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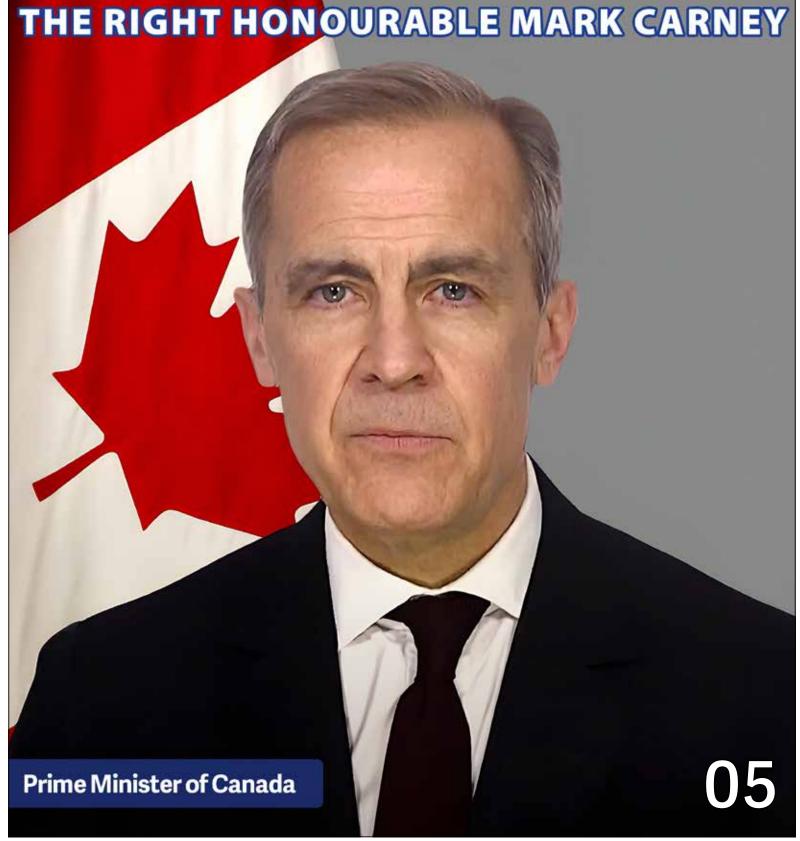


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by Florence Gordon



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Envisioning a Memorial Garden

Share your thoughts to help us understand your needs and preferences for a potential Memorial Garden in Richmond.

Currently, the City of Richmond does not offer a dedicated space for memorialization. With the community's input this can be tastefully done. The city where I grew up, the main street connected to a highway to the north and south so there was a lot of traffic. There was a sidewalk but there was also greenbelt area next to the sidewalk which the city developed into a safer walkway for pedestrians. With input from the community they established the greenbelt area into a park-like setting allowing local citizens to plant a tree or install a bench that included a plaque "In memory of". Of course, the city oversaw the master plan. My family planted a tree on the greenbelt near the creek in memory of a loved one which brought a sense of closeness when I returned home to pay my respects so I can say from experience, it is a respectful alternative to a cemetary site or when a love one asks to be cremated and spread their ashes in another city.

Richmond's recent public announcement is asking for a public engagement process to help the city better understand community needs and preferences as they relate to the potential for a Memorial Garden in Richmond. A Memorial Garden could be a place where residents remember and pay tribute to deceased loved ones in a variety of ways. Such a site would typically offer a diverse range of opportunities for memorialization that reflects community preferences and traditions within a serene, contemplative park setting. A specific site is not being considered at this time. There are a number of opportunities for the public to participate online and in person.

Online visit: LetsTalkRichmond.ca/MemorialGarden to learn more and complete an online survey. The survey will be open until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

In person open houses: City staff, including those with proficiency in Mandarin and Cantonese, will be available to discuss the project, answer questions and gather feedback via interactive open house boards presented in English and Traditional Chinese.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Hamilton Community Centre 5140 Smith Drive, Hamilton

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cambie Community Centre 12800 Cambie Road, Richmond

Timeline

- Timeline item 1 active
 - » Public engagement
 - » May 12 to 11:59 p.m. on June 22, 2025
- Timeline item 2 incomplete
 - » Analysis of engagement results
 - » June/July 2025
- Timeline item 3 incomplete
 - » Report to council
 - » Report to council with Results and Recommended Next Steps Fall 2025

Saturday May 31, 2025 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

West Richmond Community Centre 9180 No. 1 Road, Richmond

Saturday, June 14, 2025 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Richmond Cultural Centre Atrium 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond

For more information

Visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca/MemorialGarden Email parks@richmond.ca Call 604-233-3311

This is an important opportunity for Richmond residents to share whether they support this initiative and ensure that any prospective Memorial Garden would meet the diverse cultural and spiritual needs of the community. The results of this public engagement process will inform recommended next steps that will be presented to council for consideration in fall 2025.

City wins BCRPA Parks Excellence Award

BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) has announced the City of Richmond as the recipient of the 2025 Parks Excellence Award for their renewal of Minoru Park - Lakes District (bcrpa.bc.ca/membership/ provincial-awards).

BCPRA's Parks Excellence Award recognizes outstanding design and development of park spaces that utilize natural elements or repurposed materials, reflect community culture, enhance accessibility for all, and encourage engagement with nature. Winning projects must positively impact the well-being of the community and the recreation and parks sector.

Located within one of Richmond's

signature parks, the renewed Lakes District combines the preservation of beloved features with bold improvements in environmental sustainability, accessibility, and community wellness. Highlights include the restoration of two lakes through an innovative rainwater-fed system, a comprehensive habitat renewal plan, revitalized pathways and plazas, expanded accessibility features, and an increased tree canopy that strengthens the park's climate resilience.



Photo by Jaana Björk

The City of Richmond has won the BCRPA Parks Excellence Award for their renewal of Minoru Park - Lakes District.

The project was shaped through an extensive, multilingual public consultation process that ensured community priorities were reflected at every stage. By preserving its tranquil natural character while enhancing inclusivity and environmental stewardship, the Lakes District offers a dynamic and peaceful urban oasis for residents, visitors, and future generations.

"The Lakes District at Minoru Park beautifully illustrates how communities can preserve cherished spaces while evolving them for modern needs," said Katie Fenn, chief executive officer of BCRPA. "Through ecological innovation, inclusivity, and strong community engagement, the

City of Richmond has created a welcoming sanctuary that promotes health, connection, and sustainability."

The Parks Excellence Award is one of six Provincial Awards of Excellence presented during BCRPA's annual symposium, held this year in Whistler. Each award is presented on behalf of BCRPA's more than 5,200 members across the province who work to enhance the physical and mental health, wellness, connectedness, and quality of life of their communities.

In honour of our soldiers: Private Lyle Melburn Allison

By MATTHEW CHEUNG Contributing writer

Collowing up on our Richmond poppy street signs, we move onto the names of young soldiers whose names were inscribed on the Cenotaph. Those names are compiled of 21 young men who lost their lives in World War I, World War II, and in the Korean War.

Lyle Melburn Allison was born on April 24, 1924 in Eklhorn Manitoba to Thomas and Florence Allison. He was one of four children as he had three sisters. He and his family would move to Richmond sometime along his life, before he ultimately decided to move to Marpole while his parents remained in Richmond. On March 18, 1943, Lyle enlisted in Winnipeg and filled out his address as General De-

livery, Swan River, Manitoba. He would go onto change his address to Marpole that same year while his parents had listed Sub Post Office 32, Marpole, BC, and 371 Patterson Road Lulu Island, Marpole, BC as their addresses.

Upon enlistment, Lyle journeyed to North Bay, Ontario to engage in proper training as member of the infantry. During his time there, Lyle attempted to become a driver / mechanic, attending the training courses in Wood-

stock, Ontario and Shilo, Manitoba but he failed to qualify. In April 1944, he would leave for England as part of the Royal Regiment of Canada. For four months, Lyle endured the hardships of being a solder before he was wounded on Aug. 1, 1944 and killed in action the following day.

> In 1922, the City of Richmond created a Cenotaph to honour those who lost their lives in the wars. Allison was also honoured with the naming of local streets after him such as Allison Street and

Allison Court.

File photo by Chung Chow No picture of Lyle Melburn Allison can be found.



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PM Mark Carney's new ministry includes 5 BC MPs

Canadians elected this new government with a strong mandate to define a new economic and security relationship with the United States, to build a stronger economy, to reduce the cost of living, and to keep our communities safe. This focused team will act on this mandate for change with urgency and determination. The new government will act to catalyze investment and build a new Canadian economy—one that creates higher-paying careers, raises incomes, and can withstand future shocks. They will work in collaboration with provinces, territories, and Indigenous Peoples to advance the nation-building investments that will support the government's core mission of building one strong united economy—the strongest economy in the G7. The new cabinet is as follows:

- Shafqat Ali, president of the Treasury Board
- Rebecca Alty, minister of Grown-Indigenous relations
- Anita Anand, minister of foreign affairs
- Gary Anandasangaree, minister of public safety
- François-Philippe Champagne, minister of finance and national revenue
- Rebecca Chartrand, minister for northern and arctic affairsand minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
- Julie Dabrusin, minister of environment and climate change
- Sean Fraser, minister of justice and attorney general of Canada and minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities
- Chrystia Freeland, minister of transport and internal trade
- Steven Guilbeault, minister of Canadian identity and culture and minister responsible for official languages, minister responsible for nature, biodiversity and Parks Canada
- Mandy Gull-Masty, minister of indigenous services
- Patty Hajdu, minister of jobs and families and minister for Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario
- \bullet Tim Hodgson, minister of energy and natural resources

- Mélanie Joly, minister of industry and the minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions
- Dominic LeBlanc, president of the King's Privy Council for Canada and minister for Canada-U.S. trade, intergovernmental affairs and "one Canadian economy"
- Joël Lightbound, minister of government transformation, public works and procurement
- Heath MacDonald, minister of agriculture and agri-food
- Steven MacKinnon, government leader in the House of Commons
- David J. McGuinty, minister of national defence
- Jill McKnight, minister of veterans affairs and associate minister of national defence
- Lena Metlege Diab, minister of Immigration, refugees and citizenship
- Marjorie Michel, minister of health
- Eleanor Olszewski, minister of emergency management and community resilience, minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada
- Gregor Robertson, minister of housing and infrastructure, minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada
- Maninder Sidhu, minister of international trade
- Evan Solomon, minister for AI and digital innovation and minister Federal Economic Development for Southern Ontario
- Joanne Thompson, minister of fisheries
- Rechie Valdez, minister of women and gender equality and secretary of state small business and tourism

"Canada's new ministry is built to deliver the change Canadians want and deserve. Everyone is expected and empowered to show leadership—to bring new ideas, a clear focus and decisive action to their work."

The Rt. Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada



I can't believe that's a law: Quebec Edition

By **MATTHEW CHEUNG**Contributing writer

DISCLAIMER: The following article is for informational and entertainment purposes only, and does not reflect the opinions or views of the Richmond Sentinel. Last edition, we explored the quirky laws and bylaws found in the Province of Ontario as part of our 13-part series. In this edition, we travel to New France, also known as Quebec to see what quirky laws and bylaws were or still are enforced. From regulations on MMA and language laws on signage, to restrictions on websites, the province originators of poutine certainly have them all.

1. On May 1, Metro Vancouver announced seasonal watering restrictions limiting each household to watering their lawn one day per week as part of the Drinking Water Conservation Plan. The goal is to manage the significant increase in water usage during the summer months and ensure a sufficient supply of drinking water for essen-

tial services and daily needs. In Beaconsfield, Quebec, a small suburb on the island of Montreal, Quebec, a bylaw exists, restricting the watering of lawns when there is rainfall or a forecast of precipitation.

2. We've all walked by trees that have hanging fruit or nuts littered all around the floor and into the neighbouring lawns. Generally, you'd think that meant they're okay to eat, especially if they fell onto your side of the fence. Well, in Quebec that is not the case, in 1994, Quebec enacted a provincial law stating that fruits and nuts falling naturally from a tree remain the property of the tree's owner, event if they land on neighbouring property. (Civil Code of Québec)

3. Here in British Columbia, the camping grounds have already been opened up for reservations. In several cities in Quebec however, bylaws mandating permits for camping on private property have been enacted. By-law No.253-2019 stipulates that 'individuals wishing to install motorized camping equipment (like RVs or trailers) must obtain a camping permit from the MRC and pay the associated fees." The bylaw includes even your own private property which means if you don't have a permit, don't even try to open up your tent and camp outside in your backyard. This bylaw is still enforced to this day and failure to obtain a permit can result in various fines ranging from \$50-\$75.

4. In 1534, Jacques Cartier made the declaration that land that Quebec occupied was named New France. As time went on, the francophone community in New France grew until France ultimately gave up the territory to Britain. In an attempt to preserve the language and culture, the Charter of the French Language (Bill 101) in 1977 was passed, requiring French appear in prominent, twice-the-size text on all commercial signs. To this day, the law is still enforced with the French language required to be more prominent than the English translation.

5. Any fan of MMA, knows the name Georges St-Pierre GSP), regarded as one of the greatest fighters of all time. Quebec has produced a total of six mixed martial arts (MMA) fighters who have significantly contributed to the growth and recognition of the sport in Quebec and Canada as a whole. Interestingly enough, in Quebec the MMA, which has now become "mixed boxing"



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In a series, inspired by a colleague, the *Richmond Sentinel* presents some interesting laws that simply don't sound real in the Province of Quebec.

features rules that are surprising to MMA fans. From foot stomps, knee and elbow strikes, and even dimensions of the octagon, the province essentially created a copy-cat version of the sport.

6. With the housing crisis across Canada, some people are making the tough decision to leave the province or even the country to find more affordable options. Well according to Article 919 of the Civil Code of Quebec, "Any island formed in a river or stream which belongs to an owner is his property.", this law is very similar to the fruits falling from the owners tree one and is quite shocking. I guess if a piece of land were to form in a river or stream owned by you, you should thank nature. (Civil Code of Quebec)

7. Calling the government is arguably one of the most tedious things that everyone has done at least once, whether it be for themselves or on behalf of their parents. The reason it's so tedious is usually because it's almost guaranteed that you will end up being put on hold or transferred to another department. Generally the hold leads to spending countless amounts of time listening to elevator music or whatever is playing on the top charts at the time. Well the Quebec government said enough was enough, in 2021, a policy presented by Nathalie Roy, Quebec's Culture Minister, mandated that only music by Quebecois artists be played in provincial buildings and phone lines. (mtlblog.com)

8. Preserving the culture and French language is quite important to the Province of Quebec, so important that even video games are affected. As part of the Charter of the French Language (Bill 101), "any video game sold in Quebec must include French-language packaging, instructions, and in-game content if a French version exists. This applies to both physical and digital formats". I guess it would be quite interesting to witness a game like ratatouille in French. (Charter of the French Language)

If you think we missed any quirky laws in the province, feel free to email us at newsroom@richmondsentinel.ca or comment under the post on one of our social media accounts. In the next edition, we travel to the next province known for its whale-watching, to see what quirky laws and bylaws were or still are enforced.

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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, 2025.

PROPOSED 2025 PAVING LOCATION DETAILS

No. 2 Road (Steveston Highway to Williams Road)—Intersections included

No. 3 Road (Alderbridge Way to Cambie Road)—Intersections included

No. 3 Road (Cambie Road to Capstan Way)—Intersections included

No. 3 Road (Capstan Way to Sea Island Way)—Intersections included

Bridgeport Road (No. 5 Road to Sweden Way)—Intersections included

Cambie Road (Shell Road to No.5 Road)—Intersections included

No. 5 Road (Seacliff Road to Kingsbridge Drive)—Intersections included

No. 6 Road (Bridgeport Road to River Road)—Intersections included

Moncton Street (Railway Avenue to No. 2 Road)—Intersections included

Francis Road (Gilbert Road to No. 3 Road)—Intersections included

Francis Road (Railway Avenue to No. 2 Road)—Intersections included

River Road (Cambie Road to Capstan Way)—Intersections included

Westminster Highway (No. 7 Road to No. 8 Road)—Intersections included

Vulcan Way (No. 5 Road to No. 6 Road)—Intersections included

Boeing Avenue (Catalina Crescent to Wellington Crescent)—Intersections included

Catalina Crescent (Handley Avenue to Airport Road)—Intersections Included

Douglas Crescent (Wellington Crescent to North end of road)—Intersections Included

Hudson Avenue (Wellington Crescent to Airport Road)—Intersections Included

Bridgeport Road (St. Edwards Drive to Shell Road)—Intersections Included

Cambie Road (No. 4 Road to Shell Road)—Intersections Included

No. 4 Road (Granville Avenue to Westminster Highway)—Intersections included

No. 5 Road (Bridgeport Road to Vulcan Way)—Intersections included

No. 5 Road (Greenland Drive to Bridgeport Road)—Intersections included

Shell Road (River Drive to River Road)—Intersections included

Wallace Road (Kozier Gate to No. 2 Road)—Intersections included

Williams Road (Parsons Road to Gilbert Road)—Intersections included

Machrina Way (Horseshoe Way to No. 5 Road)—Intersections included

Trumond Avenue (Wellmond Road to Gormond Road)—Intersections included Garden City Road (Cambie Road to Bridgeport Road)—Intersections included

Boundary Road (Thompson Gate to Westminster Highway)—Intersections included

Kwantlen Street (Alderbridge Way to Alexandra 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.

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Douglas James Scammell

Harrington Baracuta G-9 Jacket

As we move into late spring and summer casual fashion, it is important to have the right jacket for days where the weather is mild, but unpredictable. You want a jacket that looks great but most important keeps you dry when that unpredictable weather turns to rain, As well, you want to be warm on breezy days but does not keep you too warm the way your winter jacket does.

There are many great jackets for late spring summer weather like: the safari jacket, the denim trucker jacket, a field jacket, the wax motorcycle jacket and my personal favourite, the British Classic, the Harrington Baracuta G9 jacket as shown here:

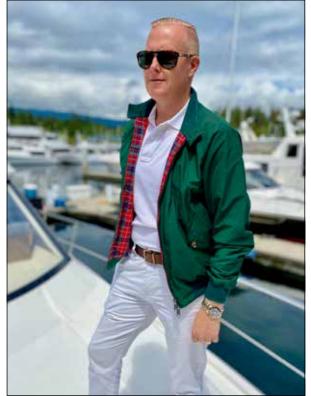


With a distinctive umbrella back yoke a two-buttoned collar and its ribbed cuffs and waistband, it's a popular jacket for everyone no matter the gender and including famous celebrities of our time.

If you haven't guessed it by now from my previous articles, I do love the classics when it comes to men's fashion. I love sharing the history and the story behind each that has stood the test of time and the Baracuta G9 jacket is one of those great products with a story dating back to 1937.

Given that the city of Manchester with its climatic conditions, it is understandable that a number of rainwear manufacturers began operating in the area. One of them was a company called Baracuta, owned by brothers John and Isaac Miller. Their principal activity was the production of raincoats for brands such as Burberry and Aquascutum.

In the 1930s the Miller brothers began to develop the Baracuta name as an independent brand, and they created a number of unique designs,



Photos courtesy JD Scammell

each with an alphanumeric codename. At the time, the success of their manufacturing business had afforded them the opportunity of joining Manchester's social elite by becoming members of the local golf club, and in 1937 they developed a short, waterproof-zipper jacket that could be worn on the golf course. The design offered sufficient freedom of movement to allow players to strike the ball without restriction; it eventually became know as the "swing jacket" in Japan, but the company referred to it by the designated codename, G9 (the G indicating "Golf").

In 1950, Isaac Miller began exporting to the United States, and the G9 was adopted by the celebrity golfing fraternity, which included such luminaries as Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Ronald Reagan. (Baracuta.com)

As mentioned, the original jacket was designed for the game of golf and was perfect for golfers

because the jacket was waterproof, lightweight and its roomy fit, allowed golfer's to strike the ball without restriction. The jacket is waist length



and generally made of cotton, polyester, wool and with a traditional Fraser tartan or checkerboard pattern lining.

The G9 is the model I am pictured wearing in this article and it comes in col-

ors Navy Blue and British Racing Green. I personally love wearing my jacket with dress pants or a pair of denim jeans. I will even at times wear it with a pair of shorts on cooler mornings in the summer. I literally wear this jacket to death from the beginning of spring, to summer and well into fall. It is personally my favorite casual wear jacket that I own.

As I said earlier, the weather in late spring and throughout the summer on the west coast can be very unpredictable and although we want to be comfortable we also want to look good whether we're shopping, having coffee with friends or even on the golf course on those rainy, overcast days. I find this favourite jacket fits the occasion for me and I hope for you too.

The Harrington Baracuta G-9 jacket has also been extremely popular with some of the biggest celebrities from Rock legends, like Elvis Presley to movie icons, like James Dean wearing the red G9 jacket in the movie classic *Rebel Without a Cause* (1956), to Frank Sinatra and Gregory Peck. The G9 reached leg-

endary status when Steve McQueen wore the jacket on the cover of *Life Magazine* in the July 12, 1963 issue and later McQueen wore the Navy Blue color one (identical to the one I am wearing in the pictures attached to this article) in the movie *The Thomas Crown Affair* (1968). Golf legend Arnold Palmer wore this jacket back in the 1960's. Actor Christopher Reeve wore it in the movie *Superman The Movie* (1978). The television series in the 1960's *Peyton Place* has a character in the show named Rodney Harrington played by actor Ryan O'Neill who frequently wore the Baracuta jacket so the company named the style jacket after him. That is where the name Harrington jacket originated from.

The Baracuta G Series Harrington Jacket is still just as popular today with celebrities like Leonardo DiCaprio, Bradley Cooper, Daniel Craig, Jason Stratham, Tom Hardy and many others.

In their own words...

Festival safety key this summer



Malcolm Brodie Mayor

As summer draw near, so does Richmond's season for festivals and events

Among others, the Steveston Salmon Festival, Maritime Festival, Garlic Festival at Terra Nova, and internationally-renowned Richmond Night Market all bring crowds to locations in our city. Inviting friends and families to enjoy these unique events is a ritual for many residents from Richmond and throughout the region.

Sadly, the recent Vancouver Lapu Lapu Day tragedy reminds us that excitement can quickly turn to pain and despair. In addition to the many lives that were lost that day, countless others were changed forever. All are prominent in our thoughts.

Richmond is one of the region's safest cities thanks to City Council's long-term investment in our RCMP, Fire-Rescue and emergency services. Over 40 per cent of the City's operating budget supports community safety. This year, Council approved an additional six RCMP officers, taking the local complement to over 300 members and the largest in Canada after

Surrey's transition to a local force.

Public safety at large events has always been priority number one for the many staff and volunteers who address any issues and support their success. The Lapu Lapu tragedy reminds us that we need to avoid complacency as we prepare for the unexpected, as challenging as that may be. Richmond is taking additional steps to keep festival attendees even

safer this season. For instance, we plan to increase the number of barricades and heavy-duty vehicles that are placed strategically to reduce access to pedestrian-only areas.

Despite what recently occurred, I encourage everyone to continue to enjoy the many public offerings in Richmond this summer. They are inevitably free, fun, outdoors and entertaining while they serve to strengthen our sense of community.

Richmond continues to mourn alongside our neighbours and the wider Filipino community over recent events. Many Richmond residents have been deeply touched by the tragedy. On behalf of Council and the City, I extend our condolences and deepest sympathies to



everyone affected by the tragic incident. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and everyone impacted, including the first responders who acted with courage and compassion that day.

I urge anyone continuing to experience distress to reach out for help. The BC Mental Health Support Line (310-6789) or crisiscentre.bc.ca offers free, 24/7 confidential mental-health support. VictimLinkBC (call/text 1-800-563-0808 or email 211-VictimLinkBC@uwbc.ca) also offers 24/7 confidential information, referrals, and crisis support for victims of crime or violence.

Most of all, I encourage everyone to be strong and to continue to enjoy all that Richmond has to offer this Spring and Summer.

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

Meeting schedule subject to change.

May 21 | 4:00pm

Planning Committee followed by Public Works and Transportation

May 26 | 7:00pm Council Meeting

May 27 | 4:00pm

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

May 28 | 3:30pm

Development Permit Panel

Jun 2 | 4:00pm

General Purposes Committee followed by Finance Committee

Jun 3 | 4:00pm Planning Committee

Jun 9 | 7:00pm Council Meeting

Jun 10 | 4:00pm

Community Safety Committee

Jun 11 | 3:30pm

Development Permit Panel

Jun 16 | 4:00pm

General Purposes
Committee

Jun 16 | 7:00pm Public Hearing

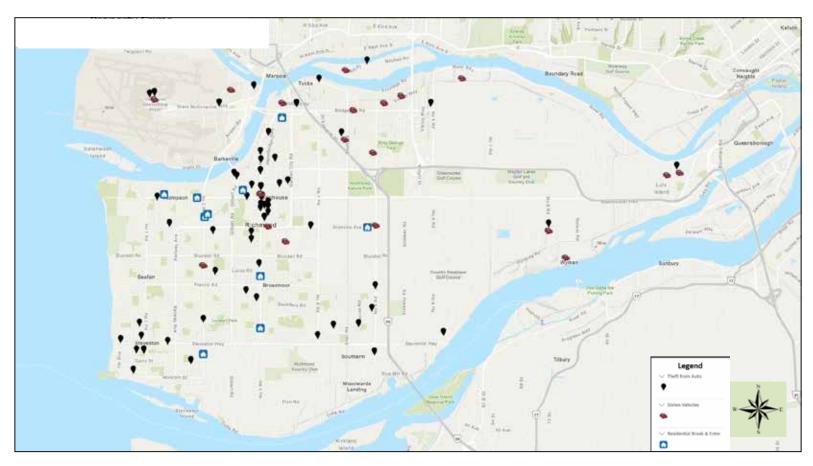
Jun 17 | 4:00pm

Planning Committee

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Richmond RCMP targets speeding and high risk-driving behaviours during month of May

Richmond RCMP is ramping up enforcement against speeding and high-risk driving this May as part of a province-wide campaign targeting danger-

May has been designated High-Risk Driving Awareness Month across British Columbia. Richmond RCMP's Road Safety Unit (RSU) will focus enforcement efforts on drivers who exceed speed limits, drive too fast for conditions, or engage in dangerous behaviours that increase the risk of collision.

Speeding is one of the top contributing factors in fatal crashes," said Sergeant Eric Baskette, NCO-in-Charge of the Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit. "Driving within the speed limit and adjusting to road and weather conditions helps keep everyone safer on the road."

To highlight the importance of enforcement efforts, one RSU officer shared a recent example from the field.

On March 4, 2025 I was patrolling the 21000 block of River Road when a blue Toyota Aristo drove past me at a high rate of speed," recounts Constable Cole Vander Helm. "I activated my emergency equipment and managed to stop the vehicle after witnessing it cross into the oncoming lane over a double solid line. The driver, who was driving 130 km/hr in a 50 km/hr zone, was ticketed for excessive speed and illegal pass on roadway, and received a 7-day vehicle impoundment."

Cst. Vander Helm continues, "This stretch of East River Road is narrow, consisting of a single lane in both directions. There are several residences and industrial businesses located along the roadway with lots of traffic on it, including large commercial vehicles, pulling out onto the roadway with plenty of blind spots and tight corners. While tragedy was avoided in this situation with the driver charged and removed from the road, it could have ended differently. If someone was pulling out of a driveway and expecting traffic to be moving at the 50 km/h speed limit, by the time they begin to pull onto the roadway, someone going 130 km/h would collide with them. It is possible that stopping him that day saved his life or someone else's. I can only hope that the charges and loss of vehicle wakes him up to the seriousness of his driving choices. This is why we do what we do."

Richmond RCMP employs intelligence-led policing to identify high-risk areas and target enforce-



Photo courtesy Richmond RCMP Richmond RCMP is ramping up enforcement against speeding and high-risk driving this May.

ment where it's most needed.

"We remain steadfast in our commitment to making Richmond's roads safer for everyone," says Sergeant Baskette."Our officers will continue targeted enforcement to reduce preventable collisions."

Richmond RCMP urges all drivers to slow down, leave phones alone, and stay focused on the road.

Scott Hewson named new Sockeyes' coach

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ast season saw the Sockeyes fall short of advancing to the league final, finishing the regular season with a record of 32 wins, 11 losses, 3 overtime losses along with 2 shootout losses while managing 244 goals in the campaign.

Moving forward, they have their sights set on surpassing that record as the league has elevated their status to Junior A Tier One, along with six other teams. This decision of the powers at be, is a positive move to grow the league while promoting local talent.

Changes for any sport organization doesn't come easy as we recently witnessed with the Vancouver Canucks, and in addition to this great news next season will bring new excitement with the recent hiring of a new coach for the Richmond Sockeyes.

Stepping behind the bench in his new role as coach is Scott Hewson, who brings a wealth of knowledge and talent and he looks forward to leading the team in the next chapter of the Sockeyes.

Scott is taking the next step in his career coming over from the Canadian Sport School Hockey League (CSSHL) coaching in North Vancouver the past three seasons as the U18 North Shore Warriors Prep Coach.

Prior to that he spent two seasons with the North West Hawks that saw him win the inaugural U17 Division Championship.

Scott started playing minor hockey for North Vancouver at the early age of Pee Wee advancing each year until he finished his second year at the Midget level, now referred to as "U18" (which stands for "Under-18".) This new designation was implemented by Hockey Canada to be more inclusive to align with international practices.

In an interview with Scott, I found it ironic that he remembers his first minor hockey coach who was Norm Nichol. Norm taught him the competitive part of the game and ironically Scott ended up coaching Norm's son at the academy.

Following his time in the Midget hockey league, Scott was invited to the Penticton Panthers camp in 1995 by Enio Sacilotto who was the GM and coach at the time. This name is synonymous with the hockey world and he was Scott's coach who also became a mentor for Scott in his career.

Scott played three seasons with the Panthers which earned him a scholarship to play at Bowling Green State University in the NCAA which resulted in playing four seasons and 137 games.

From there his career saw him advance to play in the East Coast Hockey League for Pensacola Ice Pilots for the 2002-2003 season before moving on the following season to play for the Baton Rouge Ice Fish.

Scott mentioned that today's game is much faster but today's players don't watch the play-by-play hockey live on television as in the past thanks to



Photo courtesy Richmond Sockeyes The Richhmond Sockeyes announced their new head coach, Scott Hewson.

the ever-changing technology offering highlights of the games. As a coach, you have to teach the players everything that a team has to do together to create these highlighted moments in a game.

Scott shared his phylosophy that coaches have to be proactive and evolve, learning new systems. He noted that the game continues to change while one still needs to respect that the traditional core structure remains in tact—namely being competitive, dedicated, a good teammate and having a good work ethic.

As a coach you have to give the players the opportunity to advance and learn from their mistakes and this includes developing the structure that they can work within to achieve becoming a top player.

Scott's number one focus at practice is having a strong sense to compete, and second to that is, to develop good practice habits, followed by being prepared, and knowing your practice plans in advance. Like every Sockeyes' off-season, we take some time to reflect on the long history of the club. Last week we shared the idea of the new project now underway to document our season-by-season record. A record that has certainly been due in large part to the support we have received from the Richmond community.

The Richmond Sockeyes' first season, produced a team led by captain and today's owner, Doug Patterson in 1972-73 with the inaugural game held on Oct. 2, 1972. That day, the Sockeyes were matched up against the then, White Rock Rangers, known today as, White Rock Whalers after several name change over the years.

Looking back over the club's 2,386 regular season games our winning percentage stands at an amazing .648 mark over that time period. Considering that, for a team that annually changes its roster substantially as players graduate, move on to the university or are drafted to play pro hockey or many other endeavours, this is a good record of accomplishment.

The ability to attract young emerging Junior hockey players is what contributes to maintaining that level of success. To that end, even more importantly, the club's goal throughout its history has always been to provide a positive experience for every member of the Richmond Sockeyes. In a recent video produced for the Sockeyes every testimonial filmed, every former player said"they treated me like family".

Concluding this article with a final history note, we can count seventeen first place finishes as part of our record and hopefully can add an eighteenth top ranking next season as we enter the new Tier One PJHL in 2025/26.



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The Richmond Sockeyes celebrated 2024-2025 season that came to an end with an awards luncheon.

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Joe Biz — by Joe Leary

Top Blue Jays' prospect thrills Vancouverites

Throughout its rich baseball history, the Vancouver Canadians have had many future Major League superstars entertain the fans at Nat Bailey Stadium; affiliated with either the home or visiting team's minor league systems.

Home to professional baseball since 1951, 'The Nat' boasts an impressive list of famous names to grace the diamond over the years; dating back to Brooks Robinson in 1959 and Tony La Russa in 1968. Among those that wore the C's uniform was Sammy Sosa with the 'Triple A' Canadians in 1989/90. The Chicago Cubs and White Sox outfielder went on to become a seven-time MLB All-Star, the 1998 National League MVP and earned six Silver Slugger Awards.

Former Blue Jays' players to take the field at Nat Bailey Stadium include pitchers Marcus Stroman, in the days of 'Low A' ball in 2012 and more recently Alek Manoah in 2019. Now, local baseball fans have another chance to see the future of the Toronto Blue Jays franchise in Arjun Nimmala.

The 19-year-old shortstop hails from Tampa, Florida and showcases a dynamic set of skills and athleticism, while similarly exhibiting the poise of a future star. To step onto the articulately manicured Rogers Field at Nat Bailey Stadium was a real treat for Nimmala. "It's cool, a real big-league stadium," he says. "I had seen it on camera on social media and when I first stepped on it, I thought this is amazing. 'It's a legit field with legit fans.""

And Arjun Nimmala is delighting those fans with legit play as his C's career is off to a hot start. In 109 at bats (as of this writing), he's hitting .275 with six homeruns and 13 RBI. Suffice to say, fans are witnessing the birth of an emerging star ball player.



Photos courtesy Mark Steffins **Arjun Nimmala in action at Nat Bailey.**

"Arjun has been as advertised and then some," says Tyler Zickel, broadcasting and media relations manager, Vancouver Canadians. "To be just 19 years old with the weight of top prospect expectations and to handle himself with a maturity beyond his years speaks volumes about his character.

"His physical talents are remarkable, but it's his ability to perform at his peak while successfully navigating everything off the field that makes him especially remarkable". It's a weighty task to be sure but this teen is extremely affable, grounded and poised to rise to the occasion.

And with Vancouver being steeped in rich, Indian culture, Nimmala seems prepared for the ride and all that it entails.

"When you walk around Vancouver you can definitely see that there's a huge Indian population here," he notes. "The people are nice and the food is amazing and I'm super proud to be representing Indian culture."

"But for me it's always been the baseball player first and my goal is to keep working at this day-by-day and always try to get better, on both offence and defense. Training with the Blue Jays in Dunedin, Florida during this season's Spring Training was a real treat for the young infielder.

"I learned not to select the skill to completely attack—just to get better overall at the game. I

believe I can do it and they do as well. Just being there every day and trusting my skills and doing what I can to help get wins for the team was what I focused on." Though being so far away from home, he's able to keep in touch with friends and family in Florida, online. "My dad and my mom are watching games every night—staying up until 2 a.m." he adds.

When Arjun Nimmala was drafted 20th overall in the First Round of the 2023 MLB Draft, he knew that eventually playing within the Toronto Blue Jays organization would come with a certain degree of pressure. In his case, that pressure is threefold.

"When I initially got drafted that was one of the first things I thought about," says Nimmala."I'm not just playing for the US; I'm also playing for India and I'm playing for Canada".

"The attention comes with doing what I do playing the game of baseball at the highest level," he says, while humbly noting, "It's a lot easier when you have this great group of people around you".

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THE VIEW #1 - WILLIAM TELL

The two films we recommend for home viewing have a number of similarities: both are "period piece" dramas, and both have strong protagonists with life-threatening challenges. But the most important similarity is that both films are led by the strong, charismatic performances by the lead actors, who are also both Danish. In the case, of William Tell, it is Claes Bang in the title role of the Swiss noble huntsman, forced to take up arms when his peaceful life and family are threatened by a neighbouring foe, the ruthless Austrian Empire. For most, William Tell is known for crossbow-shooting the apple off the top of his son's head. But why did he do this? In the film, inspired by the legend of William Tell, that is unveiled, as we follow his revolutionary leadership against the Austrians in the pursuit of freedom for his country. Northern Irish writer/director Nick Hamm (whose award-winning and diverse body of work includes the superb films, 2016's The Journey and 2018's Driven) has delivered a rousing, powerful film with a solid cast that includes Connor Swindells, character actors, Ben Kingsley and Jonathan Pryce. The choice of Claes Bang is perfect



Photo courtesy Nordisk Film Distribution

casting, and much like what Mel Gibson did thirty years ago in the film Braveheart about the fight for freedom, Claes Bang's performance and star quality, keep you glued to the screen. William Tell is available now for home viewing. samuelgoldwyn films.com



Photo courtesy Samuel Goldwyn Films

THE VIEW #2-THE PROMISED LAND

In The Promised Land, our protagonist's battle, for is most part, is with Mother Nature and the land over which she rules. It's 1755 and retired Danish officer, Ludvig Kahlen (Mads Mikkelsen), has one single goal: to follow the king's call to cultivate the land—a barren heath—build a settlement and thereby achieve wealth and honour himself. The Royal Danish court think Kahlen is mad, but grant permission if only to see him fail. Though Kahlen is focused to the point of obsession, he knows the challenge is almost insurmountable. What he doesn't count on is Frederik De Schinkel, a merciless landowner in the area who believes that the heath belongs to him and not the King. For Kahlen, the battle quickly forms on two fronts: trying to cultivate the soil in an unforgiving and harsh climate, while also refusing to bend to the powerful De Schinkel. But somehow in the middle of all this chaos, the lonely Kahlen develops a unlikely family of individuals who have nothing and no one. The farming pun aside, The Promised Land is the kind of movie that grows on you, largely due to its lead actor, the always superb, always interesting, Mads Mikkelsen. He is also surrounded by a great supporting cast including Amanda Collin and Simon Bennebjerg as the evil De Schinkel. crave.ca

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Vancouver actor hits big in an MMA movie

Our City Tonight recently sat down with accomplished Vancouver actor, Karlee Rose, who currently resides in Toronto. We were excited to talk to her about the powerful new movie she stars in called *EFC*.

OCT: Welcome back to Vancouver. It's great to see you. Your recent movie is a female-driven MMA drama. In fact, congratulations as this new movie is already getting awards. When we first started talking about having you on the show, you were travelling all over Europe, attending film festivals, and receiving awards. Now that you are back, and the film has won many awards, and you have won awards*, let's talk about this movie EFC.

KR: Yes, we have been on tour with the festival circuit and I think to date we have won 34 global awards. That is pretty exciting and the most recent one was in Sicily where we took home the best director award. In the film, I play an MMA fighter and the charac-

ter's name is Cassidy Jones. She is the undefeated champion of the *EFC* and she's just about to defend her title against her number one rival when a shocking turn of events changes everything. The film takes you inside the world of MMA.

OCT: We were saying that this movie is perfectly timed because women's sports have never enjoyed such popularity and with such solid feedback. You can look at last year when the NCAA women's basketball outdrew the men in viewership. Women's hockey is doing well as is women's basketball, soccer, and this sport of MMA is also doing well. In this film, we were really struck by the physical aspect involved in this role. You were saying that you had to get into really good shape, because you wanted to be truly authentic in this role.

KR: We really wanted to honour this sport, and I felt that it was really important to embody the discipline as a fighter. So, I trained for a year prior and started with a couple different trainers and then moved into Muay Thai boxing, and Brazilian jiu-jitsu. It was pretty intense.

OCT: But it had to be because it's an intense sport which I admire you for doing. You worked with top trainers and top choreographers to make sure that the scenes looked real. It really does look like you are beating the hell out of each other in this film.

KR: Yes, it does look real and it was a little bit scary at times. We had an amazing crew. Wayne Wells was our stunt choreographer, and he's one of the best in the business. He really made sure that everything looked very authentic, and

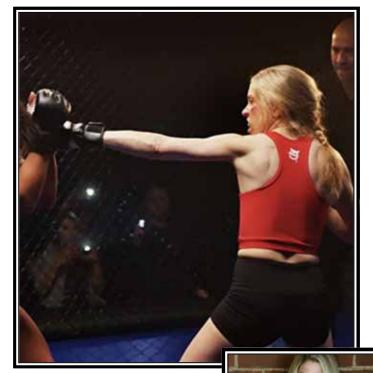


Photo courtesy Arezou Firouzeh Karlee Rose in a scene from EFC.

Photo courtesy Jaclyn Vogl Karlee Rose is a homegrown

they also included some real MMA fighters. Pretty much all of the stunt performers were real fighters in real life.

OCT: We found it really challenging as viewers to watch some of the scenes where you get badly beaten in the ring. How did that affect you psychologically because the make-up was very intense to make it appear in one scene that you had an incredibly swollen eye. We realize that's part of the sport and the landscape. Did this help you more with your role and how did it make you feel about looking at yourself in the mirror as your character does in the movie?

KR: That's a great question. I have to say definitely it did affect me and it gave me a deeper understanding of the toll that this sport takes on people. It's an incredible sport and it's also a brutal sport. You must not only have the physicality, but you have to be super smart too. Having to put those prosthetics on

and get super bloody it did add another layer to my performance and gave me a little insight into what it must be like to go through that. Honestly, it was wild to me because I can't imagine having my own face beaten up like that It would be terrible in real life.

OCT: We would like to mention something new in your life and that is, another movie that we haven't seen yet, and you couldn't give us a copy to review because it hasn't been released yet, but we did watch

the trailer. This movie seems very Hitchcockian and specifically with reference to the movie Vertigo. The movie is called Let Go. Can you give us a sense of when the movie is going to be released?

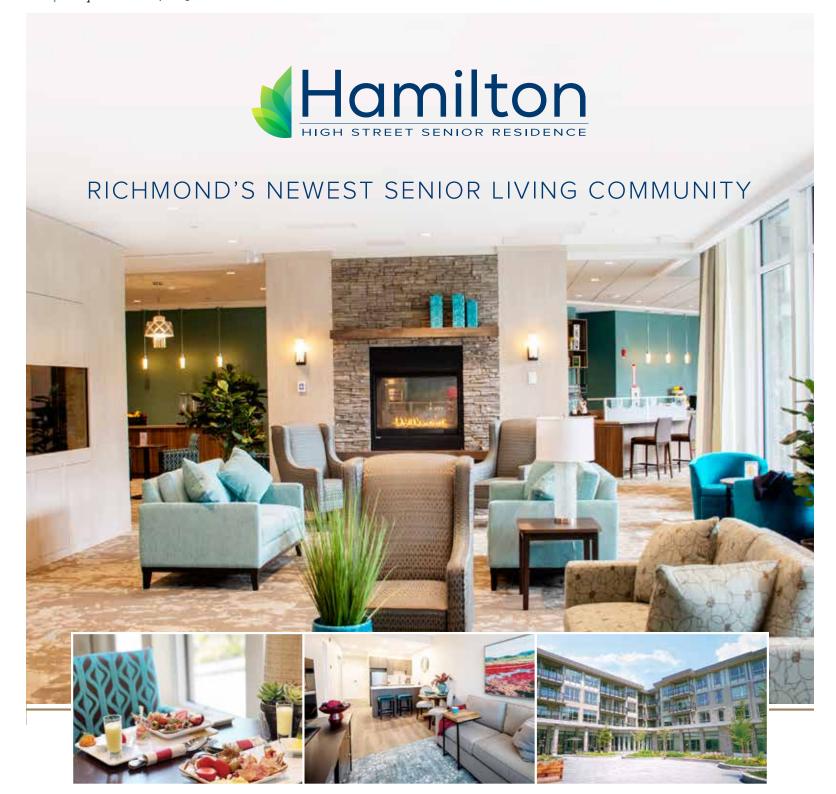
KR: Yes, it's coming out towards the end of this year and it's a psychological thriller. This movie takes place in 12 different countries across Europe so it's a really fun, mind-bending road trip film.

OCT: The trailer has us hooked, and we can't wait to see it. In the meantime, where can people see the movie that we talked about earlier EFC?

KR: You can watch *EFC* on Apple TV and Tubi. Find out more information on their Instagram @EFCmovie. My website should be up very soon and that is KarleeRose.com and you can follow me on Instagram at KarleeRyanRose

*Karlee's awards include best actress at the best actor and director awards (Platinum Award), best actress at the Los Angeles Film Awards, and best actress at the New York International Film Awards.





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