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CANADA VOTES – Federal Election 2021

Meet the candidates in each Richmond riding

Ten individuals are seeking your support in Canada's federal election on Sept. 20

RICHMOND CENTRE



LAURA **GILLANDERS** Green candidate

Gilland-Laura ers is a hard-working advocate best known as spokesperson for Richmond FarmWatch.

the grassroots group that helped stop the proliferation of non-farming mega mansions on protected agricultural lands.

Chief financial officer of a construction company, and an urban farmer who balances the demands of motherhood and work. Gillanders has championed community initiatives including defending Richmond schools slated for closure in 2016.

Her priorities include fostering healthy communities through accessible housing, support for mental health, and economic policy that boldly addresses the climate crisis.

Always striving to be inclusive and collaborative, she currently chairs the City of Richmond Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Commit-



WILSON MIAO Liberal candidate

A longtime Richmond resident, Wilson Miao is a media marketer and real estate consultant.

Fluent in English, Mandarin and Can-

tonese, he immigrated to Canada with his parents from Hong Kong as a young child. Miao grew up in the Richmond Centre riding attending Ferris Elementary School and later Richmond High.

An active local volunteer, he has a business degree from Simon Fraser University and has also dedicated himself to projects enhancing seniors' well-being and quality of life.

He believes the core of politics is rooted in strengthening our communities. He vows if elected to be a fierce advocate for seniors care. while also investing in the success of future generations—whether that is ensuring our communities are safe, our environment and oceans are protected for future generations, or supporting measure to make life more affordable for Richmond residents.



SANDRA NIXON NDP candidate

An experienced community er, Sandra Nixon is the chair of the Richmond Board of Education and has served as an elect-

ed trustee since 2014. She advocated for a school district sexual orientation and gender identity policy, an anti-racism working group to address systemic racism in the school system, seismic upgrading, and supporting student climate action and district sustainability initiatives.

Nixon and her husband have lived and raised their family in Richmond for the past 20 years.

An active community advocate on issues such as poverty, housing, climate justice, mental health, anti-racism, Indigenous justice, and LGBT+ rights, she is also a minister in the United Church of Canada, and has a Bachelor of Commerce degree in finance and accounting. Nixon is a housing co-op member/advocate, electric vehicle owner/advocate, and former Girl Guide leader. She is also an advocate for temporary modular housing and other affordable and supportive housing.



ALICE WONG Conservative candidate

First elected in 2008, Alice Wong has represented the riding for the past 13 years during which she has served as

the Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism, member of the cabinet as Minister of State (Seniors), shadow cabinet minister for small business and as shadow cabinet minister for seniors.

Immigrating from Hong Kong in 1980, and in 1983 becoming a Canadian citizen, she is a lifelong learner, obtaining her PhD in curriculum and instruction at the University of British Columbia in 1993. She then worked at Kwantlen Polytechnic University until 2006 as faculty and manager of international programs. During these years, Wong also taught entrepreneurship and English as a Second Language at Vancouver Community College and started the Centre for Small Business, offering the very first English and Chinese small business management classes for immigrants.

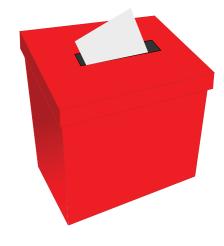
Her service to her community also includes volunteer work serving marginalized youth and women. She has coached and mentored women to be more financially independent through learning new job skills. She has also educated newcomers about Canada, appearing on an English television teaching series and guest hosting on local radio and TV programs.



JAMES HINTON People's Party candidate

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CANDIDATES

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PARM BAINS Liberal candidate

Born in Victoria, Parm Bains moved with his family to Richmond when he was just a year old.

An active mem-

ber of the local community and a public sector worker for the province, he is now a university lecturer. He currently serves as chair of the Richmond Community Foundation and remains involved in the local sports community as a volunteer in a variety of coaching and mentorship roles.

Bains has considerable experience in corporate communication, including public and stake holder engagement, public policy development and government and media relations. He holds a Master of Arts degree in professional communications with a specialization in international and intercultural studies from Royal Roads University.

Bains is a business instructor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and lives with his wife and two children in Richmond.



KENNY CHIU Conservative candidate

Kenny Chiu is a Richmond community advocate of over 25 years. Using his experiences as a Richmond school trustee, Richmond

Rotarian, and senior software development manager, Chiu has been fighting for Steveston–Richmond East in Ottawa as the riding's incumbent Member of Parliament.

Chiu immigrated to Canada from Hong Kong in 1989, but his love for this country stems from experiences since 1982—as an international student in the Canadian Prairies. He remains proud

that Canada is the only country he's held citizenship in.

As vice-chair of the House of Commons sub-committee on international human rights, Chiu has fought for the rights of oppressed people. And as shadow minister for diversity, inclusion, and youth, Chiu has concerned himself with combatting racism, protecting sexual minorities, consulting young people, and building a more inclusive Canada.

Married for more than 25 years, he is the father of two daughters born and raised in Richmond and is also the loving adoptive father of Nugget, a Havanese Maltese poodle.



FRANÇOISE RAUNET Green candidate

Françoise Raunet has spent decades advocating for healthy ecosystems, peace, and electoral and eco-

nomic reform.

Once her children were born, Raunet's frustration with government inaction and toxic partisanship drove her into politics. A teacher and community builder, she believes in bringing people together to solve their common problems, and if elected will work to transition to a post-carbon economy, strengthen democratic institutions, and reduce economic and social inequality.

Having grown up in Vancouver and lived overseas, she speaks French and English fluently and can also communicate in Spanish and Mandarin.

With more than 25 years of experience working in education, publishing, and community services, Raunet is currently an elementary school teacher in Vancouver who lives in co-operative housing on the north bank of the Fraser River with her husband and their daughters. She has a Master of Arts degree in international studies from Simon Fraser University, focusing on complex disaster management, human security issues, and China's role in African development. From 2001-2006, she worked in educational publishing in Taipei, Taiwan. Raunet also lived in Portland, Oregon from 1992 to 1996 while pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at Reed College.



JENNIFER SINGH People's Party candidate

Studying civil and structural engineering at British Columbia Institute of Technology led

Jennifer Singh into a career in the construction industry.

As a project manager, she has negotiated multi-million dollar construction projects across Canada and Australia. And later, as vice-president of a mining company with a project in Mongolia, she travelled around the world.

It wasn't long before she realized that while giving presentations and keynote speeches to raise money for projects, she was also constructing skills to become a Member of Parliament. By working in diverse industries ranging from construction to community services around the world, she has developed skills in networking, strategic planning and leadership.



JACK TROVATO NDP candidate

Jack Trovato is a respected educator and community advocate. He has spearheaded petitions to restrict house sizes

on farmland; approve the acute care tower at Richmond Hospital; and call on the B.C. government to initiate an independent public inquiry into money laundering, drug trafficking, and profiteering in the real estate economy. Trovato has also worked tirelessly advocating for adequate funding for the public education system.

Trovato says he is committed to advocating on behalf of the constituents of Steveston-Richmond East for a fairer, greener and more just society that makes life easier for working Canadians.

Trovato holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degrees from Simon Fraser University and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of British Columbia. He has been honoured with several academic and professional accolades and is the 2002-03 national recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

CANADA VOTES – Federal Election 2021

Ten candidates vying for two seats in Richmond ridings

By **DON FENNELL** and **HANNAH SCOTT**

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

A re you ready to cast your vote?

Canadians are going back to the polls on Monday, Sept. 20, just 23 months after the governing Liberals were returned to power with a minority government.

The federal election will determine which 338 individuals will become the sitting members of the House of Commons to the 44th Canadian Parliament. The election was realized after the writ was issued by Governor General Mary Simon on Aug. 15 when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau requested the dissolution of Parliament.

Ten candidates, including Conservative incumbents Alice Wong in Richmond Centre and Kenny Chiu in the Steveston-Richmond East riding, are vying for your support in the two Richmond ridings during a 36-day campaign, the minimum campaign period under Elections Canada rules.

Electors must be registered at their current address and can register through Elections Canada's online service. Given the current pandemic, Elections Canada is strongly encouraging electors to take advantage of its online services. They can also contact the elections office in their riding or call 1-800-463-6868 for more information.

Elections Canada will mail a voter information



card to all registered electors by the first day of advance polls on Sept. 10. Advance polls will continue to be open through Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

The deadline to apply to vote by mail is 6 p.m. on Sept. 14 at any Elections Canada office or online at electionscanada.ca. And if you have applied to vote by special ballot, you cannot change your mind and vote at advance polls or on election day.

Canadians who are 18 or older on election day, and able to provide accepted identification and

current address, are eligible to vote.

Turnout in the 2019 federal election on Oct. 21 was 67 per cent, down slightly from the 2015 election when just over 68 per cent of the 26 million registered voters cast ballots. The last time more than 70 per cent of registered voters cast ballots was in the 1992 fall election when 71.8 per cent exercised their democratic right.

The Richmond Centre electoral district was created in 1987 and first contested a year later. Conservative Tom Siddon was the first Member of Parliament to represent the riding in the House of Commons, followed in 1993 by the election of Liberal Raymond Chan. Chan was re-elected to serve a second term from 1997 to 2000 when he was defeated by then-Alliance Party candidate Joe Peschisolido who, after crossing the floor, served as a member of the Liberal party from 2002 to 2004. Chan returned to Parliament in the 2004 election and was re-elected again in 2006. Chan was then defeated by Conservative Alice Wong in the 2008 election. Wong has remained the riding's incumbent MP since.

The Steveston-Richmond East riding was created by the 2012 federal electoral boundaries redistribution and first contested in 2015 with the election of Liberal Joe Peschisolido who defeated Conservative Kenny Chiu by fewer than 3,000 votes. The current incumbent, Chiu defeated Peschisolido by a similar margin in the 2019 election.

Richmond Centre 2019 election recap

- Conservative: Alice Wong (incumbent), 19,037 votes (49.04 per cent)
- Liberal: Steven Kou, 11,052 votes (28.47 per cent)
- NDP: Dustin Innes, 5,617 votes (14.47 per cent)
- Green: Françoise Raunet, 2,376 votes (6.12 per cent)
- People's Party: Ivan Pak, 538 votes (1.39 per cent)
- Independent: Zhe Zhang, 197 votes (0.51 per cent)

Steveston-Richmond East 2019 election recap

- Conservative: Kenny Chiu, 17,478 votes (41.66 per cent)
- Liberal: Joe Peschisolido (incumbent), 14,731 votes (35.11 per cent)
- NDP: Jaeden Dela Torre, 6,321 votes (15.07 per cent)
- Green: Nicole Iaci, 2,972 votes (7.08 per cent)
- Independent: Ping Chan, 449 votes (1.07 per cent)

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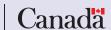
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City planning more community gardens

By **HANNAH SCOTT**

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

The city is hoping to add more community gardens to address the long waiting list of interested residents, and is looking for public feedback.

"These gardens build community by bringing people together to share their gardening knowledge and stories. The numerous benefits derived from community gardens deem them special places and the city would like to offer more," said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "Receiving residents' feedback for the planning process means we will be able to tailor our projects to better serve our community."

Along with its partner Urban Bounty (formerly known as Richmond Food Security Society), the city currently operates 11 community gardens comprising over 400 plots. And the popularity of these sites continues to grow. According to a July parks, recreation and community services committee meeting, there were 661 residents on the waiting list for community gardens as of June.

With low occupancy turnover in community gardens, building new sites or expanding existing ones is the most effective way to address this significant demand.

The city is planning to construct 260 additional plots later this year, including 15 in an expanded Railway location, an additional 25 along the Railway Greenway corridor and 20 in the Cook neighbourhood school park.

The city also recently received approval from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to install 200 plots on the Garden City Lands. While this will help clear the waiting list, the city is also hoping to identify other sites, particularly in Steveston and along the Railway Greenway corridor where, according to Urban Bounty, a significant number of wait-listed residents live.



Photo by Hannah Scott

Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie says council has made it a priority for staff to create new community gardens in the city.

For more information, visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca, email parks@richmond.ca or call the city's parks services department at 604-244-1208. Public feedback will be accepted through Sept. 12.

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Massey replacement to be eight-lane tunnel

By **HANNAH SCOTT**

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

A new eight-lane tunnel, to be completed by 2030, will replace the aging George Massey Tunnel.

Provincial officials announced the plan on Aug. 18, following many years of uncertainty about the future replacement project.

"The original tunnel has served our communities well (for 60 years), but we're looking forward to a new crossing, one that fits the region and also takes into account climate change (and) active transportation, one that better connects our communities, one that has the support of residents and the regional leadership," said Richmond-Queensborough MLA Aman Singh, who acted as MC for the announcement event.

In addition to four lanes in each direction—one of which will be earmarked for transit use—there will also be a five-metre wide separated tunnel for cyclists and pedestrians, who are not permitted to use the existing tunnel.

Richmond mayor Malcolm Brodie was among the officials gathered outside city hall for the announcement. He said the discussion has been ongoing for about 15 years, with stakeholder consultation beginning in 2017. That discussion has included local governments, TransLink, and Indigenous groups among others.

"Richmond city council and Metro Vancouver and the other parties have always felt that the tunnel solution was going to be the best," said Brodie. "It would be the optimal solution in terms of the



Photo courtesy B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure An artist's rendering of the future eight-lane tunnel that will replace the George Massey

environment—especially in the long term—the optimal solution as we look at growth in the region, as we look at agriculture and preservation of farmland, and of course for efficient and safe public and active transportation."

Tunnel.

Brodie called the decision "important and far-sighted," and said the city welcomes the news.

"This is a decision and a project that's going to benefit people of future generations for well into the future and we are very grateful in the City of Richmond."

While some elements of the project will begin this year—including improvements to the Steveston interchange—the tunnel will not enter

the construction phase until 2026. The environmental assessment process prior to construction is estimated to take about three years. The existing tunnel will be decommissioned following opening of the new tunnel, a process which should take two years.

At peak times, it is estimated that the non-peak direction will be significantly faster due to the additional lanes, while the peak direction will likely be similar to current conditions.

The new tunnel will be located just upstream of the existing tunnel. Its cost is estimated at \$4.15 billion.

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Feedback sought on energy and emissions plan



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

The city is looking for public feedback on its energy and emissions plan.

The City of Richmond has set a target of reducing community greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent by 2030 and reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

The city is seeking final public feedback on proposed actions to achieve these goals. Feedback received will be incorporated into the Community Energy and Emissions Plan 2050 presented to council in the fall of 2021.

"This proposed plan builds upon Richmond's achievements and climate action to date, providing momentum to move forward," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "Implementing these actions will improve Richmond's resiliency to the negative effects of climate change and support the city's equity, affordability and sustainability goals."

Information and a short survey are

available on LetsTalkRichmond.ca from now until Sept. 26, and all those interested are encouraged to provide input.

Richmond's draft Community Energy and Emissions Plan 2050 identifies multiple proposed actions within the following eight strategic directions to achieve the deep emission reduction targets:

- 1. Retrofit existing buildings
- 2. Transition to zero-emission vehicles
- 3. Carbon neutral new buildings
- 4. Complete communities
- 5. Active mobility for all
- 6. Support frequent transit
- 7. Enhance green infrastructure
- 8. Transition to a circular economy

For more details and to complete the survey, visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca.

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Masks in class—for Grade 4 and up

By **HANNAH SCOTT**

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

B.C.'s back-to-school plan includes mandatory masks in all indoor spaces—but only for kids in Grade 4 and up.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will be encouraged to wear masks, but they will not be mandatory, according to the plan laid out last week by Education Minister Jennifer Whiteside.

Richmond Teachers' Association president Liz Baverstock said the mask guidelines don't make sense.

"I think that they should be required for K-12, given that the K-4 population that hasn't been vaccinated is the one where it is simply recommended and not required," she said.

She expects families, parents and communities to help encourage younger students, and is pleased to see the continuation of daily health checks. It will also be important that people continue to stay home when sick, she said.

"Any time someone has a sickness, we're going to think it's COVID—so that's going to be the part that's a stress and strain on everyone," said Baverstock.

But high vaccination numbers, including among teachers, make this back-to-school season differ-

ent from last year's. Baverstock said she'd like to see more vaccine clinics at school sites to help make them more accessible to families.

"I think the vaccination requirements for non-essential services will help, as a community at large, to convince some of the people who haven't been vaccinated yet that now they need to, if they want to enjoy things outside their home."

Another change from last year is that secondary students have a wider range of electives and courses to choose from. High schools will be on a semester system, instead of the quarter system used last year.

But unlike last year, a remote learning option—which allowed students to learn from home while retaining their space at their school of choice—is not being offered. Baverstock said the distributed learning offering has had low registration so far, and that she's hopeful families will choose to send their students back to in-person school.

"Having those classroom experiences is what public education is also about—the social emotional learning and the connections, and I think that's more important than ever when we've been



LIZ BAVERSTOCK

navigating through this social isolation," she said, adding that she is "cautiously optimistic."

Baverstock said the district has been making requests to the ministry for additional funding, especially for older elementary schools without HVAC systems. Where there was no HVAC system, last year windows and doors were kept open in an attempt to keep air circulating as much as

possible.

"There's obviously much more that we have to actually look at and see, do we need to add additional ventilation this year given what we know about COVID now versus a year ago," said Baverstock.

So far, she said she has fielded fewer questions from teachers than last year. Many are still trying to enjoy the last days of their summer and gear up for another difficult September. Meetings are ongoing to discuss specific guidelines for Richmond schools.

"We're all committed to keeping schools open, to keeping students safe, to keeping our own families safe and our colleagues safe," said Baverstock.

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American 'aeronaut' took off from Minoru in first flight

3,500 spectators witnessed historic event

The second installment in a series on the history of Minoru Park focuses on the story of the first flight in Western Canada.



is lips pursed around an ever-present cigarette, Connecticut's "crazy man of the air" took to the skies over Minoru Park.

Charles Keeney Hamilton was about to make

Notwithstanding it was the second of four days without rain, Friday, March 25, 1910 was a pleasant nine degrees and reflective of the usual spring weather in the Lower Mainland. The Richmond racetrack, which had opened only the previous summer, was packed with 3,500 curious onlookers as the 24-year-old American daredevil from New Britain-a suburb of Hartfordclimbed into his Curtiss biplane and set off for nearby New Westminster. He would return, safe and sound, a half hour later having completed the 20-mile round trip that marked the first powered flight in Western Canada.

Ironically, just days earlier Hamilton (who was known for his dangerous dives and survived more than 60 crashes) had to be fished out of a lake near Seattle during the first flight in Washington—a state that became synonymous with flight as the birthplace of Boeing in 1916.

Hamilton would return to Minoru on March 26 for a staged race against a thoroughbred named Prince Brutus which, to his chagrin, he lost. But, according to the Richmond Museum, the horse did have a 3/8 of a mile head start in the race which it won by 10 seconds.

In a bit of serendipity, on the same day as Hamilton's small setback, Orville Wright (who along with his brother Wilbur was credited with building and flying the world's first successful motor-operated airplane) launched flying lessons to five students at a flying school in Montgomery, Alabama.

Describing himself as an "aeronaut," Hamilton was a hot air balloonist and parachute jumper at fairs and circuses before forging a friendship with engineer A. Roy Knabeshue at the age of 18. It was then that his interest in flying took off, and in 1909 he began taking flying lessons from Glenn Curtiss and later joined his exhibition team during which he earned his reputation as a dare-

Not long after his adventure in Richmond, Hamilton won a \$10,000 prize as the first to fly between two major U.S. cities-New York and



Photo via commons.wikimedia.org

Early American aviator Charles K. Hamilton completed the first flight in Western Canada at Minoru Park in 1910.



Photo by Don Fennell

Philadelphia.

Minoru's flight history didn't end with Hamilton's heroics. Those events just signaled the beginning.

The first flight across the Rocky Mountains also originated at the park where, in the wee hours (4:14 a.m. to be precise) of Aug. 7, 1919, Capt. E.C. Hoy started the first flight across the Rocky Mountains. Aboard his Canada-built Curtiss aircraft, Hoy adopted a route that took

him over Vernon, Grand Forks, Cranbrook and through the Crawford Pass. Reaching an altitude of 7.000 feet, and with extra fuel in tow, he touched down in Lethbridge, Alberta at 6:22 p.m. He then flew on to Calgary where he completed his journey just before 9 p.m.

The Richmond Museum also notes that in 1911 Minoru Park was where the first takeoff of a plane constructed in Greater Vancouver—by William and Winston Templeton-was attempted. It crashed into a fence. In 1912, William Stark's aircraft carried the first passenger-though it wasn't designed to do so. James Hewitt sat on a board strapped to the plane.

And on July 31, 1913, always-adventurous Alys McKey Bryant became the first woman to complete a solo flight in Canada. The museum notes that Bryant apparently rebuilt wreck-

age of a Curtiss pusher plane and taught herself to fly. She later also became an accomplished stunt pilot, and used her technical know-how working as an aircraft mechanic and training pilots for military service at Lansdowne Park, which was used until 1931 when the new airport opened on Sea Island-eventually to grow into Vancouver International Airport.

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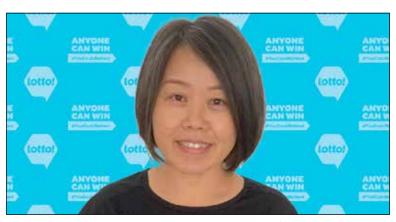


Photo courtesy BCLC

Richmond's Eiko Yamase couldn't believe her eyes after seeing she'd won a \$1 million prize in the June 18 Lotto Max draw.

Richmond mom wins million dollar prize

By **DON FENNELL**@rmdsentinel

iko Yamase has always dreamed of visiting the Maritimes. And with the region's renowned colourful fall foliage the ideal time is drawing near.

"It has been my dream since coming to Canada to visit out east," she said."I would love the opportunity to travel to Toronto, Halifax, or even P.E.I."

Yamase can now comfortably afford to do so, after the Richmond mom recently won a \$1 million Maxmillion prize in the June 18 Lotto Max draw.

A fan of watching her favourite shows on Netflix and YouTube in her free time, she recently saw her screen light up with \$1,000,000 after checking her ticket online.

"I didn't know what to do," Yamase said. "I couldn't believe it at first...for the whole day I had to make sure my ticket had matched the number."

She eventually called the B.C. Lottery Corporation and confirmed that the winning numbers she saw were correct, and she wasn't watching a movie. Next, she called her husband to tell him about her life-changing news.

He couldn't believe it either.

Yamase said she usually likes to play the lottery when the jackpots are "higher" and caught jackpot fever in June, when Lotto Max offered players the chance to play for four record-breaking draws.

Besides using her prize money to realize her long hoped-for vacation, Yamase plans to contribute to her children's education.

So far in 2021, B.C. lottery players have redeemed more than \$115 million in winnings from Lotto Max.

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City Appointments 2022

Richmond City Council wishes to fill vacancies on the following Advisory Committees/Boards/Commissions:

Persons interested in serving the community, in a volunteer capacity, on any of the below Advisory Bodies are invited to submit an application, along with a resume, to the attention of the City Clerk's Office, no later than **Monday, September 20, 2021.**

- Advisory Committee on the Environment
- Aquatic Services Board
- Board of Variance
- Child Care Development Advisory Committee
- Economic Advisory Committee
- Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Heritage Commission
- Intercultural Advisory Committee
- Minoru Centre for Active Living Program Committee

- Public Art Advisory Committee
- Public Library Board
- Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee
- Seniors Advisory Committee
- Sister City Advisory Committee
- YVR Aeronautical Noise Management Committee
- YVR Environmental Advisory Committee

For more information, visit:

www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/boards/advisory.





Application forms can be obtained on the City website at **www.richmond.ca/cityhall/council/boards/advisory** or by phone **604-276-4007**.



Sockeyes will begin No. 50 at home

Richmond's junior hockey team will begin its golden anniversary season Sept. 9 at Minoru Arena

By **DON FENNELL** ermdsentinel

he 2020-21 Pacific Junior Hockey League was barely underway before it was abruptly put on hold. This March it was officially cancelled.

The Richmond Sockeyes, for one, hope history doesn't repeat itself-at least not when it comes to being able to

Scheduled to begin their 50th season with a home date against the North Vancouver Wolf Pack on Sept. 9 (7 p.m. face-off at Minoru Arena), the Sockeyes expect to be serious contenders for yet another championship. After all, it's in their makeup—and they appeared on course for yet another winning season last year, going 7-0 before the proverbial axe fell.

In consultation with the B.C. provincial health office, the league divided its 13 teams into four cohorts to reduce the chances of a large scale spread of COVID-19.

During the games they managed to play, the Sockeyes outscored Port Moody Panthers and Grandview Steelers with which they were paired, 26-14.

This year, the Sockeyes and their peers will also be playing in front of fans, something that was not the case last fall. Certainly head coach Bayne Koen is happy about that.

"It's absolutely not normal to not be playing in front of fans," Koen told the Richmond Sentinel in an interview last year. "But we've talked a lot about the fact that nothing these days is normal, so we have to be prepared to adjust on the fly."

It would be equally wise to be prepared to adjust at any point this season—even if the adjustments are restricted to the ice.

"Everything is a moving part," Koen said this week. "We're like every other organization I think. We expect to have the majority of the guys (who are trying out for higher level teams) back, but we don't know. Things are changing every day."

He expects to start the season with a "pretty long roster as far as numbers," with several players at junior camps and their returns uncertain. But, he added, that does give some talented prospects who impressed during camp a leg up.

"We've got some really good young talent in the



lineup right now and we're giving these guys every opportunity to solidify a roster spot in the next week or two," he said.

That the Sockeyes are angling for another championship—let alone a winning season—should come as no surprise. After all, this is a franchise that expects success having won nine league titles, six provincial crowns, and two nationals. And in its previous days in the BC Hockey League in the late 1980s, the club reeled off three consecutive league and provincial banners and three Doyle Cups (a now-retired trophy once awarded to the winner of an annual series between the B.C. and Alberta playoff champions). They won their first Pacific Junior league title in only

their second season in 1990 and have rarely been out of cup contention since.

Koen's return to the Sockeyes last season represented coming full circle. He was appointed the club's new bench boss in May, returning to the team with which he began his coaching career as an assistant to the legendary Ron Johnson in the early 2000s.

"Ron was a big part of me getting into the coaching world," Koen said. "I also played for him, and one of the things he taught me was patience and process."

Patience and process—two very important traits that will no doubt determine how successful the Sockeyes' 50th season will prove to be.

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Everything is a moving part. We're like every other organization I think. Things are changing every day.

– Bayne Koen

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Cheering on Paralympians at Lansdowne

By **DON FENNELL**@rmdsentinel

While compiling the bios for the B.C. athletes competing at the 2020 Summer Paralympics (which began last week in Tokyo), Dave Thomson knew he had to find a way to do more to recognize their efforts.

"I was so amazed by the strength of the human spirit," said the community outreach co-ordinator at the Richmond Centre for Disability.

So despite the ongoing pandemic putting a damper on things—or at least in many instances severely limiting what can be done—Thomson and his peers have set up a cheering section of sorts at Lansdowne Centre shopping mall.

"Of course COVID is not helping so we are just keeping it very casual," explains Thomson, noting a TV has been set up directly across from the customer service desk—from which it is being monitored.

"We are just trying to do what we can in this crazy time. I have a few friends competing and I really felt so bad about how COVID was going to alter their experience."

Thomson hopes that people will pause, maybe see something that catches their eye, and will stop and watch some of a PowerPoint (an updated medal count will be kept, featuring all 21 B.C. athletes and their 11 chosen sports) and perhaps spark an interest.

"We have a selfie zone set up, so people can post their support," he explains. "And of course I hope it helps give more exposure to the Paralympic movement"

Former Richmondite Travis Murao, now residing in Toronto, is a player on Canada's wheelchair rugby team. He also previously participated in the Beijing, London and Rio Games.

Canada's wheelchair rugby team qualified for the Games in March 2020

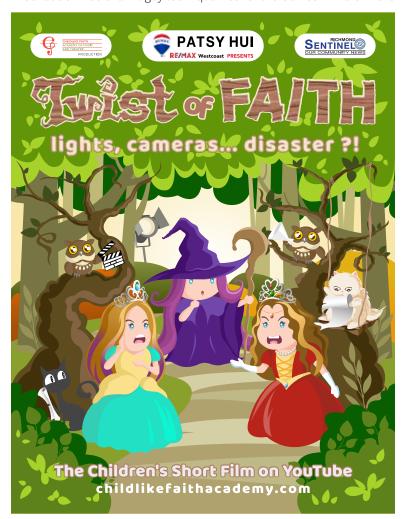




Photo courtesy Richmond Centre for Disability

Richmond Centre for Disability's Dave Thomson has set up a TV at Lansdowne Centre for shoppers to get at least a quick glimpse of Canada's Paralympians in action at the Tokyo Games.

in Richmond, just before the pandemic shut things down. Canada is ranked No. 5 in the world and was fourth at the 2016 Paralympics.

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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).









Province launches proof of vaccine system

By HANNAH SCOTT

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People in B.C. will be required to get vaccinated in order to access many social and recreational services including restaurants, concerts and fitness centres.

As of Sept. 13, people will be required to have at least one dose of vaccine. As of Oct. 24, people must be at least seven days past their second dose.

People can confidentially access their proof of vaccination through a secure website, a link to which will be provided before Sept. 13. To access proof of vaccination, a person will need their name, date of birth and personal health number. They can then save a copy of their proof of vaccination on their phone to show when entering or using designated businesses and events.

There will be a second option for people who can't access their proof of vaccination online through a call-in centre.

People must show valid government ID along with their proof of vaccination. There will be no exemptions for those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or other reasons. Those visiting from outside B.C. will be required to show their own proof of vaccination using a provincially/territorially recognized official record alongside valid government ID from the jurisdiction. People visiting from outside of Canada will be required to show their proof of vaccination used to enter the country and their passport.

These measures will apply through Jan. 31, subject to possible extension. They do not apply to K-12 schools and before-and-after school programs, although separate guidance for those settings was also provided last week.

However, the measures do apply to post-secondary campuses, including student housing where proof of vaccination will be required as of Sept. 7. Further guidance for these settings was also released.

Provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry said over the last month, almost 90 per cent of all cases and 93 per cent of hospitalizations have been among the unvaccinated.

"Your risk (of getting COVID-19) is 10 times higher if you've not been protected through vaccine," said Henry.

Health Minister Adrian Dix said the B.C. vaccine card is an interim action



Photo screen grab from Province of BC YouTube

People will be required to provide proof of vaccination to enter certain settings as of Sept. 13.

until we transition to a federally compliant proof of vaccine.

Following is the full list of settings where proof of vaccination will be required:

- indoor ticketed sporting events
- indoor concerts
- indoor theatre/dance/symphony events
- restaurants (indoor and patio dining)
- night clubs
- casinos
- movie theatres
- fitness centres/gyms (excluding youth recreational sport)
- businesses offering indoor high-intensity group exercise activities
- organized indoor events (eg. weddings, parties, conferences, meetings,
- discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities

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Rotary funds new cystoscope at hospital

Rotary Club of Richmond has donated \$20,000 towards Richmond Hospital Foundation's surgical restart campaign, dedicating the donation to funding a new cystoscope for the urology department.

An organization of passionate individuals committed to impactful and lasting solutions, the Rotary Club has made far-reaching enhancements in Richmond health care in the past three decades including medical imaging, palliative care, the intensive care unit, the emergency department, the new Yurkovich Family Pavilion, and Rich-

mond Lions Manor, a long term care facility serving seniors.

Through a series of self-organized events comprising of a virtual lunar new year dinner, online auction and raffle ticket sales, plus generous



Photo courtesy Richmond Hospital Foundation Spencer Gall (left), senior manager of philanthropy of Richmond Hospital Foundation receives a cheque from members (Dean Hsieh, James Kao, Suna Yee, Bill Lau and Jacqueline Ho) of the Rotary Club of Richmond.

donations from members and attendees, Rotary Club of Richmond raised \$20,000 to fully fund a new cystoscope.

"Rotarians are community-builders focused on improving the communities we live in and investing in the next generation," says club president Suna Yee. "Contributing to our community health care system is a long-lasting impact that will benefit patients now and in the future. We are honoured to be able to deliver a tangible, lasting solution for Richmond Hospital."

"Richmond's growing population, along with the number of patients requiring urologic care, has increased," says Candace Hernandez, vice-president of Richmond Hospital Foundation. "Rotary Club of Richmond's donation will assist in the purchase of a new cystoscope and allow our expert health care team to keep pace with the

increasing number of surgical procedures."

For more information on Richmond Hospital Foundation's surgical restart campaign: richmondhospitalfoundation.com/why-give/surgical-restart-campaign/

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Photos courtesy City of Richmond

Micah Groberman, Dawn Levelton and Megan Yung are three of the artists whose work adorns this year's street banners, displayed across the city.

Street banner artists share their inspiration

By HANNAH SCOTT

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As you travel through Richmond, you may notice colourful and unique street banners hanging above you.

Each year, 10 artists are chosen from a pool of applicants to have their work displayed on banners. Each winning design represents one of the 10 categories: resilience, community, connection, wellness, active living, urban landscape, nature, island city, the arts and sustainability.

Three of this year's winning artists shared the inspiration behind their designs: Micah Groberman, Dawn Levelton and Megan Yung.

Submissions for this year's contest are being accepted through Sept. 17 at richmond.ca/banners

Micah Groberman (nature)

How long have you been creating art, and what inspired you to start?

"I have been involved in the arts for many years, mainly music after growing up in a creative family. I dabbled in photography a few years ago and fell in love with the peace of mind I felt while out on photography walks. I shoot mainly wildlife, nature and landscape and was truly inspired to find a new focus when the pandemic hit."

Why did you submit your art to the city's street banner contest?

"I was inspired to submit a couple of years ago to the Richmond street banner contest with photos that did not make the cut. I noticed that Richmond was holding the street banner contest again and thought my photography had greatly improved over the past year and I wanted to submit again."

What inspired the piece that became a banner?

"My kids truly inspired that image. I was out on a photo walk with my eight-year-old son when we noticed a great blue heron on the water's edge in Terra Nova. I was lucky to be in the right spot at the right time when a red-winged blackbird came flying straight at the heron, making for a dramatic nature photo."

What emotions do you feel seeing your art displayed around the city?

"I am very proud of the photo and that I get to share that feeling with my family, hopefully inspiring my kids to continue with photography."

Dawn Levelton (active living)

How long have you been creating art, and what inspired you to start?

"Since I was very young. I started out with drawing and painting like most kids and always took art classes as electives in high school, when I discovered my love for carving soapstone. I studied fine arts in college and fell in love with photography when I was studying photo journalism."

Why did you submit your art to the city's street banner contest?

"I wanted to share the joy this picture brings me with my community. It has all the elements I love—nature, bright cheerful colours and my cruiser in a field of flowers covered in sunshine. Another part of me entered this contest to see if I could win. Nothing felt more gratifying than winning something during a time when we all could use a big win."

What inspired the piece that became a banner?

"Nature is always my biggest inspiration. This picture was taken during the height of the pandemic on a bike ride with my other half Steve. When we approached this gorgeous field of wild lupin flowers, I felt a sense of urgency to capture that moment of pure bliss that I felt needed to be shared during a time of such fear and uncertainty."

What emotions do you feel seeing your art displayed around the city?

"I feel an overflowing amount of joy and pride. I see my banner almost daily (and) it brings a smile to

my face every time. As a lifelong artist, nothing fills my soul more than to share my art with my community, with the hope that seeing my art may brighten someone's day."

Megan Yung (the arts)

How long have you been creating art, and what inspired you to start?

"I've been doing art my whole life, (but) I started taking it more seriously at the beginning of high school—I just recently graduated."

Why did you submit your art to the city's street banner contest?

"This (contest) came up on my feed when I was scrolling social media, (and) I decided to apply in 2019. I got the art banner in 2019 and was fortunate enough to get it again in 2020. I'm mostly self-taught, so it was out of the desire to push myself out of my comfort zone. The challenge with the art banners was to create something that represented Richmond. I used that to expand the ways I create art and practice with new artistic mediums."

What inspired the piece that became a banner?

"I created (it) during quarantine and I was looking at a lot of artists online for inspiration. One artist was using a lot of negative space in their concepts with watercolours, so I tried to incorporate that graphic white space in the flowing portion of my banner. I also hoped to capture the (feeling) of time passing sort of slowly during the time in quarantine."

What emotions do you feel seeing your art displayed around the city?

"It feels both like an honour and kind of strange. The fact that I submitted my artwork and getting it (put on a banner) back in 2019 inspired some of my friends who are photographers to also submit their work for the contest It's a nice feeling to have more youth artists showing what we have to offer as the up-and-coming generation."

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Eggshells inspire ritualistic art pieces

Barbara Zeigler exhibits at Richmond Art Gallery

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he environment and its significance has inspired Barbara Zeigler for more than 50 years.

The Richmond-based artist says she's always marvelled at the disregard people have for everything but themselves, and that it's important to think about the significance of other creatures and the impacts humans can have on that.

"When I started taking photographs in the later part of the 60s, it instantly keyed me into looking at what was around. At that time (I) started really realizing how much concrete there was, (and) little plants trying to push their way through the concrete. It was an opening up of sensitivity to what's around, just the appreciation for that," she says.

And through her drawing, Zeigler has also been able to think about how things are inter-related. These days, she mostly focuses on printmaking, which she also taught at UBC for decades before retiring last year.

Another longtime project has been washing eggshells-which has led to the creation of Totally Cracked and Passage II, two works that will be exhibited at the Richmond Art Gallery starting next month.

"About 33 years ago, for some reason, I started washing eggshells," says Zeigler. "Mostly because they're such

interesting shapes, and they reflect light in a really interesting way."

One summer about five or six years ago, she decided to make a video of the process of washing them, including the removal of the inner



from Sept. 10 through Nov. 7.

Local artist Barbara Zeigler's works will be on display at the Richmond Art Gallery Sept. 10 through Nov. 7 as part of the A Practice in Gestures exhibit.

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- Barbara Zeigler

membrane. As she went through that process, she thought about the significance of rituals.

"The (video) in the gallery is in a constant state of flux, a bit like a metronome. It is constantly changing. Things like that make you think about transitions from one state to another that are necessary, as well as change," she says.

The washed eggshells eventually became Totally Cracked, a sculptural work that spreads the shells across a bed of river rock. Zeigler says the work can be looked at through the cultural barriers related to colour—the eggs are both brown and white-and difference. Simultaneously, it can be a reflection on the decreased spawning of salmon that have traditionally laid eggs in B.C. waterways.

"I suspect different people will look at it in different ways, or bring different things to the work which you don't realize quite often at first," she says.

While the upcoming gallery works focus on the tradition of rituals, Zeigler says she doesn't have any artistic rituals of her own.

"When you teach, you never really have the luxury of doing that. Maybe in retirement there'll be something like that."

One plan she has for retirement is a pond ecology study at a Mayne Island studio.

"Ponds and wetlands are very important, so I'm keen at the moment to find out more about that and somehow weave that into my work as well," she says.

Zeigler's work will be part of the upcoming A Practice in Gestures exhibit at Richmond Art Gallery, on

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Designer outlet succeeding despite pandemic

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The outlet mall—its full name is McArthur-Glen Designer Outlet Vancouver Airport—opened in July 2015. A new wing opened in 2019, and there is still enough land for another expansion phase totalling 30 more retail units. General manager Robert Thurlow anticipates that expansion might begin construction in the next year and a half.

Thurlow remembers the initial construction process being a lot longer than anticipated, including some delays acquiring materials. But once McArthurGlen opened, it was "really quite smooth sailing from that point on."

The location was initially selected because of its access to the Canada Line, with Templeton station located right at the end of the parking lot. The centre is a collaboration with the airport authority, with each partner having a 50 per cent share.

"Working with the project management team at (the airport) was really helpful, they were terrific to work with. I couldn't have asked for a better partner," says Thurlow.

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, and recreational travel still greatly reduced, the airport-adjacent centre is trying to make up for lost time.

This summer's numbers are roughly equivalent to a normal year, and Thurlow says June and July 2021 represented a 26 per cent increase compared to the same months in 2020. He notes that while the international tourist element of the centre's business is still missing, more locals are stopping by—and they're spending more.

"With the borders closed and no international tourist piece, we're actually making that up with more frequency from local visitors who live in the area," he says.

And with capacity restrictions being eased, lineups are shortening. But



Photo courtesy McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Vancouver Airport Six years after opening, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Vancouver Airport is finding new ways to grow despite the pandemic.

Thurlow says it's still best to be the first customer of the day, so you won't have to wait.

"We've certainly noticed longer dwell time than we had prior," he says. "Prior to the onslaught of COVID, the dwell time of the average customer was about 90 minutes, (and) that is now about two hours."

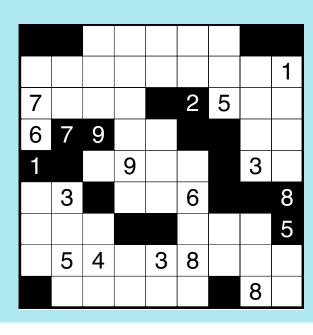
Outdoor concourse space, which includes unique patio spaces, is another draw of McArthurGlen. Its restaurants have adjacent outdoor dining spaces, which was always built into the floor plan. During the pandemic, patio spaces expanded as outdoor dining became more prevalent—and at times was the only option.

"Outdoor spaces in summer months, even pre-COVID, always filled up faster than inside," says Thurlow. "Sometimes people sit on a bench, buy a coffee, bring a book, and watch planes come in. It astounded me how many people came and did that. I remember one guy just sitting under a lamppost with a book saying 'I find it so beautiful to come here and sit, and it's peaceful'."

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