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Q&A with your Liberal candidate for Richmond Centre - Wilson Miao

A longtime Richmond resident, Wilson Miao is your Liberal candidate for Richmond Centre.

Fluent in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese, 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 and later Richmond Secondary.

He has a business degree from Simon Fraser University and has also dedicated himself to projects enhancing seniors' well-being and quality of life.

Here are some Q&A with Wilson:

Q: Why are you running for the federal election?

I am passionate about giving back to the place I call home. This year, I put my name forward to the election, hoping to represent the many communities here. Regardless of the result, I will continue to be here for everyone and serve the community.

Q: Why did you choose the Liberal Party?

I chose the Liberal Party for three reasons:

First, I share the same beliefs as written in Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedom.

Second, the Liberal Party stands for inclusive and positive values. No Party has been perfect in the past decades, however, the Liberal Party of Canada is the only Party that will always be here for you and ALL Canadians.

Third, the Liberal Party has achieved many accomplishments during the pandemic, and one to remember is that this past July, Canada has secured enough vaccines so that everyone Canada could have the option of receiving one.

Q: How would you help make Richmond be a better city?

My commitment includes supporting:

- Canadian values
- Programs for Seniors that will make retirement more affordable
- Opportunities for our youth
- Affordable housing programs
- Protect our coastal waters and ecosystems

Q: Why should you vote liberal this year?

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CANADA VOTES – Federal Election 2021

Candidates weigh in on housing crisis

Candidates in the ridings of Richmond Centre and Steveston–Richmond East share their views on how to move forward

RICHMOND CENTRE



LAURA GILLANDERS
Green Party
candidate

Why are you running in this election?

"The people in Richmond Centre deserve the choice of voting Green. I'm

committed to using my voice and advocacy to help protect the incredible natural assets in Richmond. Rampant forest fires burn in the province and people everywhere are living in uncertainty about the future. Canada doesn't need a majority government in Ottawa right now, we need to be working together to fight climate change and get through this pandemic."

Housing accessibility and affordability continue to be major concerns for Richmond residents. What is your personal solution?

"We are in a housing crisis with many contributing factors and overlapping consequences—speculation, commodifying lack of supply, cost of land, cost to build, red tape, foreign ownership, and last but not least, money laundering. Yes, home ownership is the goal of many, but equally or more important is secure, affordable rental supply. I'm passionate about rental housing because that was the reality for my family. This isn't the reality for most people.

Many issues contributing to the problems in Richmond need to be addressed at the municipal and provincial levels, but there is more the federal government can do. We need to restrict foreign ownership, which some parties are now promising to do for two years. I believe foreign investors should not be allowed to purchase single-family homes.

We also need thousands of purpose-built market rental units in Richmond and in cities across the country. The national housing strategy provides incentives to developers to build rental units and we need to expand and increase that program. There could be incentives for municipalities to keep already densified housing stock such as duplexes and four-plexes, and we need better co-ordination of funding for the whole range of accessible housing projects such as co-ops."



JAMES HINTON
People's Party
candidate

No responses were available by our press deadline.



WILSON MIAO
Liberal Party
candidate

Why are you running in this election?

"We are a city known for its unique culture and diverse demographics. Over the past decade, I

have noticed many issues that can be addressed and communicated to Parliament. Canada has provided me with many opportunities, and it is important for me to promote and uphold Canadian values. As a proud Richmond resident, I am here to represent the entire community. Regardless of your age, gender, race, or ethnicity—you can count on me to listen to your concerns, understand your perspectives, and bring your voice back to Ottawa."

Housing accessibility and affordability continue to be major concerns for Richmond residents. What is your personal solution?

"Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. A challenging housing market and high rent prices has made the dream of owning a home feel impossible for many Canadians—particularly young Canadians, who aren't asking for a free house; they're asking for a fair shot. We will build more affordable homes, introduce a rent-to-own program and a Home Buyers' Bill of Rights,

support multigenerational living and further support first-time buyers. Having worked in the real estate industry, I have seen the joy of helping young families find their first home. We are committed to supporting Canadians with home ownership."



SANDRA NIXON
NDP candidate

Why are you running in this election?

"Two words: people and planet. It's never been clearer that these need to be our priorities as a society. And our gov-

ernment needs to do better—much better—for both.

People are hurting, and so is our planet. Our Richmond community (and our country) are living through a pandemic, housing/affordability crisis, and climate emergency, along with an inadequate health care system, deep inequities and systemic racism.

We need fresh voices in Parliament to show up and speak up on these issues, and for the specific interests and concerns of Richmondites. Having worked at the grassroots and municipal levels on many of the issues facing us, I'm now ready to bring my community leadership and advocacy experience to work for positive change in Ottawa; for a brighter future for Richmond, and for all."

Housing accessibility and affordability continue to be major concerns for Richmond residents. What is your personal solution?

"We're hearing from many Richmondites that finding a good place to live is increasingly difficult, thanks to skyrocketing rents, demo-victions and ballooning home prices. Parents are watching their kids move out of the community they grew up in, to the suburbs or even farther in order to find an affordable place to live. This is a complex issue and many different strategies are needed.

First, we need to help renters right now who are struggling to pay rent. The NDP will provide renters with low incomes a rent subsidy of up to \$5,000 per year to help pay rent as we emerge from the pandemic, and until the supply of good, affordable rental housing is increased. We also want to tighten the rules to prevent big developers from 'renovicting' families.

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Second, the NDP is committed to building 500,000 new units of non-market, co-op, and social housing. This will involve re-purposing existing government-owned land, and giving planning resources, startup funds, long-term leases, and a break on GST to community non-profits who want to build affordable housing. I would also personally push for more units of supportive housing (such as temporary modular) that include other supports for particularly vulnerable people and families.

Speculation, including house-flipping, is a major reason house prices have gotten so out of reach for many people. The NDP want to impose a 20 per cent foreign home buyers' tax to help curb foreign speculation in our housing market. I also support the NDP plan to curb house-flipping by enhancing the capital gains tax."



ALICE WONG
Conservative
Party candidate
Why are you running in this election?

"I am running for re-election for Richmond Centre because I still have plenty of energy, and serving the people of

Richmond gives me even more. It gives me motivation to hear when our office is successfully able to assist a constituent. Likewise, I also diligently listen to everyone's concerns and thoughts about the direction our country is heading."

Housing accessibility and affordability continue to be major concerns for Richmond residents. What is your personal solution?

"Let us recognize that one reason why housing is expensive in Richmond is because our city is a

wonderful place to live. Since people recognize this, it boosts demand. My vision is for a wide range of available housing at different price ranges. As long as Richmond remains a great city to live in, there will always be high demand for our real estate, both to own and rent.

All three levels of government have a role to play in affordability. There are no single solutions, but there are options that will have a positive impact. It is simple economics that if supply does not rise to meet the demand (partly caused by population increases), prices will rise. Federally, my preferred direction is to support policies that will help expand supply, and to encourage provincial and municipal governments to accommodate supply-friendly policies as well. On the federal side, we can examine and implement recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into Money Laundering, which should reduce demand, especially in the Lower Mainland."

STEVESTON-RICHMOND EAST



PARM BAINS
Liberal Party
candidate
Why are you running in this election?

"I am passionate about serving the community I have been a lifelong resident of and am raising my kids in.

In my role with the Richmond Community Foundation, I witnessed the tremendous effort organizations make in our community, but I also saw the gaps in the support that they need to provide.

As a university instructor, I hear from young people, and they are concerned about how affordable life will be in the future.

I, quite simply, want people to enjoy their lives. The only way Canadians can enjoy their lives is if

they have the necessary support and services.

I will use my over 15 years of public policy experience to identify issues and foster relationships between the government and community of Steveston-Richmond East."

Housing accessibility and affordability continue to be major concerns for Richmond residents. What is your personal solution?

"My personal solution is to champion our housing initiatives. I strongly believe every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home, and that's no different right here in Steveston-Richmond East. Our plan will help renters in Steveston-Richmond East achieve their goal of owning a home by:

- introducing a rent-to-own program to help renters become homeowners
- improving the First Time Home Buyer Incentive
- reducing closing costs when buying a home
- reducing monthly mortgage costs"



KENNY CHIU
Conservative
Party candidate
Why are you running in this election?

"As the incumbent candidate I have been honoured to serve the people of Steveston-Richmond East, and I hope to continue serving this community after this election, as I have for nearly 30 years."

Housing accessibility and affordability continue to be major concerns for Richmond residents. What is your personal solution?

"We have a housing crisis around Canada, but especially here in Richmond. The astronomical year-over-year increase in house prices is shocking and unsustainable. The supply of homes—to own as well as to rent—is not keeping up with our

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growing population and too many foreign investors are sitting on properties as investments.

Canada's Conservatives will increase the rate of home construction to build a million homes over the next three years and make homes more affordable by:

- reviewing the extensive real estate portfolio of the federal government—the largest property owner in the country with over 37,000 buildings—and releasing at least 15 percent for homes
- requiring municipalities receiving federal funding for public transit to increase density near the funded transit
- encouraging Canadians to invest in rental homes by allowing the deferral of capital gains tax when selling a rental property
- banning foreign investors from buying homes here if they are not planning to live in or move to Canada
- encouraging foreign investment in affordable purpose-built rental housing for Canadians
- providing more Canadians with a path to home ownership by making it easier for more families to get a mortgage"



FRANÇOISE RAUNET
Green Party
candidate

Why are you running in this election?

"I am deeply concerned about the future that we are leaving for our youth. The ecological emergencies (climate change, ocean acidification, deforestation, etc.) that are threatening ecosystems, causing more frequent extreme weather events, and killing off species are caused by decades of overconsumption and mismanagement of our precious natural resources. Not only is our GDP-obsessed global economy killing the planet, it seems designed to channel wealth to the top five per cent while average workers struggle harder and harder to make ends meet and keep a roof over their heads. This cannot continue."

Housing accessibility and affordability continue to be major concerns for Richmond residents. What is your personal solution?

"Having grown up in Vancouver, I have watched as more and more of my school friends move away

in order to make a life that they could afford for their growing families. The affordability crisis, for both renters and those hoping to one day buy, has made finding adequate housing nearly impossible for the average worker. I know people who have been working for over a decade who still can't afford to rent an apartment without having roommates.

I think that the housing crisis is complex, and the solutions require a combination of policies attacking the problem from different angles. First, we need a massive investment in public housing—co-ops, social housing and transitional and supportive housing. I believe we also need to place greater limits on housing speculation and money laundering in the real estate sector, which is driving up prices for locals as money from outside our region moves in and invests in real estate and rental properties. I also believe that we need to allow municipalities more autonomy. The fact that business property taxes must be paid by the small businesses that lease them (instead of the investors who own them) is an example of how provincial legislation prevents municipalities from using every tool at their disposal to deal with the housing crisis."



JENNIFER SINGH
People's Party
candidate

Why are you running in this election?

"We are a party that believes in freedom—freedom of choice, freedom of speech, freedom of

thought."

Housing accessibility and affordability continue to be major concerns for Richmond residents. What is your personal solution?

No response was available by our press deadline.



JACK TROVATO
NDP
candidate

Why are you running in this election?

"I am committed to advocating on behalf of the constituents of Steveston—Richmond East for

a fairer, greener, more just society that makes life a little easier for working Canadians and that is focused on a hopeful vision for a better tomorrow. I will do so by constantly challenging the status quo of our current economic, social, and political pol-

icies and by establishing new ones that serve the common good of all Canadians. These are challenging times for a lot of people."

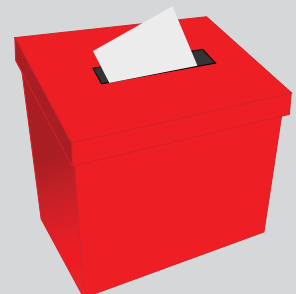
Housing accessibility and affordability continue to be major concerns for Richmond residents. What is your personal solution?

"New Democrats believe that it's time to help people. We have an ambitious plan that will make a difference in every community in our country—because finding a good, affordable place to live shouldn't be like winning the lottery. It's time to relieve the stress and worry that people feel by choosing to make it easier to rent and buy a home.

A major part of the long-term solution to the problem is to ensure that more affordable rental units are built across the country. One in three Canadians is a renter. In many cities, what few affordable apartments there are get snapped up quickly, and people end up living in inadequate housing or (are) simply forced to spend a huge chunk of their income on rent.

A New Democrat government will create at least 500,000 units of quality, affordable housing in the next 10 years, with half of that done within five years. In order to kick-start the construction of co-ops, social and non-profit housing and break the logjam that has prevented these groups from accessing housing funding, we will set up dedicated fast-start funds to streamline the application process and help communities get the expertise and assistance they need to get projects off the ground now, not years from now. We'll mobilize federal resources and lands for these projects, turning unused and under-used properties into vibrant new communities."

• With in-person voting day on Monday, Sept. 20, the federal election will decide who will make up the House of Commons for the 44th Canadian parliament. Every elector on the National Register of Electors should receive a voter information card informing them where and when they may vote, their assigned polling station, and the address of the closest Elections Canada office to vote by special ballot. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and you must be a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age to vote.



City prepares to say goodbye to single-use plastics

By HANNAH SCOTT

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

Richmond city council is expected to adopt a single-use plastic bylaw at the Sept. 27 council meeting, banning foam cups and containers, plastic straws and plastic checkout bags.

The bylaw goes hand-in-hand with the city's other waste reduction initiatives like its updated recycling depot, where a number of items can be sustainably recycled.

"I think this decision is one that is timely," says Coun. Andy Hobbs. "Coming out of COVID is a challenge for a lot of businesses, and everybody recognizes that. I think that's why the city has been very incremental in how they're doing it. For some people, change will be a little bit difficult and there will be a cost associated with it, but hopefully it will be a manageable cost and it's a good direction for our city, our province and our country to move in."

Hobbs notes that current levels of plastic waste equate to the contents of one garbage truck being dumped into the ocean every minute of every day—mostly single-use.

"As a world, plastic has become completely ubiquitous. We use it every day, it's very convenient, but it's also very harmful for the environment," he says.

Hobbs adds this bylaw is just one part of a larger push for environmental protection, but still

an important step.

"It's part of that circular economy—not just extracting resources and (throwing them away)," says Hobbs. "The difficult part is on an individual level you do things that contribute to it, then your organization does things that contribute to it, and then a community level, a city level, provincial level, national level, international, continental, worldwide. When you take it to the whole world it gets complicated, but ultimately that's where we want to be going as a world. We all share the ocean."

Richmond's bylaw was approved by the province in March 2020, but delayed due to the pandemic and the impact it has had on business and the community. Enforcement and penalties will come into force a year after adoption.

"I think the ban is long overdue, and that we (should) include more items as soon as possible," says Coun. Michael Wolfe. "The province has recently added to the list of items that can be regulated: plastic cutlery, stir sticks and sandwich bags. I expect those to be added soon after the first phase, so businesses and consumers can begin the transition now."

The city is providing resources including a public communications campaign, a toolkit and point-of-sale materials for businesses, virtual business support sessions and collaboration with the chamber to develop additional business tools. But the transi-

tion will take time, which is why there is a year-long transitional period built into the bylaw.

"I have heard directly from businesses owners and operators that change is hard and will take time," says Wolfe. "They have existing stockpiles and contracts that need revisiting. When an enforceable ban is in place, businesses will be sure to follow to protect their profit margins."

City staff note that based on the 2020 Waste Composition Study by Metro Vancouver, 24,754,078 plastic checkout bags, 4,398,730 foam cups and containers and 6,261,458 plastic straws were disposed of in Richmond.

"As a school teacher I've seen how garbage cans are abused on a daily basis, but what is worst of all is the locker clean out days," says Wolfe. "I compare this to what happens in every garbage can around the city and all the purging of unwanted items that comes around the spring clean-up times. Outright bans will prevent these materials from being produced from fossil fuels in the first place and they will never have the ability to pollute our land and seas."

More than 20 B.C. municipalities are currently developing bylaws banning single-use plastics. And as of late July, other municipalities that want to introduce single-use plastic bans can do so without provincial approval.

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BladeRunners will prepare at-risk youth for work

By **DON FENNELL**
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Science fiction film fans may recall *Blade Runner* as the title of a 1982 box office hit starring Harrison Ford as a burnt out cop who agrees to hunt down a fugitive group of advanced replicants.

Unlike the movie, however, this initiative envisions a brighter future.

"Young people in Richmond have enormous potential, and with *BladeRunners*, they will be able to break down barriers and reach their goals," said Kelly Greene, MLA for Richmond-Steveston. "By providing youth with training opportunities, and mentorship, we are setting them up for success in work and in life."

Greene and her NDP MLA colleagues in Richmond—Henry Yao and Aman Singh—say the program will assist at-risk youth to gain skills in in-demand fields. Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society (ACCESS) has received \$10,523,551 in funding over three years to offer this program to youth who face barriers to employment in 14 communities across B.C., including Richmond.

"*BladeRunners* has helped thousands of young people to gain valuable life



Photo submitted

Richmond-Steveston MLA Kelly Greene says a new employment and skills training program will assist many to find new career opportunities.

and employment skills since the program began in 1994," said Yao, MLA for Richmond South Centre. "With this latest investment, more Richmond youth will get the skills they need to succeed and take part in our economic recovery."

Added Singh, MLA for Richmond-Queensborough: "The pandemic has been hardest on those who were already more vulnerable, including many young people. *BladeRunners* will give an extra boost to youth who face barriers to employment, putting them on solid footing as our economy recovers."

The MLAs say the *BladeRunners* program empowers youth aged 15 to 30 to take control of

their futures, gain valuable skills, and find new career opportunities in areas such as construction, culinary arts, health care, retail, hospitality, and office administration. In addition to job skills and work experience placements, youth build life skills and receive mentorship and other supports to help them participate and succeed in the program.

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Capstan Canada Line station breaks ground

Construction began this month on a new Canada Line station that will help deliver better transit to the City of Richmond and the Capstan Village area. The future Capstan Station will provide efficient and environmentally sustainable rapid transit to a rapidly developing Richmond community.

"Capstan Station will be the cornerstone of making Capstan Village centred around zero-emission, fast, and reliable transit," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "This growing urban community is projected to bring up to 16,000 new residents to Richmond, and this new transit station will help position our city as an even more attractive place to live."

The Capstan Station will have these additional features compared to existing Canada Line stations:

- Dual escalator sets
- A larger concourse
- Increased platform length and waiting space
- Commercial retail space
- Public art

"Fast, frequent, reliable, and accessible transit is the best way to build strong communities," says TransLink CEO Kevin Quinn. "The new Capstan Station will be built right in the heart of a growing community and will help make transit the number one transportation option for so many new and current residents of Capstan Village."

This \$52 million investment is cost-shared primarily by the City of Richmond, which raised \$32 million from developers through voluntary contributions, and TransLink. Projected to open in 2023, the station will provide easier access to rapid transit between Bridgeport and Aberdeen stations.

Quick facts:

- The City of Richmond and TransLink held a virtual open house in Novem-



Photo screen grab from TransLink YouTube

The Capstan Canada Line Station, located between Bridgeport and Aberdeen stations, is breaking ground.

ber 2020 to help determine the station's final design.

- Capstan Station is a unique funding arrangement between TransLink, the City of Richmond, and private developers to reduce burden to Metro Vancouver taxpayers.

- This is the first funding partnership of its kind in TransLink's history.
- This is the second time TransLink has constructed an additional SkyTrain station to serve an in-operation SkyTrain line.
- Lake City Way Station was completed after the Millennium Line opened.

Exterior walls sought for community murals



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

The *Metamorphosis* mural by Tristesse Seeliger and Karen Yurkovich was completed this year in partnership with Lehigh Hanson on Mitchell Island.

The City of Richmond is inviting property owners, community organizations, stratas and non-profit organizations that have a highly visible exterior wall available for beautification to participate in the second annual community mural program. The deadline to apply is Sept. 20, with murals to be completed in 2022.

"This public art program continues to en-

hance public spaces around Richmond, foster community dialogue and engage local artists," said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "In addition, it supports the goals of the Richmond Arts Strategy to increase awareness and participation in the arts and activate public spaces."

Selected applicants will be notified in early October. City staff will work with successful applicants to match them with a pre-qualified

artist to create the mural and manage the mural painting process. Successful locations will be visually accessible to the general public, with a few other required conditions. Private, single family properties are not eligible.

"This program was a great experience and we are lucky to have a lasting piece of art at our facility for everyone to enjoy," said Mat Kavanagh, environment manager of Lehigh Hanson. "Artists Karen Yurkovich and Tristesse Seeliger worked closely with our team and the city to showcase the past, present and future of Mitchell Island through a large scale mural, painted in 2021, on the outside of our Ocean Concrete Mitchell Island plant."

Recently completed murals include *Metamorphosis* by Karen Yurkovich and Tristesse Seeliger at the Lehigh Hanson facility (12651 Mitchell Rd.), *Ladybug and the Sun* by Laura Kwok at West Richmond Community Centre (9180 No. 1 Rd.) and *McMath Mural* by Dean and Christina Lauzé at McMath Secondary School (4251 Garry St.).

To learn more about the community mural program and obtain the PDF application form, visit www.richmond.ca/culture/publicart/whatsnew/communitymural, email publicart@richmond.ca or call 604-247-4612.

'Moseley magic' inspired many

Community fondly remembers man who gave much

By **DON FENNEL**
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His enthusiasm was infectious and dedication unwavering. The kind of individual whose mere presence inspired.

While physically slender, Moseley Jack was a giant in the local sports community—particularly in track and field—where he devoted four-plus decades to helping the youth of the Richmond Kajaks realize their potential. That was evident to the end.

A longtime Steveston resident, the retired teacher, counsellor and coach passed away last month at the age of 85—his long life a reflection of the healthy lifestyle he practiced and promoted.

In May, just months after stepping down from his coaching capacity with the Kajaks, Jack returned to the Minoru track his usual energetic self. Accompanied by his grandchildren, he watched intently as the inter-club trials were held.

Cathy Duley, another longtime Kajaks' volunteer, recounts the moment.

"I was volunteering with Byron (Jack's son, and the Kajaks' longtime jumps coach) at the long jump event. Moseley chatted with us all but, as always, his focus was on his former athletes," Duley explained. "He commented on how tall each of them was getting since they were with him in junior development and, of course, gave some coaching advice. One of the girls proceeded to perform a phenomenal jump that was a personal best for her. I later heard her say, 'See, all I needed was some Moseley magic.'"

Duley says that brief but poignant interaction "nailed the essence of Moseley."

"With each of the thousands of kids he coached over 41 years with the Kajaks, he passed on his magic or influence to each of them," she says. "Whether they were an eight-year-old that was just starting out or a 13-year-old provincial champion, he treated each athlete equally and encouraged and guided them to perform to the best of their ability."

Duley's son Logan was one of those athletes from 2015 to 2018, when he was part of the sprints and jumps group. Jack always took the time to keep Logan calm and arm him with the confidence needed to tackle any obstacle and, with Jack's guidance, Logan was able to reach the podium on a regular basis at local and provincial track meets. Jack's coaching and encouragement also helped Logan become a gold medallist several times over with the 2005 boys' four-by-100-metre relay team, including at the prestigious Harry Jerome Track Classic and twice at the BC Athletics Junior Development Championships.

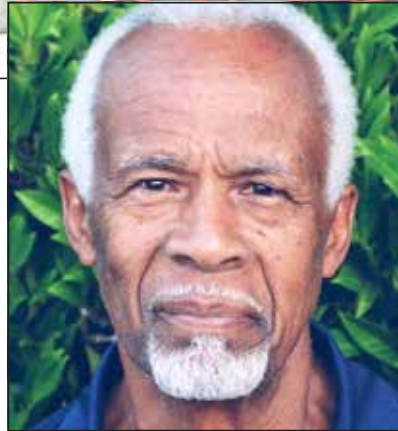
Jack's attention to detail in training, teaching the boys the proper exchange zones as well as flawless baton passing technique, have ensured that to this day the boys have never been disqualified.

Jack was immensely proud of the success his athletes achieved, and he always made sure to praise them publicly.

"One of Logan's most cherished moments as a Kajak was receiving the Moseley Jack Jumps Award at the club's annual banquet in 2017," his mom said. "Logan was also very proud of his coach and present at the ceremony to see Moseley inducted in the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame in 2018."

Lanie Man, another longtime Kajaks' volunteer, last spoke to Jack over the phone on Aug. 3. She had dropped off a photo book to him earlier that day, a compilation of messages and pictures from Kajaks families. It was a retirement gift, since the club was unable to celebrate his retirement because of COVID-19.

"He phoned me with his loud, cheerful voice, no hint of being ill," Man said. "He thanked me for the book and the effort that went into it. At the end of the con-



Photos courtesy Richmond Kajaks
The Richmond sports community lost a giant contributor with the recent passing of Moseley Jack.

versation he said, 'I'll see you at the track.'"

Jack's presence, Man said, will always be felt whenever we see athletes on the track.

"His teaching is his legacy—how he instilled the proper technique, and how his strict but caring nature of coaching...en-

grained life skills," Man said.

Bob Riddell, another longtime friend and colleague of Jack's, described him as an "upper gentleman."

"I really admired his patience when coaching or officiating. He did not know how to get flustered," Riddell said. "Generations of kids and young athletes learned how to be patient and focused because of him. The way he could watch the athletes and figure out the things that they could do to improve, I call it having a positively critical eye. It's something all really good coaches have."

Legendary masters athlete Avril Douglas, who joined the Kajaks in 1987, long admired Jack's coaching style and tries to emulate that with the youngsters she coaches who are just learning the basics of running jumping and throwing through the Track Rascals program.

"He was guided by the basic running techniques and consistently (had) a no-nonsense approach," Douglas said.

A natural athlete, Jack learned to run in his native Trinidad but it was the opportunity to learn that perhaps inspired him most. Good fortune earned him the opportunity to extend his studies past Grade 7 in Trinidad, and later to enroll in post-secondary studies in B.C. that led to a teaching career. But it was his relentless support of his children and their sporting ventures that led him to coach his son Byron's youth soccer team, and ultimately to the forging of a 41-year relationship with the Kajaks when Byron took up track and field.

Along with Ken Johns, Jack taught Olympic bronze medal race walker Evan Dunfee how to run. But most fondly Dunfee will remember Jack when he started coaching alongside him.

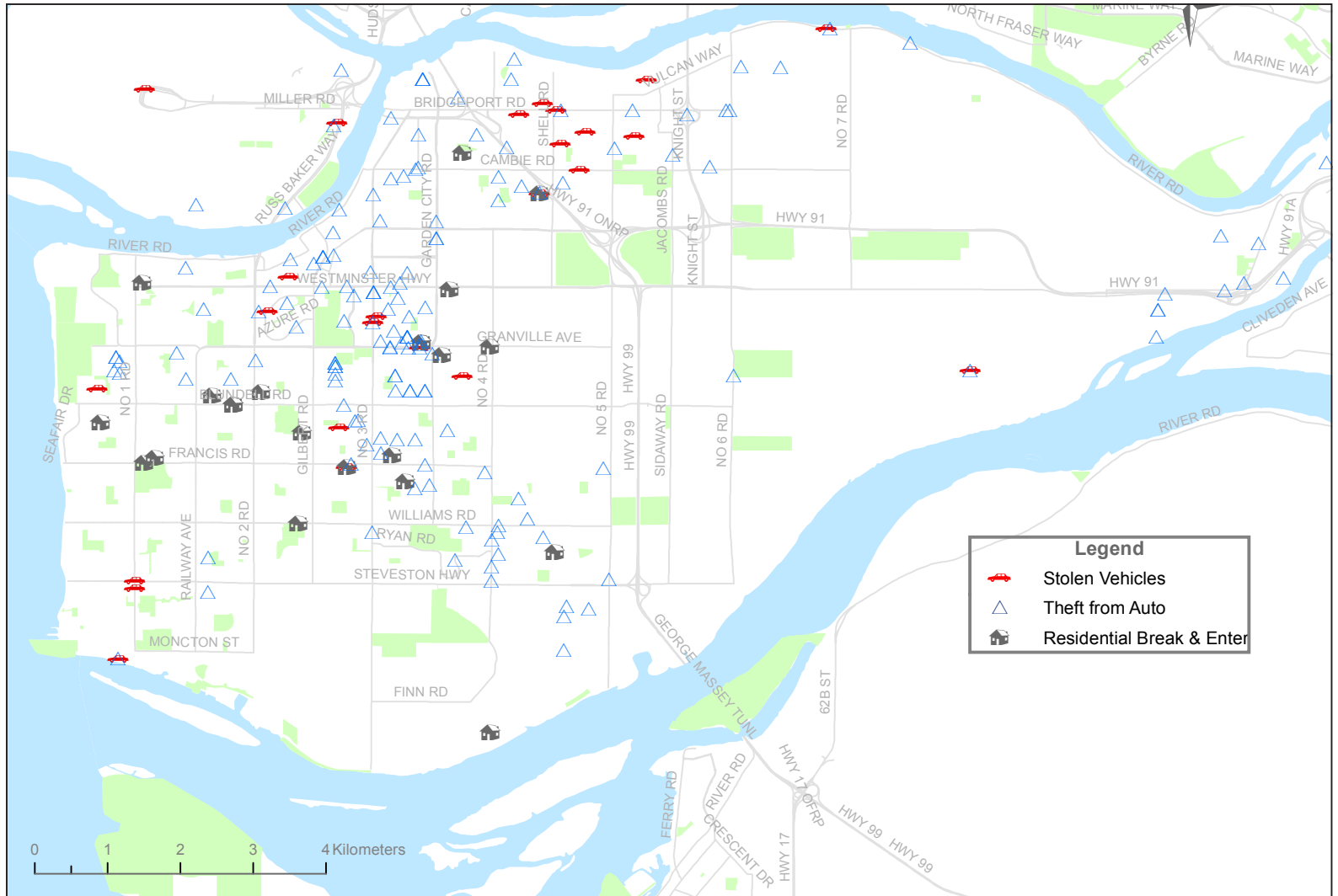
"He was such an inspiring role model. For thousands of kids, Moseley was the first person aside from their parents from whom they learned the power of hard work and dedication. I think that's a pretty special legacy."

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Crime Map Aug. 1 - 31, 2021



Transit free in B.C. for kids under 12

Public transit is now free for all children 12 and under in B.C.

The free transit program was officially launched Sept. 1.

"I'm thrilled to be here to celebrate the start of free transit for children 12 and under," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "This is a landmark achievement for free public transit in this province and an important part of our government's commitment to provide safe, reliable and affordable public transit for B.C. families."

Added Environment Minister George Heyman: "By providing free public transit for children, we're building the ridership of the future today, while making life more affordable for working families. As our population increases, the need for climate-friendly forms of transportation continues to grow. Public transit reduc-

es road congestion, supports our economy and offers a cleaner, low-carbon way of getting around that works for people and builds healthy communities."

The program will save the equivalent of a \$57-per-month TransLink pass or \$687 per year, while savings on a BC Transit children's pass, at an average cost of \$35 per month, would add up to \$420 a year.

It is estimated that approximately 370,000 children aged 12 and under throughout B.C. are eligible to ride public transit free of charge.

While travel for children 12 and under will be free, parents and guardians remain responsible for providing adequate provisions for the safety and care of their children whenever travelling on transit.

Learn more at www.gov.bc.ca/kids-getonboard



Photo by Don Fennell

Effective Sept. 1, there is now no charge for kids 12 and under to ride public transit in B.C.

In their own words...

One Community Together



Michael Wolfe
Councillor

We have come a long way together, weathering the shock of what a pandemic can bring. From lockdowns of some of our favourite local shops, to vaccination clinics taking over our entertainment venues, to Community Ambassadors helping us remain 2 metres apart; what comes next is sure to be different than the norm, and challenging for many.

Respecting the fact that we all come with unique lived experiences and seen or unseen physical and mental struggles, we are required to regularly take a step back in order to let someone else get ahead, or to step forward and get the door to aid in accessibility.

Recently our community facilities and schools have opened up again. Each of our neighbourhoods have them, from Hamilton to Steveston to Terra Nova to Bridgeport and everywhere in between. Some folks from outside Richmond have asked me, "What is common amongst all the areas?"

To get to the uniqueness that stands out

to me, it is our maritime heritage. Geographically we all live on a flat island, surrounded by dikes. Biologically we are humans, living with urban wildlife and species native to the Fraser River estuary. Unique to our municipality, our taxes partially go to maintaining the balance of water in our city, with the added problem of not just sending water downhill, but forcing it through box culverts and out pump stations into a tidally influenced river.

This past year, I've surveyed our many islands aboard my 9-foot water craft, *Silty Pleasure*, including a few circumnavigations that took nearly 80km or 8 hours to complete. I see many of you walking the perimeter dike trails or gazing out from our shores and I encountered many people fishing, hoping to bring a catch to sell or feed the family, and others practicing catch and release with what remains of our historic salmon runs.

This summer, the Maritime Festival brought out crowds to the Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site, with people



flocking to see the wooden boats or interact with the great storytellers we had on hand. River cruises are available aboard some of these historic vessels. When you are on a boat, the phrase "One Community Together" rings true, as we must abide by the safety protocols, support each other and the environment, and act united as a team.

We have much to gain from continuing to learn from those who lived here before us, especially since our local geography, biology, and municipality will continue to evolve as we experience what climate change and COVID-19 will bring, and what City operations can do for us.

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.

Sept 15 | 3:30 p.m.
Development Permit Panel

Sept 20 | 4:00 p.m.
General Purposes Committee

Sept 21 | 4:00 p.m.
Community Safety Committee followed by Public Works & Transportation Committee

Sept 27 | 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

Sept 28 | 4:00 p.m.
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

Sept 29 | 3:30 p.m.
Development Permit Panel

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

Oct 5 | 4:00 p.m.
Planning Committee

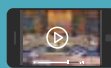
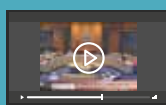
Oct 12 | 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

For meeting agendas and reports visit www.richmond.ca.

Meeting schedule subject to change.



**Council Meeting
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Volunteers go all out for *Light of Shabbat*



Photo courtesy Chabad Richmond

Volunteers from Chabad Richmond are determined all recipients of the *Light of Shabbat* meal program are well fed.

Jewish New Year began on the evening of Sept. 6 and volunteers at Chabad Richmond have been determined to ensure the high holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot are special.

Recently, an enthusiastic contingent of volunteers showed up in a big way to ensure that all recipients of the *Light of Shabbat* meal program would be well fed throughout the high holidays.

A small army of 12 cooked more than 800 meals in a local kosher commissary.

"This is truly a labour of love," said organizer Chanie Baitelman, co-director of Chabad Richmond. "Our *Light of Shabbat* participants rely on these meals. It's not just about feeding individuals and families, it's about nourishing their souls as well."

Since 2011, Chabad Richmond has been operating the community-building program, where volunteers cook and deliver kosher Shabbat meals to old and young, singles and families, unemployed and working poor, immigrants and born-and-raised community members. The program is run entirely by volunteers who coordinate, plan, shop, cook, bake, package and deliver.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, more than 12,000 kosher Shabbat meals have been prepared and delivered to people in the community—all made possible through generous donors, many of whom are *Light of Shabbat* volunteers themselves.

To learn more about the Jewish New Year programs at Chabad Richmond, visit www.ChabadRichmond.com.

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).

Highway 99 projects to help improve bus service

Work is expected start later this year on improvements to Highway 99 on either side of the George Massey Tunnel to make transit more reliable and cycling more accessible.

A \$5.28-million contract has been awarded to Lafarge Canada Inc. of Port Coquitlam for construction of the Bridgeport Road bus connection and improvements to the Highway 99/17A interchange. This new bus-only access will be created from Bridgeport Road to Highway 99 southbound. This will improve access to the highway for transit and make for a faster commute from Bridgeport Station and the Canada Line.

This contract also includes the creation of a new multi-use pathway from the Oak Street Bridge into the Richmond cycling and pedestrian network, improvements to the bicycle shuttle pullout on Highway 17A and improvements to cycling facilities along Highway 17A, including new ramp crossings and better connection into the existing network.

Work on both projects will begin later this year once all permitting is in place.

M2K Construction Ltd. of Coquitlam has been awarded a \$12.8-million contract for construction of bus-on-shoulder transit lanes on Highway 99, south of the tunnel. The project includes the creation of southbound bus-on-shoulder transit lanes between Highway 17A and the Ladner Trunk Road off-ramp, and northbound from Ladner Trunk Road to the existing start of the high-occupancy vehicle lane on Highway 99.

The new bus-on-shoulder lanes will tie into dedicated transit lanes through the new tunnel to bring free-flowing transit across the river, improving the quality and reliability of public transit in the region.

A project to replace the Steveston Interchange is in the request-for-qualifications stage, with a request for proposals planned for early this fall. With a successful contract award, construction on the Steveston Interchange is anticipated to begin in 2022 and be complete in 2025. The new interchange will improve connections for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists, while addressing the current bottleneck.

Learn more at www.masseytunnel.ca

Little Adrie embracing life in all its glory

Faith and medical advances give Richmond child renewed hope for future

By **DON FENNELL**
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Adrie heartily embraces every opportunity life offers—from playing with her sister London and going to the playground to biking and the beach. And, at age five, the Richmond child has just started her first days of school.

"I think she will enjoy Kindergarten and developing friendships," her mom, Selina Lam, says hopefully. "She's also requested to join soccer for the fall and as long as she enjoys it, we want to give her the opportunity."

But for Adrie, the path hasn't been easy. She's had feeding issues since birth and was not meeting a lot of the expected milestones in her first year. She often threw up her formula and was not gaining weight. At the age of one doctors diagnosed her with NF1 (the better known reference to neurofibromatosis), a genetic disorder characterized by the development of multiple non-cancerous tumours of the nerves and skin, and areas of abnormal skin colour. Yet with seemingly little hope she pulled through and was able to finally breathe on her own again.

"We never connected those as indicators of her NF1 being severe," explained Lam, who also has the genetic disorder, but like most only has coffee-coloured patches on her skin. "I never knew there were chances of having tumours that can grow along your nerve and seriously affect quality of life."

The tumours have caused Adrie's spine to be severely curved. Last year, she underwent halo traction and rod surgery and is due for another rod replacement surgery in October. Thanks to recent technology, the rod can be extended magnetically without her having to endure further surgery, but she will still need rod replacement every 18 months until her teen years. Lam hopes there will be further medical advances in the meantime, explaining that without continued funding and research Adrie will face many additional surgeries.

As devoted Christians, Lam and her family draw strength from their faith.

"We know that God is looking after our family and He has his plan for us to learn and grow," Lam says. "We have a strong support group from our church who has prayed for us and Adrie throughout our journey. Being Christians allows us to put our fear in His hands. What we need to do is try our best to live a joyful life."

Lam is also grateful to the dedicated health workers who have supported Adrie and her family throughout the challenging journey.

"Adrie's tumours also affected her swallowing," Lam explains. "She was silently choking on her food and it was going into her lungs. It led her to the ICU and she stayed incubated for three weeks at a year-and-a-half. After one month she pulled through and was able to breathe on her own again. However, her medical team advised she should not be eating orally due to the risk of choking and facing another lung infection. So for a year she was only fed through a tube."

With her trial medication proving effective, Adrie was again allowed to eat pureed food in small portions. She was always eager to attend occupational



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The care team at BC Children's Hospital has made Adrie strong and determined heading into Kindergarten this year.

therapy sessions where she learned to chew and swallow. During the two years her overall health and weight improved and she gained a full ability to eat orally without a gastronomy tube. The tube was removed this June and she discovered a love of food—notably her dad's smoked ribs, tacos, and bubble tea.

"(Adrie's) speech is a little behind for her age, but I believe she is determined enough to catch up with her peers," says Lam, adding that determination is only possible because she had the opportunity to be on trial medication. That trial may end this year since Adrie's health has proven to be stable, but she will still need to be closely monitored to ensure there is no growth of the tumours which tend to grow during puberty.

While unfailingly supportive, doctors—such as Dr. Juliette Hukin, a neuro-oncologist at BC Children's Hospital—have always been honest about Adrie's condition, Lam says. Rather than surgeries to remove Adrie's non-cancerous tumours affecting her eating and growth, Dr. Hukin worked with the oncology board for three months to get Adrie onto the trial medication to shrink the tumours.

At the time, Lam says, BC Children's Hospital did not have any other children participating in the trial.

"We can tell (Dr. Hukin) always thinks of Adrie and (spends time) researching the best treatment for her," Lam says appreciatively. "We often receive calls from her after work hours to update us with her plans."

"And Dr. Ravi Ghag, her orthopaedic surgeon, is always on the lookout for the best treatment for her scoliosis, especially due to her age and size. We have trusted him on her journey and know that he will make the best choices for Adrie."

Further testament to Adrie's inner strength is how she responded to having to stay at BC Children's Hospital for a month due to severe scoliosis. She had six pins drilled to the crown of her head with a halo and was forced to stay in a wheelchair or walker carrying one third of her weight to stretch her back before surgery.

"She didn't complain once of any pain and not being able to go home," Lam marvels. "She made friends with all the nurses in the ward and enjoyed all of the activities child life specialists hosted."

The successful treatment for Adrie, and children facing similar challenges, is made possible largely through the care and generosity of others. One of the ways to show your support is through BC Children's Hospital Foundation Dream Lottery. Tickets are now on sale through midnight Oct. 14 or until tickets sell out. The Dream Lottery supports research initiatives that lead to innovative discoveries and treatments, which in turn help experts advance their quest to conquer childhood illnesses. At BC Children's Hospital, more than 1,000 researchers continually push the boundaries of what's possible. Lottery funds help accelerate the pace of turning discoveries into life-saving treatments, allowing more kids to get back to being kids again.

Tickets are available in three packs for \$100, six packs for \$175, nine packs for \$250 and 20 packs for \$500 at bcchildrens.com, by phone at 604-536-2491 or 1-888-888-167 or in-person at London Drugs or Save-On Foods.

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Local charity inspired to help Ugandan students

By HANNAH SCOTT

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

The *Acts for Water* team had been working to bring clean water to a region in Uganda for three years. But when they discovered Kisabo, a nearby community of around 1,200 people, they wanted to extend the system to help out.

"It wasn't actually on the original plans, we weren't planning on reaching it because we didn't know about this area that was outside our (water system) scheme," explains Jeff Golby, chief executive officer of the Steveston-based charity. "It's called a 'last mile community,' so they're really remote."

But in the community is the 600-person Nyamabaare Primary School, where students have to walk three hours per day to access swamp water that often leaves them sick. By extending the pipeline system, members of the community will be able to access clean water and toilet facilities close to home.

Golby says this is the largest school sanitation project *Acts for Water* has ever undertaken. And with Uganda in the thick of its second wave in the COVID-19 pandemic, and less than three per cent of the population vaccinated, having access to clean water and soap is crucial.

That school was the focus of a Walk4Water event that took place Sunday at Garry Point Park. In what was described as a family-friendly exercise in empathy, participants walked three kilometres for water, just as Ugandan students do.

"My hope is that with every step (people) take while carrying that jerry can, semi-full or just a little bit full of clean water, they'll share feelings, and can in some small way empathize with the daily struggle for water," says Golby of the events.

During the pandemic, *Acts for Water* was only able to run one other in-person event, in September 2020. The recent walk had a limited capacity,



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Richmondites learned what some Ugandan students go through each day, when they carry water three kilometres back to their school, at a recent event.

based on provincial health restrictions.

"Our first walk ever had five people, it was raining, in Surrey—it was embarrassing," says Golby. "Our last one had 100 people, in September (2020), during COVID. It's a growing community, people come back because it's the closest thing that somebody can do to connect in some small way to something that somebody goes through overseas."

Community partner Richmond Sunrise Rotary is a frequent collaborator that Golby calls an "advocate and supporter" of Walk4Water events. After the event, the group will provide the remaining funds necessary to finish the project.

The project in Uganda will break ground in Sep-

tember, and Golby estimates the process will be completed by November. Then, the *Acts for Water* team of hygiene and sanitation engineers will stay in Kisabo for about a year to provide additional education.

Starting this week, the fall campaign will allow people to provide clean safe water to a family for Christmas or the end of the year. To learn more or donate, go to acts.ca

"It costs two dollars to provide clean water for one year to one of those students, or \$125 for clean water and latrines and all the training for life," says Golby.

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Volunteer drivers needed to assist seniors

Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives (RCRG), which operates a transportation service for local seniors, has put out an urgent call for volunteer drivers.

As pandemic restrictions ease, the need for the service has grown, with older adults requesting rides to medical appointments and community activities, including visits with friends and family.

"After temporarily suspending the service due to COVID-19, we've spent the past months getting it back up and running" says Carol Dickson, manager of RCRG's Seniors Community Support Services. "Access to transportation is essential for keeping older adults independent and connected to their community."

Volunteer drivers work on a flexible schedule, accepting or declining ride requests based on their availability. They can use their own vehicle, or one provided by RCRG, which has a plexiglass barrier installed between the front

and back seats.

With the pandemic far from over, the organization continues to prioritize the safety of its clients and volunteers.

"We're committed to running our transportation service responsibly," says Dickson. "Health and safety measures are in place to ensure both our clients and volunteers feel comfortable driving together."

In recent weeks, more seniors have added their names to the transportation wait list, and RCRG is hopeful that additional volunteers will step behind the wheel to meet the demand.

To apply as a volunteer driver, or to learn more about the opportunity, visit www.rcrg.org/DriveForSeniors or call 604-279-7020.

RCRG's transportation service is part of the Richmond Better at Home program, operated in partnership with the United Way of the Lower Mainland and the province.

Steveston artist inspired by world around her

By HANNAH SCOTT

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

Art runs in Jennifer Heine's blood. The Steveston-based mixed media artist comes from an artistic family, and says she's been making art "forever." Initially a graphic designer working in galleries, she has been professionally showing her work for 27 years.

Heine says she likes to paint organic things—"I don't really like straight lines that much"—and is constantly inspired by the natural beauty of the region and whatever she sees out her window.

"If I was going to be locked anywhere for two years straight, there are much worse places to be than Richmond, and B.C. in general," she adds.

The pandemic has afforded Heine more time to participate in virtual shows, as well as studying with people she's always wanted to learn from but couldn't because their workshops were previously sold out. And while visiting her sister, she tried out a new medium—resonant alcohol—that she's wanted to work with for a while.

"Having all those other distractions culled by not being able to do volunteer activities, talks, teaching in person—I actually had a lot more time to spend on painting," says Heine.

Heine is also actively involved in the local art scene, having been part of the Grand Prix of Art—a unique plein air painting event that takes place annually in Steveston—since its inception. While she initially participated as a painter, Heine has been acting as the exhibition director for the last seven years.

"I help out with some of the planning—(event organizer) Mark (Glavina) and I walk around and choose the locations," Heine says. "I lay out how best to



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Steveston-based artist Jennifer Heine says the pandemic has afforded her more time to paint, appreciating the beauty of what she can see out her window.

organize the flow (of the exhibition), and figure out how we're going to hang over 100 artworks in an hour or two."

While the plans looked a little different this year, Heine's dedication to the Grand Prix has been unwavering. She loves the event's grassroots origins, as well as the opportunities for artists to socialize and even collaborate after the competition part ends.

"Spectators are shocked at what artists can do in a few hours, admiring the beautiful scenery out here," she says. "It's probably my favourite weekend—just the chance for all these artists getting to admire each other's work, talk about techniques, get together for a beer. It's a tremendous amount of appreciation for this beautiful spot."

The president of the Richmond Artists Guild, Heine says the Grand Prix has also been instrumental to that group's survival. The donated commission funds from the 2019 event helped them get through the last two years without charging membership dues during the pandemic, when they weren't able to provide services.

As for her own art, Heine says she's made a point of trying everything so there was nothing she didn't feel like she could paint. But her specialization is portraits that allow for a detailed, close-up look at the subject.

"I want to interact, and I want viewers to interact with things as if they're seeing them," she says. "Rather than having something at a great distance, if it's up close and at the same scale as you would be interacting with it in person, I think there's a different energy seeing it on your walls, and I really like that."

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