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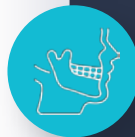
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The 18th annual Doors Open Richmond

The Richmond Museum presents the 18th annual Doors Open Richmond on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8 at locations across the city. This year's event brings together more than 50 partner sites spanning art studios, national historic sites, agricultural farms and religious organizations that highlight the diversity of the city. While the event is largely self-guided, the Richmond Museum will offer two different bus tours for those interested in exploring the sites thematically.

Highlights from this year's program include:

- KPU Farms—a new site joining Doors Open Richmond this year, which invites families to explore sustainable growing methods and a rich variety of locally grown crops;
- Seawrack Press Studio—perfect for those interested in learning about the rich traditions of paper making and bookbinding; and
- LuLu Island Winery—visitors can walk the vineyards for a one-of-a-kind look at wine making and a guided tasting.

While the popular bus tours are currently waitlisted, visitors may wish to use these itineraries to plan their own self-guided tour. The Sacred Spaces tour brings visitors to different places of worship along No. 5 Road, known as the "Highway to Heaven," and additional neighbourhoods in Richmond. This itinerary includes stops at Lingyen Mountain Temple, Eastern Catholic Church and Vedic Cultural Centre,

or Richmond Ismaili Jamatkhana, Richmond Jamia Mosque and Steveston Buddhist Temple.

The Discover Doors Open tour is a specially curated itinerary that showcases different partner sites, such as The Sharing Farm, E-fat Mirnia Art Studio, Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple, Athiana Acres, LuLu Island Winery and FT Art Studio.

In addition to the in-person program, visitors can learn more about sites through two new videos that will be screened at the Richmond Cultural Centre Annex Lounge and richmondmuseum.ca/theatre. This year's videos will take a look behind-the-scenes of the Steveston Kendo Club, one of the oldest clubs of its kind in Canada, and the Gateway Theatre as they present the stage adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

While most programs are available on a walk-in



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

Vivian Mearns Notaro teaches cedar weaving as part of Richmond Museum programming for Doors Open Richmond 2024.

basis, some will require advance registration. Visitors can find out more and plan their Doors Open experience at richmondmuseum.ca/doors-open.

Established in 2008, Doors Open Richmond is the longest-running Doors Open event in BC. The local event is part of the Doors Open Canada program supported by the City of Richmond, the BC Arts Council, the Province of British Columbia, and the Government of Canada. The event is organized by the Richmond Museum Society.

Discover Richmond on two wheels

Discover Richmond from a new perspective—by bike! Come out and join the 23rd annual Island City, by Bike tour on Sunday, June 8 to experience Richmond's stunning waterfront views, scenic trails and expansive pathways. This free, guided ride is perfect for solo cyclists, families and friends looking to explore the city on two wheels. Registration is required—don't forget your bike and helmet.

Bike riders have the option of cycling along one of two routes that both start and end at South Arm Community Park located at 8680 Williams Road (on the west side of South Arm Community Centre):

- 9:30 a.m.—extended route: 25-kilometres of on- and off-street biking. This route will feature the Garden City Road multi-use path, Granville Avenue protected bike lanes, Minoru Boulevard bike path, Lansdowne Road multi-use path, Burkeville neighbourhood connector, Railway Greenway, No. 2 Road multi-use path, and the extensive Steveston Highway multi-use path.
- 11 a.m.—short route: a scenic, 10-kilometre ride that will take approximately one hour. It consists of on- and off-street biking along Williams Road, Shell Road, Steveston Highway, and No. 2 Road path.

Pre-ride bike and helmet safety checks will be offered for participants before the tours (9 to 10:45 a.m.) and the Richmond RCMP will be on-site promoting bike registration as part of its anti-theft initiative. Richmond's pilot e-scooter program ambassadors will also be on-site to demonstrate and inform the public about e-scooters and e-bikes in the city.

After the tours, at approximately 12:30 p.m., participants can reconvene at the South Arm Community Park to enjoy a BBQ, refreshments and raffle prize draws.

Bike tour participants arriving by vehicle are requested to park in the South Arm Community Centre northwest parking lot.

Register for the 2025 Island City, by Bike Tour by visiting richmond.ca/register, calling the city's Registration Call Centre at 604-276-4300 (press 2 at the prompt) from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or at any community centre during business hours. Use Event ID 00408022 when registering.

The Island City, by Bike Tour is presented by the City of Richmond and the Richmond Active Transportation Committee.

For more information, including a route map and event schedule, visit richmond.ca/CyclingEvents



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

Discover Richmond on two wheels at the 23rd annual Island City, by Bike Tour on Sunday, June 8.

Celebrate BC Seniors Week in Richmond



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

The City of Richmond celebrates BC Seniors Week June 2 to 8 with free activities that promote active living and community involvement.

Join the celebration with the City of Richmond and its community partners for BC Seniors Week from Monday, June 2 to Sunday, June 8. This year's Seniors Week theme, "Active, Engaged and Inspired," highlights the importance of social connection, staying mentally and physically active, and celebrating lifelong growth and learning. The City encourages Richmond residents aged 55+ to take part in free activities that promote active living and community involvement.

BC Seniors Week kicks off with an opening event at Thompson Community Centre on Monday, June 2 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. with remarks by Mayor Malcolm Brodie followed by light refreshments, a stretch break and live performance by "Cheek to Cheek". All seniors (55+ years) are encouraged to attend this free event. Free transportation between the opening event, Richmond community centres and Minoru Centre for Active Living is available.

Pre-registration is required for most Seniors

Week activities as space is limited. A full list of activities and registration information can be found at richmond.ca/SeniorsWeek. A printed brochure can also be picked up from any Richmond parks, recreation and culture community facility.

Highlights of Seniors Week include:

- **Botanical Bonanza: Tuesday, June 3, 3 to 4 p.m.**

Enjoy a guided nature walk at Richmond Nature Park (11851 Westminster Highway), spotting unique trees, leaves and wildlife while completing a fun scavenger hunt card. This is a great way to explore nature. Guide and supplies included. Registration required.

- **Richmond Olympic Oval Access — Drop-In: Wednesday, June 4, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

Enjoy complimentary access to all Richmond Olympic Oval facilities (6111 River Road) for one special day. Activities include full access to the state-of-the-art fitness centre, basketball and

badminton courts for action-paced games, and the climbing wall for an exciting challenge.

- **Intergenerational Photography Exhibition — Drop-In: Wednesday, June 4, 4 to 5 p.m.**

Celebrate the culmination of West Richmond Community Centre's (9180 No. 1 Road) intergenerational photography program, "A Shared Moment", where seniors and youth collaborated throughout May to hone their photography skills and create this special show.

- **Japanese Calligraphy Workshop: Thursday, June 5, 1:30 to 3 p.m.**

Learn basic techniques, strokes and words in this ink-brush art form at the Seniors Centre at Minoru Centre for Active Living (7191 Granville Avenue) that combines Kanji and Kana symbols. Instructed by a calligraphy master. Registration required.

- **Steveston Tram Site Orientation: Saturday, June 7, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Explore the Steveston Tram site (4011 Moncton Street) with a guided tour from an experienced museum guide and discover a world where trams – not cars – were Richmond's primary mode of transportation. Registration required.

Celebrated across Canada, BC Seniors Week is held each year during the first week of June to commend and recognize the contributions seniors make to their community.

The City of Richmond is an age-friendly community that is committed to supporting healthy aging for all residents. Throughout the year, a variety of programs and activities are available for seniors. Seasonal 55+ Program Guides can be found online at richmond.ca/seniors or at any Richmond Parks, Recreation and Culture facility.

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In honour of our soldiers: AB Clarence Burton

By MATTHEW CHEUNG
Contributing writer

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

Clarence Burton was born on Aug. 11, 1917 to Mrs. Gilbert McKenzie, he was the younger son and attended school in Richmond alongside his siblings. They resided on Steveston Highway, until one year when their mother decided to sell her holdings on Steveston Highway and moved to Oshawa with Clarence's older brother Chess and his young bride.

Clarence would choose to stay in Richmond, enlisting in 1941 and joining the Royal Canadian Navy. Determined to serve his country, Clarence unfortunately developed appendicitis in May 1942. By the time he recovered, his role to sail with a mine sweeper turned into serving on a convoy between New Foundland and England.

In March of 1943, Clarence was wounded and suffered from blood poisoning in his arm but would go onto recover. Tragically, on May 7, 1944, the HMCS Valleyfield was torpedoed by a German submarine, hitting the boiler room causing it to break in two. William Clarence Burton would be one of 125 crew members aboard that would perish, fellow Richmond resident David Edgar Brown was also amongst the members.

Photo via Canadian Virtual War Memorial
William Clarence Burton is one of 21 young men who lost their lives in World War I, World War II, or in the Korean War.

An advertisement for Blundell Centre featuring Father's Day deals. The background is a wooden surface. In the top left, there is a wooden tray with a black chalkboard that says "FATHER'S DAY" in white letters. Next to it is a wristwatch with a black face and a brown leather strap. Below the tray is a small blue gift box with white heart patterns. In the bottom left corner, there is a pair of dark blue boat shoes with light-colored laces. On the right side, the Blundell Centre logo is displayed, consisting of a stylized star made of colorful geometric shapes. Below the logo, the text "Find Dad-Approved Deals" is written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom right, smaller text reads "42 stores to celebrate Father's Day" and "Located at Blundell & No 2 Road".

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Find Dad-Approved Deals

42 stores to celebrate Father's Day
Located at Blundell & No 2 Road

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GOOD TO KNOW

by Florence Gordon



Property Taxes

Property Taxes are due once a year in Richmond on the first business day of July. Richmond residents will have until July 2 to pay their property taxes without penalty. The second due date for an outstanding tax balance is Sep. 2, 2025. Any unpaid taxes after this date will receive a second penalty.

City of Richmond Home Owner Grant

Municipalities will no longer accept retroactive or current year Home Owner Grant applications. All Home Owner Grant applications will need to be made through the Province. For more information and to claim the grant, please visit gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant.

The Home Owner Grant is designed to help homeowners with their property taxes. To determine eligibility, refer to the back of your tax notice under "To qualify for the Home Owner Grant".

There are two categories of grants that may reduce your property taxes payable. Depending on your home's assessed value and your age, you may qualify for one of the following:

Basic Grant - The basic grant is up to \$570.

Additional Grant

The additional grant is for those 65 years and older is up to \$845.

Homeowners eligible for the Basic Grant must pay a minimum property tax of \$350. Homeowners eligible for the Additional Grant must pay a minimum property tax of \$100.

The Home Owner Grant must be claimed by the Tax Due Date noted on your Tax Notice to avoid penalty. You will not receive the grant if you fail to complete the application form.



Apply online to www2.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

About the home owner grant

Most eligible property owners qualify for the **regular grant** (also called the basic grant).

Instead of the regular grant, you may qualify for a higher amount of grant (called the **additional grant**) if you are:

- A senior
- A veteran
- A person with a disability
- Living with a spouse or relative with a disability
- A Spouse or relative of a deceased owner who would have qualified for the additional grant

To qualify for the grant:

You must

- Be the **registered owner** of the residence (or a spouse or relative of the deceased owner)
- Be a **Canadian citizen** or **permanent resident** of Canada
- **Live in B.C.**
- Occupy the residence as your **principal residence**

The assessed or partitioned value of your property does not exceed the **grant threshold**

You must meet additional requirements if you are **buying or selling your property**

Important Notice

During a postal disruption, ensure you have claimed your **home owner grant** before your property tax due date as penalty and interest rules will still apply on unpaid amounts. You do not need your property tax notice to claim your grant.

Celebrates National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day in June

The City of Richmond recognizes and celebrates National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day throughout the month of June. The City encourages the community to learn about the unique cultures and traditions of Indigenous Peoples and honour their strength and achievements.

A variety of events and activities will be hosted across Richmond, showcasing the richness and diversity of Indigenous cultural expression and stories. Residents of all ages are invited to participate in these activities, including the following:

Community Arts Student Exhibition
June 1 to 26, 2025, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Richmond Cultural Centre Upper Rotunda Gallery
Drop by the Richmond Cultural Centre Upper Rotunda Gallery to enjoy artworks created by students of Indigenous ancestry featuring a wide range of traditional and contemporary practices including beadwork, crochet, drums, leather, painting, weaving and more. This exhibition is presented by the City of Richmond in partnership with the Richmond School District's Indigenous Success Program. This program is for all ages. No registration required.

Medicine Pouch Workshop
Saturday, June 7, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
City Centre Community Centre
Create your own sacred medicine pouch from pre-punched buckskin and take it home as a keepsake. In this powerful and enriching cultural experience, learn the significance of the four sacred medicines and the traditional protocols for carrying them. Supplies included. Cost is \$15. This program is for all ages. Register at richmond.ca/register with course ID #00425247.

Cedar Weaving Coaster Making Workshop
Saturday, June 14, 1 to 2 p.m.
Hamilton Community Centre
Create your own cedar-woven coaster and learn about the cultural significance of this sacred tree. This workshop is presented in partnership with Moon Tide Reconciliation. Supplies included. This program is for all ages. Register at richmond.ca/register with course ID#00428439.

Indigenous Author Series: Jessica Johns: Bad Cree
Thursday, June 26, 7 to 8 p.m.
Richmond Public Library - Brighthouse
Join Jessica Johns for a reading and presentation of her award-winning novel, Bad Cree. Explore the elements of her storytelling that invoke dreaming, matriarchal governance, and imagining futures of kinship. This program is for adults. Register at YourLibrary.ca/events.

Colours of the Land – The Art of Indigenous Wool Dyeing
Saturday, June 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Richmond Nature Park
Visit the Richmond Nature Park as Musqueam artist Rita Kompst-Point displays her beautifully dyed wool, created using natural dyes from mushrooms, lichens, goldenrod, Oregon grape, Salal and more. Learn about the dyeing process, showcasing the traditional techniques used to achieve vibrant colours. This is a unique opportunity to experience Indigenous artistry and learn about the cultural significance of natural dyes. This program is for all ages. No registration required.

For a complete list of activities and events, visit richmond.ca/NIHM

Asphalt Paving Advisory 2025 April 20 to November 30, 2025

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**.

Public input sought for Massey Tunnel replacement

The public is invited to learn more and provide feedback about the replacement for the George Massey Tunnel and how environmental impacts during construction will be managed now that the application for the project's environmental assessment certificate has been submitted.

To ensure construction of the new tunnel begins as soon as possible, construction-level project design is underway now.

People are invited to provide feedback to the Environmental Assessment Office on the application to ensure it includes all the studies and information required to assess the potential positive and negative impacts of the project. The public comment period runs from May 22, 2025, until June 23, 2025.

The new toll-free tunnel will include three travel lanes and one dedicated transit lane in each direction, improving travel times for transit and drivers along Highway 99. When complete, it is expected that drivers will travel at speeds of approximately 80 km/h along the corridor, compared to 30 km/h today. The tunnel will also include a dedicated multi-use pathway that will allow walking and cycling across the river at this location for the first time.

In advance of the new eight-lane tunnel's construction, corridor improvements continue along Highway 99. These include replacement of the Steveston Highway Crossing with a new five-lane interchange. The first half of the new interchange is open to vehicles, with the second half under construction. The new interchange will be completed later in 2025.

The province has also started preliminary work to expand Highway 99 between Westminster High-



Artist redendering of the new George Massey Tunnel

Photo via flickr.com

way and Steveston Highway, with the placement of pre-load complete.

People can learn more about the project and the environmental assessment process by attending a public open house:

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Delta Hotels Vancouver Delta/Cascadia Casino and Conference Centre
6005 Highway 17A
Delta
4-8 p.m.

Thursday, June 5, 2025

UBC Boathouse
7277 River Rd.
Richmond
4-8 p.m.

Project team members and Environmental Assessment Office staff will be available at the sessions to provide information and answer questions about the project and the environmental assessment process. Feedback can be provided online here: engage.eao.gov.bc.ca/FraserTunnel-AR

Learn more:

For more information on environmental assessments, visit: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/environmental-assessments

For more information on the Fraser River Tunnel assessment, visit: projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/p/620aa098fd30c700220f2805/project-details

For more information on the Highway 99 Tunnel Program, visit: highway99tunnel.ca

Lingyen Temple donates \$10K to Richmond Hospital

In a commitment to support women's health care, Lingyen Mountain Temple (Canada) has donated \$10,000 to Richmond Hospital Foundation. This donation will help partially fund a new fetal monitor, supporting the ongoing effort to procure an important tool for maternal and fetal care.

Through their annual Charity Bazaar, held during the Bathing the Buddha Ceremony on May 4, and just a week before Mothers' Day this year, Lingyen Mountain Temple (Canada) raised funds towards various charities supporting women's health.

"Mothers are the embodiment of strength and harmony, just as the Buddha embodies compassion and wisdom," says Venerable Master Tze Cheng, Abbot, Lingyen Mountain Temple (Canada). "We want to honour all mothers and ensure that those within our community begin their motherhood journey with the best, possible care and attention—starting from the very first moments they welcome new life into the world."

Lingyen Mountain Temple (Canada) has been a committed supporter of



Photo courtesy Richmond Hospital Foundation

From left to right: Venerable Master Tze Cheng, Abbot, Lingyen Mountain Temple (Canada); Atwood Fung, Philanthropy Officer, Richmond Hospital Foundation and Jessie Wang, Philanthropy Coordinator, Richmond Hospital Foundation.

Richmond Hospital Foundation since 2008, from contributing to the COVID-19 Response Fund to donating towards the Medical Imaging Centre Campaign for the future Yurkovich Family Pavilion.

"We wish to express our gratitude for Lingyen Mountain Temple's many years of continuous support," shares Spencer Gall, Chief Philanthropy Officer, Richmond Hospital Foundation. "Their generosity helps address important health care needs in our community and assists the medical team with the equipment required to deliver quality care for everyone."

Fetal monitors play a key role in ensuring the health and safety of both mother and baby during pregnancy, labour, and delivery. New and more monitors at Richmond

Hospital will help meet the growing needs of the community and ensure all families receive high quality care.

To learn more and lend your support towards Richmond Hospital Foundation and health care in Richmond, please visit richmondhospitalfoundation.com/ways-to-give/all-the-ways-to-give/



Photos submitted

Helen Healey's journey took her to numerous destinations where she encountered people of all walks of life.

Local family who loves aviation

In 1956, Helen Healey packed up all that she had and travelled to Vancouver in search of a new life. She wanted to see the world, staying in Revelstoke briefly before signing up for training with the Canadian Pacific Airlines. Her training encompassed aircraft safety, food and beverage service, grooming, first aid, wet ditching, a water emergency technique, and addressing the public among other things.

Healey's career spanned various aircrafts, from the DC-3 to the Boeing 747, taking her to many destinations including Amsterdam, Honolulu, Mexico City, Fiji, Sydney, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Buenos Aires, and many more. Though the journey was tough with many diverse situations such as transporting prisoners, stretcher patients, infants in incubators and unaccompanied children, it was the friendships along the way that made it worth it.

Notable flight experiences include the time on an international flight from Honolulu to Vancouver when the aircraft they were on had lost an engine forcing them to return to Hawaii. Another notable flight experience includes the time on a flight from Toronto to Vancouver when Harry Belafonte boarded their flight.

Healey would go on a break after eight years to have her daughter, before returning to Pacific Western Airlines.

Healey's daughter, Rebecca would go on to live her life attending cadets in the RCAF Squadron 655 Richmond where she would eventually meet the love of her life in a man named Dallas Chisholm. The two would eventually get married where Rebecca would study dental hygiene at Camosun College in Victoria, while Dallas would study at the University of Victoria. Dallas would eventually work as an instructor and air traffic controller for NAV Canada, coordinating the safety and efficient movement of aircrafts in domestic and international airspace.

Healey's extended family is also in the aviation business, meet Captain Kevin Phillips. Phillips is married to Chandra Chisholm who is related to Dallas Chisholm, husband of Rebecca. Kevin is a captain for Helijet, they offer year round charter services throughout BC's north coast, from Haida Gwaii, Prince Rupert, Sandspit, Vancouver, and even Victoria.

Helen Healey's journey in aviation is a testament to the profound impact of following one's passion, her adventures have developed into links to her extended family's love for aviation. From her early days of air travel to memorable encounters with people of all kinds, Healey's experiences encapsulates the spirit of exploration and service. It's safe to say the sky is the limit for this local family as they uphold their family's commitment to flight.

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I can't believe that's a law: Nova Scotia Edition

DISCLAIMER: The following article is for informational and entertainment purposes only, and does not reflect the views or opinions of the *Richmond Sentinel*. In the previous edition, we took a look at the quirky laws and bylaws found in the Province of Quebec, as part of our 13-part series. In this edition, we head to the province famous for whale watching, also known as Nova Scotia, to see what quirky laws and bylaws were or still are enforced today.

1. Back in the 1980s, taxi and limousine drivers were not permitted to wear t-shirts. Though the law doesn't explicitly say that, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, according to By-law T-1000, "a driver must maintain a high standard of personal hygiene which will be reflected in a neat, clean, and professional appearance and personal cleanliness at all times." (Halifax Regional Municipality) Though it does not specifically say that t-shirts and shorts are not permitted, the expectation is that taxi drivers maintain a professional appearance, which can include a shirt with a collar and sleeves, pants, and socks at all times. To this day, bylaw T-1000 is still enforced.

2. Easter is regarded by the general public as a holiday for renewal and new beginnings. Young baby chicks are associated with the symbol of new life, which results in them being commonly associated with Easter. In Nova Scotia however, a law had to be created in order to ban the sale of dyed baby chicks. The main purpose behind this act was to prevent animal cruelty and discourage the impulse purchases of dyed animals. In 1989, the act was formally organized into the Baby Chick Protection Act. Anyone found guilty of violating the Baby Chick Protection Act is "liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than thirty days or to both". (Baby Chick Protection Act)

3. In 1811, the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia enacted a law that prohibited sledding in the streets of



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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 Nova Scotia.

Halifax. According to the act, those found guilty of breaking such law were subjected to a penalty of 20 shillings and their parents may also be arrested. Ultimately the law stopped being enforced in 2014 but remains a notable part of Halifax's legal history. Additionally, though it is no longer enforced, sleds should still practice safety when participating in snow sports as parents can be fined over \$400 if a parent lets their child ski without a helmet and over \$140 if their child rides a bike, skateboards, scooters, in-line or roller skates bareheaded. (Snow Sport Helmet Act)

4. With the chaos around the world and the financial stress of the global economy, many will opt for a nice cold drink to kick back and relax. However, amongst 105 communities in Nova Sco-

tia, that is not the case. In Nova Scotia, over 100 communities are dry communities, where the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited. However, there is a way for a community to reverse said status, and that is by holding a plebiscite. A plebiscite is a vote by the people on a specific issue and is the only way for those communities to reverse their "dry" status. One does wonder how this would affect their tourism industry.

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 province where the Bay of Fundy can be found, to see what quirky laws or by-laws were or still are enforced.

Minimum wage increased to \$17.85 on June 1

Employers and workers are reminded that on Sunday, June 1, 2025, B.C.'s general minimum wage increases from \$17.40 to \$17.85 an hour.

The 2.6 per cent increase on June 1 also applies to minimum-wage rates for resident caretakers, live-in home-support workers, live-in camp leaders and app-based delivery and ride-hail services workers.

The minimum agricultural piece rates for hand harvesters will increase by 2.6 per cent on Dec. 31, 2025. The Dec. 31 annual increase to the minimum piece rates ensures crop producers will not need to adjust wages in the middle of the harvesting season.



Government has made regular, gradual increases to the minimum wage to provide certainty for workers and predictability for businesses. This is the fourth year of the government's ongoing commitment to tie annual minimum-wage increases to inflation.

In February 2024 government amended the Employment Standards Act so annual increases to minimum rates happen automatically, based on the previous year's average

inflation rate for B.C.

In 2024, approximately 130,000 employees in B.C. earned minimum wage or less, according to labour-force data from Statistics Canada.



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FASHION FOR MEN Sunglasses

A gentleman must have a great pair of sunglasses for all seasons especially in the hot summers. The type of sun glasses tells a lot about the person's sense of style.

First, it is important to know the shape of your face. For example if it is square or if it is round shaped then your frames should be a similar shape. Second, try to find a pair of classic sunglasses that has survived the test of time and not something that is the latest trend. The reason I suggest this is, when you look back at old photos you'll understand fashion can identify a period in your life. I've made that mistake in the past.

A challenge most men have is what to do with their sunglasses when the sun goes down. They can be bulky with or without a case and difficult to fit into your suit or jacket pocket and it's a disaster bound to happen. The frames can get bent or you might accidentally leave them on a table.

To eliminate this problem, I found the perfect pair of stylish sunglasses that is an icon. They're called the *Persol 714* model, aviator shaped frames that are 'foldable'. They are perfect and a great accessory to match any wardrobe and the best part is they fold up and fits into a small leather case that can fit into your pocket as shown here.



HISTORY

Persol is an Italian luxury eyewear brand specializing in manufacturing optical frames and sunglasses. The company was founded in 1917 in Turin, Italy by Giuseppe Ratti who originally made sunglasses for pilots and sports car drivers. The name of Persol in Italian language 'per il sole' meaning—for the sun. The trademark a silver arrow, is seen on the frame.

The company Persol, first developed patented meflecto flexible stems on the temples (side arms) that allows the temples to adjust to the persons face allowing for a comfortable fit.

By the 1950's Persol introduced an iconic model that is still popular to this day—*Persol 649* aviator sunglasses, which led to its sister model *Persol 714* in early 1960's. The difference is the 714 folds into a convenient pocket size with the temples bending an extra step and the centre bridge folds inwards where the 649 model folds like any normal pair of sunglasses.

When the 714 model was first introduced in the early 1960's legendary actor Steve McQueen liked them so much that he wore them all the time driving his collection of cars and motorcycles and photographed everywhere he went. In 1968 when he showed up on the movie set of *The Thomas Crown Affair* wearing the 714 sunglasses he looked so cool the filmmakers had his character wear them in the movie.

Steve McQueen wore the 714 sunglasses until his death in 1980. It is important to note he was not involved with the brand. In 1995, Luxottica acquired Persol dropping Ratti from the name and add Persol to their large list of iconic eyeglasses.



The good news is Persol is still handmade in the original factory in Turin, Italy offering the same quality product.

RESURGENCE

When actor Steve McQueen passed away in 1980 the Persol brand continued to make the 714 model. In 2006, an original pair of *Persol 714* that McQueen owned and wore was auctioned off for more than \$70,000.00 US. Around this time, Persol approached Steve's son Chad McQueen and made a deal (1960 to 2024) to use Steve McQueen's name. Persol then produced the limited edition, The 714SM (Steve McQueen Limited Edition). It was a special model that looked and folded like the models McQueen wore with his name engraved on the inner temple. They fetch a price anywhere from \$350 to \$750 each.

They are very popular with many of today's celebrities like Leonardo DiCaprio, Pierce Brosnan, Joaquin Phoenix, Bradley Cooper, Chris Pine, Ryan Gosling, Glen Powell, Daniel Craig to mention a few. The 714 and other Persol models were a very big hit with the late Anthony Bourdain (1956-2018) who used to wear them all the time on his travel show *Parts Unknown* (2013 to 2018). Just this Spring, 2025 Persol released a new 714SM model in their latest catalogue and also showcased these new models at the 2025 Cannes Film Festival in France. It is important to note that you can purchase a regular non Steve McQueen *Persol 714* for about \$100 less and is part of the current Persol catalogue.

I personally own both models the 714 and the 714SM and the question I get asked is what is the difference.



The only difference is, the price is a bit less and the temples are a bit more modern on the basic 714 and does not have

the Steve McQueen name on the inner temple and the case does not have the Steve McQueen name on it and is a little less premium fabric.

The last question I always get asked is which one do I like better. I can honestly say I like both models equally. The basic 714 and 714SM Limited Edition are both Incredible quality. They look exactly the same on your face and both are available in polarized and non-polarized and are made with real glass lenses.

Today, Persol makes many other great models of sunglasses that are really worth checking out if the 714 model is not for you. I continue to see all the time model 714 and lots of other Persol models pop up in current movies and television shows. They are an absolute iconic brand and have become a symbol of luxury and style.

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Joe Biz — *by Joe Leary*

A 'Giant' debut for Ryan Lin

Ryan Lin is coming off an impressive rookie year with the Vancouver Giants. At 17 years old, the Richmond-born defenceman just completed a stellar Western Hockey League debut season.

Lin's passion for the puck was forged early through a sibling connection; having an older brother that got him into the game at about three years old. "My brother is two years older than me and started playing hockey when he was five. I just followed him and whatever he did at the time. My dad put me in skates before I can even remember".

Lin's dedication is certainly paying early dividends, having completed an impressive 2024/2025 campaign; recording 53 points in his rookie year. In the process he shattered the Vancouver Giants franchise record for most points by a 16-year-old rookie defenceman and is one of just two WHL 'D-men'—aged 16 or younger—to record 50+ points in a season—within the last 35 years.

The last player to accomplish such a feat was 4-time Stanley Cup Champion and 7-time NHL All-Star, Scott Niedermayer, in 1989-90 with the Kamloops Blazers.

To add further to the teen's vaunted rookie season, Lin won a Gold Medal with Hockey Canada at the IIHF U18 World Championship earlier this month.

He previously won Gold at the World U17 Hockey Challenge last November and represented Canada at the 2024 Winter Youth Olympics. To win a championship for your country is an experience that athletes acknowledge as being second to none.

"It's been the best thing in my hockey career to play for Canada," says Lin, of representing his country. "It is the biggest honour and I'm super proud to wear the Maple Leaf. When you win, it is the best feeling and the memories from the experience last a lifetime".

In his short time in hockey he has clearly proven



Ryan Lin, Vancouver Giants' defenceman.

Photo courtesy Rob Wilton, Vancouver Giants

to be a standout. "The rookie season that Lin just put together was arguably the best any Giants 16-year-old has ever had," says Nathan Kanter, Vancouver Giants, Director of Broadcast and Media Relations.

With a +11 (plus-minus rating) for the Giants this past season, Ryan Lin tied for second and ranked in the Top 10 in the WHL in average ice-time per game.

Additionally, he had the third-most productive rookie season by any Giants skater, trailing past star players: Gilbert Brule (60 points, 2003-04) and Cameron Schmidt (58 points, 2023-24).

"While scoring forwards like Brule and Schmidt turned heads in their first year in the WHL with their goal scoring ability, Lin excelled at defending and killing plays—which is much more difficult to do when your opponents are bigger and stronger. His gap control; something many younger players struggle with was almost always perfect".

Lin now holds the Vancouver Giants all-time record for points by a rookie defenceman, regardless of age.

"My approach coming into the season is to work as hard as I can and prove that I deserve the opportunities that they gave me," says Lin. "I am very dedicated to hockey—I live it and breathe it and wouldn't give it up for anything".

Away from the rink Lin stays ultra competitive and can't get away from sports, listing Golf and Spike Ball as the two he most frequently plays. As for specific hockey goals: "My short-term goal is to have the best upcoming season I can personally, and accomplish a lot as a team.

"My long-term goal is to make the NHL and have a lengthy hockey career". Lin patterns his game after fellow standout D-Men like Colorado's Cale Makar and Vancouver Canucks Captain, Quinn Hughes. "They are offensive defensemen who are elite skaters and can beat players one-on-one."

While playing for your hometown team can add a level of pressure, Lin enjoys being seen in familiar

surroundings. "I didn't realize it too much till this past year how lucky I am to play and it's so cool that I get to share my hockey journey with my friends and family in Vancouver".

And let it not be understated, this dedicated future star is leaving nothing to chance. "The best piece of advice I've ever been given in my hockey career is to control what I can control and not worry about anything else."

"As a player you're not going to control your ice time or who you play with, or even how you're going to get to the next level but you can control your attitude and work ethic whenever you play and that's what I focus on".

Lin's mobility is elite and Kanter adds that it's not just his straight-away speed that stands out. "He relies heavily on his edges for tight turns and stops and starts to evade fore-checking pressure and exit the puck cleanly," he states.

"His stamina is incredible: his stride is effortless and he never seems to get tired.

"Leading all Giants in ice-time per game as a rookie; his "hockey IQ" is off the charts too. "He's always scanning the ice and doing 'shoulder checks' to know when pressure is coming and his passing is also excellent".

And while there are no guarantees that a successful junior career will translate to NHL success, Ryan Lin's work ethic and dedication certainly serves as added motivation. "I know that the window to be successful in hockey is very small," he admits, adding "which means you have to be disciplined. My approach is to get 1 per cent better every day and not to take the opportunity I have for granted".

Kanter is confident this is a big-league player in the making. "Ryan Lin is a sure fire NHLer thanks to his skill set, his competitiveness and attitude" he says.

"Many have him as a first-round draft pick in 2026. I would be shocked if that's not the case".

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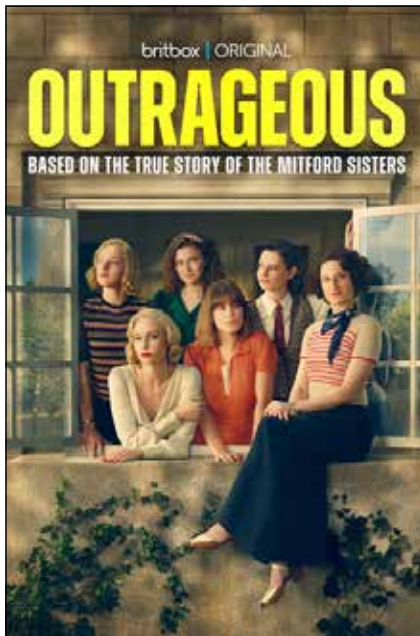


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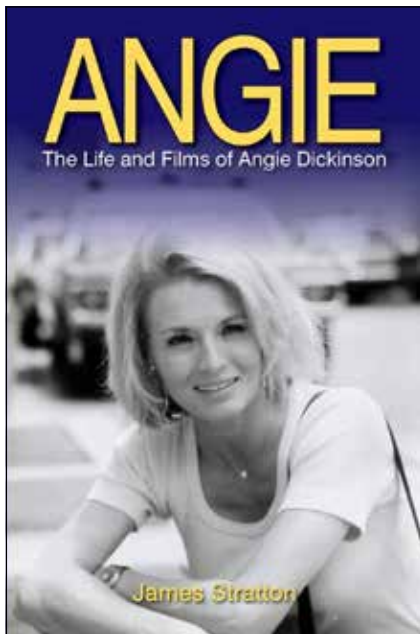


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THE VIEW – *OUTRAGEOUS*

Years before the Kardashians became the most famous (and we'll say infamous) sisters in the world, there was another family of sisters who were as famous. They were the six aristocratic Mitford sisters of England. Long before social media, YouTube, and Reality TV, the Mitford Girls attracted as much attention from the press of their day, while always fascinating (and at times angering), the British public. Now from BritBox comes an original, six-part drama called *Outrageous* that takes an unfiltered look at their lives during the 1930's, when family wealth and privilege were on shaky ground—as was democracy and peace throughout Europe. Based on Mary Lovell's definitive biography, *The Mitford Girls*, we follow these six very different, headstrong women as they chart their own paths, all the while making headlines in Britain and around the world. A solid cast—which includes Bessie Carter as the narrator and oldest sister, Nancy, Janna Vanderham as her sister, Diana, and as the parents, James Purefoy and Anna Chancellor—makes this series certainly binge-worthy, but with only one complaint: when will the next six episodes be ready for air? It's that good. *Outrageous* is available for streaming on BritBox starting June 18. britbox.com

THE SIP – *THE GLOWBAL BELLINI*

Glowbal Restaurant Beverage Director, and one of our "cocktail experts", Martin Kovalcik, joins us again with another cocktail creation that is perfect for the patio season. It's the *Glowbal Bellini*. The original Bellini, invented in *Harry's Bar* in Venice in the late 1940's, offers white peach purée and prosecco, but the Glowbal version offers something different. "We wanted our version to offer a refreshing West Coast flair, Kovalcik tells us as he makes the cocktail, "so we offer smooth peach sorbet with a splash of bitters and a generous pour of chilled prosecco, resulting in a sparkling, slushy cocktail that balances sweet, tart, and bitter in perfect harmony." We both agree how delicious this cocktail is, and ask for another. "It's a sunshine-soaked twist on a classic favorite," Kovalcik goes on to tell us, "and the good news for your readers is it's as easy to make at home as it is to sip." The *Glowbal Bellini* is available every Saturday and Sunday during the brunch. glowbalgroup.com



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THE READ – *ANGIE: THE LIFE AND FILMS OF ANGIE DICKINSON* BY JAMES STRATTON

Actress Angie Dickinson—who will be 94 in September—is one of the last great stars still with us from an entertainment era that is sadly gone. The classic movies, TV, and other art forms are thankfully still here to remind us how good it was, and the award-winning Dickinson was there to see a lot of it as a young actress starting out in the early 1950's. Her best movie work is some of the best movies of their genres—think of the great western *Rio Bravo*, which made her a star in 1959, the Rat Pack's *Ocean's 11* which also made her hip and cool in 1960, the solid remake, *The Killers* (1964), and one of our favourites, 1967's *Point Blank*, a film about

a lot of nasty people she did with Lee Marvin, where she showed great range. Then there's a later entry, a great third act, the erotic crime thriller, *Dressed to Kill* in 1980. There was also a long list of great television work, most notably, her four years starring as Sergeant 'Pepper' Anderson in the 1970's classic, *Police Woman*. She also travelled in circles that included Sinatra, JFK, Dean Martin and a marriage to legendary songwriter, Burt Bacharach. Which leads us to the first in our series of "great summer reads", *Angie: The Life and Films of Angie Dickinson* by film historian, James Stratton. It is the first (and we say long overdue) book-length study of her career. It is also a real page-turner, taking you from her early years growing up far from Hollywood, through a career which would span over six decades and contain an impressive and diverse body of work. If you're a fan, this is a must-read. bearmanormedia.com

Lambrusco Wine, Italy's other famous bubbles

With the perfect amount of acidity and fruitiness, Riunite Lambrusco is not just a crowd-pleaser around the world, but it's also America's #1 selling Italian wine (riunite.com). *Our City Tonight* (OCT) sat down with Antonella Pagnanelli (AP), the export manager for Cantine Riunite Wine Group, to talk about Italy's other bubbles, Lambrusco. We also chatted a little bit about Prosecco, which is a more commonly known wine from Italy.

OCT: Let's first talk about the wine group and the winery itself which is very unique.

AP: The wine company, Cantina Cooperativa Riunite, is a huge co-operative based in Italy within the Emilia Romagna area where it started 75 years ago. This co-op today consists of about 1,700 family-owned vine growers who are our shareholders and today it is actually the parent company of the largest Italian wine group, which includes lots of brands that are very strong here in Canada and brands that you are probably very familiar with.

OCT: Let's talk about the entrance of Lambrusco, and particularly its popularity here in Vancouver. We first tried this wine while travelling in Emilia Romagna, but it was difficult to find Lambrusco on the shelves when we returned to Canada. But let's first talk about the Prosecco, that you brought here today.

AP: Everybody knows Prosecco, it is a worldwide star. Machio is one of the biggest brands of Prosecco in Italy. When you travel to Italy you will find it everywhere. In Canada, not so much because this brand arrived a little bit late and the shelves were already crowded with other Prosecco brands. What I brought to you today is a wonderful Prosecco. The uniqueness of this brand is that it's unlike other brands, and the winery has been making Prosecco since the day it was founded. What you are tasting today is Prosecco Treviso which is from the original area where Prosecco started. Over the years the area has expanded, and Treviso is the core or the beginning of it.

OCT: Let's talk about the wine that is having a real renaissance here in Canada and that is Lambrusco.

AP: I always say that our company and our winery is Lambrusco Land and anyone is welcome to become a citizen. I say this because Lambrusco is not just a wine, it's so much more. There are 12 different grape varieties and lots of different styles in terms of sugar content. You can go from off-dry to sweet and you also have three different styles of fermentation.

Most Lambrusco is made in the Charmat Method, and Prosecco is made this way. This is the perfect method to extract the so-called primary fruit aromas of the grapes. You can also have Lambrusco made in the Champenoise Method like champagne. And thirdly, you can have Metodo Ancestrale (the Ancestral Method) which is bottle fermented. So, if you mix up all the grapes,



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Antonella Pagnanelli on location
with Our City Tonight.

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all the styles, and all the different fermentation styles, you really end up with many Lambrusco wines that are so different from each other. But, they have one main thing in common and that is they are very easy to drink and very food friendly. We have a saying that they are a very gastronomic wine because the food pairing is infinite.

OCT: Let's sample the Lambrusco you have brought for us to try and then we can talk about the food pairing that you would recommend with each.

AP: The first one you are going to sample is a Sorbara that comes from the Modena area. It is recognized by its lighter colour, and it almost looks like a rosé, but technically it is red. This is the more floral of the grapes of Lambrusco and I would definitely pair it with a seafood dish, especially if you add tomatoes and capers, or you can serve it with something spicy as Lambrusco is also wonderful paired with Thai Food.

The next wine we are going to try is the Grasperossa which is the darker colour of Lambrusco where you can feel and taste a little bit more of the tannins. This wine is semi-dry, but the acidity is so nice that it's not at all sweet. It's a wine that we pair with pasta like lasagna as well as with meat courses.

OCT: The last wine we are about to try today is the Butterfly Lambrusco. Tell us about this wine.

AP: The last wine that we are going to sample is the sweetest in flavour of what we are sampling today and it is very easy drinking because of the sweeter style, and because it's a sweeter wine, I'm offering it to you last. This is a great wine to have on the patio on a hot sunny day with friends as it's definitely a summertime wine. It's great to serve chilled when it's hot outside and you just want to relax at the end of a work day.

OCT: What would you typically pair with this wine?

AP: This wine I would recommend that you can just enjoy on its own. The two previous wines you sampled earlier are appreciated more paired with the right foods. This wine I would recommend that you just enjoy it on its own.

On another note, I'd like to share with you that Vancouver was the first city in Canada to open their doors to embrace Lambrusco. With the recent trends of low alcohol consumption and fitness trends, this wine really fits into today's popular market. It's also a wonderful ingredient for any cocktail and we have lots of cocktail suggestions based on Lambrusco as an ingredient.

OCT: Thank you for sharing all this wonderful information, we look forward to our next purchase of what we sampled here today and share with our friends our newest favourite summer wine.



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