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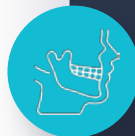
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In 2024, the Richmond Sentinel in partnership with:

with politicians, businesses, young entrepreneurs, talented artists and community services. More coming in 2025 on richmondsentinel.ca/videos and richmondsentinel.ca/editions

Our City Tonight, a national television show airs twice weekly on CHEKTV and their national partners and also airs three times a day on NOVUS Entertainment. They have shared with the *Richmond Sentinel*, filmed interviews with: authors, singers, actors, film makers, wine and food industry, entrepreneurs, travel, fashion, charities, sports, the arts, movies, health and wellness. The TV series is personality driven covering a variety of topics. Jim Gordon is also actively involved with the *Richmond Sentinel* Media Division filming interviews

**Douglas James Scammell a love for fashion**

Douglas is a brand new member to the *Richmond Sentinel* team. In reviewing Douglas' portfolio there are no words to do this man justice with his fashion expertise, from his traditional business attire to his classy casual style. If you're just starting out in the world of business Douglas' suggestions will help with your wardrobe choices. He shares how to stretch your budget by turning two outfits into four and when it's the best time to shop.

In the upcoming series Douglas will share his passion for accessories, casual wear and a few shopping surprises.

**Joe Leary, Veteran Broadcaster, Freelance Writer, Events MC/Host**

Joe's career in radio broadcast has taken him to many radio stations in Vancouver and Toronto. He's known to many here in Richmond for his radio show at CISM Radio and the greater Vancouver area at CityTV, UTV, Global and CKVU. He's a widely-published freelance writer with numerous local and national publications covering music, travel, food, wine, beer, sports and entertainment.

His passion for craft beer led him to create Canada's original dedicated commercial beer radio show 'Just for the Beer' that aired on TSN1040. Joe's network of clients interviewed over the years is a wealth of interesting stories.

**Richmond Sockeyes Junior A Hockey**

The Richmond Sentinel established a partnership and sponsorship with the Sockeyes in the 2024 season with writer Steve Erickson who also is the game announcer providing our viewers with a play-by-play of each hockey game.

Whether you like hockey or are not familiar with the sport, this team of young athletes will keep you entertained at a very affordable ticket cost. They are fast, aggressive, very talented with a common goal, to be scouted

by one of the NHL teams. They could sure use your help by attending the hockey games on Thursday night at the Minoru hockey rink. Please come out and cheer them on, you won't be disappointed.

**Rika Mansingh a Certified Dietician and an Award-Winning Author**

Rika has been an inspiration to all of us who work with her and to the Sentinel viewers in print and on video. The value she offers is not just her knowledge on health and well-ness but the ease that she presents the information. She has covered several topics to do with the benefits of lifestyle choices and healthy eating habits in a language that is understandable.

Rika has also been a contributor to our new series "lifestyle information for seniors" in print, on video and with our partner Our City Tonight, providing valuable options when it comes to health and wellness.

**Jim Gordon is a Media Personality as an Executive Producer, Director, TV Host and Interviewer**

As the creator of two national TV shows both airing several times a week, he has played a supportive role with the *Richmond Sentinel* to help build the media division. His network of colleagues in the film, music, literary, fashion, food and wine industry introduced *Richmond Sentinel's* viewers to a variety of entertainment.

Jim also has led the media division with filmed interviews pertaining to business, the political scene, the young entrepreneurs and most recently a series on *Healthy Life-Style for Seniors*.

In honour of our soldiers: Robert Charles Scotchbrook

By MATTHEW CHEUNG
Contributing writer

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

Robert Charles Scotchbrook was born on April 13, 1890 in Newton-Harcourt, Leicestershire, England. Somewhere along his life, he would find himself and his family living in Vancouver. On Aug. 30, 1916, he enlisted into the Royal Canadian Regiment and listed his wife Florrie as next of kin. He worked as a farmer and his religion was the Church of England. He got married to his wife on Dec. 9, 1913, and

they lived at an address in Steveston. They also had a child named Edith Dorothy, who was born on July 26, 1907.

Tragically, just one month after enlisting Robert Scotchbrook would die due to appendicitis while at Esquimalt on Sept. 27, 1916.

Though he was not part of the fight in Europe, the City of Richmond honoured Robert Charles Scotchbrook for the work that he did while serving the Royal Canadian Regiment. On December 6, 1954, the city named a street sign after him.

Scotchbrook Road can be found in a small community between Garden City Road and No. 3 Road.



Screen grab from Google Maps
A poppy engraved street sign of Scotchbrook Road.



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A great hockey team of talented young guys to follow

By FLORENCE GORDON
Contributing writer

Once upon a time, magic happened for the Richmond Sockeye Junior A hockey team when actors, Goldie Hawn and Kirk Russell's son Wyatt moved from Los Angeles to play for the Sockeyes. Wyatt was only age 16 at the time when he earned a spot on the Sockeyes' team as backup goalie in season 2002 and number one goalie in 2003. The team went on to win the Cyclone Taylor Cup provincial championship. His parents, purchased a house in Shaughnessy and were regulars at the Minoru Arena so there was no problem with attendance as fans showed up hoping to get a glance of these two movie stars.

Fast forward to 2024, this year's team is packed with talented, fast skating players. But it has to be disappointing to have so few fans in the stands to inspire them on. Regardless of the lack of fan sup-

port for the team, Management is doing everything they can to promote hockey in Richmond. With Richmond being a multi-cultural city, many are not familiar with the sport but it's guaranteed that for a very small admission fee you will be entertained and will want to come back. My friends and I took in last night's game and these hockey players skillfully move the puck so fast that both goalies have to give their best performance with the number of shots on goal.

As a sponsor we'd like to hear from our viewers your idea on how the *Richmond Sentinel* can help promote the Richmond Sockeye hockey team and build up the attendance and in exchange we will offer two free tickets to any Sockeye game to the first five suggestions received. They play every Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the Minoru Arena in the heart of downtown Richmond.

Go to marketing@richmondsentinel.ca

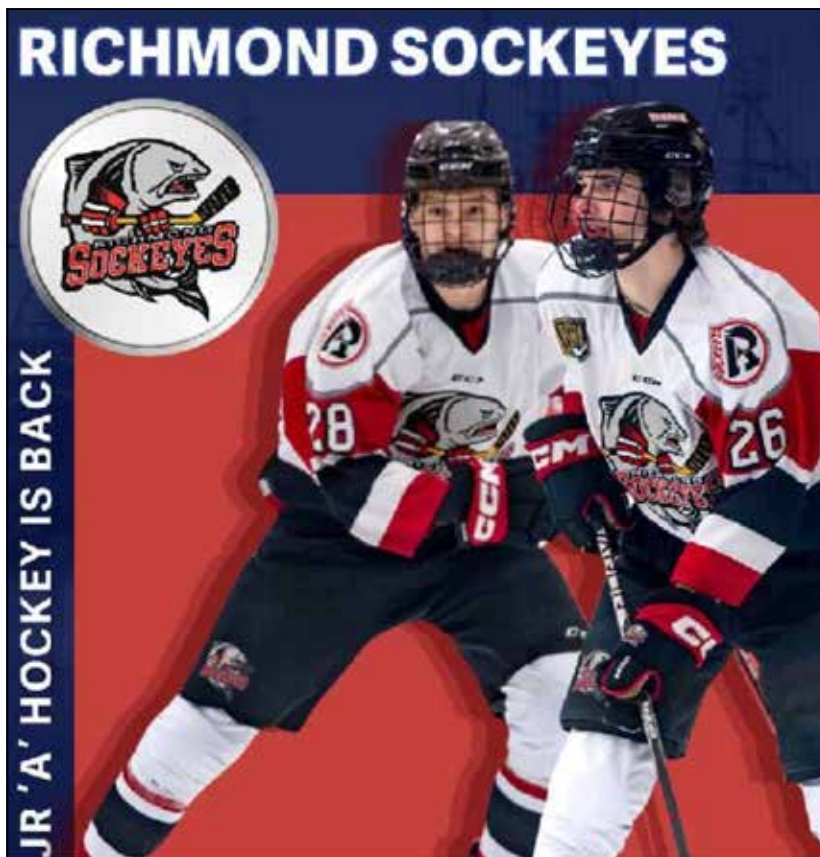


Photo courtesy Richmond Sockeyes

An advertisement for the Blundell Centre's New Year 2025 celebration. On the left, there is a logo consisting of a stylized star made of overlapping geometric shapes in blue, green, and red, next to the text 'BLUNDELL CENTRE'. Below this, a yellow banner says 'HAPPY', followed by 'NEW YEAR' in large, bold, white letters, and '2025' in very large, bold, white letters. Underneath, it says 'Wrap up the year in style with a visit to BLUNDELL CENTRE'. At the bottom left, it says '42 stores for your year-end shopping' and 'Located at Blundell & No 2 Road'. The right half of the advertisement features a photograph of several hands holding lit sparklers, with bright sparks flying out against a dark background.

2024 Year in Review – News Stories

By MATTHEW CHEUNG
Contributing writer

As we approach the end of 2024, the first full calendar year since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, the *Richmond Sentinel* would like to recap some notable city news and highlight some of the awards of recognition for the city, its local businesses, and citizens.

Notable Sports and Arts Recognition in the city

The *Richmond Sentinel* is always appreciative of local talent and recognition. To start off the year, we highlighted the story about Ryan Wang, a young piano prodigy who started playing the piano at the age of four, made a generous donation to the Richmond Hospital Foundation. A little more than six months later, Richmond's own Chloe Lu was crowned Miss Teenage Richmond 2024. Chloe, who at the time was in grade 11, at Hugh McRoberts Secondary School, is a competitive figure skater who has represented B.C. at several national competitions, whose platform is on mental health in sports and creating a safe learning environment for young Canadian athletes.

Two months later, news about a rising Jazz star was brought to our attention. He attended Palmer Secondary School and placed third in this year's National Trumpet Competition, Luke Young took the time to do an interview with us to discuss his musical journey, influences, and future in music.

The City of Richmond also honoured the remarkable Canadian athletes from Richmond who sacrificed their blood, sweat, and tears, preparing and participating in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Richmond's own Camryn Rogers, Evan Dunfee, and Nicholas Zhang were each presented with Certificates of Achievement for their success in Paris and for representing the community they were born and raised in. Rogers, a graduate of McMath Secondary, became the recipient of Canada's first Olympic gold medal in women's track and field in almost a century. Evan Dunfee achieved fifth place in the 20 km race walk and Nicholas Zhang, a pupil at Richmond's Dynamo Fencing Club and student at Harvard University made his Olympic debut as an épée fencer.

City starts off the 2024 with a win

The first two months of the year saw the City of Richmond become the recipient of four awards; the 2023 National Energy Globe Award, which recognizes projects focused on energy efficiency, sustainability and the use of renewable energy or emission free sources in over 180 countries; two national awards from the Silver Leaf Awards of Merit for communication and community engagement to increase awareness and compliance to generate ideas for reducing waste; and the Business Friendly Award, for approaches and initiatives that make it one of Canada's most business-friendly cities.

Notable Business Award Recipients



File photos

As the year ends, the Richmond Sentinel wanted to highlight some notable community news and awards of recognition for the city, its local businesses, and citizens.

It's only right that a city that won four awards in the first two months of the year be filled with businesses that were also recipients of awards. In 2024, six businesses received awards for their efforts in making the city a place to live.

On March 7, Tourism Richmond received the 2024 Destination Market Organization (DMO) Professional Excellence Award. Two months later, on May 25, saw local development company Everglade Development receive not one but three Georgie Awards for BC's Best Corporate / Project Website, Best Project Identity, and Best Advertising Campaign.

To end off the year, four outstanding tourism leaders in the City of Richmond were awarded by Tourism Richmond for being EPIC. Athiana Acres was awarded the Excellence Award for Innovation for its diverse produce and new guided farm tours, Chloe Kim from Versante Hotel was awarded the Passion Award for exceptional service, The Sharing Farm Society the Integrity Award for Community Participation for its contributions, and finally the Steveston Waterfront Hotel won the Collaboration Award for Successful Partnerships for its "Brews n' Bikes" package, promoting local businesses and enhancing the experience for visitors and locals alike.

The community's present and future generations take great strides

A city is only as great as the people that live in it, and that applied to those in Richmond, British Columbia. The first community award given out was to Loren Slye on April 15, a long-time Steveston resident, he was recognized with the 2023 National Award for Volunteerism for his dedication of over 50 years of volunteering in community services.

On May 10, over 100 local students attended the 2024 Richmond Regional Heritage Fair, over 30 students were recognized for their commitment to history and, 27 students were presented awards.

On June 7, Richmond student, Nitika, who was

a fourth-year co-op student attending Langara College was named the 2023 Co-op Student of the Year.

Continuing on with the theme of seeing our future generations be rewarded for their work, on July 4, the Richmond Community Foundation awarded total of 49 scholarships, with a combined value of \$21,500 to 40 Richmond students, factoring in academic achievements, community involvement, and strength of references.

Five more students were awarded a Beedies Luminaries scholarships of up to \$44,000 on July 5, recognizing promising B.C. students who faced life challenges and adversity with determination and resilience. Those students are Dorothy Yuen and Taixi Wang from Hugh McRoberts Secondary, Menam Mehmood from RC. Palmer Secondary, Mackenna Light from Richmond Christian Secondary School, and Kelly Huang from Richmond Secondary School.

Straying away from our future generation, we look at the legacy of our current generation. On August 20, long time Richmond resident, Jim Kojima was recognized and awarded the Medal of Good Citizenship by the Province of British Columbia. He was recognized as an important member of the Steveston Community and was one of 18 people who received the award for their extraordinary contributions to their community. According to the province, "the Medal of Good Citizenship celebrates individuals who have acted in a particularly generous, kind or selfless manner for the betterment of their communities without expectation of reward."

As we continue into the year, we look at one Richmond resident who's hardworking and contributions to the community continue to be recognized, on August 23, local McDonald's manager Baljit Sokhi was named a recipient of the Ray Kroc award, which recognizes the top performing McDonald's restaurant managers globally, only one per cent of restaurant managers around the world receive such honour.

The final quarter of the calendar year saw four Richmond citizens receive awards for their contributions. On September 8, Richmond's Jim Kojima, Harold Steves, and Alan Sakai were all recipients of the King Charles III Coronation Medal during a ceremony at the Seine Net Loft. Such recognition is a Canadian honour that recognizes those who have made significant contributions to Canada and their home provinces, and is the first Canadian honour to mark a coronation.

On September 18, Richmond's own Lana Wilhelm was awarded the 2024 Women in Forestry award for her work in fostering sustainable practices and advancing inclusivity in the industry.

DISCLAIMER: All awards that were listed here is not a complete list and is a compilation of the awards news that the Richmond Sentinel has received. There is a possibility that some awards may have been missed.



While staying true to the original vision to publish news and events about Richmond that would provide information to new members of the community and local residents, the *Richmond Sentinel* continued to add news from B.C., Canada and international countries with a link to Richmond in print and on-line. We've added writers that bring an entertainment factor and stories that readers in Richmond could relate to or have an interest in while supporting community events and charities in print, digital and filmed videos.

In 2024, the video division has never been busier filming interviews which aired on *Richmond Sentinel* YouTube channel and website and published in the *Richmond Sentinel* community newspaper. We interviewed interesting business stories, and the achievements of many Richmond students in academics, sciences and the arts was refreshing chatting with them in our studio and sharing their stories with the community. Covering the B.C. election was important to interview on film and in print the candidates that accepted our invitation. With 18 candidates seeking to be elected to fill only four seats was important to us at the *Richmond Sentinel* to give every candidate equal opportunity to state why they were running. Of course, our annual filmed interview with Mayor Brodie is something we look forward to every year. With only one take, the Mayor really gets his message across. I welcome our readers to go to our website and view in detail the city's accomplishments and future plans. richmondsentinel.ca/videos

We continued a partnership in 2024 with a national weekly TV series, *Our City Tonight* providing our community with an entertainment factor adding interviews in print and video with artists, singers, song writers, authors, actors, travel, and the food and wine industry and most recently an interview from Los Angeles with casts from *The Young and The Restless* TV show celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Interviews on film and in print with Rika Mansingh a certified dietician and award-winning author have been very educational and she joined a new *Richmond Sentinel* project with a focus on seniors. As well, Joe Leary a well-known media broadcaster will continue to share stories from his experience from years of interviewing on radio and in print. This month Douglas Scammell joined us bringing with him a passion for fashion ideas for men.

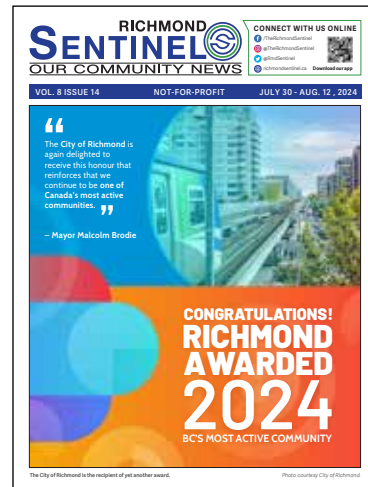
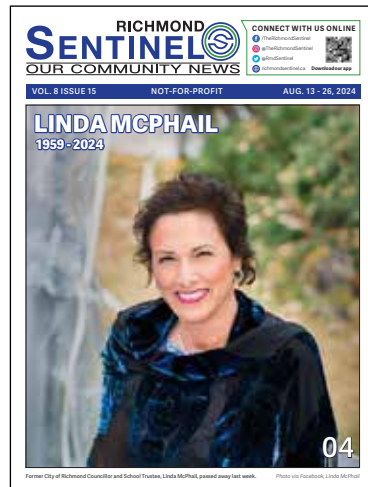
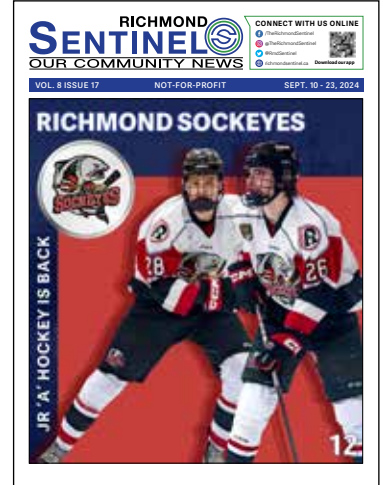
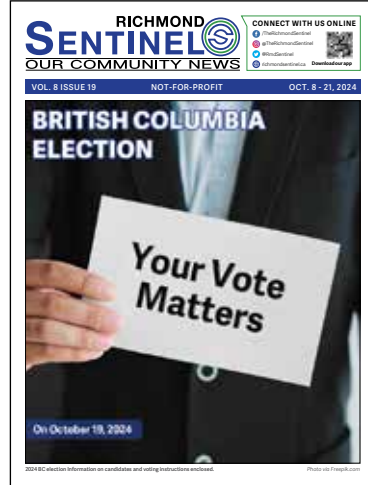
In 2024, *Richmond Sentinel* published a new segment titled *Our City Richmond* providing seniors with information on services and programs available for them. In talking with the senior's community, we discovered the value in publishing this information and went on to add video interviews with experts providing information on health and wellness, fraud, finances, reverse mortgage, free services available to help seniors stay in their home, services offered by the federal government and programs for seniors within the City of Richmond.

The *Richmond Sentinel*, welcomes any suggestions and would like to thank you for your support over the years and from our home to yours, we wish you and your loved ones good health and happiness in 2025. newsroom@richmondsentinel.ca

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A Year In Review 2024





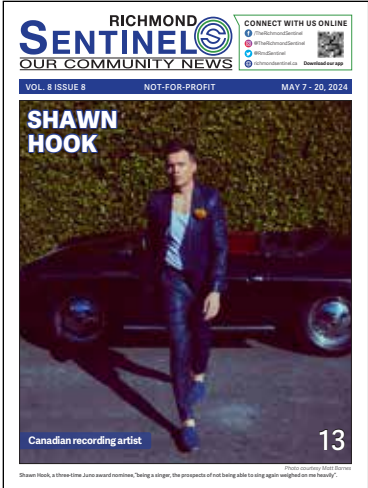
The memories we made together...

By FLORENCE GORDON
Print & Media Division

As we close the chapter to 2024, thank you to everyone who supported the *Richmond Sentinel* with your stories, your suggestions, community events and of course our advertisers to help make this all possible.

It's interesting to look back to where we were this time last year and re-view this past year's accomplishments. It's fascinating to walk down memory lane reviewing the many stories and the many people that came into our lives.

As we completed one publication the next edition brought noteworthy stories and new ideas, as shown here in our book of memories.

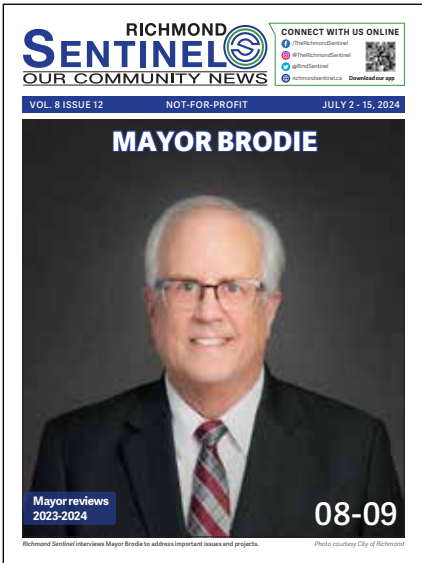


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Business story

Sear Seaplanes story was so inspirational to tell. The owner Peter Clarke began his pilot career as a teenager starting with one float plane and now the owner of a fleet of float planes with his head office in Richmond. Peter has so many stories to share of his journey and the many hidden gems in BC that he's flown into. The interview can be seen on video and in print. Richmondsentinel.ca/videos Richmondsentinel.ca/editions



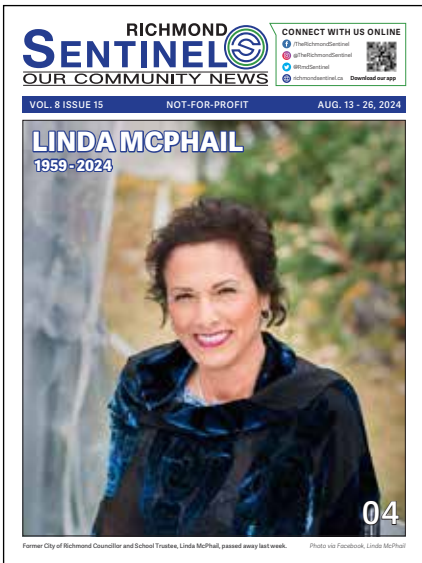
Informative story

This year like many previous years, Mayor Malcolm Brodie sat down in a video interview with the Richmond Sentinel to share his annual state-of-the-union report. The Mayor provided a valuable update on the city's progress so it was decided it was well worth a second review. The interview can be seen on video and in print. Richmondsentinel.ca/videos Richmondsentinel.ca/editions



Favourite Cover

The video interview on location with Steve Woods was inspirational. With a masters degree in photography, he travels the world leading expeditions to numerous continents filming under water and wildlife. Based in Vancouver he is a wildlife conservation photo-grapher raising awareness to protect the natural environment. Richmondsentinel.ca/videos Richmondsentinel.ca/editions



Someone Special

On Aug. 30, 2020 Linda McPhail wrote on her Facebook. "I will not stand to live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing kindness, understanding and judging less. Be kind to a stranger, give grace to friends who are having a bad day and be forgiving of yourself." Richmondsentinel.ca/editions



Future Creators

Richmond Sentinel filmed in 2024, interviews with many students in high school and university, sharing their stories and what they've achieved in the field of academics, science, sports and the arts. Richmond is blessed with talented and dedicated young people. Ryan Wang was a local prodigy who performed at Carnegie Hall at age 5. At the time of interview he's age 15 studying in Europe. Richmondsentinel.ca/videos Richmondsentinel.ca/editions



Unsung Heroes

The City of Richmond had in 2024, 250 dedicated fire fighters who respond to multiple calls every day. Established in 1897, today the city has 7 fire halls up-graded or rebuilt for post-disaster response readiness. Known as first responders, they answer to fire and medical calls, motor vehicle accidents, alarms and public service. Emergency service 911 Richmondsentinel.ca/editions

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Entertainment story

Celebrating 50th anniversary. For our viewers that follow The Young and The Restless you will appreciate how very special it was to do this interview. Lauralee and Michael were teenagers when they first appeared on Y&R. They talk about the earlier years in the interview.

The interview can be seen on video and in print.
[Richmondsentinel.ca/videos](#)
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Story of Inspiration

Loren Slye

It's with great respect for a long-time resident that we publish this story. He was recognized on April 15, 2024 in Ottawa with the National Award for Volunteerism. The award is being given to Loren Slye by Canada's Volunteer Awards (CVA) for dedication of over 50 years of volunteering in community service.
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City Recognition

Richmond selected as BC's most active community by a National organization that's promoting healthy living and physical fitness. The nationwide activity initiative is to encourage Canadians to get active. The award recognizes the community's activity level and the creative ways staff and community partners in Richmond motivated all ages during June.

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The BC Election

In October 2024 Richmond voters were faced with who to vote for or what Party they wanted elected.

With 18 candidates to fill four seats, the Richmond Sentinel invited all candidates to be filmed in an interview which aired on RS website and in print so that voters could make a decision based on information.
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Senior Lifestyle

2024 was a year of research starting with senior lifestyle residence that offer the comforts of home. The next step was to discover all the services and the programs available for seniors, library's new pilot program delivering games and books to senior homes and residences at no charge and community centres offering every activity you could want to do.

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The Masters

If you play golf or not The Masters is the ultimate to watch on TV or if fortunate to travel to Augusta Georgia to follow your favourite golfer around this luscious course.

It wouldn't be a tournament without Tiger Woods a five-time Masters champion and before going to print he had not confirmed whether he would play or not.
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LET'S RECYCLE OUR CHRISTMAS TREES!

Richmond offers several options for recycling your tree after the holidays. Help return your tree to nature and create new resources.

CHARITY TREE CHIPPING EVENT

Saturday January 4 & Sunday January 5
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- Many thanks to our sponsors: GFL Environmental, Super Save Group, McDonald's Restaurants, Pajos and Ecowaste Industries.

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Joe Biz — *by Joe Leary*

Catching up with 'Captain Kirk'

To fans of the Vancouver Canucks there are few players more admired and beloved than Kirk McLean.

And while his heroics in goal are what endeared him to Vancouver hockey fans for some ten seasons, it might be a surprise to learn that prior to dedicating himself to hockey, he was scouted by a European Soccer Club at the age of 12.

"I didn't really know about that until a bit later in my teenage years when my mom told me," he says.

"At the beginning I was a winger and then I lost my speed at some point and moved into the mid-field.

I was more of a holding midfielder".

Hockey was always in the picture and in his youth McLean benefitted from a full year of 'Hockey School'.

"It was called 'Agincourt Lions Hockey Academy' at the Scarborough Arena outside of Toronto,

"It was all about learning the rules of the game and working on your skills and was fantastic for me to develop as a hockey player."

McLean actually started as a Left Winger in his second year of House League.

"Halfway through the year we needed a goaltender so a teammate and I put our hands up and we rotated the position.

"I had some success and actually made the All-Star team and stuck with it after that."

Growing up in Toronto as a Maple Leafs fan, Kirk McLean saw his goaltending heroes firsthand: Jacques Plante, Bernie Parent and Mike Palmateer.

"After the Hockey School, there was 'Goalie School' and I would always bug my dad to stick around.



Canucks' Kirk McLean and Joe Leary.

Photo courtesy The Chat Room at Tyrant Studios

"I was always interested in the full face masks and the paint jobs on them and there was this one instructor that had a brush cut and a puck machine and I thought that was really cool.

"I got really interested in the position but it was mainly because of Bernie and Jacques that I became a goaltender."

Kirk McLean debuted with the New Jersey Devils in 1985/86 but a glut of quality net minders already in the organization didn't allow him much opportunity there.

Things would change prior to the 1987/88 season when Vancouver Canucks General Manager Pat Quinn traded for him and BC native Greg Adams; in exchange for Patrick Sundstrom – as part of a rebuilding process.

The connection with Canuck fans was immediate and he was soon bestowed the affectionate moniker, 'Captain Kirk'.

After a decade or so in net for the Vancouver Canucks, McLean moved on; though leaving as the franchise's all-time leader with 518 regular season games played, 211 wins, 20 shutouts (surpassed in 2009 by Roberto Luongo), along with playoff games played best of 68, including 34 wins and 6 shutouts.

And chief among the career highlights was an

incredible run to Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final against the New York Rangers in 1994, resulting in a heartbreaking 3-2 loss.

30 years later, that loss still stings.

"Totally", says the Vancouver Canucks 'Ring of Honour' inductee and member of the BC Hockey Hall of Fame.

"I still have a hard time watching any of the highlights; especially that Final Series.

"Watching is pretty tough and to be honest, I don't think I've watched the whole series to the end".

But despite coming so close to winning a Stanley Cup, the heralded goalie is grateful for a loyal and passionate fan base.

"I appreciate the fans because they were with us all the way and were so invested in what was going on," he says.

"It was an amazing time, without a doubt and the fan base throughout BC and even throughout Canada – among those that were fans of the Vancouver Canucks – the city and this province have been unbelievable to me.

"It was amazing then and they still are to me to this day".

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OUR CITY *tonight*

**SPOTLIGHT ON
GREAT MOVIES HOME VIEWING**



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THE VIEW #1 – Vera

It has been part of our TV viewing for nearly a decade and a half; a classic British “whodunit”, detective show called *Vera*. Now comes the show’s 14th and final season, available January 2 exclusively on Britbox Canada. From the beginning the show has been led by acclaimed, Academy Award nominated actress, Brenda Blethyn, in the title role. Chief Inspector Vera Stanhope is not, and has never been, a traditional leader, nor is she there to cheerlead her team (though they are very loyal to her). What the often disheveled Vera sometimes lacks in tact, she more than makes up for in brilliantly solving heinous crimes in the north-east of England. From the popular crime novels by Ann Cleeves, each episode moves slowly (in a good way) as Vera and her team analyze, dissect, and solve the case. Shows like *Vera* are our preferred alternative to their big budgeted, flashy, American counterparts, with continuous car chases, shootouts and high-tech effects. britbox.com

THE VIEW #2 – Survive

This low budget film caught our eye last month with its rather unique premise: A family celebrate their son’s birthday on their boat while cruising the ocean, but that family fun is interrupted when a violent storm nearly capsizes them. Okay, we’ve seen this kind of story of survival on the high seas before but here’s where this story throws a curve at viewers. The family awaken in a desert. Huh, sorry what? Seems the earth has undergone a tragic polarity reversal, draining water from the oceans. Now it becomes a fight to survive on land, trying to get to a safe place before the water returns all while battling hungry creatures from the abyss that hunt for fresh flesh. In the Apocalyptic film genre, this a fresh, creative take, with pretty good visual effects and on-location settings, which is worth a view on a rainy weekend afternoon. *Survive* will be in theatres and available for home viewing January 10. samuelgoldwynfilms.com



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THE VIEW #3 – Let’s Get Lost

It remains one of our all-time favourite music documentaries, but also one of the saddest. Now – finally – in 4K restoration, comes *Let’s Get Lost*, the story Chet Baker, a legendary jazz vocalist and trumpeter, whose epic talent was rivalled only by his appetite for self-destruction. Baker really did have it all: blessed with movie star looks, a singing voice of an angel, and the ability to play the trumpet that would’ve made Gabriel jealous. But along the way, drugs and alcohol took over, making Baker almost unrecognizable in his later years (when he died in 1989 from a balcony fall at an Amsterdam hotel, at age 58, heroin and cocaine were found in his system). Written and directed by Bruce Weber, *Let’s Get Lost* – which was the winner of the Critics Prize at the Venice Film Festival and nominated for an Academy Award – benefits from direct access to Baker as he tours, along with excerpts from Italian B movies, rare performance footage, as well as interviews with musicians, friends, battling ex-wives, and his children. This film is available on Bluray January 7. kinolorber.com



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Jakarta singing sensation settles in Vancouver

Our City Tonight sat down with singer/songwriter, Kamasean Mathews, who is originally from Indonesia and a superstar in her own country.

OCT: You have a very interesting story, and we will start out by saying that there are approximately 274 million people living in the country of Indonesia, where you are from. When you were a young teenager, you competed in the TV show/competition Indonesian Idol. Tell us how this story unfolded.

KM: I was 16 at the time and I didn't really have any expectations for the competition. My mom and dad said that I should just do it and they believed that I had nothing to lose. And I agreed that I had nothing to lose at the time, so I thought why not try out. I won second place, and it was just like that. I did get eliminated but I did achieve second place.

OCT: When we were talking before this interview, we were talking about the people in this part of the world who have finished as runners-up in similar competitions and what happened afterwards for them; people like Adam Lambert and Jennifer Hudson and the list goes on. Suddenly, you became a superstar in a country with that many people. Tell us how that situation turned out and how it was to deal with as a young girl.

KM: It was a lot and to be honest up until today it's still a lot for me to take in, which is weird because I'm a grown-up now. It's been over a decade since that competition. But every time I'm back in Jakarta and back to the whole routine, it still feels surreal. I don't feel like the world sees me the way I see myself, which is cool and crazy at the same time. After winning a competition like that, people look at you like you're so special and you're so wonderful and of course these are great things, and I feel very blessed. It's a great privilege to have that kind of platform because I can do a lot of things and ultimately do a lot of good things for people, but at the same time I can never go back to my old life where



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Kamasean Mathews, Indonesian superstar.

I could just go anywhere unnoticed. When I go even to a grocery store in Indonesia and pick up things, it's not unusual for people to be questioning and looking at what I have in my grocery basket. They're curious as to what I'm buying.

OCT: And all modesty aside, if we were sitting in Jakarta right now or another city in Indonesia, we would not be having this conversation without somebody coming over and talking to you. And that still happens to you all these years later. We must mention that you truly are multi layered. You're living here in Vancouver and in fact you have a law degree so you could be practising law in Indonesia but because you're here in Canada, your life is quite different. You also teach music in Vancouver, which is great.

KM: Yes, it's been fun and it's been great, and honestly, the reason I got into law school was because my first-degree was actually in audio engineering which I thought would be very useful for me in the music industry. I do understand that it

is beneficial to me being an artist and musician. It's important to not just understand the performance aspect, but also understand the whole production arena. The editing, at least for me personally, is very important. So then after I finished that, I wanted to go back to school and learn something that felt more academic, something more stable.

I didn't feel like this when I went to school because the other avenue was way too much fun. My brother, at that time, was already finished law school so I thought I should give law a chance too. So, I went to law school, and I think it was also because at the time I was thinking that I didn't believe there was enough representation in law for artists. That's kind of how I like to live, the things that I do in my life, I like to be passionate but it's hard to be passionate about things that you have no interest in, or you feel like it's not beneficial to you. When I pursue something in life, I always make sure that it's something that I enjoy, something that I love, and something that I'm passionate about, but also has to be beneficial to me.

OCT: You have two careers. To become a lawyer, the direction is basically from point A to point B, but when it comes to becoming a singer/songwriter to a becoming a superstar, well that's uncharted. You cannot count on that so it's great that you do all these things. We wanted to mention if people want to see more of your music, you do have a YouTube channel where people can view your music. Honestly, you have some wonderful music. You do have a great voice, and we are loving the fact that you also write a lot of your own music, which is very important. So, besides YouTube where else can people check out more of your work?

KM: People can check me out on Instagram and my handle is simply my first name, Kamasean. If you just type in my name, you'll find everything there. My music is also on Spotify and again you can just type in my first name. Everything really is that easy.



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