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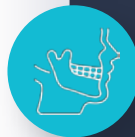
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Richmond Street Banner Contest voting now open

The City of Richmond is inviting residents to help choose the winning street banner designs that will be displayed on banner poles in 2025. Through the online platform LetsTalkRichmond.ca, residents can directly impact the city's beautification efforts by voting for their favourite images from this year's 20 vibrant and colorful street banner contest finalists. The public can also view the designs from the city's website at richmond.ca/banners and submit votes by emailing parksprogram@richmond.ca. All votes must be cast by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, 2024.

This year, the contest received 585 design submissions, reflecting Richmond's unique characteristics across the following themes: Arts, Culture and Heritage; Community; Diversity; Island City; Nature; Play; Sports and Recreation; Sustainability; Urban Landscape; and Wildlife. A judging panel of Richmond artists narrowed down submissions to the final 20. The 10 designs (one from each theme) that receive the most votes from the public will be named winners of the 2025 Street Banner Contest.

The winning images will be printed on over 1,000 street banners. They will be installed on banner poles from March 2025 to February 2026 to en-



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

Public voting for the top 10 designs for the Street Banner Contest is underway until Monday, Oct. 14, 2024.

hance the city's spirit and beautify the downtown core and gateways.

Richmond's street banner contest is a part of the broader Partners for Beautification program that

invites community members to become actively involved in the beautification of their city. For more information on this program, visit richmond.ca/beautification

New museum exhibit explores family treasures

The Richmond Museum's new exhibition *Family Treasures*, explores the many ways our belongings reveal our unique histories and surprising shared connections. The star of the exhibition is the rare, black 1952 Volkswagen Beetle owned by the Cowell family, which was on display for decades at the family's Volkswagen dealership in the Richmond Auto Mall. The exhibition opened to the public Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. in conjunction with Culture Days activities taking place that day at the Richmond Cultural Centre.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy a variety of hands-on experiences including a photo op with the Beetle,



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

The star of the *Family Treasures* exhibition is the rare, black 1952 Volkswagen Beetle.

repairing a family heirloom jigsaw puzzle, playing I Spy! the Treasure, and taking a close look at different materials at the Conservation Station.

Family Treasures runs from September 21, 2024 to August 17, 2025 at the Richmond Museum located in the Richmond Cultural Centre, 7700 Minoru Gate. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Admission is by donation.

For more information about the Richmond Museum, visit Richmond-Museum.ca. For more information about Richmond Culture Days, visit richmond.ca/CultureDays.

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Richmond Terry Fox Run raises over \$28K

The Terry Fox Run held on Sept. 15 at Garry Point Park was a tremendous success, raising an impressive \$28,692.00 for cancer research. The annual event drew community members together in a spirit of hope and determination, honoring the legacy of Terry Fox and his mission to find a cure for cancer.

Participants of all ages enjoyed a beautiful day of running, walking, and biking along the scenic route, united by a shared goal of making a difference in the fight against cancer.

"We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity shown by everyone who participated," said Howard Jampolsky, event coordinator. "Every dollar raised will contribute to groundbreaking research, bringing us one step closer to finding a cure."

The funds raised will go directly to the Terry Fox Foundation, which has funded numerous innovative cancer research projects across Canada. Since its inception, the Terry Fox Run has become a national symbol of hope, inspiring millions to join the fight against cancer.

Special thanks to local sponsors, volunteers, and participants whose contributions made this event possible. Their support not only helped raise funds but also fostered a sense of community and collaboration.

The Terry Fox Run continues to be a reminder of the impact we can make when we come together for a common cause. Mark your calendars for next year's event, and let's continue to honor Terry's legacy.

For more information, please contact: Howard Jampolsky at 604-785-0386.

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HOW TO VOTE

by Florence Gordon



Political facts

1952

Voting age changed from 21 to 19.

2004

BC becomes the first jurisdiction in North America to allow online voter registration.

2015

Number of seats in the Legislative Assembly increases from 85 to 87.

2019

Election Act allow Elections BC to modernize the voting process by introducing technology.

Number of MLA's

The government of British Columbia Legislation Assembly is located in Victoria, BC

There are currently 87-members elected to the Legislative Assembly

2020 Election Results

 **NDP**

57 seats

 **Liberal**

28 seats

 **green**
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2 seats

The government of British Columbia Legislation Assembly is located in Victoria, BC. There are currently 87-members elected to the Legislative Assembly. The government after the 2020 election had 57 NDP, 28 Liberals and 2 Green Party members currently under NDP Premier David Eby.

The *Richmond Sentinel* does not offer an opinion of the upcoming election, but it is media's responsibility to provide voters with information so that they can make an educated decision. We have invited all candidates for a filmed interview so that you can view how each candidate responds to similar questions and why they are running in this election. The video interviews will be posted on richmondsentinel.ca/videos

The key concerns are: Safety in our communities, Healthcare, Decriminalization of drugs, Affordable housing. The candidates shown in the following pages have declared they are NDP, Conservative, Green and Independent or Unaffiliated. With the dismantle of the BC United (formerly BC Liberals) many candidates will continue to run in this election as Independent or Unaffiliated candidates.

Watch for an 'All Candidates Event' held in Richmond to see how each of these candidates perform and who is the best candidate to represent your community.

Are You Eligible To Vote?

October 19, 2024 Provincial Election

You can vote if you are:

- A Canadian citizen,
- 18 or older on October 19, 2024, and

- A resident of B.C. since April 18, 2024

There are several ways to vote from now until final Voting Day on October 19.

Eligible voters can vote at any district electoral office during office hours:

- Richmond Bridgeport — 202 - 4940 No.3 Road — 778-572-4259
- Richmond, Centre — 204 - 5300 No.3 Road — 778-572-4261
- Richmond Queensborough — 150 - 13775 Commerce Pkwy. — 778-572-4260

Where to vote

- At advance voting from October 10-13, and October 15-16, or
- On final Voting Day, Saturday, October 19, 2024.

Check out our where to vote at the Advance Polls and on the Final Voting Day — October 19 by going on line to: elections.bc.ca/2024-provincial-election/where-to-vote/

Voter's Guide

A voter's guide will be sent to every household in B.C. to help voters vote. Look for yours in the mail, or read the digital version www2.gov.bc.ca/vote_guide_English. The guide is also available in non-English languages on our Translated Materials page.



Photo via elections.bc.ca

Register to Vote



Get ready to vote by registering your information at eregister.electionsbc.gov.bc.ca today. Online and phone registration closes at midnight on October 7. After Oct. 7, you can still register in person when you go to vote, but voting might take a bit longer. Registered voters will get a Where to Vote card from Elections BC. Bring it with you when voting to help make voting faster and easier.

All voters must prove their identity and residential address before voting.
There are three ways to do this.

Option 1

Show one of these pieces of ID:

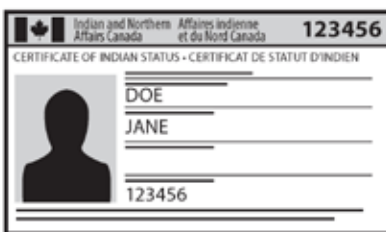
- BC driver's license
- BC Identification Card (BCID)
- BC Services Card (with photo)
- Another card issued by the Government of B.C. or
- Canada card that shows your name, photo and address
- Certificate of Indian Status

Option 2

Show any two pieces of ID or documents that both show your name. At least one must have your current address. Examples include:

Government-issue identity documents

- BC CareCard
- BC Services Card (without photo)
- Birth certificate
- Canadian Forces Photo Identification card
- Citizenship certificate
- Correctional Service Canada Offender Identification card
- Firearms Possession and Acquisition License
- Firearms Possession Only License
- Old Age Security Identification card
- Passport
- Social Insurance Number card
- Veterans Affairs Canada Health Care Identification card



School, college, or university documents

- Admissions letter
- Report card
- Residence acceptance
- Transcript
- Tuition/fees statement
- Student card

Other government-issue documents

- Canada Child Tax Benefit statement
- Government cheque or cheque stub
- Income tax assessment notice
- Property tax assessment
- Statement of Canada Pension Plan benefits
- Statement of government employment insurance benefits paid
- Statement of Old Age Security



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Richmond is updating its current Official Community Plan (OCP) and is encouraging residents and community members to learn more and provide input.

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- **Online:** Visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca/ocp2050
- **Get snapping:** Submit your photos and be entered into a draw to win one of multiple prizes
- **In-person pop-up booths:** Pop-up booths will be located around the City for you to learn more about the project (in September and October)
- **In-person open houses:** Drop by one of the three in-person open houses and take an online survey (in November)

For more information on how you can contribute to this important engagement opportunity visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca/ocp2050 or email communityplanning@richmond.ca



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RICHMOND VOTES 2024

Provincial election candidates, in their own words

In this edition, the *Richmond Sentinel* covered the 2024 BC Provincial Election. All candidates running for office in Richmond were asked the following questions and could answer one or all, time permitting. **Health Care - Safety and Crime - Decriminalization of drugs - Affordable Housing**

Richmond Bridgeport



Name: Glynnis Chan
Affiliation: Independent
Resides in Burnaby

Our health system is broken, and I want to do more than just raise funds for people. If we cannot propose an improved health system with more family doctors, it won't be good for our residents, our health issue is a top concern. Since our province is called Beautiful British Columbia, if we can attract more tourists to our province it

will generate more business and job opportunities. If we can earn an income then we can afford to rent or buy a house, if we can't that's not good. We have to focus on how we develop a better economy to generate more revenue for our people. Of course we will try to pay more attention to low-income families and help them settle down wherever there is space available.



Name: Charlie Smith
Affiliation: Independent
Resides in Vancouver

I want to elevate the level of political discussion in Richmond about a range of public policies, including housing, the toxic-drug crisis, global heating, and arts and culture. I support the creation of a regional police force for communities south of the Fraser River, communities on the Burrard Peninsula, and those in the North Shore. This will result in better coordination and result in more professional policing. I support decriminalization of marijuana. For hard drugs, decriminalizing small supplies with exception to crystal meth, which should remain illegal. I support the B.C. NDP government's Bill 44, which makes it more difficult for city councils to adopt anti-housing policies near rapid-transit stations. There should be more housing on Sea Island, which was home to just 820 residents and the 90-unit supportive housing project that B.C. Housing was hoping to build at Sexsmith and Cambie roads.



Name: Linda Li
Affiliation: BC NDP
Resides in Richmond

As the ambassador of Richmond Hospital Foundation, it allowed me to know how urgent we need the help and why our system needs new towers. The NDP government helped us expand our hospitals and opened two urgent primary care centres. The BC NDP government hired 800 doctors and 6300 nurses allowing 400,000

people connect with family doctors. We are focused on saving lives and helping them get the treatment they need. The BC NDP government recently added 650 treatment beds, and we added 250 officers to tighten laws against drug dealers.



Name: Teresa Wat
Affiliation: Conservative Party
Resides in Burnaby

Our healthcare system is a big mess, many don't have a family doctor, we had the best cancer care seven years ago now it's the worst in Canada. We will focus on patients first. Regarding safety and crime, the problem arises from drugs. Since the NDP have been in power, they've been supplying so-called safe drugs to people taking drugs. We can see that it is not working. We need a common-sense change. We're going to turn safe consumption sites into safe intake centres, which means we will bring those who take drugs into voluntary treatment. Affordable housing the NDP has promised 114,700 affordable units when they were campaigning; now less than 10 per cent have been built. We will provide \$300 for renters and mortgage payers every month so they can claim the tax rebate as credit which will help a lot of British Columbians.



Name: Tamás Revóczy
Affiliation: BC Green Party
Resides in Richmond

I have been doing a lot of advocacy and discovered I enjoy helping the community and building relationships with different levels of government. I feel there is a real opportunity to improve healthcare, urgent care is one of those opportunities. More urgent care solutions are needed, and maybe more health cooperatives.

Preventative healthcare is my big focus, health and sport are also my focus to make sure people are well and don't have to end up in the hospital as often. Recently there's been an increase in crime incidents in Burkeville and it's made me think of our old block watch program. The community feeling of people looking out for each other is really important thing and that will automatically reduce the concerns and worries of safety.

Richmond Centre



Name: Hon Chan
Affiliation: Conservative Party
Resides in
No response at the time of publication

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Name: Dickens Cheung
Affiliation: Independent
Resides in Richmond

Our healthcare is in shambles. If elected, I would do a top-down audit of the current system so we can match the needs of our citizens. We need to identify gaps in our system and address the problems. Once we have a good understanding we can decide how much private healthcare we'll allow and if we should do a two-tier system.

Regarding crime, as a province, we can be a little tougher in terms of interpreting the criminal code; talking to law enforcement officers they all say "we can't do our job, even if we wanted to". That is an issue regarding community safety and we must work closely with the federal government to communicate our concerns. Housing is a long-term structural issue, if we take a controlled approach to the supply and demand side, we could make housing a lot more affordable than it is right now.



Name: Sunny Ho
Affiliation: Independent
Resides in Richmond

The government doesn't care about Richmond, we don't have a new hospital but in Surrey you can find a new one. I am fighting for more funds for a new hospital in Richmond. The NDP have the funds for supportive housing but no more senior housing in Richmond. Why not change the Cambie location to a senior affordable

housing. Our government has money for those job takers but none for affordable housing for seniors. The problem with housing is democracy not efficiently using the funds and resources in Richmond. I will form a community to handle that, we have manpower, funds, and people in need, what we need is cooperation and efficiency to finish that job.



Name: Henry Yao
Affiliation: BC NDP
Resides in Richmond

As a Richmond resident with a family, healthcare is extremely important. NDP government supported the Richmond Hospital expansion, added two urgent primary care centres and added a second medical school in BC so that we continue to increase the number of doctors and nurses needed. We also added about 250

police officers to the system to increase safety and protect the people of Richmond. We need to understand when we talk about decriminalization we're talking about people; authorities now have the option to treat cases as a healthcare issue instead of a criminal one. We don't allow drug consumption in public areas including parks and school grounds. Regarding housing, young people should have the right to live in a community of their choice. The NDP are looking at densification with Bill 44 and transit-oriented zones in Bill 47 and addressing the speculation tax to free up more supply.



Name: Wendy Yuan
Affiliation: Independent
Resides in Richmond

Healthcare is a problem in this province, we have a crisis. One out of five people in BC does not have a family doctor and that is not acceptable. If elected, I will make sure we have enough doctors by looking at foreign trained doctors that can pass certain requirements to qualify to fill that hole. Safety and crime is an important issue as

Richmond has a rising crime rate. The current legal system often releases criminals that are apprehended, called catch and release, that needs to be dealt with. We need to protect citizen's safety and criminals need to pay for their crimes. This decriminalization of hard drugs is only decriminalized in BC, I am for free treatment and address this in a compassionate way ensuring there is treatment first and support them to become a member of society again. Regarding housing, I would introduce a rent-to-own program.

Richmond Queensborough



Name: Steve Kooner
Affiliation: Conservative Party
Resides in Surrey

Our healthcare system is in crisis, hospital emergency departments are shutting down and people are having to wait 7 to 10 hours to be seen. Our 'Patients First' healthcare plan will expand excess to care, stop ER closures, end long wait times, and get British Columbians a doctor. Crime has skyrocketed jeopardizing the

public safety of British Columbians. We will make public safety a priority so that British Columbians can feel safe again in their homes and in the community. The Conservative Party will stop handing out free drugs and focus on recovery to get people the help they need. Housing has become grossly unaffordable and a significant portion of British Columbians are thinking of leaving BC. The Conservative Party's housing plan includes measures like the Rustad Rebate to provide real relief on the cost of homes, speed up approval processes, and get homes built.



Name: Errol Povah
Affiliation: Independent
Resides in N. Vancouver

Regarding healthcare I believe the minister of health doesn't care about public health and safety especially with response to the COVID pandemic. Healthcare was in a crisis before COVID. Safety and crime sky rocked over the last 3 to 4 years. Look at the number of healthcare workers who were fired because they re-

fused to be vaccinated, many found another career but could have contributed to homelessness, drugs and crime problem. Affordable housing is a huge problem, I don't have a solution but would support anyone who can solve it. Immigration is out of control we need to take care of the people here first and then re-open immigration.

RICHMOND VOTES 2024



Name: Aman Singh

Affiliation: BC NDP

Resides in South Vancouver

The NDP government has been focusing on making healthcare better for everyone. We inherited a healthcare system that wasn't invested in for over a decade, the Richmond Hospital is an example of that. The NDP are committed to building the hospital, a new acute care, cancer care centre and we opened two new urgent

primary care centres. The former government when they got into power they shut down courts and cut victim services and the people that deal with the court system were not compensated properly. We've changed all that and came up with a solid plan to deal with the issues. There's a lot more work to be done and the NDP are heading in the right direction. A government that is empathetic, caring and compassionate is a government that all British Columbians deserve.



Name: Jackie Lee

Affiliation: Unaffiliated

Resides in Steveston

Healthcare is an important issue. Having first-hand experience with my Dad who waited for 9 hours in emergency, I understand the frustration and that's one reason why I am running. I want to use my experience serving the community for 30 years and as an independent candidate I can push the governing party to fast

track the building of Richmond Hospital and acute care centre. Safety and crime, I belong to Block Watch and if elected will encourage funding to support Block Watch as a positive preventative measure where people in our community can watch out for each other. Decriminalization of drugs without the safeguards it has proven it is the wrong way to go. We need to ensure that everyone who needs help will get the best help. Affordable housing Bill 44 and 47 is a concern expressed to me by Steveston residence.



Name: Cindy Wu

Affiliation: Independent

Resides in Richmond

Involved with community work; Success, Food Bank, Meals on Wheels. With regard to healthcare, there is not enough hospital funds more is needed to open a new hospital and implement more programs including Chinese medicine. We could develop more creative ways in terms of healthcare like adding children to

assist seniors with crafts and reading at little cost. If elected we will definitely hire more RCMP officers for our area and promote drug education in high schools. Regarding affordable housing, I want to have at least 15,000 affordable housing units for Canadian citizens. For low-income families especially those with children we should have more funding for more childcare spaces and programs.



Name: Michelle Mollineaux

Affiliation: Conservative Party

Resides in South Vancouver

No response at the time of publication



Name: Elodie Vaudandaine

Affiliation: BC Green Party

Resides in UBC campus

We need to ensure healthcare providers can focus on what they do best. Under a privatized health care model, health care providers need to act as business owners and administrators, taking away from caring for patients, extending wait times, and decreasing efficiency. We need to reorient our priorities to alleviate staff

shortages in public hospitals and ensure everyone has quicker access to better care. The BC Green Party supports adapting emergency response services, by adding a mental health response option. Regarding decriminalization of drugs, people often use substances to cope, it is essential to save lives and encourage people get the treatment they need. Decriminalization needs to come with solutions for economic inequalities and institutionalized discrimination responsible for unsafe conditions for users and turning to substance as a coping mechanism. BC Green Party will allocate \$1.5 billion annually to construct 26,000 non-marketing housing units every year.

Richmond Steveston



Name: Kelly Greene

Affiliation: BC NDP

Resides in Steveston

We're about to complete the first phase of the Richmond Hospital expansion of ER, beds and operating rooms. We want to invest in family doctors and in the last year we've hired over 800 family doctors and reduced a waiting list of 300,000 people in B.C. We will continue to hire doctors, nurses, radiologists to keep up with

our growing community. Regarding safety and crime the bail conditions are set Federally and NDP government is leading the provinces to tell the Federal government change is needed. The NDP reinstated specialized teams that follow up with folks who were recently released to keep communities safe. Regarding decriminalization we're offering an avenue for people to get treatment. Affordable housing the NDP will make changes with short-term rentals, ensuring homes are not left vacant, invest in public housing and partnering with municipalities to build appropriate housing for people.

Disclaimer!

The opinions expressed are those of the candidates being interviewed and not of the *Richmond Sentinel*.

Asphalt Paving Advisory

April 20 to November 30, 2024

The City of Richmond has contracted Save On Black Top Ltd. to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond from April 20 to November 30, 2024.

PROPOSED 2024 PAVING LOCATION DETAILS
No. 6 Road (Bridgeport Road to Cambie Road)—Bridgeport Road intersection not included. Cambie Road Intersection included
Cambie Road (Shell Road to No. 5 Road)—Intersections included
Bridgeport Road (Viking Way to Sweden Way)—Intersections included
No.4 Road and Alderbridge Way Intersection
Westminster Highway (Gilbert Road to No. 3 Road)—Intersections included
Beckwith Road (Sexsmith Road to Smith Street)—Intersections included
Blundell Road—(No. 4 Road to No.5 Road)—No. 4 Road Intersection included
No. 1 Road (Francis Road to Blundell Road)—Intersections included
No. 1 Road (Westminster Highway to Granville Avenue)—Intersections included
No. 6 Road (Bridgeport Road to Vulcan Way)—Intersections included
Shell Road (Steveston Highway to Williams Road)—Intersections included
Vulcan Way (No. 5 Road to No. 6 Road)—Intersections included
Garden City Road (Cambie Road to Bridgeport Road) —Intersections included
No. 5 Road (Seadliff Road to Kingsbridge Drive)—Intersections included
No. 3 Road (Alderbridge Way to Capstan Way)—Intersections included
Burkeville Subdivision includes Catalina Crescent, Douglas Crescent, Hudson Avenue, Boeing Avenue
Kwantlen Street (Alderbridge Way to Alexandra Road)—Alexandra Road Intersection included
Machrina Way (Horseshoe Way to No. 5 Road)
22000 Block Westminster Highway (MOTI—McLean Avenue) including McLean Avenue Intersection
Knight Street (Southbound Lanes from Bridge Deck to 50m South)
Knight Street South Bound On and Off Ramps at Bridgeport Road
Steveston Highway (Westbound Lanes from Shell Road to No.5 Road)—Intersections included
Shell Road (Bridgeport Road to River Drive)—Intersections included
Shell Road (Hammersmith Gate to Steveston Highway)
Jacombs Rd (Cambie Road—Bathgate Way)—Intersections included
Bathgate Way (Sweden Way—Jacombs Road) Intersections included
Hammersmith Gate (Shell Road to Hammersmith Way) Intersections included
Leonard Road (Ryan Road to Williams Road)—Intersections included
Maddocks Road (Aintree Crescent to Shell Road)—Intersections included
Boundary Road (Thompson Gate to Westminster Highway) including Thompson Gate intersection
Blundell Road (Sidaway Road to No. 6 Road)—Intersections included

Work hours will be 7:00am to 10:00pm on weekdays, and 7:00am to 8:00pm on weekends. Night time work hours will be from 7:00pm to 5:00am. (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 richmond.ca/paving.

Focused on winning

By STEVE ERICKSON
Contributing writer

Keeping the winning tradition alive, Captain Teo Lin leads by example, reaching out to fans of all ages prior to a game as well as having his team-mates follow his example.

Sunday's game saw the Sockeyes travel to Port Moody where the home team grabbed the opening goal while playing short-handed, only to have Rajan Parmar even the game on the power play. This was followed up by a goal from Florida's Breudy Beaudin giving the Sockeyes a 2-1 lead after the first period that also saw a pair of minor's to Port Moody and three to Richmond.

The second period was scoreless but the third saw a strong start that saw them score a pair with the first from Bryce Strandt followed by an empty net goal from Alaska's Burke Newton giving the Sockeyes a 4-1 win. As strange as it sounds the Panthers managed to narrowly outshoot the Sockeyes by a 40-39 margin that saw the visitors unable to score on seven power play chances while the home squad notched one goal on three opportunities.

First star in the game went to Richmond's Burke Newton while Richmond's Mathias Hasselmann was named second and third star to Jovin Manhas.

Next game for the Sockeyes was a home game against last year's expansion Trailblazers that kept the fans entertained in what was best described as a "heated contest" keeping the officials busy.

The Sockeyes scored a pair of markers in the first with Beaudin (7) opening the scoring at 1:08 followed by their second of the game from Nicholas Noren (4) at 17:26 taking a 2-0 lead after one period. The scoring continued in the second with Soares getting his first at 10:35 of the young season while Kovich (3) put them up 4-0 at 13:12 only to have the Trailblazers grab three in a span of 1:43 making it a 4-3 game.

The third period the Sockeyes scored a pair with the first from Noren (5) a short 29 seconds followed by Burke Newton (3) at 3:55 while the visitors Van Straten pulled them within two. The final goal saw Noren get his sixth of the season and third of the game at 16:07 allowing the home squad to continue their winning streak in league play. To no surprise the Sockeyes grabbed all three stars with Nickolas Noren named first star for his three goal performance while Nick Kovich and Beaudy Beaudin were named second and third stars.

The final home game of Sept. 30 was the long-awaited rematch from last year's April 1st game seven against Ridge Meadows that saw them win the league Championship.

The Flames open the scoring on the PP at 8:03 followed by their second just 1:18 later taking a 2-0 lead. In the second period the Sockeyes managed to even the score as Nicholas Noren a goal at 11:31 followed by Nathan Gray with his first as a Sockeye at 15:17.

The Flames grabbed a pair on a PP taking a 4-2 lead noting that goal number four was at 19:56 of the period. The Sockeyes pounded shots on goal in the third but came up short with only goal off the stick of Noren at 13:06 which saw the Flames steal a 4-3 win. The Sockeyes next home game has them face-off against the Chilliwack Jets at 7 pm at the "Fish Tank."





Joe Biz — *by Joe Leary*

Eating with Kirby

It seems that as long as there's been a social media scene, food has played a vital role in its development.

And we've seen a whole roster of 'Foodies' grow with it, exponentially.

'Foodies' is the term coined for food-based contributors who come from all walks of life and regions of the world to promote it; shop for it, cook it; showcase it and often times, even consume it - on camera, for their legions of fans and followers to witness.

On the local social media scene, Kirby Ip is well-ingrained among the ever-growing fields of 'Foodies' who have found their particular niche and grown a fan base along with it.

As is often the case, it started with the written word and gradually migrated to the visual world. "I started my food blog back in 2011—before Instagram was even a thing," she says.

"I loved reading food blogs and always loved eating out and recommending delicious spots to my friends and family. I thought why don't I give it a try and start my own food blog."

One year later she did exactly that and watched her followers climb in numbers. "I made my first Instagram account in 2012. I did it as a hobby and never really looked at follower growth as a metric to strive for, but it grew steadily (but slowly) over the years."

By 2017, Ip had around 3,000 followers; not a quick ascension by any means, given the five year span—but again, once you find your lane the sky's the limit.

"Most of my follower growth came within the last two years where my cooking and rice paper recipes went viral. I began to create more recipe content that resonated with people."

Her social media following grew to nearly



Kirby Ip: food and travel blogger.

Photo courtesy Kirby Ip

200,000 followers in a year.

And Ip's 'lane' became evident. "Easy and simple recipes as well as food hacks are my thing. My recipes also lean towards Asian ingredients and Asian cuisine as that's what I grew up eating".

While she's generally identified for her *15 Days of Easy Hacks and Recipes*, Ip is likely most known for her creativity with rice paper and a one pot rice cooker.

And while the food industry diligently seeks out the bloggers to help promote their wares, most respected 'Foodies' set a standard and draw a line in the sand at some point.

"I don't promote anything I don't personally use, even though I get a lot of requests for a variety of products outside my niche," says Ip.

"My focus is food, travel and lifestyle—so things like cars, machinery, casinos and fishing gear (to name a few) are not products I would showcase or promote."

And today's social media platforms serve as the ultimate landscape for those like Ip to expand their brand. "Before YouTube, Instagram and Tik Tok became the kings of social media content, it was all about food blog and it was a higher barrier of entry

for people wanting to become food bloggers.

"Now it's so easy to create a food account and start posting videos immediately. Also, content used to be super-finessed and you had to learn copywriting, photography, photo editing, website development, coding at times, etc..."

"Now, text doesn't have to be grammatically correct; videos don't have to be polished (and in fact it's not ideal to be). It's about finding the best hook—the first one or two seconds of the clip—to grab the viewer's attention to get them to stay on your video and therefore, the app."

It's a pretty cool existence to truly enjoy what you do in life.

As the old adage says, "Find a job that you love and you'll never work a day in your life." Ip lives by these words every day.

"I get to make a living doing what I love," she says. "I used to joke and tell people that I wish I could be paid to eat and travel. And to an extent, that is what I do now. It's a dream come true and I never in a million years believed that I could make this a career."

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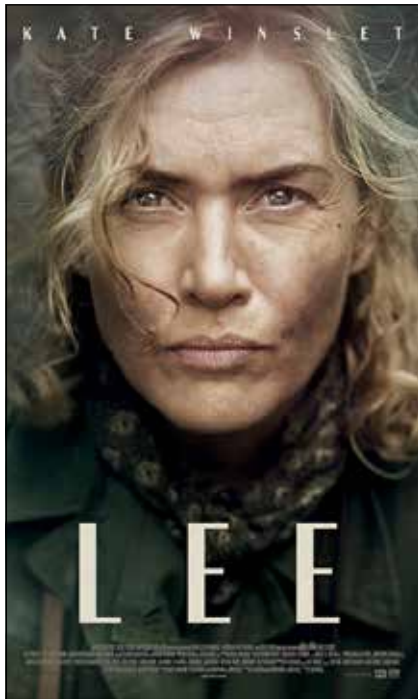


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THE VIEW #1 – LEE

The story of Lee Miller, the model turned war correspondent and photographer, has been long overdue, and we congratulate award-winning cinematographer (and first time feature film director), Ellen Kura, for bringing this force of nature to the big screen. Oscar winner, Kate Winslet, gives a deep and powerful performance in the title role, portraying Miller as someone who lived life to its fullest. The film begins in the south of France just before the start of WWII, as Miller and her friends (all wealthy artists, business people) are enjoying time together, not realizing the horrors of what is coming. When war does come, Miller is able to secure a job with *British Vogue*, photographing the front lines, something almost unheard of for a woman at the time. The deeper she gets in this global conflict, the more horror she sees – and photographs – and her images would become some of the 20th century's most indelible images. *LEE* is also stacked with a superb supporting cast including Oscar winner, Marion Cotillard, Andrea Riseborough, Alexander Skarsgard and, in a different role for him, comedian Andy Samberg. *LEE* is in theatres now.

THE VIEW #2 – *My Old Ass*

In her screen debut, Maisy Stella plays 18 year old, free-spirited, Elliot, who celebrates her birthday by indulging in a mushroom trip with friends. It's on this "trip", she meets the 39 year old Elliot, played by the always interesting, Aubrey Plaza. This leads to the question, what would you tell your younger self? Though the older Elliot is hesitant to say anything specific that might cause any change in their collective life journey, she does her best to offer advice that only someone looking back could offer: love your parents and your brothers more, appreciate this youthful part of your life more. But the older Elliot does have one ominous warning to her younger self: stay away from a guy named Chad. Older Elliot won't say why, but it's not long before the younger Elliot meets Chad, who is adorably quirky and kind. *My Old Ass*, which was filmed in the picturesque Muskoka region of Ontario, is a sweet, funny, coming of age film that goes deeper than most movies of this kind. And, without giving anything away, later in the film, it also has one of the most bittersweet, tender moments that we have ever seen in film. *My Old Ass* is in theatres now.



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THE VIEW #3 – *Goebbels and the Fuhrer*

They were among the worst and most despicable human beings of the 20th century. From their National Socialist Party's rise to power in 1933 Germany, until their total defeat and deaths in 1945, Adolf Hitler and his "Minister of Propaganda", Joseph Goebbels, pushed the world to the brink of destruction. Now comes a film that continues to examine that period in history and the relationship between these two men during the last seven years of their lives. *Goebbels and the Fuhrer* begins when Hitler is at the height of his power and Goebbels is creating what would become the first use of mass propaganda to create an almost fever-like hysteria for their leader, the war and world domination. It would also point a large and focused blaming finger at Germany's Jewish citizens with, among many tactics, a series of despicable anti-Semitic films. *Goebbels and the Fuhrer* is a fascinating and powerful film, written and directed by award-winning German writer, director and historian, Joachim A. Lang. It is available for home viewing.

Local designer rebrands fashion

Our City Tonight recently sat down with iconic Vancouver designer, Shelley Klassen, who has been designing women's clothing for over 25 years. Her design and retail store were called Blushing Boutique, and up until recently has been in the same spot downtown Vancouver for 18 years. Shelley has a huge following of loyal customers, and she has been creating beautiful and fashionable clothes for all types of women for many years. We wanted to catch up with this very talented designer and find out what's new and exciting for Shelley Klassen Designs this fall season.

OCT: *Shelley, Our City Tonight has been doing our show now for 10 years and your boutique was featured on one of our very first shows during the online edition of our TV show. I've worn your clothes to events, I've walked in your runway shows, and I have traveled to exotic places with your designs, and I can say firsthand from experience how beautiful and comfortable your clothing is. Tell us what's new and exciting for you, Blushing Boutique, and Shelley Klassen Designs?*

SK: The biggest news is that we rebranded, so the store is no longer called Blushing Boutique. We rebranded to my name, which is very exciting and of course we went online with a much larger presence when COVID hit and with COVID restrictions, we were focussed mainly online.

I really wanted people to know that this wasn't just a boutique that carried other retail line labels. It was and is a design boutique. All clothing is designed in-house and made locally in Vancouver. So yes, COVID was obviously quite tricky to navigate as many retailers can attest to, but thankfully we had a successful pivot into what people were searching for; loungewear, cozy wear and anything and everything that we thought would sell at that point in time. Thank goodness that we came through at the other end. Once again, the brand is pivoting and it's an exciting time for us.

Things have changed quite a bit in many industries and particularly in the retail arena. When you're looking at the economy after COVID, coupled with global warming and online shopping there are so many different factors that have personally affected my business. It has come to a point where I've realized over the years that I can't be everything for everybody when it comes to designing. I have noticed so many women struggling to find clothing that actually fits them properly or comfortably.

Research shows something like \$1.8 billion worth of unsold clothing that is left over every year in the United States alone. The major portion of why things are returned are because they aren't fitting properly. What I have discovered is most of my clients know what works well on their own bodies. And so, they might prefer a fit in a flare depending on their body shape and when they come



Klassen: 25 years of fashion.

Photo courtesy Shelley Klassen

into the store, they would say I would love to wear that design, but I just can't wear that neckline, or I can't wear that in that shape.

What we are doing this fall is we are offering clothing that you can customize to your personal preference. So, for example, the top that I'm wearing in this interview it's just a velvet crewneck top that is sleeveless. This top actually comes with a turtleneck that is removable. Just so you know, turtlenecks are all the rage this fall. With a removable turtleneck this top is very versatile but then you can also order it with a flutter sleeve if you want to cover the top of your arms. It is also available with a cap sleeve or a full-length tight sleeve, giving you the option to purchase it the way you would like. I am doing this with a select grouping of clothing and it's a soft launch this fall, but it is something that I'm aiming to do on a larger scale as we build different styles. We're very excited to be able to offer this to our customers.

OCT: *This is so exciting, and of course, we're thrilled that you continue to design clothing for the women in this beautiful city. Will you keep a physical storefront?*

SK: Yes, I will, and the storefront is still going to have items that are ready to wear. We will have product in store for people who want to come in and have that instant satisfaction of leaving with something. We also have an area set up like a showroom with different samples on display. And then as well, online you'll be able to see all the different options.

OCT: *That is all such wonderful news, and to our viewers, you heard it here first. How very exciting. Shelley where can people find out more information?*

SK: You can go directly to my website which is shelleyklassen.com and my boutique, Shelley Klassen Designs, is located at 583 Richards Street in Vancouver.



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