work hours will be from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (typically).

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

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

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

Questions may be directed to Wasim Memon, Supervisor, Engineering Inspections, at 604-276-4189, or visit the City's paving program webpage at www.richmond.ca (City Services > Roads, Dykes, Water & Sewers > Construction Projects > 2020 Paving Program).

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Lawn watering regulations now in effect

Metro Vancouver's annual lawn watering regulations took effect May 1 and will continue through Oct. 15. The restrictions are in place to conserve the region's high quality treated drinking water and ensure sufficient water reserves are available through to the rainy fall season.

The watering regulations are part of the Metro Vancouver's multi-stage Drinking Water Conservation Plan and are supported and enforced by the City of Richmond through Richmond's Water Use Restriction Bylaw No. 7784.

Stage 1 watering restrictions began May 1. Stricter stages of water restrictions may be implemented by Metro Vancouver as needed based on water supply within the region.

Stage 1 lawn watering regulations are as follows:

Residential lawn watering allowed:

- Even-numbered addresses: Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 4 to 9 a.m.
- Odd-numbered addresses: Thursday and Sunday mornings from 4 to 9 a.m.

Non-residential lawn watering allowed:

- Even-numbered addresses: Monday mornings from 1 to 6 a.m. and Friday mornings from 4 to 9 a.m.
- Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesday mornings from 1 to 6 a.m. and Friday mornings from 4 to 9 a.m.

Trees, shrubs, hedges, decorative planters and flowers and edible plants

- Permitted any day, from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. (residential) and 1 to 9 a.m. (non-residential) if using a sprinkler, or any time if hand watering or using drip irrigation. All hoses must have an automatic shut-off device.
- Edible plants can be watered anytime.

For more information and videos about Metro Vancouver's lawn watering regulations, water-wise lawn care and everyday water conservation tips, visit: www.metrovancouver.org/services/water/water-conservation/Pages/default.aspx

Schools to offer new one-year online option

By HANNAH SCOTT

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

Online learning will continue for Richmond students next year.

School trustees decided recently on a one-year "distributed learning" program that will allow students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 to continue their education from home.

The program differs from this year's "transitional learning" model, in which students who choose to learn from home will continue to be registered at their school. In next year's program this will not be the case, except for students with severely compromised immune systems.

All Grade 8 and 9 students will be enrolled in the same eight courses, with no electives offered. They will also be required to attend in-person meetings about once a week for assessment or other activities.

For all students who will learn from home, parents or guardians must be available daily to support and monitor learning. They must also provide an electronic device and internet connection.

The district has always viewed the transitional learning program as temporary. Superintendent Scott Robinson said at last month's school board meeting that it was expensive, as the district effectively paid for each student twice (once for their virtual learning allowances and once to hold their



Photo via flickr.com

Students in Richmond can choose to learn from home next year thanks to a new one-year program.

spot in their neighbourhood school). This year's program was largely funded by a one-time federal grant.

Robinson said about 40 per cent of the 4,000 students originally learning from home this year have not returned to school.

Families who want their children to continue to

learn virtually next year must complete a transfer form by May 14. Forms received after that date will be considered late, and students will be placed on a waitlist.

A letter will be sent out to parents in English and Chinese to communicate the options for next year.

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School district deliberates on budget shortfall

By HANNAH SCOTT

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

The Richmond School District is facing a \$7.2 million budget shortfall for next year.

"There is no question that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to negatively impact our 2021-2022 base budget," said Roy Uyeno, the district's secretary-treasurer.

Uyeno said this year there was a negative impact on student enrolment, both domestic and international, resulting in lower operating revenues.

Additionally, a number of changes were required to support the district's "transitional learning" program, which allowed students to learn from home while remaining registered at their school. Health and safety protocols were also added to make schools safer. These changes were made possible through \$93 million in federal grants.

Projected cuts would affect teachers as well as some district-based administrative and support staff—including three elementary counselling



Photo by Hannah Scott

The Richmond School District faces a \$7.2 million budget shortfall for next year, with many jobs projected to be cut to balance the budget.

"Fair is fair," he said. "If cuts must be made, it must be done justly and equitably."

The budget process will be completed by May 26, which is the date of the next scheduled school board meeting. Members of the public can watch the meetings live via Zoom.

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support workers and one education assistant consultant.

At April's school board meeting, Richmond Teachers' Association president Liz Baverstock said she would like to see the district use money from the COVID-19 contingency funding set aside last year to avoid some cuts. She added that the association continues to advocate for additional funding from the provincial Education Ministry.

Ian Hillman, president of CUPE Local 716, said the projected cuts disproportionately affect teachers and support staff rather than reducing every employee group equally.

2021 Richmond By-Election

On Saturday, May 29, 2021, eligible voters in Richmond will be electing one Councillor as a result of a vacancy in November 2020. The new Councillor elected will serve along with the other members of Richmond City Council until the next scheduled General Local and School Election on October 15, 2022.

Since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic, elections and by-elections have safely taken place in British Columbia in order to serve the democratic interests of communities. For the Richmond 2021 By-Election, voters, candidates, candidate representatives, and election staff safety will be paramount. Detailed safety plans are available at richmond.ca/elections.

Are you eligible to vote?

You may vote as a resident elector if you:

- are a Canadian citizen
- are at least 18 years old on General Voting Day (Saturday, May 29, 2021)
- have lived in Richmond for at least 30 days before registering to vote
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months before registering to vote
- are not disqualified from voting by law

Non-Resident Property Elector

If you own property in Richmond, but do not live in the City, you may be eligible to vote in the 2021 Richmond By-Election. Visit richmond.ca/elections to find out more information.

When and where can you vote?

There are three ways you can vote:

1. General Voting Day

General Voting Day is on Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On General Voting Day you will be able to vote once at any of the voting locations.

Please come to the voting place prepared with two pieces of ID. One piece must include your signature.

The voting places for General Voting Day are:

- Burnett Secondary School: 5011 Granville Ave
- Cambie Secondary School: 4151 Jacombs Rd
- Cook Elementary School: 8600 Cook Rd
- Hamilton Elementary School: 5180 Smith Dr
- MacNeill Secondary School: 6611 No. 4 Rd
- McMath Secondary School: 4251 Garry St
- McNair Secondary School: 9500 No. 4 Rd
- Richmond Secondary School: 7171 Minoru Blvd
- Steveston-London Secondary School: 6600 Williams Rd
- Talmey Elementary School: 9500 Kilby Dr

2. Advance Voting Days

Vote once on any of the following days and at any of the following locations between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.:

Saturday, May 15

- Cambie Secondary School: 4151 Jacombs Rd
- McMath Secondary School: 4251 Garry St
- McNair Secondary School: 9500 No. 4 Rd
- Richmond City Hall: 6911 No. 3 Rd

Wednesday, May 19

- Richmond City Hall: 6911 No. 3 Rd

Thursday, May 20

- Richmond City Hall: 6911 No. 3 Rd

Saturday, May 22

- Cambie Secondary School: 4151 Jacombs Rd
- McMath Secondary School: 4251 Garry St
- McNair Secondary School: 9500 No. 4 Rd
- Richmond City Hall: 6911 No. 3 Rd

3. Mail Ballot

For this By-Election, the City of Richmond is offering ALL eligible voters the opportunity to vote by mail.

How to obtain a mail ballot package

Eligible voters may apply for a mail ballot package up to and including General Voting Day on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

To obtain a mail ballot, please visit our website at richmond.ca/electionservices/voters/votingopportunities/mail.htm, or contact the Elections Office at 604-276-4100.

The online form will be available until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. To request a mail ballot after this time, please call 604-276-4100.

How to return a mail ballot package

All completed mail ballots must be received by the Chief Election Officer at the Elections Office before the end of voting at 8:00 p.m. PST on Saturday, May 29, 2021 to be counted.

Completed ballots should be placed in the mail by Friday, **May 14** at the latest. After **May 14**, completed mail ballots may be returned:

- to the drop box at Richmond City Hall
- to an advance voting opportunity
- to one of the ten voting places on General Voting Day

Packages received after 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 29, 2021 cannot be accepted and your vote will not be counted.

Once you have requested to vote by mail ballot, you cannot vote at the regular or advance voting opportunities.

Note: It is the responsibility of the elector to return the ballot by the deadline noted above.



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Visit richmond.ca/elections
for more information.



How do you register to vote?

First, find out if you are already registered to vote in the 2021 Richmond By-Election by visiting richmond.ca/electionservices/voters/votingopportunities/votingplaces/SearchVotersList.aspx or contacting the Elections Office.

You may register to vote at any voting opportunity. Please come to the voting place prepared with two pieces of ID. One piece must include your signature.

You also have the option of registering when requesting a mail ballot package by visiting richmond.ca/electionservices/voters/votingopportunities/mail.htm.

If you are a non-resident property elector, please contact the Richmond Elections Office.

Examples of acceptable ID (not limited to these):

- BC Driver's Licence
- BC Identification card issued by ICBC
- BC Services card (includes both non-photo BC Services card or photo BC Services card)
- Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC
- BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard
- Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8 ("Monthly Form EA181")
- Social Insurance Number card
- Canadian Citizenship card
- Property tax notice
- Credit card or debit card
- Utility bill (including electricity, natural gas, water, telephone services, cable services)
- Birth Certificate
- Canadian Passport
- A Certificate of Indian Status
- Old Age Security Identification card
- Canadian Forces Photo ID

What are the options for accessible voting?

If you are a person who has a physical disability, illness, and/or injury that may affect your ability to vote, you may:

- Bring a family member to assist you with reading or marking your ballot. Note: due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, you are only allowed to bring someone that is a current member of your household.
- Request to vote by mail.
- Request to use an accessible ballot-marking device (available at Richmond City Hall on advance voting days and Richmond Secondary School on General Voting Day) using a touchscreen, Braille, rocker paddle device, sip and puff device, and/or descriptive audio.
- Request to have curb-side voting at the voting place. Call the Elections Office once you arrive at the voting place.

Voting places are accessible to people who use wheelchairs or mobility scooters.

What if you need help with translation?

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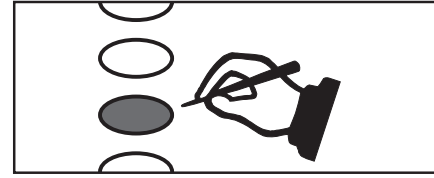
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In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, each candidate's city of residence is noted below the candidate's name in this Notice of Election.

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RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us

Rescue groups in Catch-22



**Eyal
Lichtmann**

RAPS is calling on the provincial government to correct a legal Catch-22 that could hurt those who rescue animals—and put the lives of animals at risk.

Along with Rebeka Breder, an animal rights lawyer and a member of our board of directors, I wrote to B.C.'s minister of labour to ask him to review labour laws that put organizations like ours in potential legal jeopardy.

The problem could arise when an organization is caught between labour relations regulations and animal cruelty laws. In the event of a labour disruption, management—including the volunteer board—could be found guilty of contravening a collective agreement, on the one hand, or of animal cruelty through failure to deliver needed care, on the other.

The Criminal Code specifically states one can be criminally liable for failure to exercise reasonable care to prevent the suffering of an animal. In case of a labour dispute, the animal rescue organization is subject to the same rules for picketing and replacement workers as any other unionized employer. The employer is not permitted to supplement care for the animals with volunteer labour. That is deeply problematic for the animal organization.

At the RAPS Cat Sanctuary alone (which is the largest in Canada), we care for hundreds of animals. Many of the cats have health issues that require regular medications, like insulin. Some of these animals could die within hours if they do not receive their daily medications.

It is well established that Canadian law recog-



Photo submitted

RAPS is calling on the provincial government to correct a Catch-22 that is a barrier for those who rescue animals.

nizes a union's right to strike as protected by the collective bargaining process. In some cases, such as frontline emergency service providers, a labour dispute may pose a threat to the health, safety or welfare of citizens, therefore an essential services designation is applied. While essential service language in legislation protects humans, it does not include similar language for the protections for the welfare of animals. If a unionized animal care organization has hundreds of animals under its care needing basic daily necessities and health care and the union initiates a strike, who will care for the animals? RAPS has hundreds of volunteers in addition to staff who provide the basic daily services for the welfare of the cats.

The lack of "essential services" designation in collective agreements in relation to animals places an animal organization's board of directors in a vulnerable legal position. More importantly, it puts the

health and even lives of animals at risk.

It is imperative that labour regulations in Canada recognize the care of animals as essential to preserve the life, health, safety and basic needs of all animals in the employer's care so that the organization is never offside with animal cruelty legislation. In the event of a labour dispute, the parties need to agree to allow employees and volunteers to provide the essential services, at regular service levels that allow for the health, safety and life of the animals.

RAPS is an organization that delivers direct care to thousands of animals every year. We are also an advocacy organization that intervenes on topics of concern to animals and their people.

The conflict between labour laws and animal protection legislation needs correcting.

Eyal Lichtmann is CEO and executive director of the Regional Animal Protection Society.

MY NAME IS BABY

Baby is a very sweet senior girl who is looking for her forever home. She has a very good personality and would make great company for any person or family. Another senior cat who also likes their space may do well with her. She is on a special diet to support her kidneys as a preventative measure. Our vets have recommended that bloodwork be done every 3-6 months to monitor all her levels. Other than that, she is as active as any 11-year-old cat can be.

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In their own words...

Why voting in May 29 by-election matters



Malcolm Brodie
Mayor

Later this month, Richmond residents will contribute to our democratic process for local government when voting to elect a new member to City Council. Our City's government impacts many facets of Richmond—from managing the overall growth of the City and its environmental sustainability—to public parks, traffic management and public safety. This by-election is another opportunity for Richmond residents to directly contribute to City decisions which may affect the quality of life in Richmond far into the future.

On Saturday, May 29, you will have a say on which new Councillor will join Council to fill a vacancy following a recent Councillor resignation. The successful candidate will serve as a City Councillor until the next regular election scheduled for October, 2022.

Fortunately, voters will have a choice on how to cast a ballot on or before May 29. Steps are being taken to carefully manage

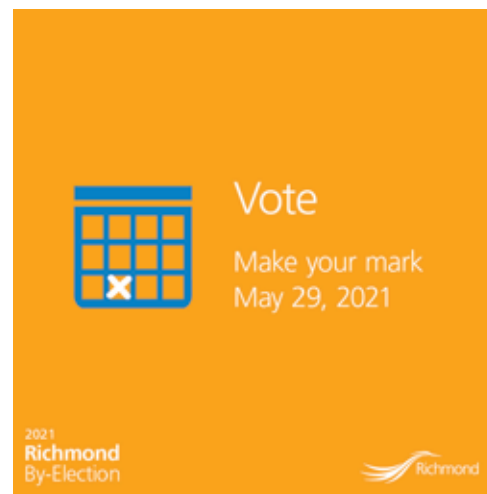
the process in accordance with public health orders and thus ensure public safety during the pandemic.

Your vote is important. So you need to make sure you are eligible and registered. You can vote if you are a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years of age on voting day as well as a resident of Richmond for at least 30 days and the Province for at least six months prior to the by-election.

This will be the first time eligible voters in Richmond will be able to cast a ballot by mail. To request a mail ballot, simply go to the Richmond by-election website (www.richmond.ca/electionservices) or call the Elections Office at 604-276-4100. Please remember that a mail ballot needs to be posted in ample time to ensure it reaches the Election Office on or before election day. Voters can also bring completed, sealed mail ballots to an advance voting station, to City Hall or to a polling location on May 29 before the 8:00 p.m. deadline.

To accommodate those who wish to cast a ballot ahead of time, the City has scheduled four advance voting days (May 15, 19, 20 and 22). The location of all voting places, including advance stations, are listed online.

You will find information on each of the candidates seeking to fill the vacant position by connecting to the City of



Richmond's By-Election website (www.richmond.ca/electionservices/candidates/councillors.htm). Please take the opportunity to learn as much as possible about each candidate. As shown in the material, each candidate has a wide range of experience which provides a real choice for the voter. Being elected to City Council is a tremendous honour but carries with it heavy responsibility.

The City of Richmond has always been a strong, diverse community. Residents appreciate our cultural heritage and the democratic process. Please—cast your ballot to choose a new City Richmond Councillor on or before May 29. Your vote really does matter.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

In accordance with public health orders, members of the public can no longer attend Standing Committee, Council and Public Hearing Meetings in person. The public can still watch all open meetings online and participate remotely.

For further information, meeting schedules and assistance, please visit richmond.ca/cityhall or contact the City Clerk's Office at 604-276-4007.

May 11 | 4:00 p.m.
Community Safety Committee

May 12 | 3:30 p.m.
Development Permit Panel

May 17 | 4:00 p.m.
General Purposes Committee

May 17 | 7:00 p.m.
Public Hearing

May 18 | 4:00 p.m.
Public Works & Transportation Committee

May 25 | 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

May 26 | 4:00 p.m.
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

May 27 | 3:30 p.m.
Development Permit Panel

June 7 | 4:00 p.m.
General Purposes Committee followed by Finance Committee

June 8 | 4:00 p.m.
Planning Committee

June 14 | 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

June 15 | 4:00 p.m.
Community Safety Committee

June 16 | 3:30 p.m.
Development Permit Panel

For meeting agendas and reports visit www.richmond.ca. Meeting schedule subject to change



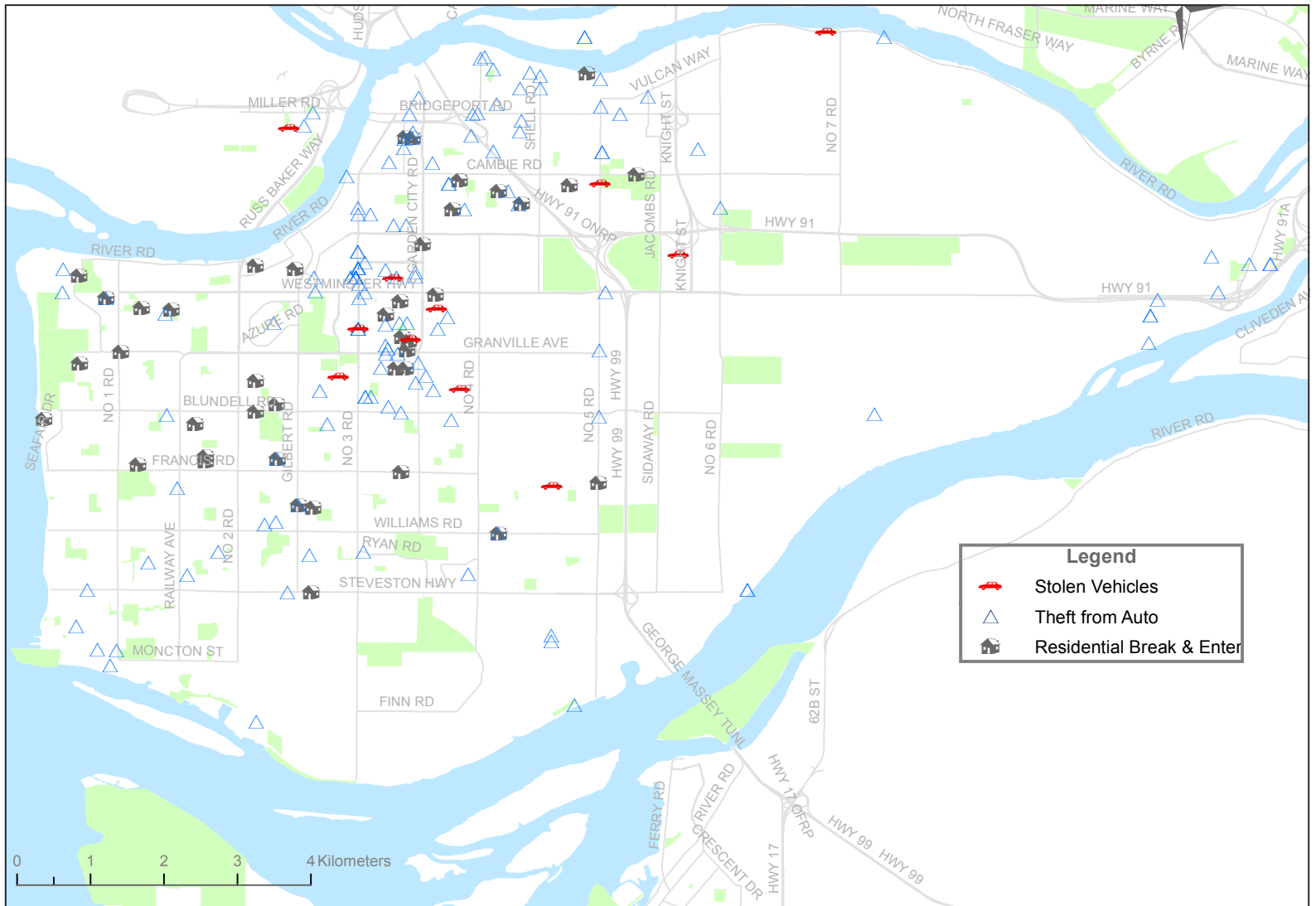
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RCMP

Crime Map April 1 - 30, 2021



Police hoping to identify body found 17 years ago

On the morning of July 8, 2004, Richmond RCMP received a report of a body washing up on the shore of the Fraser River near Rice Mill road.

The body was in an advanced state of decomposition, and the circumstances surrounding the man's death are still under investigation.

The body is described as a Caucasian male, 35 to 50 years old. The man was six feet tall and had a slim build, and was wearing blue jeans, black boxer shorts and a fanny pack.

Given the advanced state of his decomposition, investigators believe the man was in the river for some time.

As July is typically high-water season for the Fraser River, it is quite possible that he entered the water some distance upstream from where he was later discovered.

Investigators with the Richmond RCMP Serious Crime Unit are releasing a forensic facial reconstruction sketch in hopes that someone may help to identify the man.

Anyone with information on this matter is asked to contact Richmond RCMP at 604-278-1212, quoting file number 2004-26596.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visit them online at www.solvecrime.ca



Photo courtesy Richmond RCMP
An artist's rendering of the man whose body washed up in Richmond in 2004.

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Dix encourages vaccines

By DON FENNELL
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B.C. Health Minister Adrian Dix is appealing to Richmondites to get vaccinated.

In an April 26 interview with the *Richmond Sentinel*, Dix said that while Richmond has done a "very good job" as a community in following public health orders, we are slightly below the provincial average when it comes to vaccinations.

"Register online. You'll be contacted as soon as it's your turn," he said.

Richmond currently has two age-based vaccination clinics at River Rock Casino Resort and Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Dix expects the provincial vaccination program to ramp up considerably in May. B.C. is slated to receive more than a million doses of Pfizer (which is being used along with Moderna in the main age-based program) as well as 40,000 doses of the new single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Dix said the rapid increase in additional vaccines will also likely mean an increase in the number of second doses in May, and that everyone who wants a vaccine should be able to access one by the end of June.

"What we've learned surely from the pandemic is what happens in one part of the world can affect people in other parts of the world," he said. "We want to ensure everyone in B.C. gets vaccinated, but also that access to vaccination occurs around the world so that everyone is safe."

To see more of our interview with Dix, go to richmondsentinel.ca/article-detail/16186/health-minister-appeals-to-richmondites-to-get-vaccinated

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Federal budget focused on recovery

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The federal budget, released April 19 by Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, is focused squarely on recovery.

"It's about meeting the urgent needs of today, and about building for the long term," Freeland said. "It's a budget focused on middle-class Canadians, and on pulling more Canadians up into the middle class."

In a recent Zoom meeting with the Richmond-based ICONNBC Business

Association, Associate Finance Minister Mona Fortier and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan provided local members of the business community with further insight into the 739-page budget.

Fortier said the budget recognizes the immediate need to complete the COVID-19 vaccination campaign. On March 25, the government tabled legislation to provide a one-time payment of up to \$1 billion to provinces and territories to help get shots into arms as quick-

ly as possible.

The budget also focuses on the health of business—particularly small business, Fortier said, with the Canada Recovery Hiring Program (expected to cost \$595 million in 2021-22) designed to help Canadian-controlled private corporations, individuals, charities, and non-profits hire the workers they need so that the economy can recover fully and quickly.

Fortier said more than 16,000 women have been forced to completely leave Canada's labour market during the pandemic. She said one of the big solutions is child care.

"COVID made it clear that child care is not only a social issue but also an urgent economic issue," she said.

The budget introduces a child care plan that aims to provide jobs for workers, the majority of whom are women; while enabling parents, particularly mothers, to reach their full economic potential.

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Dunfee 'walks' to world treadmill record

By DON FENNELL
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The Tokyo Olympics are still set to go, starting July 23.

After the 2020 Summer Games were called off because of the COVID-19 pandemic, athletes like Richmond race walker Evan Dunfee had to adjust on the fly. Now they've again timed their training with the goal of peaking at the "rescheduled" Games, and so having them cancelled a second time would be disappointing.

Yet Dunfee has already made his mark on the world stage this year.

As a departure of sorts from his regular training, Dunfee took up the challenge of setting a world record on the treadmill—the 10K race walk world record to be exact. And last month at one of his favourite training sites, the Richmond Olympic Oval, the 30-year-old achieved the feat by completing



Race walker Evan Dunfee earned the race walk treadmill record in 39.02 Saturday at Richmond Olympic Oval.

Photo submitted

the distance in a sizzling 39 minutes and two seconds.

"I'll take that. I was scared I might not be able to but it was better than I expected," said Dunfee, who maintained an average speed of 16 kilometres per hour.

The Canadian record holder at 38:53 in the "real" outdoor race walk, Dunfee was joined online by his brother Adam to review the race. He explained to Adam that about half-way through the race it was starting to get a bit tougher, but he felt good about his pace.

Typically during a race, Dunfee said he often "negotiates" with himself, asking questions like "How do I feel? Can I push the pace?" He said that was even more the case on the treadmill.

"You try to settle in and just find a comfortable pace," he said.

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Lardens leaders on the field of play

By DON FENNELL
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Adelle and Scott Larden spend a lot of their time in the sporting arena, routinely demonstrating qualities exemplary of champions.

Not only are the two Hwlitsum First Nation members from Richmond leaders merely by their actions, but inspirations for those around them.

"More than ever, we need young people like you to give us hope," said Melanie Mark, British Columbia's Minister of Tourism, Arts Culture and Sport of the pair, who are among the recipients of the Vancouver Coastal regional 2020 Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sports.

Both excelling in lacrosse, 14-year-old Adelle and 16-year-old Scott were instrumental in their respective teams enjoying undefeated seasons.

Their skills are equally proficient in other sporting pursuits including judo and soccer.

Described as humble, Adelle loves listening to her elders—notably her grandfather and great uncle—share stories of her First Nations ancestry, and credits her family and friends for their support in helping her achieve success in sport.

Going out of his way to help others, Scott demonstrated her commitment to his team by enduring months of rehab to return to play following ankle surgery. He hopes to play lacrosse at university.

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Photos submitted

Richmond's Adelle Larden, 14, and Scott Larden, 16, received Vancouver Coastal regional 2020 Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sports.

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