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Richmond students awarded Beedie Scholarship

Ryan Beedie, through his foundation, Beedie Luminaries, is awarding \$6.9 million in scholarships worth up to \$44,000 each to 116 Grade 12 students, 10 refugee and immigrant students and 20 single parents in B.C. For the first time, the foundation is also awarding 10 Graduate Studies Awards of up to \$50,000 to previous Beedie Luminaries scholarship recipients who have finished their undergraduate degrees and are now pursuing graduate or second-entry undergraduate studies.

"This year we have the special honour of not only welcoming a new cohort of promising hard-working students to the Beedie Luminaries program, including the first cohort of RISE (Refugee and Immigrant Student Education) Awards, but also celebrating Beedie Luminaries from the inaugural cohort of 2019 as they graduate from their post-secondary programs," says Ryan Beedie. "It has been inspiring to see the success that this talented and determined group of young people has achieved over the past four years. I can't wait to see what they will accomplish as they move forward to the next chapter of their lives."

The Beedie Luminaries Grade 12 scholarship program provides students who demonstrate strong academic potential and determination, but face financial barriers to attending post-secondary, with up to \$44,000 each over four years as well as access to mentors, student coaches, paid internships and ongoing support from the Beedie Luminaries community.

This year's Grade 12 recipients come from 67 high schools in 29 communities, with 41 per cent being the first in their immediate family to pursue post-secondary education and 60 per cent coming from single-parent or legal guardian families. In addition to university, a number of students will use the funds to attend trade school and vocational training.

"Receiving this scholarship from Beedie Luminaries is life changing for me and my studies," says Grace Cline, a Beedie Luminaries Grade 12 scholarship recipient from Castlegar. "My family and I are so thankful for this scholarship and highly recommend the Beedie Luminaries program to any Grade 12 student looking to pursue great things in life".

With its first cohort of scholarship recipients graduating this spring, Beedie Luminaries wanted to continue providing support for students whose areas of study—like medicine or law—require advanced degrees. The Graduate Studies Award provides up to \$50,000 over two years to existing Beedie Luminaries scholarship recipients to pursue a master's degree or second-entry undergraduate program as well as continued support from student coaches, mentors and the wider Beedie Luminaries community.

"We believe in reducing financial barriers to post-secondary education—both at the under-



Photos submitted

Ali Saffari, Amna Siddiqui, Layla Ayyash, Maureen Joy Mendania, Nathan Rajkumar, and Stephanie Kent were awarded a Beedie Luminaries scholarship.

graduate and graduate level," says Ryan Beedie. "That is why, as our first cohort finishes their bachelor's degrees, we want to continue providing support for Beedie Luminaries students who plan to pursue advanced degrees and who have been outstanding ambassadors of our program."

Beedie Luminaries, through their SPARK (Single Parent Award for Resilience and Knowledge) and RISE (Refugee & Immigrant Student Education) programs, also provides scholarships to single parents and refugees, respectively, who want to pursue further education in B.C. In 2023, these two programs will grant 30 scholarships also worth up to \$44,000 each.

Originally launched on Nov. 13, 2018 with a \$50-million donation from Ryan Beedie that coincided with his 50th birthday, Beedie Luminaries has awarded 625 scholarships to B.C. Grade 12, single parent, refugee and graduate students to date.

Six Grade 12 students from Richmond were awarded a Beedie Luminaries scholarship of up to \$44,000.

- Ali Saffari, The University of British Columbia
- Anna Siddiqui, The University of British Columbia
- Layla Ayyash, British Columbia Institute of Technology
- Maureen Joy Mendania, Kwantlen Polytechnic University - Richmond
- Nathan Rajkumar, The University of British Columbia

- Stephanie Kent, The University of British Columbia

"Receiving a Beedie Luminaries scholarship has had a significant impact on my life. It has enabled me to dedicate myself fully to my studies in biomedical engineering without the need to work multiple jobs to make ends meet. I encourage other students to consider applying for a Beedie Luminaries scholarship as it can change your life and allow you to advance your education and pursue your dreams." - Nathan Rajkumar, Richmond

"This scholarship from Beedie Luminaries not only alleviates the financial burden associated with post-secondary education, but also offers support that enables me to pursue my dreams without limitations. I encourage other students to consider applying for a Beedie Luminaries scholarship. It is a life-changing experience that fosters a community of mentorship and inspiration, empowering individuals to reach their full potential." - Ali Saffari, Richmond Secondary

"To me, the Beedie Luminaries scholarship isn't just money, it's opportunity. It's the chance to connect with like-minded individuals and network to build a support group while allowing students to work towards their goals, fulfil their dreams, and build their future." - Amna Siddiqui, Richmond

Students who are interested in applying to be part of next year's cohort are encouraged to follow Beedie Luminaries on social media or visit beedieluminaries.ca. The application period for the 2024 cohort will open in fall 2023.

Steveston Salmon Festival and parade return on July 1

The Steveston Salmon Festival returns for its 76th year on Saturday, July 1, and is set to once again be a grand celebration of the spirit of the community. Spanning from Britannia Shipyards to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, festival-goers are invited to enjoy the day-long program which will feature live music, exhibitions, demonstrations, hands-on activities and the return of the popular Canada Day parade.

"The Steveston Salmon Festival is one of Richmond's most popular and enduring events," said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "We are delighted to have it return to a full program and parade for the first time since 2019. The festival has been popular for over seven decades. We encourage the community to come together once again to celebrate the spirit of Steveston and its rich fishing history."

The longstanding tradition of the Salmon Bake is also back with limited pre-order tickets available now. Orders can be placed through Eventbrite at bit.ly/3oXnRWy. Also returning will be the Chow Mein Booth, Japanese Cultural Show, Art Show and Sammy's Fun Zone where there will be plenty of kid-friendly activities and performances to enjoy throughout the day. Celebratory fireworks will conclude the night at Imperial Landing at 10:15 p.m.

"We're so excited for the return of the popular Canada Day parade this year," said Alan Sakai, chair of The Steveston Salmon Festival Committee. "Richmond residents will be in for a treat as there will be more than 70 floats on display, making it the largest Canada Day parade in the region. The festival is all about community and we're looking forward to bringing everyone together to celebrate with a range of cultural activities, delicious food, and entertainment for all ages."

Highlights of the 2023 Steveston Salmon Festival include:

- Kids' Bike Parade: a fun opportunity for children to cycle the big parade route to the cheers and encouragement of the waiting crowds before the floats take off. Starting at 9:30 a.m.
- Canada Day Parade: returns for the first time since 2019 starting at 10 a.m.
- Salmon Bake: held on the festival grounds, with tickets available by pre-order from June 9 to June 20 (bit.ly/3oXnRWy).
- Community Food Stations and food vendors: featuring an array of locally-made cuisine for all tastes including food trucks and participating Community Food Stations from the Steveston Japanese Language School, the Steveston Judo Club and the popular Chow Mein Booth.
- Japanese Cultural Show: representing and celebrating the Japanese community's contributions to the fabric of Steveston.
- Marketplace: featuring local vendors and goods.
- Spirit of Steveston Entertainment Zone: with live performances by Orchard Sky and Warren Dean Flandez, food vendors and local beer and wine.



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

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- Sammy's Fun Zone: featuring family-friendly performances and hands-on activities in Steveston Park.

For a full list of activities, visit stevestonsalmonfest.ca/things-to-do/.

Festival goers are encouraged to use public transportation, walk or ride their bike to the Festival. Parking is limited throughout the day and road closures will be in effect in and around Steveston Village from 8 a.m. to until 6 p.m. A complimentary shuttle and wheel watch (bike storage) will also be available. Visit stevestonsalmonfest.ca for more information.

About the Steveston Salmon Festival

The Festival is presented by the City of Richmond and Steveston Community Society, with support from the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada. Spirit of Steveston Main Stage Diamond Sponsor is TD Bank, Silver Sponsor is Royal Bank of Canada, Bronze Level Sponsors include: Steveston Waterfront Hotel, Moxies, Coast Capital Savings, Canfisco Fishing Company, Save On Foods and Gulf & Fraser Financial. With support from Friends of Steveston: Britannia Brewing Company, Coast Capital Savings, Ladies Auxiliary of Steveston ANAF UNIT 284, Shafik Team, Sinfully The Best, VanCity of Richmond, Steveston Insider, United Rentals, Imagine That Events, Steveston Harbour Authority, and Richmond News.

To learn more about the 76th anniversary Steveston Salmon Festival, visit stevestonsalmonfest.ca

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Community Services pop ups continue until year-end

In response to ongoing interest and demand, the City of Richmond and the Richmond Public Library will continue hosting monthly Community Services Pop-Up sessions until the end of 2023.

The free drop-in sessions bring together representatives from community-based service providers under one roof, and enable residents with lower incomes to ask questions and access information about important resources and services in a safe and welcoming space.

The Pop Ups will take place every second Thursday of the month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Brighthouse Library, 7700 Minoru Gate.

Services and supports available at the Pop Ups include assistance with navigating health and benefit systems, information about how to access affordable housing and recreation, and connections to newcomer services.

A pilot series of Pop Ups were held from December 2022 until May 2023. During that time, more than 450 community members attended and made connections with over 25 different community organizations. The pilot phase was provincially funded through a Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) grant and based on its success, the city and Richmond Public Library will continue to host the series in collaboration with community organizations.

The Pop Ups support the city's 2021–2031 Collaborative Action Plan to Reduce and Prevent Poverty in Richmond and the development of outreach programs for residents at risk of, or living in, poverty.

For more information about the Community Services pop-up series or available resources to support people living on low income, visit richmond.ca/roar

Summer Active Pass is back

The \$29 Summer Active Pass is available for purchase, use it to swim, skate, golf, and work out now until Sept. 4.

The city is pleased to once again offer this affordable option for children and youth to get active and connect with others this summer. Available to children and youth aged five to 18 years old, the Summer Active Pass provides unlimited access to select drop-in activities, including swimming, skating, pitch and putt, and more for a one-time price of only \$29.

New in 2023, in partnership with Community Associations and societies, the Summer Active Pass is also valid for access to fitness centres (13 years and older), drop-in group fitness classes, and other select drop-in activities at community centres.

Participating facilities include:

- Minoru Centre for Active Living
 - Watermania
 - South Arm and Steveston Outdoor Pools
 - Richmond Ice Centre* (public skating only)
 - West Richmond Pitch and Putt* (Monday-Thursday, 12 to 4 p.m., excluding holidays)
 - City Centre, Cambie, Hamilton, South Arm, Steveston, Thompson and West Richmond Community Centres
- *Skate and golf rentals extra.

Purchase your Summer Active Pass at any participating facility. For further details, visit richmond.ca/summerpass



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The value of reading

By FLORENCE GORDON
Contributing writer

Mississippi went from being ranked the second-worst state in 2013 for fourth grade reading to twenty-first in 2022. The turnaround has grabbed the attention of educators nationally, showing rapid progress is possible even in areas that have struggled for decades with poverty and dismal literacy rates. The country has taken notice of what some have called the 'Mississippi Miracle' and as Mississippi climbed the rankings, the Barksdale Institute, an influential organization in literacy policy, chief executive officer Kelly Butler said "there's no secret to the strategy, we know how to teach reading, we just have to do it everywhere." Thousands of teachers have been trained in the so-called science of reading. (May 17, 2023 PBS News)

This press release took me back to when I was in grade school when we visited the library on a regular basis and spelling bees were a weekly class competition. I was curious what programs the Richmond Public Library was offering now that everything has re-opened after the pandemic. I'm happy to report, that they are offering lots of reading programs and activities at the Richmond library for seniors, adults, teens, kids, newcomers and family story time. Just go to yourlibrary.ca, there's a great selection of programs to choose from under each of these categories.

The *Richmond Sentinel* was founded around the value of reading information, at a time when community newspapers were shutting down. The owner himself, an immigrant, as a young boy was encouraged by a librarian to improve his English by reading newspapers. His vision was to publish a newspaper with community news, events and stories about the history and the people living in Richmond.

Recently I had a conversation with a colleague about the impact television had on radio and similar to that, the impact the internet has had on the newspaper industry. Thinking back to when we were kids, the whole family sat in the living room and listened to mystery stories on the radio and we read with great enthusiasm, thanks to the local library. These times were different, we got to lose ourselves in a world of make believe, and to dream the impossible through our imagination.

The reality is, the pandemic isolated everyone, we looked for ways to entertain ourselves including reading. So, I thought I'd dig out a book from my personal stash from the past. *Celestine Prophecy*, 'New York Times best-selling phenomenon' sold millions of copies around the world.

For those who read the book, there was a new energy, a new enthusiasm when meeting people at networking events. The author, James Redfield broke down the novel into nine insights of an ancient manuscript discussing various psychological and spiritual ideas.

The book is a first-person narrative (the main character) who is in a transitional period of his life. A friend recommends he travel to Lima, Peru where scientists from around the world were meeting to study

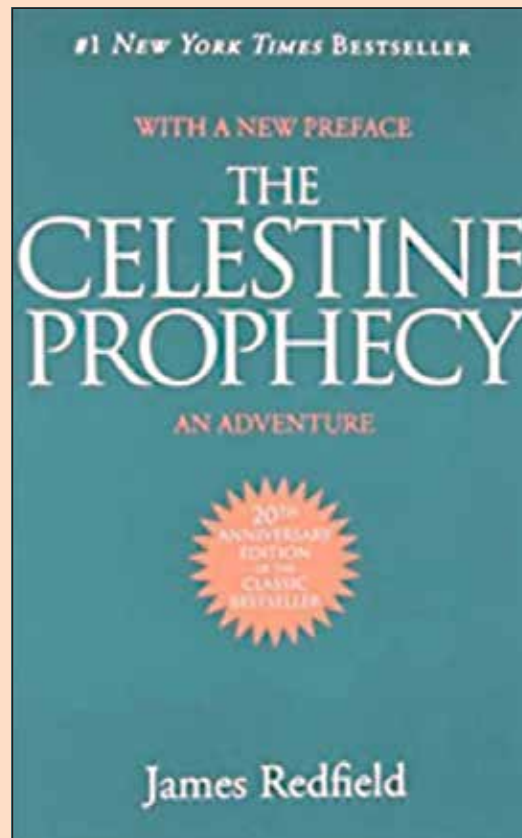


Photo via Thriftbooks.com
The Celestine Prophecy best seller.

the energy fields. On the plane he meets an historian who is travelling to Peru to join the researchers, he explains the first of the nine insights.

The Peruvian government and the Catholic church are opposed to the information contained in the manuscript. When the plane lands the police shoot the historian, and the narrator narrowly escapes. He is taken in by kind-hearted local people who help him travel to where the scientists are.

He meets up with the scientists at the energy fields, learning about their research when the soldiers attack the camp. He has to escape alone into the mountains. At each destination he meets people who share with him the next insight and this is what drives his journey and the story. He is constantly in danger and constantly meeting people for a reason which his narrative reveals.

One of the insights was a life-changing approach to networking—when you are introduced to someone new, take the time to find out who they are and ask yourself why this person is coming into your life. This one insight changed the way many approached networking and to this day, I'm reminded when the opportunity to meet new people presents itself, take the time to

chat, somehow a connection could happen.

I was with a group of friends at a dinner event and noticed a young man at the table that I didn't know, so I went over and introduced myself. I discovered a surprising connection. He had flown from Halifax to a small town in Gore Bay, Ontario to visit his grandparents before flying to Vancouver. What an uncanny coincidence, this is a small town with a population of 850 people—my husband was born and raised in Gore Bay until he left for university.

I asked who his grandparents were. It turned out his grandfather and my husband's father were brothers. We'd never met the young man because his parents moved to Halifax before he was born. He was so excited he called his grandparents who e-mailed us photos of the two brothers when they were little. All because I took the time, did I come across this connection. Another time I was flying from Toronto to Vancouver and struck up a conversation with the passenger sitting beside me. I asked where he was from and he said Peterborough, Ontario. He piqued my interest because I grew up in Peterborough. The more we talked the more we uncovered friends and similar experiences—all because I took the time beyond a handshake.

Circling back to the 'Mississippi reading miracle' is an inspiration to dust off those books, visit the library and support your community news media. The *Richmond Sentinel* recently published a story about a young author, TJ Newman (a flight attendant) who wrote a novel *Falling*. She was turned down 41 times and the 42 time her book became a best seller and a movie is in production. You can read the print version or watch the filmed interview at richmondsentinel.ca (videos or editions).

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Richmond's strength is its people – First Nations who have lived here since time immemorial and more recent newcomers to this land. We care for our home, we care for each other, and we experience joy in community.

It's great to be together again.

Join us in building a B.C. where no one gets left behind.



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Asphalt Paving Advisory

April 15 to October 31, 2023

The City of Richmond has contracted BA Blacktop Ltd. to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond **from April 15 to October 31, 2023.**

PROPOSED 2023 PAVING LOCATION DETAILS

12000 Westminster Highway (No.5 Rd – MOTI) – including the No.5 Road Intersection
9000 Block Cambie Road (Garden City Road – No.4 Road) including both intersections
10000 Block No.6 Road (Steveston Hwy – Triangle Rd) including both Intersections
11000 Block Shell Road (Steveston Hwy to Hammersmith Gate)
Cambie Road (No.5 Road to Jacombs Road)
10000 Block Wilkinson Road (No.4 R – Swinton Crescent) – both intersections included
12000 Block Steveston Highway (No.5 Rd to MOTI) – No.5 Road Intersection included
4000 Block Francis Road (No.1 Rd to Lancelot Gate)
5000 Block Garden City Road (Westminster Highway to Lansdowne Road) – both Intersections included PLUS MUP mill and Pave
11000 Block Shell Road (Steveston Hwy to Hammersmith Gate)
11000 Block Hammersmith Gate (Shell Road – Hammersmith Way)
River Road (No. 3 Road – Charles Street)
22000 Block Westminster Hwy (MOTI – Mclean Avenue) including Mclean intersection
9000 Block No.5 Road (Seacliff Road to Kingsbridge Drive) – Williams Rd and Kingsbridge Drive intersections included
8000 Block No.3 Road (Francis Road – Blundell Road) – Both intersections included
2000 Block Viking Way (Bridgeport Rd – Vulcan Way) – includes Vulcan Way intersection
3000 Block Jacombs Road (Cambie Road to Bathgate Way) – Both intersections included
13000 Block Bathgate Way (Sweden Way – Jacombs Road) – both intersections included
4000 Block Boundary Road (Westminster Hwy to Thompson Gate including Thompson Gate intersection
No.6 Road (Cambie Road to Bridgeport Road)
18000 Block River Road (No.8 Road to Nelson Road)
Douglas Crescent + Wellington Crescent + Wellington Avenue + Handley Avenue + Catalina Crescent + Anson Avenue
11000 Block Steveston Highway (Shell Road to Coppersmith Place)
River Drive – West bound lane only (No.4 Road to Van Horne Way)
3451 Blundell Road – Vibration Complaint
4480 Williams Road – Vibration Complaint

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 web page at <https://www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/projects/construction.htm>.



Screen grab from Google Maps

A poppy engraved road sign of Chatterton Road.

In honour of our soldiers: Richard Chatterton

By **SAMUEL CHENG**
Reporter

In a series of Richmond's 'poppy' street signs in memory of our fallen soldiers, we share the story of Chatterton Road.

On October 25, 1893 in Cardiff, Wales, a baby boy named Richard was born to the family of Chatterton. He was the son of Fred and Frances Chatterton. Before his enlistment, very little information was given about his childhood life. However, it is shown in the records that Chatterton and his family resided in Brighthouse, Lulu Island at the time.

Richard Chatterton worked as a plasterer. A plasterer is a tradesman that specializes in working with plaster, whether that be moldings, ceilings or on the walls. It is a common material used in building construction, but back then, there was no such thing as drywall, the walls were constructed from wood slats and plaster.

At the age of 22, Chatterton was officially enlisted in Vancouver on January 22, 1916. He initially joined the 11th Regiment Irish Fusiliers before being transferred to the 121st Overseas Battalion.

On August 14, 1916, upon boarding the Empress, Chatterton departed for Britain from Halifax. Chatterton arrived in Liverpool ten days later where he was assigned a post to Bramshott.

On December 14, 1916, Chatterton was transferred once again to the 54th Battalion upon his arrival in France. Four months later, he was penalized for being unshaven during a parade. He was sent to Field Prison No. 1, where he served a seven-day sentence.

The shadows of unfortune clouded the Chatterton family when Richard was killed in action on June 4, 1917. All of his possessions and belongings were sent to his mother in France. Three years later, a plaque, scroll, memorial cross and a war service gratuity of \$180 were sent to Chatterton's mother by the Canadian government as a way of commemorating the fallen soldier.

It was not until September 1954 that the name of Chatterton was officially adopted as one of the roads engraved with the poppy symbol. Today, Chatterton Road can be found along Gilbert Road, between the block of Granville Avenue and Blundell Road.



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Bao Buns, crispy buns topped with dessert and more

By MATTHEW CHEUNG
Reporter

The Richmond Night Market is an exciting annual event perfect for small businesses to showcase their products, from different types of food to entertainment and games. Bao Buns is one of 110 food vendors present, selling deep fried buns topped with ice cream and fruit. 2023 marks the third year the vendor has been in business.

It all started when owner Yoseb Vardeh was having dinner with his friends a couple of years ago. He had gone to his favourite Chinese bakery for some Baos and realized after the dinner that there was one remaining. Vardeh had been craving something sweet and wanted to share it with his friends, so he decided to deep fry the Bao, adding ice cream and condensed milk to the dessert for he and his friends to share.

"I created Bao Buns during a dinner with friends. I had bought some fresh Baos from my favourite Chinese bakery and had one left over. After dinner, I wanted something sweet we could all share and so I deep fried my bao, put my favourite ice cream and condensed milk, sprinkled some icing sugar and our Signature Bao Bun was born. My friends devoured it," said Yoseb Vardeh, owner of Bao Buns.

That post-dinner experience with friends was what prompted Vardeh to open Bao Buns. Vardeh, had operated an old café but eventually opted to sell the business and began focusing on Bao Buns. The restaurant's main goal is to make sure every customer they encounter leaves a little bit happier.

"There is so much going on in the world, sometimes it's hard to enjoy the little things. At Bao Buns, our goal is to make sure you leave a little bit happier than when you came in," said Vardeh.

For Vardeh, his focus is not just on becoming a great restaurant and making money, he wants to make people happy, his customers and employees. He accomplishes this by delivering good food to his customers and helping to create a work environment that makes work as fun and easy as possible.

"I wasn't necessarily passionate about Baos, but making people feel happy is something that I value in my life. It just so happens, food is the key to most



Photo courtesy Bao Buns YVR
One of Bao Buns best sellers, the Strawberry Nutella Bao is available at the Richmond Night Market.

people's hearts, good food can make the pressures of the world feel a bit lighter. I (also thrive to) create an environment people want to work in. I pride myself on paying above market wages and having a system to make the work of my employees as easy as possible. We encourage creativity and fun energy as that's what I want to bring to my customers," said Vardeh.

Vardeh believes that the most valuable thing in business is time, while money, fame, and a connected network are by products of a successful business. For future entrepreneurs, he advises that they should rewire their own value system, as focusing only those three things will be the reason your business fails.

"As an entrepreneur for nine years now, I think one of the most important things to do is (to) rewire your own value system. Money, fame, and a connected network are by products of a successful business. If you only focus on these three things, you will lose yourself and your reason to start a business. Personally, I value time, my time is the only thing I can't ever get back that matters. If it saves you time, consider it more. Pay your employees properly and they will save you time, make your business efficient and it will save you time, time you can spend doing things you actually want to do, like spending time with family, friends, or things you are passionate about, everything will come naturally after," said Vardeh.

The business hopes to open their store location by the end of the year followed by an additional two after. They will also be attending many summer events and in the Port Moody area this summer.

"Our goal is to launch our first store by the end of this year, and open two more after that. This is a fantastic business model with a great product. We are very cost efficient, and our process is quick to serve customers," said Vardeh.

Bao Buns will be open at the Richmond Night Market at booth #F8. Hours of operation are Fridays 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays 6 p.m. to midnight, and Sundays 7 to 11 p.m.

For more information, visit baobunsyvr.com

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The history of the Richmond Nature Park

By MATTHEW CHEUNG
Reporter

The Richmond Nature Park is a well-known location amongst the citizens of Richmond. It wasn't until 6,000 years ago that Lulu Island was formed by mudflats created by the Fraser River dump. The park is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and entrance is by donation. Located west of No. 5 Road, the park measures approximately 106.30 acres and runs through the remnants of the Lulu Island Bog.

The park consists of different walking trails allowing for visitors to enjoy the environment of plants and animals in their own habitat. The four main trails in the park are the Bog Forest Trail, Quaking Trail, Time Trail, and Pond Trail. Those who require a wheelchair accessible route will be able to use the elevated boardwalk or other trails

that are covered on top with woodchips. Some of the wildlife present are the Douglas squirrel, black-capped chickadees, spotted towhees, and in the spring, Hummingbirds and migrating Warblers.

Visitors will also be able to bring their children to enjoy a playground that features a climbing tower, slide, and some wooden duck sculptures. The Richmond Nature Park also holds programs and seasonal exhibitions for the public at the interpretive centre. Throughout the trails are also seven different art sculptures from the art collection, the Green Symphony. Inspired by complex growth forms of the park, the nature park had these pieces commissioned to display the importance of connection between life forms and life cycles to nature.

Near the entrance of the Richmond Nature Park is the interpretive centre or the Richmond Nature

House. The building allows visitors to learn more about the park through interactive displays and offers a gift shop and other information on trails, exhibits, and some of the animals that are present in the park.

The Richmond Nature Park was acquired in 1962 from the Federal Ministry of Transport. Six years later, a nature centre and outdoor activity park was proposed by Will Paulik. Since then, the park has gone through a fire, expansion of the park, a new bridge, upgrades in their computers, and a new picnic shelter dedicated to the founders of the park.

The park entered its 55th year of operation in this year.

For more information, visit richmond.ca/parks-recreation/parks/aboutnrnp

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In their own words...Mayor Malcolm Brodie

2022 progress leads into 2023 and beyond

Earlier this year, I presented my Annual Address to the community at a well-attended event. I outlined the significant progress made in 2022 by City Council when emerging from the considerable challenges and changes caused by the pandemic. (Annual Addresses are available at www.richmond.ca)

Looking ahead, Council's Strategic plan for the current term emphasizes proactive engagement, sustainable growth, community safety, responsible financial management, environmental sustainability and a vibrant, active community.

In my Annual Address, I shared how ongoing investment in infrastructure, technology and programs continue to make Richmond one of the most desirable communities in the Province for residents and businesses. I'm happy to report that our economic activity remains strong, largely due to our diversification and our ability to react quickly to global uncertainty.

So far this year, over 300 building permits have been issued by Richmond. Of these, over half are for residential construction—an increase from last year. In the same time this year, over 600 housing starts represent an almost 25 per cent jump from a year ago. Projects moving ahead include the long-awaited Steveston Community Centre replacement along with the Capstan Canada Line station—and the redesigned Minoru

Lakes re-opened recently.

Emerging from the pandemic has proven to be a challenge. However, over 420 new business licences have been issued in Richmond since January representing over 1,600 more Richmond-based jobs. Tied to those new businesses is 420,000 square feet of commercial space, a six per cent jump in demand.

The City has also embraced technology to support residents and businesses. A new app, *MyRichmond*, was launched recently to allow quick, reliable public access to a range of City programs and services. Available for iOS and Android mobile devices, this app allows users to view and pay property taxes/utilities, register for programs at community centres and submit service requests, among other applications.

A refreshed and redesigned city website is now in place (www.richmond.ca). You will find it offers a simpler navigation structure with a flexible search function, accessibility enhancements and an easy-to-use multilingual translation tool for those with alternative language needs.

Council continues to work together to improve our City and build a stronger sense of community. This includes the hiring of our first-ever Manager of Indigenous Relations as a further step in our ongoing relationship with First Nations.

Over the summer months, I encourage

everyone to enjoy Richmond's many offerings. For instance, major events such as the Steveston Salmon Festival on Canada Day followed by the Maritime Festival in August have returned for in-person attendance. The ever-popular Richmond Night Market is back for another season. Richmond's 136 kilometres of walking, rolling and cycling trails along with over 870 hectares of parkland offer something for all ages and activity levels.

Richmond remains a strong, vibrant and resilient community thanks to wise investments, sound management and innovative action by City Council along with staff and the efforts of thousands of Richmond residents who volunteer for community activities. Working together, we continue to make Richmond a better place for all.



Mayor Malcolm Brodie at Maritime Festival.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

The City of Richmond Council and Committee Meetings are available online. Watch live or view previous meetings by visiting richmond.ca/WatchOnline.

For further information, meeting schedules and assistance in participating either virtually or in person, please visit richmond.ca/CityHall or contact the City Clerk's Office at 604-276-4007 or CityClerk@richmond.ca.

June 21 | 4:00 p.m.
Public Works & Transportation Committee

June 26 | 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

June 27 | 4:00 p.m.
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

June 28 | 3:30 p.m.
Development Permit Panel

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

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

July 10 | 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

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

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

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

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

July 18 | 4:00 p.m.
Planning Committee

July 19 | 4:00 p.m.
Public Works & Transportation Committee followed by Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

July 24 | 7:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

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

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Introducing Airble, it's like Uber for private flights

By MATTHEW CHEUNG
Reporter

Looking for a private flight or a tour of B.C.? Look no further, meet Airble, an aviation company focused on modernizing charter aviation. The aviation technology company recently launched an online platform for charter flights, air tours, and much more. Created by the company's chief executive officer Saeed Golzar, the company currently has a fleet of 45 aircrafts, connecting users to more than 300 airports across British Columbia.

"As a Vancouver-based company, we launched our services here in Canada. Currently we are sitting at 18 air operators, listing 45 aircrafts, with bases in B.C., SK, ON., N.S., N.B., and even our first U.S. air operator in Florida. Though most of our partners are here in B.C., we are working to onboard many more aircrafts in Canada, the U.S., and the Caribbean. We are aiming to have U.S. flights available by the end of the summer, said an Airble representative.

The company's main goal is to modernize the world for charter aviation, creating an easy-to-use marketplace that connects passengers directly with air operators, just like the digital transportation solutions that have grown in popularity over the recent years like Uber and Lyft. Golzar was motivated by two additional factors, the potential support to the tourism industry and the opportunity to support many small family-owned businesses who oper-

ate aircrafts.

Operating the app is simple, just like booking a flight or an uber, users just need to download the mobile App or visit Airble's website, choose their departure and arrival locations, time and date, and select the aircraft they wish to board. Users will be able to see the price of each aircraft, set by flight operators, and get to know their pilots as well.

"By cutting out the middleman and showing users the prices for flights up front, we are making the charter aviation industry more accessible to every-day travellers and creating a singular location for air operators to showcase their offerings," said an Airble representative.

In addition to charter flights, the company also offers discounted prices on empty leg flights, and air tours and excursions. They also have special events and deals throughout the year and have already conducted a few giveaways and special events.

"We do have many events that we are part of—we frequent most industry events, and we are part of many associations. In terms of deals, we ran a spring promotion a few weeks back for our users and are always planning more," said an Airble representative.

As expected, the flying experience between taking a commercial airline and flying charter are quite different. The departure and arrival terminals are different, the size of the seats, access to any airport or aerodrome in Canada.

"When you fly charter, you leave from a private terminal instead of the main terminal. This means you get to skip the lines and crowds as well as the wait time. Secondly, a charter flight is going to be a more customized and personal experience, you get to pick the departure date, time, plane, seat, and have your pet come with you. Thirdly, an Airble charter flight can easily access any airport or aerodrome in Canada. With smaller aircrafts, you can get to more remote areas and smaller local airports, cutting out additional travel time," said an Airble representative. The company operates in Richmond, at 303—5360 Airport Road South.

Learn more about Airble by visiting airble.com

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Photo courtesy Airble Aviation Inc.
Airble is currently working with 18 air operators, listing 45 different aircrafts with bases in B.C., SK, ON., N.S., and N.B.

Air Canada launches non-stop service to Singapore

Air Canada has announced that it will begin non-stop service between Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and Singapore Changi Airport. The new route, which launches April 3, 2024, will operate four times weekly, adding to the local B.C. economy and strengthening the airline's growing Asia Pacific hub at YVR.

Said president and chief executive officer, Tamara Vrooman at Vancouver Airport Authority: "We are thrilled that Air Canada will soon begin

flights to Singapore, making YVR the only airport in Canada with direct access to this vibrant city. The new non-stop service will further develop YVR as a diverse global hub, providing direct access to several important markets across the Indo-Pacific area, which directly supports diversified trade and investment opportunities that benefit our local economy."

Flights will be operated with Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft featuring three cabins of service for

customers to choose from, including Signature Class with lie-flat seats, Premium Economy and Economy Class.

The schedule has been built to conveniently connect to and from destinations across North America via Air Canada's hub at YVR and, in Singapore to and from destinations across Southeast Asia, South India and Western Australia with Star Alliance and codeshare partner Singapore Airlines.

BC golfer first to win Canadian Open since 1954

By FLORENCE GORDON
Contributing writer

For those who love the game of golf, BC's Nick Taylor warmed the hearts of thousands of viewers watching the last round of the Canadian Open, held at the Oakdale Golf and Country Club in Toronto on June 11, 2023.

While many worried the forest fires from northern Ontario and Quebec might cloud the air with smoke no one ever expected the pre-tournament press conferences to be blindsided by a bombshell when the PGA announced it was partnering with Saudi Arabia's controversial tour, LIV Golf. Fans, players, and those involved in the tournament admitted it was a distraction and what a way to start off the tournament.

Canadians have waited for 69 years for a Canadian golfer to win the Canadian Open and although it was a great experience for local fans to see some of their favourite professional golfers up close, what was about to happen in 2023 could never have been predicted.

Abbotsford, B.C. native Nick Taylor fired a 9-under a 63 score on Saturday (the second last day of the tournament) setting a new course record after his third round. Thursday, just days before, was not so good as he struggled with a score of 75 leaving an uphill battle to make

the cut. On Friday his score was bettered by 8 strokes more than enough to make the cut, but he was still left with an early morning tee-time on Saturday.

Nick Taylor, a 35-year-old from Abbotsford, BC was about to become the fourth Canadian to win on the PGA Tour this season—the most ever in the history.

Sunday, the final day of the Canadian Open saw Taylor maintain his place at the top of the leaderboard through the final regulation holes and the crowds following him gradually swelled and what a nice surprise to see 2003 Masters Champion Mike Weir (Canadian golfer) cheering Taylor on "This means everything, we wanted a Canadian to win and break through this drought."

But it was not going to come easily. The final day, the final hole resulted in a tie and a playoff that took on the feel of an international competition between Canadian Nick Taylor and Tommy Fleetwood, from England who is a PGA golfer and a six-time winner on the European Tour. The fans witnessed a lot of great golf with four extra playoff holes as they battled back and forth until Nick Taylor drained a 'miracle' 72-foot putt on the 18 green to win the Canadian Open.

"For that to drop was a huge surprise but an amazing one," said Taylor. Next stop, the US Open in Los Angeles.



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Nick Taylor, PGA golfer.

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Legendary Okanagan family releases newest wines

With a legendary family history behind her, Christa-Lee McWatters excels as the founder and general manager of Time Family of Wines, which includes three different brands within that umbrella.

Our City Tonight (OCT): *It is great to have you back with Our City Tonight. Please tell our viewers about each of the three award winning BC brands and what makes them unique within the Time Family of Wines.*

Christa-Lee McWatters (CL): We have Chronos, which is our relatively new brand and was just launched last year. We have Evolve Cellars and our premium McWatters collection.

OCT: *What are some of the standouts that you featured at this year's Vancouver international wine festival.*

CL: Let's start with the 2022 rosé from the Chronos brand. It's summer and nothing says summer like a great rosé. Our Chronos rosé is 100 per cent syrah, which is different than a lot of rosés in the Okanagan valley. One of the things I love about it is that I can taste watermelon, strawberry, and a little rhubarb characteristic.

It's a little bit lighter than what we've done in the past with just very little (grape) skin contact only about 45 minutes on the skins. That is why it's a little lighter this year in color. The team is very excited about this wine because it just won a gold medal at the Cascadia international wine competition in Washington state.

OCT: *We are always excited about trying your new wines and one of our favourite brands that you have is the name's sake for your late and much-loved father, Harry McWatters, who is referred to as the grandfather of BC Wines. I know you've shared with us that you had to convince him to do this collection in his honor. Please tell us a little bit more about the legacy of the McWatters Collection of wine.*

CL: The wine we have here in front of us is part of the McWatters Collection, and it is our Meritage. Anybody that knew my dad knew he was very passionate about Meritage and was very passionate also about educating people on how to correctly pronounce Meritage. It is pronounced Meritage like heritage, and he could not stress that enough.

The one we are tasting here is our 2020 vintage that we just released. This wine is big, it's bold and it's kind of like my dad was. It is primarily Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, about 10 per cent Cabernet Franc, 5 per cent Petit Verdot, and 5 per cent Malbec so nice big, rich, bold characteristics.

OCT: *What would you pair this wine with?*

CL: A beautiful steak is perfect. We just launched a new restaurant at the winery called Orolo. We don't want to call ourselves a steakhouse, but we are



Photo courtesy Christa-Lee McWatters

Christa-Lee McWatters, general manager, Time Family of Wines

a house that serves steaks. We have our own dry agers as well, so we're ageing our own meat. And in fact, we are raising our own cattle as well. So, this wine goes perfect with one of our dry-aged steaks that we offer right at the winery.

OCT: *Before we move on, let's talk a little bit more about the restaurant and the journey that took place to open and what one can experience when we're there?*

CL: We opened just at the end of April so we're a newly renovated restaurant. We are still a winery first and foremost, but we've also added a cocktail program and a cocktail bar. Of course, we are heavily focused on our wines and you can still tour the

winery while you're there. We're also focused on the dry-aged meat, with a few vegan options. In fact, our culinary director was a vegan for three years, so there are a lot of vegetarian and vegan options on the menu.

OCT: *It's important to mention that Time Wines is an urban winery and you are located right in the middle of Penticton, BC.*

CL: We're not your typical winery, we do not have the beautiful views of the vineyards from the winery although we do have a vineyard, but it's in Osoyoos. We purchased an old movie theatre in downtown Penticton that was built in 1955 and we converted the theatre into a winery.

OCT: *One of our favourite sparkling wines is from your Evolve brand.*

CL: We have always been huge bubble fanatics at the winery including myself, and our wine maker, Lynzee Schatz. A lot of people know us from our Evolve Effervescence, our Pink Effervescence, and our Elan Effervescence. We are so excited to launch the newest product that we have in the Evolve brand.

We now have two new traditional sparkling wines. All of the Effervescence wines were made in the Charmat method which is more of a Prosecco method. These new wines are made in the traditional method so have been aged en tirage for four years. This wine is a blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and a little bit of syrah just to pick up the fruit which gives it a little bit of strawberry and rhubarb characteristic. This is part of our new Elevate series for the Evolve brand.

OCT: *What would you pair with this new wine?*

CL I find this sparkling wine to be a little bit more refined so you could even pair this with a truffled popcorn if you wanted to be simple. This wine would be excellent with oysters, smoked salmon, and the classic pairing of caviar is pretty amazing.

Discover more about Time Family of Wines, Christa-Lee and her whole team plus the great urban winery right in the middle of Penticton at TimeWines.ca For the filmed interview version go to richmondsentinel.ca/videos



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The Miracle Worker (1962)

By **SAMUEL CHENG**
Reporter

The *Miracle Worker*, a movie film released in 1962 is about Anne Sullivan, the tutor of Helen Keller. The movie is about the journey in which Sullivan took to teaching and educating Keller, who was blind and deaf since infancy.

Anne Bancroft starred as Sullivan and the young Patty Duke played Keller, when she was only 15 years old. Other well-known actors and actresses can be found starring different members of the Keller’s family. Such as Victor Jory as Captain Arthur Keller, Inga Swenson as Kate Keller, and Andrew Prine as James Keller.

Helen Keller was born in 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama. She endured a severe case of meningitis, or so-called scarlet fever, that resulted in her losing her vision and hearing at the age of just 19 months. Due to her inability to see objects and communicate with others, she began to develop violent and aggressive behaviors and tantrums.

Not knowing what to do with the situation, the desperate Keller parents reached out to the Perkins School for the Blind for help and assistance in hopes of resolving the special situation. In response, Anne Sullivan, a former student of the school, was sent to become the tutor of Keller.

Sullivan, who suffered an eye disease named trachoma, experienced partial blindness and the inability to read or write. In terms of qualification and previous history, there was no better tutor than the one and only Anne Sullivan.

During the first couple of occurrences, Sullivan found out that before she could teach Keller anything she would have to first earn her trust and bypass her series of rude and aggressive behaviors. This included kicking, punching, throwing objects across the room, flipping and breaking plates and



Photo courtesy New England Historic Genealogical Society
Helen Keller with her tutor Anne Sullivan on holiday in Brewster, Massachusetts.

bowls on the dinner table, and more.

Needless to say, this was not the typical tutoring job anyone would expect. It was a battle of willpower to say the least. Through perseverance, resilience, and love, Sullivan was finally able to penetrate through Keller’s protective wall and barrier.

Sullivan began teaching her through pressing sign language gestures in the palm of Keller’s hands. Initially, Keller was confused as she did not know that there are names associated with each object. It was not until Sullivan motioned the gesture of “water” in Keller’s palm while stream of cool water flowed in her other palm that she finally came to the realization that the series of motioned gestures symbolize water.

Proceeding the successful attempt at learning

her first word, Keller became eager and curious to learn more about the objects that she came in contact with every single day. From plush animals to utensils and more.

Keller went on to achieve academic success in various institutions including Cambridge School for Young Ladies, Radcliffe College, and Harvard University. She went on to be proficient at using braille and even learned to “hear” other’s speeches by placing her fingers on the speaker’s lips.

Keller passed away on June 1, 1968 in her sleep. Before her passing, she was a political and social activist that spoke out and advocated for birth control and people with disabilities. At the same time, she was also an author in which she shared her experiences, thoughts and voices through her 12 books.

Not to mention the fact that she co-founded the Helen Keller International Organization for research in the fields of vision, health, and nutrition. Additionally, Keller went on to create a non-profit organization named American Civil Liberties Union which aimed to protect and defend the rights and liberties of every person in the country of America.

Keller devoted most of her life to learning, helping, and assisting those who are lesser privileged, and her efforts have most certainly seen change in people’s lives. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Furthermore, she was inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame and the New York World’s Fair in the following year.

Helen Keller left behind legacies and inspirations for the future generations as well as people with disabilities. Not only did Keller set an example and role model for others to look up to, but she also gave the lesser privileged individuals faith and hope in achieving their best they can possibly be in their lives.

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