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THE VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN IN TWO ELECTIONS

Richmond Meet Your Mayor & 8 Councillors



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

Richmond Meet Your BC Premier & 4 MLAs



OUR CITY Richmond

What's On!

BY **ISABELLA RODRIGUES**

November 7

Garden City and Paulik Park Walk

6620 Garden City Road, Richmond, BC
10:00am - 11:00am



Photo courtesy Walk Richmond

Come to this free guided walk through Garden City park and Paulik neighbourhood park. During the one-hour activity, you will do a warm-up, a walk, and a cool-down and stretch so you are able to continue on with your day. Be sure to bring appropriate clothing to walk in, because this event is rain or shine.

November 10

Sherman Armoury Museum

5500 No 4 Rd, Richmond, BC
3:00pm - 6:00pm



Photo courtesy Doris Chu

Come to the Sherman Armoury Museum to learn about the history and operations of Richmond's Army Reserve unit, 39 Service Battalion, and our Cadets corps. This free, all-ages event is presented by the Guild. Explore displays, meet members of the unit, get a first-hand look at how the battalion trains and serves the community and more.

November 11

Remembrance Day Ceremony

6911 Number 3 Rd, Richmond, BC
10:20am - 12:20pm



Photo courtesy Walk Richmond

Come to Richmond City Hall for this year's Remembrance Day ceremony. There will be, Wreath laying, and two minutes of silence. Everyone is welcome to attend and pay their respects to those who served. Please be dressed appropriately for outdoor weather.

November 14

AI for Seniors: What It Is, Its Risks, How to Use It Well

100-7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC
10:30am - 12:00pm



Photo courtesy Kampus Production

Curious about AI, or a little worried about it? Xiaowen, a software engineer with more than 10 years of experience, will explain in plain language what AI is, what risks to watch for, and how to make it a helpful everyday tool. No tech experience is needed. Two sessions are offered, one in English and one in Mandarin.

September – December

Seniors Activities, Guides & Passes – Fall 2026

In-person and online



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

The City and partners are proud to offer high-quality social programs and services for adults aged 55+ at eight community facilities, including the Seniors Centre at the Minoru Centre for Active Living. Register in-person at any community facility, call 604-276-4300, or online at richmond.ca/parks-recreation/about/seniors

May 5 – December 22

Kwantlen Farmers' Market

Richmond Library and Cultural Centre
7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC
Every Tuesday 11:00am - 4:00pm



Photo courtesy BC Farmers' Market Trail

Come by this vibrant farmers' market hosted by the students of Kwantlen Polytechnic University! Spend the day enjoying live music, delicious local food, fresh produce, handmade goods, and an amazing community atmosphere. It's the perfect place to support student entrepreneurs and local vendors.



Remembrance Day: A Day for Reflection

BY **ISABELLA RODRIGUES**

This year, on Wednesday, November 11th, we as Canadians honour and pay tribute to our soldiers past and present who have given so much to defend the freedom and sovereignty of this place we call home.

History

The day can be traced all the way back to the Armistice Agreement that ended the fighting on the Western Front on the 11th day of November, 1918. This was a pivotal moment because, to both soldiers and civilians, this agreement showed that the First World War was coming to an end.

The time was 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month that the fighting stopped. To mark that pivotal time, Canadians observe two minutes of silence to honour those soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice and recognize the lives and legacy of the veterans who made it home.

Remembrance Day is usually supported by each community with a service and reception at City Hall or a special gathering place for the community to honour the soldiers who gave their lives, the veterans who survived, and the families who lost loved ones. In Richmond, our City hosts a ceremony on City Hall's front lawn for the community to come together to pay their respects for the sacrifices of our soldiers. This year, the event starts at 10:20 a.m. and goes until 12:20 p.m.; there will be a Parade, Wreath laying, and two minutes of silence. Everyone is welcome to attend and pay their respects to those who served.

Poppies

One of the most predominant symbols of Remembrance Day is the vibrant red poppies that millions of Canadians wear during this time of year to honour the men and women who served this country. The poppy was introduced to Canadians by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae (Nov. 30, 1872 – Jan. 28, 1918). He was a Canadian poet, physician, author, artist, and soldier during World War I and a surgeon during the Second Battle of Ypres in Flanders, Belgium. He is best known for writing the famous war memorial poem *In Flanders Fields* that he wrote shortly after losing a friend in Ypres and was influenced after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields. The poem goes as follows:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

More than 110 years later, these lines still hold incredible significance in the minds of Canadians today. They remind us that every fallen soldier was also a member of a family.. One that, as described in the poem, "*lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved*".

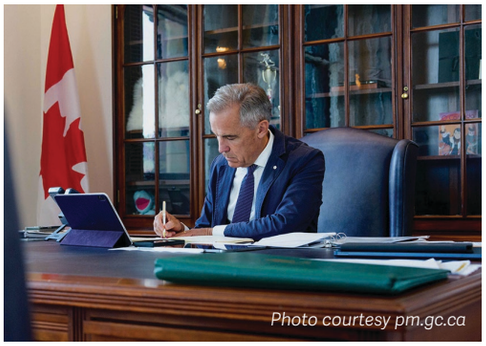
2026 Poppy Campaign

The Dominion Command of The Royal Canadian Legion has registered the trademark of the Poppy image to safeguard the Poppy insignia as a symbol of Remembrance. This year's Poppy drive will run from October 24th - November 11th. In front of stores, young cadets, along with members of veteran groups and local citizens, volunteer their time to offer poppies for a small donation.

Use of Poppy Trust Funds

Through your donations to the Legion Poppy campaign, the Legion provides financial assistance and support to Veterans, including Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and their families who are in need. This one day reminds us that our freedom and peace worldwide are something we can never take for granted.

Prime Minister Carney to attend Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting


Photo courtesy pm.gc.ca

October 28, 2026
Ottawa, Ontario

In a more dangerous and volatile world, the Commonwealth remains a constant. Its 56 member nations span the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, North America, and the Indo-Pacific – united by a shared belief that we can achieve far more together than we can alone.

"In a more dangerous and divided world, Canada is drawing closer to our Commonwealth partners. We are turning our shared values into shared strength – expanding trade and deepening climate cooperation to build a safer, more prosperous future for our peoples."

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

Canada is deepening these partnerships to create new economic opportunities and build a more resilient, more secure, and more prosperous world for all. As part of this mission, Prime Minister Mark Carney **announced that he will travel to St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, from November 2 to 4, 2026, to participate in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).**

At CHOGM, Prime Minister Carney will meet with Commonwealth leaders to deepen trade and investment ties and accelerate cooperation on climate resilience and renewable energy. The Prime Minister will also discuss pressing geopolitical challenges and the future direction of the Commonwealth – including how its members can work together to bolster collective security.

As Canada charts its path forward in this new world, we look to our fellow Commonwealth members as partners. Together, we are building on the foundations that unite us – democracy, human rights, sustainable development – to create greater security, stronger economies, and new opportunities for our peoples.

Prime Minister Carney launches new Strategic Partnership with the UAE, welcoming landmark trade agreement and billions in investment

October 27, 2026
Ottawa, Ontario

Over the last two days, the Prime Minister, Mark Carney, welcomed the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to Ottawa, Ontario, for the first-ever visit to Canada by a Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi. During their meeting, the leaders **agreed to deepen the Canada-UAE relationship and launched a new Strategic Partnership.** It turns a year of rapid progress into a long-term framework for cooperation on economic ties, energy, technology, education, defence, and diplomacy, as well as cultural exchange between our peoples.

As an immediate step in this new partnership, Canada and the UAE signed the new Canada-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), following the conclusion of negotiations in a record 47 days – the fastest either country has negotiated a free trade agreement.

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British Columbia RCMP News Release | October 21, 2026

Richmond RCMP targets dangerous driving

Richmond RCMP continues to target dangerous driving behaviours through enforcement, education, and community-driven traffic initiatives. Throughout September, Richmond RCMP officers issued more than 1,509 Motor Vehicle Act violation tickets as part of targeted operations focusing on speeding, distracted driving, school zone safety, impaired driving and vehicle defects.

September traffic violations at a glance:

- Distracted driving: **371**
- Speeding: **254**
- Driver's licence infractions: **211**
- Seatbelt violations: **68**
- Impaired driving (drug/alcohol): **31**

One of the month's most significant initiatives was a joint distracted driving enforcement operation involving partner agencies and community volunteers. During the operation, officers issued 177 violation tickets, including 106 tickets related to electronic device use while driving.

Several excessive speeding incidents resulted in immediate vehicle impoundments, including:

- A vehicle travelling 138 km/h in a 50 km/h zone.
- Vehicles travelling up to 140 km/h in an 80 km/h zone.
- A motorcycle travelling 151 km/h in an 80 km/h zone.
- A vehicle travelling 111 km/h in a 50 km/h zone.

Road Safety Unit officers also conducted extensive back-to-school enforcement throughout Richmond, focusing on school zone compliance, seatbelt use, child restraint safety, and e-scooter education. Enforcement and educational initiatives were delivered at schools across the city. In response to community concerns, officers carried out targeted enforcement at numerous complaint locations, including No. 3 Road, Francis Road, Westminster Highway, and Bridgeport Road. Ongoing projects also targeted street racing, loud vehicles, and illegal vehicle modifications.





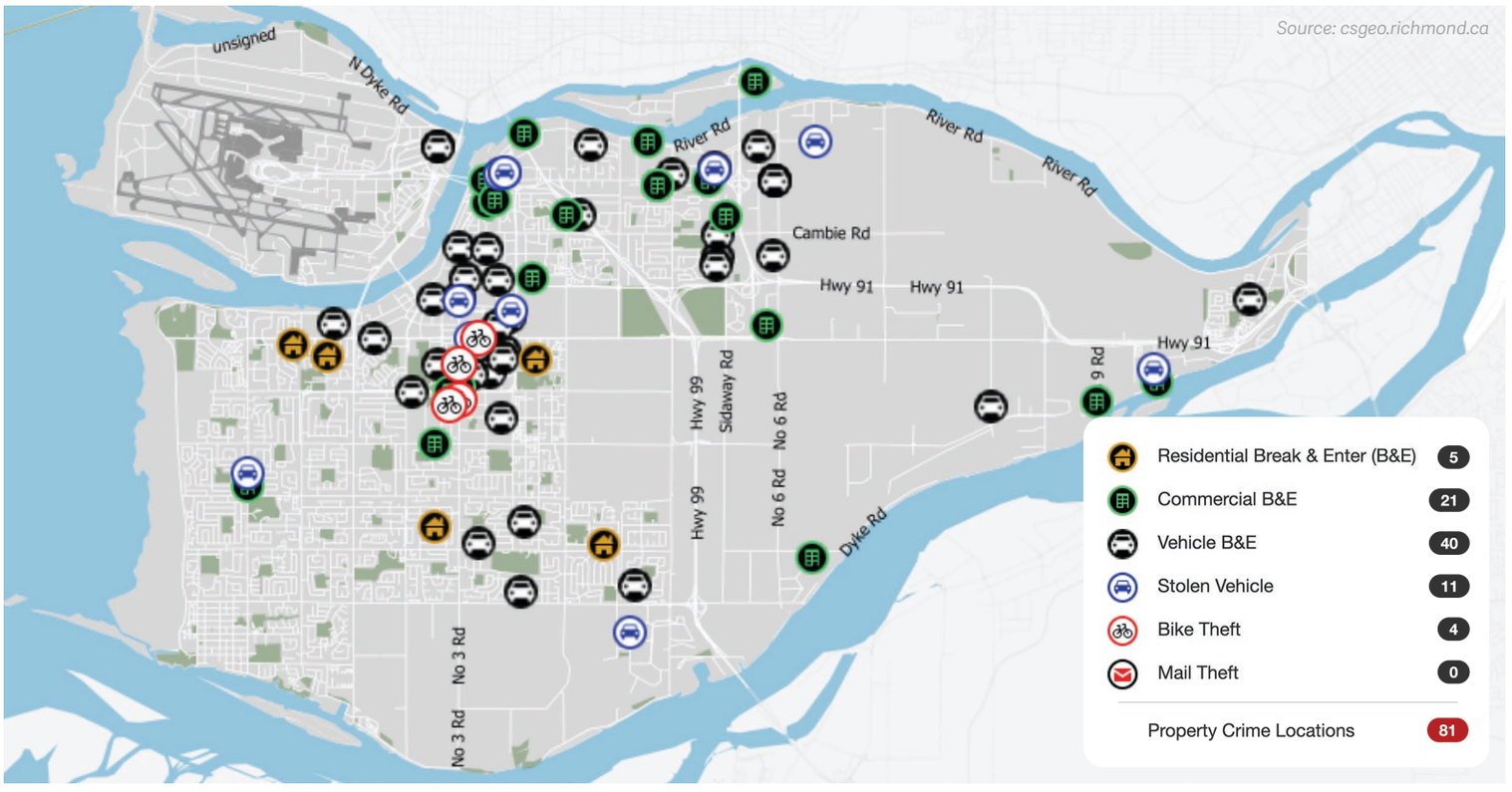
Photo courtesy rcmp.ca

"Distracted driving, excessive speed, and aggressive driving behaviours continue to be among the leading risks on our roadways," says Corporal Niels Hermes, Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit. "Through enforcement, education, and community partnerships, we are committed to making Richmond's roads safer for everyone."

The Richmond RCMP reminds all motorists to drive distraction-free, obey posted speed limits, remain alert in school and playground zones, and ensure their vehicles comply with provincial safety regulations.

RCMP Crime Map

Oct. 2 – Oct. 30, 2026



City of Richmond

Richmond honours 114 veterans with new street banners

News Release
October 14, 2026

Richmond, BC – As Remembrance Day approaches, the City of Richmond, in partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion, Richmond Branch 291, is inviting the community to reflect on the local veterans who served Canada through the inaugural Veterans Street Banner Program.

A total of 114 veterans have been selected for recognition on individual street banners now installed throughout the City Centre area. The banners pay tribute to individuals who served Canada with courage and dedication.

The banners will be displayed until December 1, 2026, giving residents and visitors an opportunity to learn about and remember the contributions of local veterans.

Eligible veterans were selected from nominations submitted by Richmond residents. Those recognized through the program served in the Canadian Armed Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and lived in Richmond.

The Veterans Street Banner Program reflects Richmond's commitment to honour the service and contributions of local veterans and ensures their stories remain visible within the community.



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

A total of 114 veterans have been selected for recognition on individual street banners now installed throughout the City Centre area.

Residents can view the banners throughout the City Centre area during the display period. Full program details are available at richmond.ca/VeteransBanners.

RICHMOND CARING PLACE

November 25, 2026

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7000 Minoru Boulevard, Room 340

Registration at 6:45 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US:

INFO@RICHMONDCARINGPLACE.CA
604-279-7000



Voters of BC Have Spoken Conservatives form majority government 64 of 93 Seats

The Tories to form a majority government, with Doerkson set to become the province's next premier. Following David Eby's speech the night of the election, it was evident that the Conservatives were well on their way to winning a majority government. Eby, who was elected in Vancouver-Point Grey, announced he would be **stepping down as party leader**. "This is obviously something I do with a very heavy heart," Eby said in his concession speech. "But it is time for new leadership within our party."



LORNE DOERKSON
Conservative
Newly-Elected

Lorne Doerkson took to the stage with a speech packed with energy. "British Columbia made a choice, and it is going to be the honour of my lifetime to serve you as your premier. I am going to give this job everything that I've got. I promise you that. And I also promise you that I won't get it all perfect, but when I don't, I'm going to tell you, and then I'll get back to work. We've got a province to build, and I can't think of better people to build it with than you. Let's do this, British Columbia."

Doerkson's transition from a little-known MLA from Cariboo-Chilcotin to board-appointed party leader to premier-elect in less than five weeks is one of the fastest successful stories in Canadian history of general elections. It also completes a stunning reversal for the Conservative Party of British Columbia, which went from a virtually dormant fringe entity in B.C. politics – failing to elect a single MLA for nearly half a century – to a governing party in a few short years.

Introducing Elected All Four Conservative Richmond MLAs



TERESA WAT
Conservative
Re-Elected

Conservatives:
9,390 Votes

NDP:
4,360 Votes



GORDON ZHANG
Conservative
Newly-Elected

Conservatives:
10,843 Votes

NDP:
7,002 Votes



STEVE KOONER
Conservative
Re-Elected

Conservatives:
9,642 Votes

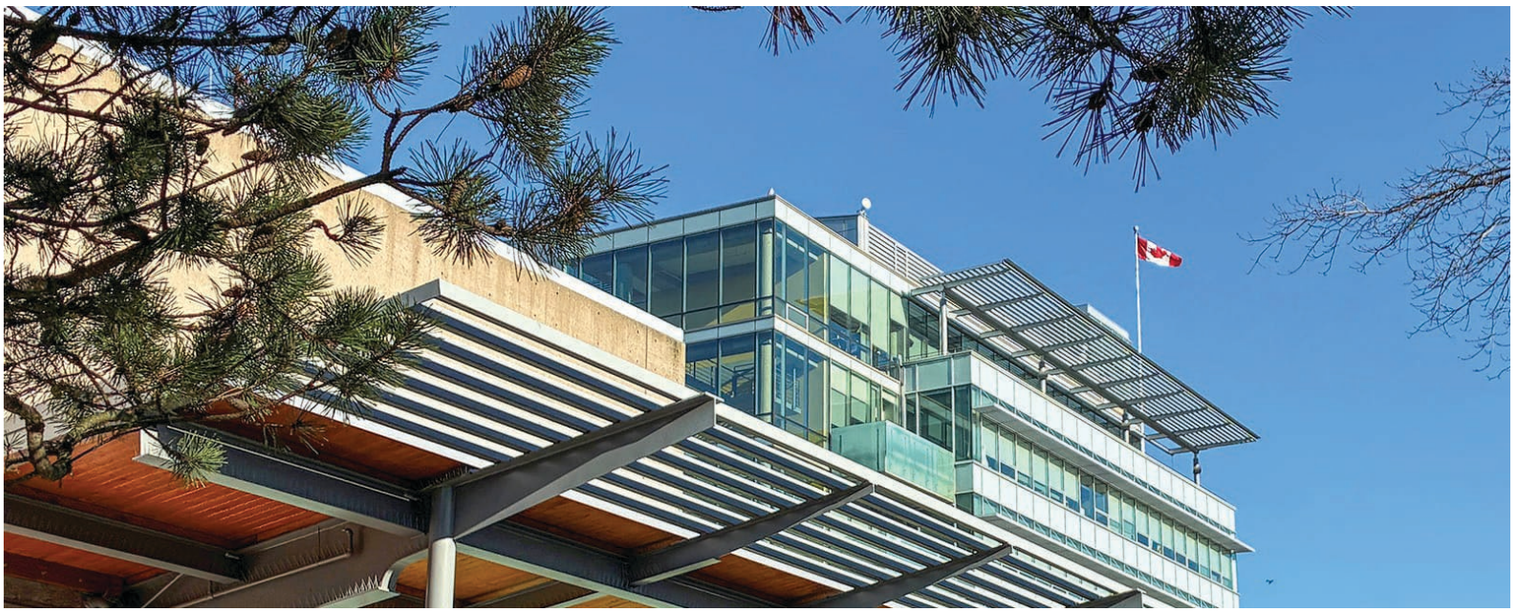
NDP:
5,453 Votes



SACHA PETER
Conservative
Newly-Elected

Conservatives:
7,414 Votes

NDP:
4,356 Votes



New Richmond City Council to be sworn in at Inaugural Meeting

Monday, November 2 at 7 p.m. at Richmond City Hall.

The new Richmond City Council for the 2026-2030 term will be sworn in at a special Inaugural meeting for newly elected Mayor Rob Howard, who will be joined by re-elected Councillors Carol Day, Laura Gillanders, Andy Hobbs and Michael Wolfe and newly elected Councillors Kenny Chiu, Kevin Lai, Gary Law and Sheldon Starrett. Members of the public are invited to attend the Inaugural Meeting in Council Chambers or watch live online at www.richmond.ca/watchonline.

A total of 57,771 ballots were cast in Richmond's 2026 general local and school election. Of these, 17,464 were cast during five advance voting days.

The City of Richmond's new Council for years 2026–2030 are shown here for the elected candidates for Mayor, Councillors and School Trustees, along with total votes received.

Information courtesy of richmond.ca



ROB HOWARD
Newly Elected Mayor 2026
19,676 Votes

My vision for Richmond includes:

Safety
Making citizens feel safe in our parks and open spaces.

Housing
Build attainable seniors' homes, allowing residents to stay in the community they helped build.

Accountability
External value for money review; a deep look at city services to keep taxes low now, and into the future.

Prosperity
Create jobs, make the City more responsive, paving the way for a vibrant economy.

Engagement
Open up our waterfront to an arts and culture district, where families can gather, seniors can stroll and businesses can thrive, celebrating Richmond's history and diversity.



CAROL DAY

Re-Elected City Councillor – 15,552 Votes

Has served as a Richmond Councillor for 12 years and was a school trustee for 3 years. Re-elected by wide margins on a progressive, centrist platform, Carol has worked tirelessly seeking common-sense solutions to make our vibrant, diverse neighbourhoods safer, our environment cleaner, our businesses thrive, and our council more accessible and accountable to taxpayers. Known for delivering results, Carol's priority is finding ways of making home ownership and rental housing affordable for working families by advocating for improved zoning bylaws that allow gentle density that enhances neighbourhoods. She is committed to protecting Richmond's environment. As chair of VAPOR, she worked to stop the YVR jet fuel pipeline, marine terminal and 80-million-litre tank farm, a major risk to the Fraser River. She also helped save our Garden City lands. She understands business, having owned a company for 43 years, and she voted against unnecessary tax increases.



MICHAEL WOLFE

Re-Elected City Councillor – 14,315 Votes

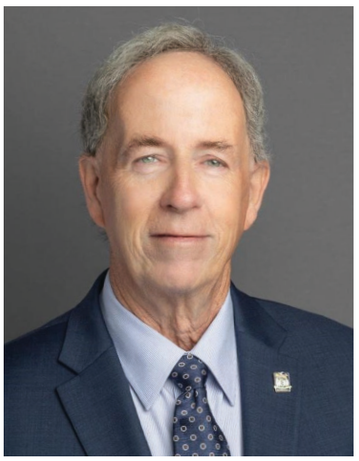
A lifelong Richmond resident who has spent more than 20 years working to make our city better. His 100% attendance record at Council committee meetings this term reflects his commitment to showing up and doing the work. Michael holds a Master's in Education and works as a science teacher. As a father raising two young children, he cares deeply about the Richmond they will inherit. He has championed farmland protection, standing against mega-mansions that put agricultural land and long-term food security at risk. He listens to diverse perspectives, seeks balanced solutions, and believes residents deserve a strong voice in decisions affecting their neighbourhoods. Michael will work with Council, the Mayor, staff, and developers to build a more sustainable Richmond—protecting farmland, nature, neighbourhoods, and our future.



LAURA GILLANDERS

Re-Elected City Councillor – 13,122 Votes

Since her election to Richmond City Council in 2022, Laura has been a champion for positive community change. She has successfully introduced motions to preserve local heritage, add a vital Audit component to the Finance Committee, and overhaul the lower-end market rental program to establish a new Housing Office and Affordable Housing Hub. Laura brings her extensive professional experience as a construction industry CFO to her roles on the Economic Advisory and Major Projects Oversight Committees. Driven by a passion for farmland advocacy, she previously helped lead the charge to stop mega-mansions and now serves as council liaison to the Food Security and Agricultural Advisory Committee. Laura is deeply committed to affordability, recreation, arts, culture, and protecting Richmond's unique ecosystem. She proudly supports the community as council liaison to the Gateway Theatre Board, Richmond School Board, Sea Island Community Association, and the First Nations Building Committee.



ANDY HOBBS

Re-Elected City Councillor – 12,985 Votes

A retired Vancouver Police (VPD) Superintendent with over 35 years of service, including as Transit Police Chief. Andy was inducted into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces by the Governor General of Canada, received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and received several VPD commendations. Andy grew up in Richmond and graduated from Richmond High and U.B.C. He and Lynn raised three children here and have five grandchildren living in Richmond. Andy's lengthy volunteering includes the Kigoos Swim Club, Salmon Festival, Hospital Foundation, Intercultural Advisory Committee, Britannia Shipyards Society, Tourism Richmond, Royal Canadian Marine SAR, multiple coaching roles, and he was twice elected to the Richmond School Board 2002-2008. Andy has served on City Council since 2021, including committees such as Planning, Community Safety and liaison roles like London Farm, Centre for Disability, and City Centre Community Centre. Andy asks for your support in re-election to City Council.



GARY LAW

Newly Elected City Councillor – 15,759 Votes

A long-serving RCMP officer committed to practical and evidence-based public service. My platform is grounded in public safety, transparent governance, and community trust. I believe Richmond residents deserve decisions guided by current data, accountability, and real engagement with all stakeholders. I am running with Advance Richmond. My intention, if elected, is to strengthen collaboration between the City, frontline responders, social service partners, and neighbourhood groups so that we can address safety challenges proactively rather than reactively. I support responsible budgeting, measurable outcomes, and policies that improve quality of life for families, seniors, and newcomers. I will work to ensure supportive housing, mental health services, and policing strategies are well coordinated, effective, and transparent. My goal is simple: a safer, more resilient Richmond built on respect, and community partnership.



SHELDON STARRETT

Newly Elected City Councillor – 13,576 Votes

I was born at Richmond Hospital and still live and work in this city that raised me. I'm running to protect our community and build a safer, stronger Richmond. I founded Keep Richmond Safe to advocate for public safety, drug detox, and treatment. Living beside Richmond's Alderbridge temporary modular housing, I have seen firsthand the consequences of City Council's support for failed provincial drug policies. I've led local opposition to low-barrier housing models that have brought open drug use and crime into Richmond. I also opposed Council's proposed supervised drug consumption site at Richmond Hospital, helping prompt the Premier to stop the plan. My vision is bold but practical: improve infrastructure and city services, support local businesses, protect our parks and agricultural land, and cut red tape.
My priorities: End the drug sites; Freeze tax increases; Stop wasteful spending; Champion affordable and aspirational homeownership; Deliver pragmatic transit solutions



KENNY CHIU

Newly Elected City Councillor – 13,119 Votes

He brings a problem-solver's mindset to public service. Educated in Saskatchewan and a software engineer by profession with management experience, he served the community as a board member with Mennonite Housing Society, gaining valuable insight into housing needs and challenges facing families. He served Richmond as its School Trustee and M.P. for Steveston—Richmond East. Kenny combines technology expertise with years of community service. Kenny is running with the Common Sense Alliance to bring practical, innovative and results-driven solutions to City Hall. He supports their 12 practical solutions for a safer, healthier, more prosperous Richmond and responsive municipal government. Kenny believes technologies should make everyday life better. He proposes using AI to improve traffic circulation and ameliorate city communication for residents, while exploring innovative partnerships and new approaches to enhance Richmond's housing supply. For Kenny, good government means identifying problems, embracing innovation and delivering practical solutions that work.



KEVIN LAI

Newly Elected City Councillor – 12,006 Votes

He is a general contractor and founder of Advance Richmond. His hands-on construction experience has shown him how City Hall delays increase renovation and housing costs. An anti-drug activist, he helped organize opposition to a supervised consumption site and the Cambie and Sexsmith Permanent Supportive Housing project. He also defended private property rights in response to the Indigenous land-title case. If elected, Kevin and the Advance Richmond team will:

- Use every lawful municipal power to oppose supervised consumption sites and publicly funded housing that permits illicit drug use, enforce clear no-drug rules in public spaces and taxpayer-funded facilities, and support prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- Stop making homeowners pay for City Hall delays. Fast-track renovation permits that meet safety and building-code requirements.
- Bring a builder's discipline to municipal projects through clear plans, realistic budgets, firm timelines, and accountability for delays and cost overruns.

Richmond's Seven Elected School Trustees, 2026–2030



DANNY CHANG
Newly Elected
16,773 Votes



KEN HAMAGUCHI
Re-Elected
19,477 Votes



DEAN BILLINGS
Newly Elected
16,475 Votes



HEATHER LARSON
Re-Elected
18,086 Votes



ALICE WONG
Re-Elected
16,101 Votes



ROD BELLEZA
Re-Elected
17,762 Votes



DONNA SARGENT
Re-Elected
15,764 Votes



STEVE ERICKSON
Broadcaster/Media Relations Richmond Sockeyes



Playing A Full Sixty

Playing on the road is not the easiest task for any team, but primarily playing in some specific rinks, with one being the Sardis Twin Rinks, which many teams will tell you about while they managed to grab all three stars. Following the impressive 5-2 win over the Steelers, they were hard-pressed against the Jets, who play as if they have an additional player in the line-up, which is their fan base, who continue to get support from the area. Road trips are normally great for any team, especially if they are able to leave with the win and two points, but it's not as easy as it sounds.

Utilizing both tenders, switching "tenders" not only shows confidence from the coaching staff but is passed on to the players as well, and this game saw Haden Heide get the nod between the pipes. Richmond jumped out to a fast start, getting a pair of goals in the first, with Zhang stating the scoring off as he collected his fourth of the season at 3:42 while they added their second at 18:04 with Yarygin hammering home his first of the season. The first period saw the Jets outshoot the visiting Sockeyes 14-10 only to give up a pair of goals after twenty minutes that set the tempo for the Sockeyes to add their third of the game with Rowan Duke at 5:25. The explosive play of the Jets saw Delleman get one behind Heide in the second at 7:48 while on the Power Play, and then the visiting Sockeyes added a pair of goals, taking a commanding 5-1 lead after forty minutes.

It's fair to say that everyone is aware of the pressure the Jets can dish out that saw them grab a pair in the third with their second goal of the game at 2:24 followed by their third at the 10:00 minute mark making it a 5-3 game. Penalties can prove costly in any game, while the Sockeyes went 0-2 on the PP while the Jets were 1-4, working at 25% through sixty minutes.

Sockeye's Jonathan Zhang (1G, 2A) was named first star, with Haden Heide finishing with 25 shots on 38 shots while Jet's Linden Delleman (1G, 1A) was named third star. The trip home is more successful when you pull out a win that would set up a match against the Langley Trappers three nights later, which was a contest that they would like to soon forget. Not only being outscored they were outshot in each of the three periods that saw the Trappers dominate, a finish outshooting the visiting Sockeyes 35-28 which is the way the rest of the game would finish. Following the impressive win, they were focused on advancing in the standings after a couple of solid practice days focused on a game against the Trappers at the George Preston Arena, formerly known as the Langley Civic Centre in the late 70s.

While the focus going into the game was what the coaches set up, it quickly turned sideways in a contest that saw the Trappers jump out to an early lead at 1:49, with the Sockeyes killing off their first of ten penalties, with the home squad finishing with eight.

Discipline plays a key role for any team in a period that saw the Trappers add three additional goals, with each coming on the PP after twenty minutes while they were outshot 14-7 in the first. The conversation between periods was "discipline," in addition to forcing the Trappers to shoot from the perimeter and not allow any rebounds for a second chance. The plan seemed solid, but the Trappers had other ideas, which were to beat the Sockeyes to the puck as well as getting any and all rebounds, which worked in their favour. The Trappers managed to add three additional goals in the second, with two on the PP that saw the Sockeyes again outshot in the second, 18-12, before Ronan Coopman got his second of the year, finishing the second trailing 6-1.

One could sense a sense of urgency heading into the third, knowing that this was not the Sockeyes' brand of hockey we were used to seeing that saw them reverse the shots, outshooting the Trappers 9-6 after forty minutes. Neither team were able to "bulge the twine" in the third in a contest that saw the Sockeyes use both Haden Heide in 31:28 minutes, utilizing the services of Alan Peregrym for the remainder of 28:32. Well, some might mention that this is a game that is soon forgotten; it's also about growth moving forward, getting back to playing Sockeye hockey, returning to "the Fish Tank" less than twenty-four hours later, hosting the Tsunami. Returning home, the players knew they needed a fast start, and that is exactly what they got, scoring their first of seven with Ermolai Yarygin getting the Sockeyes on the board at 1:32 in a period that saw them notch another three while the visitors finished with one. The teams traded PP goals in the first while the Sockeyes doubled up in the shots, outshooting the visiting Tsunami 14-7 with four minors to the visitors and three dealt to the Sockeyes.

The first period was heated, but the second saw the Sockeyes grab three while the visitors managed two with the home squad pulling out an impressive 7-3 win with the Sockeyes outshooting the visitors 37-25. Jonathan Zhang (2G, 1A) was named the game's first star, with Quinn Orr (1G, 1A) and Keelan Wyke finishing with 1 Goal and 1 Assist, while the visitors utilized both "tenders" and the Sockeyes went with Alan Peregrym, who stopped 22 of 25 shots he faced.

The Sockeyes pass on congratulations to newly elected Richmond Mayor Rob Howard and thank former mayor Malcolm Brodie for his dedication over the years to both the City and the Richmond Sockeyes.



Fashion for Men

BY **DOUGLAS J. SCAMMELL**

History of the Turtleneck Sweater



Photo courtesy DJ Scammell

Intro

During the cooler winter months, a gentleman's wardrobe must adapt, offering a variety of sweater types and styles designed to keep you warm without sacrificing your personal style. Among these options, one particular garment stands out as a true 1960s and 1970s style icon: the turtleneck sweater. Offering a streamlined silhouette, this versatile piece is ideal for crisp days while fitting perfectly beneath a suit jacket. Whether you are navigating a busy day at the office or transitioning to cocktail hour, the turtleneck delivers an unmatched blend of comfort and sartorial sophistication.

History

The origins of this unique design stretch all the way back to medieval times. Originally engineered for utility rather than aesthetics, the high neck was intended to protect knights from the agonizing chafing and discomfort caused by heavy chainmail and helmets. By the 19th century, this practical garment shifted from the battlefield to the docks, finding a permanent home among working-class individuals like fishermen, sailors, and factory workers. These men deeply valued the rugged warmth of the built-in, scarf-like protection around the neck. During the early 20th century, the turtleneck took on a cerebral, artistic identity. European artists and intellectuals adopted the look as a subtle, visual rebellion against the constrictive social conventions and rigid starched collars of the era. This counter-culture trend was propelled straight into the mainstream during the 1920s by legendary English playwright Noël Coward, who famously donned the turtleneck as a comfortable, unconventional alternative to formal evening wear.

Military necessity pulled the garment back into active service during World War II. By the 1940s, the turtleneck sweater served as a standard, practical issue for military personnel, forming an integral part of the winter uniforms for the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Navy and U.S. Navy. Sailors and soldiers relied heavily on the heavy knitwear to endure freezing temperatures at sea. When servicemen returned to civilian life in the 1950s, the turtleneck retained its rugged edge but quickly re-emerged as a symbol of anti-establishment cool. It became the uniform of choice for the Beatnik generation and those who actively rejected the cookie-cutter, mainstream fashion of the decade. However, the absolute height of the turtleneck's popularity arrived in the 1960s and 1970s, driven by Hollywood's emerging blueprint of masculine cool. At the height of the Cold War, cinema was dominated by the spy genre. While many credit James Bond with the look, the aesthetic was actually popularized first by a Bond spoof: the 1966 spy-comedy *The Silencers*, starring Dean Martin. As "The King of Cool," Martin effortlessly paired a sleek turtleneck with a tailored suit and no tie, instantly changing menswear expectations. Shortly after, Steve McQueen cemented the garment's legendary status in the 1968 classic *Bullitt*, pairing a dark roll-neck with soft, structured tailoring for a look that was authoritative yet completely relaxed.

The official James Bond franchise eventually caught on, with the turtleneck making its 007 debut in *You Only Live Twice* (1967). From there, it became a recurring wardrobe staple for the character throughout the late 1960s and the entirety of the 1970s. By the 1970s, the turtleneck was ubiquitous. It had fully infiltrated mainstream menswear, appearing everywhere from corporate boardrooms to casual weekend lounges. Worn confidently under blazers and sport coats, it became the definitive, stylish alternative to the traditional shirt and tie. Like many trends, the sharp tailoring look perfected by Martin and McQueen in the late '60s eventually faded. By the 1980s, the sleek, fitted turtleneck was widely considered outdated. Instead, the garment transitioned to match the decade's preference for oversized, slouchy silhouettes, adopting chunkier knits and a much more casual, relaxed vibe.

Resurgence

The pendulum swung back in the late 1990s and early 2000s, as the mid-century minimalist aesthetic began its triumphant comeback. Apple creator Steve Jobs deserves a massive amount of credit for this modern revival. By making a custom Issey Miyake black turtleneck his daily signature uniform, Jobs permanently associated the garment with intellectualism, digital innovation, and an anti-establishment yet highly business-savvy ethos. His iconic uniform—consisting of the black turtleneck paired simply with relaxed jeans—flooded the pages of global business magazines and style columns alike. Simultaneously, cinema helped remind the world of the garment's action-hero roots. Both Pierce Brosnan and Daniel Craig brought the tactical, sleek turtleneck back into the James Bond franchise, reminding modern audiences just how powerful and athletic the silhouette could look.

In my personal opinion, the turtleneck sweater has transcended temporary trends to become a timeless, permanent classic. Its extreme versatility allows a man—or a woman—to effortlessly craft completely different aesthetics, moving seamlessly from formal dressy attire to relaxed, casual weekend wear. Today's menswear landscape embraces a vast range of turtleneck styles. You can opt for ultra-thin, fine-gauge cotton and merino wool versions that are perfect for lightweight layering, or lean into heavy, chunky cable-knits for a nod to the garment's maritime past. But regardless of the specific style or fabric you choose, one thing remains absolutely certain: the turtleneck is an undeniable wardrobe essential for the modern gentleman.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SEASONAL SIPS AND SNACKS AND HOMEGROWN SOUNDS





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THE SIPS – *Tè d'Autunno & Notte d'Inverno*

We continue our spotlight on cocktails for the autumn and holiday seasons with a return to one of our cocktail experts, Tolga Acar, Bar Manager at the popular Italian Kitchen in downtown Vancouver. On this rainy day, Tolga offers two cocktails to try, starting with *Tè d'Autunno*—Italian for *Autumn Tea*. "We were inspired by the Long Island Iced Tea," he tells us, "this is our Italian version of it." As we sip, Tolga walks us through the ingredients: Cynar, an artichoke-based Italian bittersweet liqueur, alongside Averna amaro, Antica Formula sweet vermouth, Pimm's, lemon juice and a spiced syrup containing cinnamon and cloves, finished with club soda. "Those warming spices make it a lovely fit for the holiday season," he says. Our second cocktail is the *Notte d'Inverno*—Italian for *Winter Night*. "We combine vanilla bean-infused Traveller whiskey with orange bitters, Montenegro amaro and brown sugar, then finish it with aromatic smoke," Tolga explains. "If you enjoy a Manhattan or a twist on that classic, this is one to try." Both cocktails are superb companions for an autumn afternoon or a festive evening. www.glowbalgroup.com



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THE SNACK – *Persimmon and Fig Seasonal Salad*

From cocktails, we move to a seasonal appetizer that hits the spot. Italian Kitchen's Executive Chef, Matteo Fontana—one of Vancouver's best and a frequent guest on *Our City Tonight* and in this column—provides the inspiration, while long-time Sous Chef Mika Nishino introduces us to a salad that captures the colours and flavours of autumn. "It's kind of an autumn salad for this season, really matching the nice changing leaf colour," Mika tells us as we enjoy our first taste. Sweet persimmon and fresh figs meet creamy Italian burrata and 30-month-aged Parma prosciutto, finished with an Amaretto dressing that, Mika explains, "brings a delicate almond aroma to every bite." For us, it's one of the best salads we've enjoyed this autumn and an ideal starter. As Mika puts it, "a little taste of the season, the Italian way." www.glowbalgroup.com



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THE SOUND – *Lighthouse Rd.*

For us, folk, rock, country and blues all find a home in the music of Lighthouse Rd. Now based in Vancouver, singer-songwriter Wes Farmer and co-founder, pianist and co-writer Eric Lamarche bring those influences together with a distinctly Canadian spirit. Chatting recently with Wes, we ask what to call that blend. The band found its answer in Americana, which he describes as a combination of blues, rock, country and folk. Then comes the Canadian twist: "Americana, but make it Canadian: Canadiana. That's us." Their debut album, *Homeward Bound*, arrives November 27. "We have a brand-new sound coming with it and a lot of new songs that people haven't heard," Wes tells us. "We're really, really excited." The album also carries a personal connection: Wes describes it as, in many ways, a tribute to drummer Brandon Carnegie, who is moving back to Australia. The band hopes to continue collaborating with him on new ideas across the distance. As Lighthouse Rd. looks ahead to its next chapter, readers can discover its music on Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music and @lighthouserd.theband

Local actor goes the distance

There's a new BC film shot here in the province called *A Safe Distance*. We sat down with the film's lead actress and associate producer, Bethany Brown.



Bethany Brown, Actor, Associate Producer

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OCT: Your film debuted at the Rio Theatre and screened at the Vancouver International Film Festival. A lot happens in the first 30 minutes, and we don't want to give too much away because we want viewers to experience it as we did. We spent the next half hour on the edge of our seats. It's the type of film where you know something bad is going to happen. Can you give us an overview of your character, Alex, and her transformation?

BB: That's such a task because the movie is set up so you see a snapshot of the ending and then bounce back to the beginning. My character, Alex, is a person who has spent her life trying to be a good woman, a girlfriend and daughter. She has a checklist of things she should check off to make sure she's good at all those things. But it doesn't leave much room for discovering herself, her own desires and her own identity. Basically, that's what you get through this movie: an ignition of female desire, which comes with some huge and unforeseen consequences about how that might affect the people around us as we endeavour to find ourselves.

OCT: Most of this film takes place in the great outdoors. It's like a film noir with a touch of erotica, set amid BC's beautiful scenery. Another strength is the chemistry you have with the other actress, Tandia Mercedes, who plays Kianna. Talk about your character's relationship with her.

BB: Kianna was really important to me. It was important to create chemistry and tension where it's like two magnets, and it's almost inevitable that they're going to collide. Whether the audience is rooting them on or going, "Oh, don't do it!" was the huge objective. One thing that helped was having about a month of rehearsals. We had time together to build trust, explore and get creative. We could think of fun ways to spark up that crackling chemistry on screen. We're so happy that's what audiences are taking away from it.

OCT: The chemistry is instant, so you spent time workshopping and getting to know each other. It's also great to see two strong female characters in a film. The men think they're strong, but they're clearly not.

BB: Maybe I'll leave that with you! No, I'm kidding, because I think we have four complex characters. In my book, nobody's ultimately good or bad. It's a series of decisions we each make, and the audience gets to judge whether they're on our side. I love our male characters because they try so hard and get so much right. Then there are these gaps. I think about Alex and her lack of communication. She doesn't communicate much of what she's feeling or wanting, or even give the other person the opportunity to say no or compromise. She comes from such a people-pleasing lens that doing that might feel burdensome. Obviously, she changes throughout the film. I love our male characters and the male actors as well. They're smart and emotionally intelligent. I can't rave enough about our cast. It really is a wonderful group of people.

OCT: We're certainly not criticizing them as actors because they're delivering their parts to move the story along.

BB: I understand each of them so well from their own perspective. I want it to be complex, and I want us to see ourselves and some of our own mistakes in these characters. We're all going to make mistakes.

OCT: Your character's transformation becomes apparent early on. You're on a camping trip with one of the male characters, and you come across as someone doing this for your partner's benefit rather than your own. We also love seeing actors expand their credentials off camera. People will recognize you from* The Flash, The 100, Charmed, The Good Doctor *and* Murder in a Small Town. *You're busy as an actor, but you're also the associate producer. The more tools in your arsenal, the better.

BB: I wanted to take on that role because, as you say, I've spent so many hours on set. I didn't want to miss opportunities to help. We had people taking on roles for the first time. Our director was directing a feature film for the first time, and we had someone in a supporting or another lead acting role for the first time. I didn't want there to be moments when I could have offered something but couldn't because I was only the lead actor. I wanted to come in as a producer and say, "Hey, I'll offer anything I can in my arsenal with any level of mentorship." I knew I could help us get over the line with distribution, a festival run, or even packaging if we needed to discuss that. During pre-production, I attended rehearsals. We also set things up so actors could meet me in a coffee shop to run lines, work on characters, do our bookwork and analyze the script together. It opened up opportunities for me to connect with different members of our team.

OCT: I love the fact that this movie premiered at SXSW.

BB: It sure did.

OCT: That's one of the coolest festivals on the planet. How exciting is it to bring this movie home? You were born in Burnaby and grew up in the Okanagan.

BB: It's weirdly special. Going to the other festivals felt far more like my job. I often go on location, but at the Rio Theatre, so many family and friends came out, and I'm thrilled. I texted them, saying, "Just so you know, there's intimacy and some violence in this film," because it's part of my job, and I wanted to warn them ahead of time. It's so different when you put it in the context of my friends and family who've known me since I was really little. They're coming to see this movie, and I'm like, "I still hope you like me after you see this film."

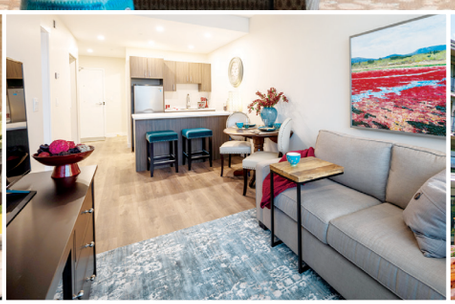


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