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Richmond’s Ben Dhiman is a second-generation Canadian farmer, and says the mega-housing-on-farmland debate has largely been missing the point. Little has been done to support current farmers—who need help with irrigation and drainage for starters.

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Big houses on farmland is 'much ado about nothing'

In the first of a two-part series, The Sentinel examines the housing-on-farmland issue.

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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Saving farmland for future generations is undeniably a noble endeavour.

But what's been drowned out by the public outcry at the flurry of 10,000-square-foot homes recently constructed on farmland, is the plight of the current crop of farmers, according to four Richmond farmers from multi-generational farming families.

It's these farming families—who are already struggling to make ends meet while doing high-risk, low-pay, labour-intensive work and drawing from a critically shallow pool of labourers—who stand to be "punished" if Richmond's current farmland housing rules are changed.

And that's a slap in their collective face, according to Dale Badh, Humraj Kallu, Ben Dhiman and Bill Zylmans.

They urge local residents to see beyond the political rhetoric that claims these "mega-homes" are a clear and present danger to the future of farming in Richmond.

It's a red herring issue, according to Badh, Kallu and Dhiman, one that's being weaponized for political purposes.



Photo by Chung Chow
 Richmond's Ben Dhiman on a tractor at his family's blueberry farm on Sidaway Road.

BIG HOMES NOT NEW

Big homes have been built on local farmland for decades.

When the late Milan Ilich, a prominent Richmond developer lauded for his philanthropy and civic-mindedness, built a palatial 22,000-plus-square-foot mansion on No. 3 Road, there were no protests on the streets or headlines decrying the loss of farmable land on Ilich's meticulously manicured, 20-plus-acre gated estate.

Large homes have also been built on No. 5 Road, Sidaway Road and No. 6 Road during the 1990s and 2000s.

So what's different this time around?

Is it the higher-profile locations of these homes, built in some cases across the street from residential areas? Or the proliferation of them? Is it the in-your-face nature of these imposing homes, because they're now built closer to the road to comply with civic bylaws intended to maximize farmable land out back? Or is it because there's increased public sensitivity to issues around food production and farmland and environmental conservation?

Badh, a long-time local realtor, said he believes the single biggest difference is that politicians are stirring the pot needlessly.

Rather than rallying the community together to discuss these issues and helping to increase public awareness and mutual understanding, Badh said the community is instead being driven apart, sometimes along cultural lines.

Whatever the reason, many local residents have voiced their outrage. Some have called for council to put a stop to 10,000-plus-square-foot homes and to bring local rules in line with a provincial guideline that's about half of that.

FARMERS IN NEED

Coun. Alexa Loo is among the majority of council who voted to maintain the current housing rules on farmland.

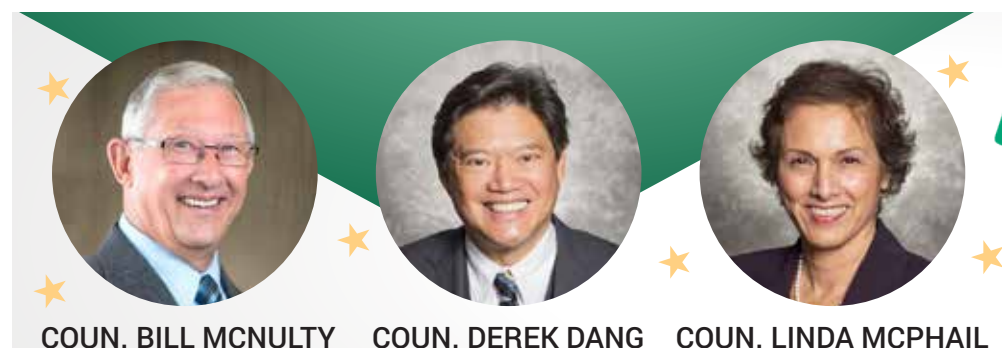
Asked why she voted this way, despite the vocal opposition, Loo said she chose to listen to those who farm for a living, rather than those who seemed to be speaking more from emotion than knowledge of the issues.

She spoke with members of the Richmond Farmland Owners Association to gain a better understanding of their viewpoints, businesses and the industry.

That's something Badh said he appreciated from Loo as well as the other members of council who also spoke with him and the farmland association: Bill McNulty, Linda McPhail, Derek Dang, Ken Johnston and Chak Au.

Badh said he's never been contacted by Coun. Harold Steves or Coun.

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Carol Day, and said he expected more leadership from them since they sit on council.

"These councillors are elected by the community. It's their job duty to come up with a solution. But with Carol and Harold, it's been a confrontation from day one. Are they the right type of people to lead our city?"

While Bill Zylmans isn't a member of the farmland owners association, he said not enough is being done to help out farmers.

Zylmans—a second-generation farmer whose family has been toiling on local farmland since the 1960s—was busy late last week preparing for the Sunday rain that was in the forecast, when he was reached by The Sentinel for his opinion.

The mega-housing-on-farmland controversy has become an easy-to-latch-onto issue, he said, that's been heavily politicized and transformed into simplistic, bite-sized portions for the public to consume.

Rather than focus on the size of the homes farmers are building on their own property, Zylmans said the city, province and federal government need to do more to help out farmers, who desperately need improvements

to both irrigation and drainage, for starters.

FUTURE IS NOW

Ben Dhiman can't understand why much of the conversation is about saving farmland for future generations.

As a second-generation farmer in Canada, he and his brother are part of the young generation of farmers, like Humraj Kallu, who is a full-time farmer.

But their efforts to keep farming alive in Richmond don't seem to be appreciated.

In fact, Dhiman noted that Dale Badh is being demonized in the press and on social media as a "realtor/farmer".

"I put all my income from the real estate side into the farming business," Badh said. "They don't look at that."

Said Dhiman: "He's actually kept farming viable in an area where it's so expensive and very difficult to do business in farming."

Dhiman and his brother also keep their family business afloat by working second jobs. Dhiman is a longshoreman.

"If you're trying to set something up for the future farmers, and you don't know who they are, that's another recipe for disaster," Dhiman said. "Why not ask what farmers need to help them today?"

Dhiman, Badh and Kallu were all critical of Coun. Harold Steves, and the

way he is portraying the issue to the general public.

"What is Harold protecting? He's talking about the future farmer when he's failing to realize what's at jeopardy now: the current farmer," Dhiman said.

MUCH NEEDED CAPITAL

Badh said Asian investors who are purchasing farms and constructing large homes on them, are unfairly being portrayed as villains.

"I think they're innocent victims," said Badh. "We are taking advantage of them. We tell them to invest...(and they are being told) we want your money, but we don't want you or your big houses."

But Badh said all this new development is providing much-needed capital that will benefit the community in many ways.

Aside from the property taxes that result from the property improvements, and the labour and materials that go into construction, these parcels of farmland will now almost assuredly be farmed to qualify for the farming tax exemption. If it's not, the property owner faces a massive tax bill on the entire property, rather than on just the portion where the home is built.

Asians coming to Richmond should be thanked for the money they bring with them that pays for roadways, hos-

pitals and infrastructure, he said.

LOCAL SUPPORT

If Richmonders really want to ensure the future of local farming, a simple change in their shopping habits will go a long way.

While Badh, Dhiman and Kallu said Richmond produces much more food today than a decade ago, a significant percentage goes to waste.

Locals should turn to their local farms for more of their daily needs. Instead, many spend their money elsewhere.

Big box retailers continue to bring in cheaper fruits and vegetables sourced from the United States and Mexico at prices that local farmers can't compete with.

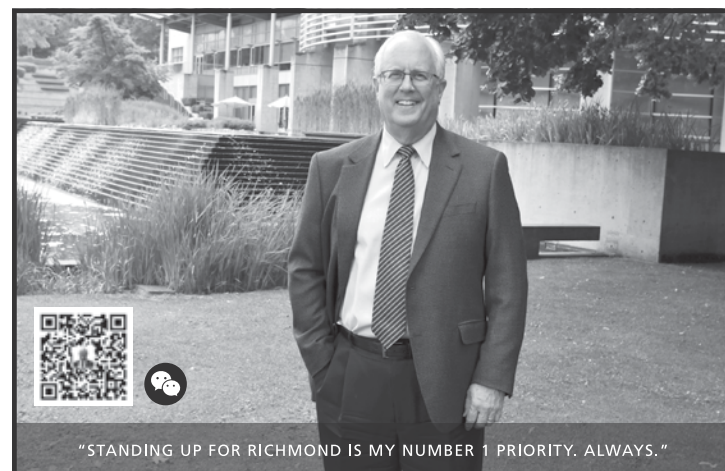
"People drive right in, buy their fruits and veggies, and are not supporting those who put their blood, sweat and tears into farming," Dhiman said.

Kallu said there's not much profit to be made in strawberries, blueberries and blackberries because of what's brought in from south of the border.

Bill Zylmans knows this story all too well. This past summer, despite having some of the best strawberries in the Lower Mainland, his sales were remarkably slow in July.

Where was the community support when he could have used it?

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Youth involvement high during civic election campaign

By **ANDREW HUNG**
Contributor

Despite being too young to vote in the upcoming municipal election, some students across Richmond are already getting involved through both local and national initiatives.

Students at H.J. Cambie Secondary School, Steveston-London Secondary School, and 11 elementary schools have been participating in Student Vote, a program that has served as a "parallel election for students" across Canada since 2003.

"Student Vote gives students a wonderful opportunity to explore their own political ideology, listen to the candidates, find a political ideology that resonates with them, learn about the election process and engage in the democratic process of voting," says Stephanie Christie, a social studies teacher who is heading Student Vote at Steveston-London.

In these weeks leading up to the municipal election, students are learning about government and the electoral process, as well as the platforms of the official candidates who are running.

During the last federal election, students at Steveston-London were also able to attend an all-candidate forum.

"It (Student Vote) turns the municipal election into an authentic opportunity for students by engaging them with a hands-on experience in real time, as opposed to learning about civics and citizenship from a textbook," says Sim-



Photo Andrew Hung
Youth at the Booth city program participants include, from left, Natalie Taylor, Justin Luk, Jensine Galano-Tan and Sasha Ramchandani.

rit Ollek, an educational facilitator who is in charge of Student Vote at Cambie.

The program also gives students a chance to voice their own opinions. At Cambie, some of the most discussed issues are tuition rates and support for mental health.

The conversations and research will culminate in 'Student Vote Day,' held right before the actual municipal election, where students will get to cast ballots for candidates they have been learning about.

"The candidates listed on the student ballot will be the same as the candidates on their parent's ballot," says Christie.

On Student Vote Day, students in Christie's Grade 10 Social Studies class will also be participating as electoral officers and scrutineers.

The results of the students' voting will be released only after the official ballots have been tabulated. But the

experience and dialogue arising from it will hopefully have a longstanding impact on all Richmond voters, not just students.

"Kids talk to their parents, they have that conversation, and hopefully that will encourage the parents to learn a little more, and go out to vote, and maybe even take their children to the polls with them," says Justinne Ramirez, the Elections Communications Specialist for Richmond Elections.

For some students, the political conversations with friends and family have already begun, says Ollek.

"They are developing their own world views and recognizing the importance of voting and being an active and engaged citizen," she says.

Piquing young people's interest about the election process is also the inspiration behind Youth at the Booth, a City of Richmond program that is hiring individuals between ages 15 and 18

to work during the weekend advance voting days and General Voting Day.

"The goal of the Youth at the Booth program is to involve future voters at a young age, which will likely increase their interest in voting when they turn 18," said a news release from the City of Richmond.

Election staff will have many duties on voting days, including directing electors to the correct election officials, informing electors on where to find the election results, and performing other general tasks throughout the voting place.

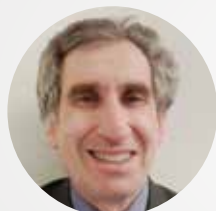
"Youth at the Booth is a first time for us, where we have youth working at the election with officials," says Ramirez.

"We think it's an excellent way to get students involved in the electoral process, and we are fortunate to have received so many applications from different parts of Richmond."

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Sports clubhouse

By **DON FENNELL**
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When Rein Weber looks out over Hugh Boyd Park, he's pleased to see many of the community's youth enjoying the Beautiful Game. But in his mind there's something missing.

A multi-purpose clubhouse.

Weber chairs Richmond FC, which oversees boys' soccer locally, and is the city's largest youth sports organization. But his want for a clubhouse extends beyond simply the playing field.

"We'd really like a clubhouse. (But

I also) think the city needs it," Weber says. "One of the things that's important is to have a facility that can be used all day, every day—a place you can run a daycare out of as well as seniors programs. All kinds of different uses. West Richmond Community Centre is already full, so they certainly understand the value of it."

From just a soccer perspective, Weber says Richmond lacks a facility to adequately host tournaments on a regular basis. A chronic lack of change rooms and washrooms, is at the very least inconvenient.

"Asking seven- and eight-year-olds to go from Francis (road) to the



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community centre to go to the bathroom, or to get water, is unreasonable. That's too far of a distance, and we can't have their coaches go back and forth with them."

The absence of a clubhouse also means the possibility of hosting national or international tournaments, is a non-starter, Weber says.

"Our volunteer base is fantastic and we were actually asked to host nationals repeatedly (in previous years) but had to turn it down because we didn't have the facilities," he explains. "We just ran provincials, and have been asked to run them again next year, but we also want to get involved in the over-55 Olympics that have expressed an interest in coming here. We want to do all those things, but we need proper facilities."

With the civic election Oct. 20, several candidates are also weighing in on the proposed clubhouse.

Longtime city councillor Ken Johnston supports the idea of building a clubhouse at Hugh Boyd Park. As council liaison for the West Richmond Community Association, he has been party to board discussions on the clubhouse, and is also a Richmond youth soccer referee, plays old-timer's soccer, and was the co-ordinator for soccer during the 2009 B.C. Seniors Games, played at Boyd, in 2009; a role he would welcome the opportunity to revive if Richmond is

awarded to 2020 Games.

"Hugh Boyd is a great facility and is used to capacity by our youth teams," Johnston says. "What is lacking at Hugh Boyd is a clubhouse that would support our local teams, but also attract other tournaments."

Incumbent independent councillor Alexa Loo says she is a "huge advocate" for such a project.

"When we invest in great facilities, it supports the coaches, officials and volunteers to deliver great programs and sporting opportunities to our athletes—of all ages," says Loo, who last year as an assistant coach with Richmond FC personally saw the need for better soccer facilities. "We need a fieldhouse, and we also need to ensure that the turf is replaced in a timely manner. Old turf causes injuries. Our kids and adults deserve to play on safe fields."

Bill McNulty, a city councillor since the 1990s, says he and his Richmond First candidate colleagues support the proposed project. He says he was able to get the project added to the city's inventory of initiatives in January 2018, explaining that four Rotary clubs in Richmond, along with Richmond Sports Council and reps from boys' and girls' soccer, as well as the West Richmond Community Association, developed the concept for a 10,000-square-foot multipurpose community building. He said the



Photo by Chung Chow

Richmond FC chair Rein Weber dreams of a new multi-purpose clubhouse at Hugh Boyd Park.

proposed building is to be two stories and have a balcony around it on the second level.

While the city will have to bear the primary cost of a proposed clubhouse, Richmond FC has already made a financial contribution of \$150,000. That was made four years ago, says Weber, to get the proverbial ball rolling.

"Things like building plans and feasibility studies," Weber explains.

"Now, we just need to have a willingness from the city, and we are getting there. The last update was that the city is taking a hard look at it."

Weber says the idea of a clubhouse at Hugh Boyd Park actually dates back to the early 2000s, and has since been met with ebbs and flows.

"We will continue to work hard at seeing this through," Weber says.


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Some gut bugs keep us healthy:

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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Richmond's Brett Finlay could have gone anywhere after he first got his PhD at the University of Alberta and then had a post-doc position at the prestigious Stanford University south of San Francisco under his belt.

"I was offered jobs at Harvard and MIT but I'm a Canadian. I wanted to come back to Canada."

At the time, Nobel Prize recipient Dr. Michael Smith was starting his biotech lab at the University of British Columbia.

"He was instrumental in recruiting me here to do good science in Canada. He was my boss for at least a dozen years. He's the reason I'm here."

Today, Finlay's position is the Peter Wall Distinguished Professor in the Michael Smith Laboratories at UBC. He acknowledges his job title is a mouthful. It gets longer: Finlay is also co-director and senior fellow for the Canadian Institute for Advance Research's Humans and Microbes Program.

"Historically I made my career my microbial disease like E. coli 0157 and salmonella, diarrhea causing microbes. About 10 years ago, we were as a lab wondering about all those other microbes in and on us, do they do anything?"

Finlay tells the story of how his career with gut bacteria morphed: "So then we started to look at if they could have an effect in diarrheal diseases."

Diarrhea is more than a nuisance. It is a killer. Around the world, it kills half a million children every year. Diarrhea kills more people every year than malaria or HIV. Finding a way to make people more resistant to it, could save many lives.

Instead of studying humans directly, Finlay started small, with mice: "We looked at mouse strains that were resistant and those who would die of the disease. Then, we did fecal transfers."

Finlay found that when the poop from the healthy mice, who could stave off diarrhea, went into a kind of mice who got the scoots very easily, the sick mice got better. If they did a poop transplant from the mice who usually got diarrhea into the mice who didn't, the healthy mice became ones who got diarrhea easily."

Finlay discovered that by changing the gut bacteria, you could change how healthy they were.

"It was a remarkable finding. That opened the Pandora's box for us, or black hole," he says with a smile.

While poop transplants have moved into the human realm, Finlay cautions they don't cure everything.

"That got us into the world of (gut bacteria). We all knew the bugs were there, but didn't know what they do in terms of life in general," Finlay says.

Then the work took another turn. Finlay and his coworkers started to look at how these gut bacteria might actually influence the immune system. The immune system is there to weed out bad bugs but when it goes into overdrive, people can have things like allergies and asthma.

In what Finlay calls a major finding they discovered that people who had four specific bacteria in their digestive tract had a low risk of developing asthma.

"And if you're lacking (these bugs), you have a very high risk of developing asthma," he says.

Before his lab's discovery, scientists knew the statistics but didn't know why.

"We knew the risks for asthma," Finlay says. Today, 20 per cent of Canadian children have asthma. That's a percentage that comes up a lot.

Before Finlay's group's research, scientists knew if a baby were born by C-section it had a 20 per cent greater chance of developing asthma.

If a baby is breast fed, its chance of asthma is 20 per cent less than bottle-fed babies. A pet in the house drops asthma risk by 20 per cent and living on a farm drops your asthma risk by 20 per cent. Bottom line: breast feeding, pets, farms all meant you were less likely to have asthma while not being born vaginally meant you were more likely to develop asthma. Why?

Finlay, through his research, found the common thread to all those statistics was these four gut bacteria. They don't make people sick. In fact, they make people healthier.

Finlay's views were transformed. Equipped with the scientific proof that these germs are valuable, he continues his research and now he's written a book, "Let Them Eat Dirt: Saving your Child from an Over-sanitized World."

The book tells parents how dirty to let your kids get to make them healthier throughout their entire life.

"It's a book designed for the average person. You don't need to be a scientist to understand it," says Finlay. "It outlines the rapidly changing new science about how microbes can impact your kids and what you as a parent should do about it."

He says of his book, "We detail how the parent can embrace these microbes. You don't have to use hand wash 20 times a day. Soap and water before dinner is a lot. We've been getting dirty for a million years."

Finlay speaks wistfully about his childhood, "When I was a kid we were out in the dirt all the time. We built forts all the time. I grew up in Edmonton and moved

new research

to Richmond when I moved to UBC in 1989."

When asked what he thinks of Richmond, Finlay says, "It's great! We're fortunate we live on the dyke. We get all the dirt we want out there."

Finlay says, "We've known for 125 years that germs cause disease. We have been hell bent for the last 125 years to get rid of microbes. Hygiene works; the amount of infectious diseases in the last 125 years has gone way down."

But he says, we have gone too far: "I call this the hygiene hangover. We are getting so clean now that we are depriving ourselves of the little microbes (that we need to be healthy)."

Noting the number of kids with asthma has risen since the 1950s, when antibiotics first became widely available, antibiotics that may damage the good bugs in or on our body, Finlay says, "We know this lack of microbes pushes you towards asthma. Allergens do play a role. Allergens are not new. Why this sudden increase?"

Switching from mice to humans, Finlay's been busy. "Genome BC funded a fantastic study looking at 3,500 children across the country to study the microbes in respect to allergy and asthma. With that, we were able to study their microbes and the molecules they make and other factors they make. Now, we are really spring-boarding off that with a \$10 million grant to several of us to really nail it down," he says.

"The microbes, they help your immune system develop normally," says Finlay. He says that if you don't get enough of these bugs in your system, you are at more risk for asthma (because) the immune system is not being developed properly. It's changing how we think of the world."

There are many questions they hope to answer with their Genome BC grant such as, "Can we put these microbes back into kids if they don't have them?"



Photo by
Chung Chow
Brett Finlay
enjoys his
garden, and all
its dirt, near
the dyke in
Richmond.

Finlay continues Michael Smith's legacy. Dr. Smith worked in genetics and genomics, the study of DNA, the stuff of life, the script that writes the stories of our lives, just as Finlay and his group do today.

This week there are many celebrations recognizing the 25th anniversary of Michael Smith's Nobel Prize for discovering a technique in chemistry. According to the Michael Smith Foundation for Medical Research: "This (genetic) technique has become one of the foundations of biotechnology and has given rise to new diagnostic tests and treatments for genetic diseases."

Many also reminisce about a man who was well-loved by those he met and those who worked with him. One outstanding thing about Dr. Smith is the number of women researchers he took on board in his lab, encouraged to excel and who, unlike the norm, stayed in science and soared.

BC's first Nobel Prize came with approximately \$1 million. Smith used that money not for himself or even his own research pet projects but to further research into the genetics of mental health, to support science awareness through Science World, and to encourage more girls to go into science through the

Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology. Those endowments continue to this day to further Dr. Smith's goals.

When he later won Royal Bank Award for Canadian Achievement, he gave the companion grant to the BC Cancer Foundation. Later, the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) was formed. It is British Columbia's health research funding agency, funded by the province of BC. In honour of Dr. Smith, MSFHR helps develop, retain and recruit the talented people whose research improves the health of British Columbians, addresses health system priorities, creates jobs and adds to the knowledge economy.

Finlay remembers Dr. Smith: "He was an incredibly enthusiastic warm, gentle, great person. He loved science. He absolutely loved science and hearing about new things. He let us have as much as we could to let us do our thing. His job as director of the biotech lab was to facilitate us doing what we could do best: science."

Finlay points out that the lab was renamed in honour of its founder: "The Michael Smith lab has flourished ever since. I couldn't ask for anything more."

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14 candidates: In their own words

A record 62 candidates are seeking to serve on Richmond City Council or the Richmond Board of Education.

In this edition of *The Richmond Sentinel*, we are featuring 14 candidates (Jason Zhen Ning Li did not submit his responses) who were not featured in our last edition, which was dedicated entirely to the 2018 Civic Election.

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—Martin van den Hemel, Managing Editor

MAYORALTY CANDIDATE



Name: Roy Sakata
Party: Independent
High School: Campbell River Secondary
Post-secondary: UBC, SFU

Richmond Resident since: 1970

Occupation: Retired school teacher/principal

Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? Running for office to continue being of service to Richmond community.

Role model: My mother, Shigeko Sakata

Political role model: Tommy Douglas

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

Richmond news media and discussions with community members show that Richmond Citizens want a meaningful voice and involvement in important Richmond City Council decisions that have impact on their community and lives. The top four issues appear to be:

- Unaffordable house for the young—Provide incentives to developers who create social housing and explore leasing city land to developers to reduce construction costs, to raise lease revenue to lower taxes and provide lower cost homes for young families and youth.

- Monster homes on ALR (Agricultural Land Reserve) properties—Change house size bylaw to maximum 5,000 square feet as advised by City Staff. The current 10,000 square feet size is unacceptable on ALR.

- Traffic congestion—I will explore the possibility if a ferry system between Steveston B.C. and Ladner, B.C. with encouragement for entrepreneurial minibuses links to Richmond's industrial and residential areas.

- Mayor/city council that have lost touch with Richmond Citizens—In the first 100 days, with the leadership of Richmond senior management, involvement of city staff and a citizens' advisory committees, I will conduct comprehensive community center forums to seek maximum citizens input to guide the development of Richmond City's Vision, Goals, Action Strategies and Implementation plans with timelines and achievement indicators.

COUNCIL CANDIDATES



Name: Adil Awan
Party: Independent
High school: Richmond High
Post-secondary: Kwantlen

Richmond resident since: 1974

Occupation: Air transport pilot

Bike/Bus/Car? All

Role models: My parents

Political role model: Barack Obama

Why are you running for office? I want to be the independent voice dedicated to bringing your voice back to city council.

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Mega Mansions on Farmland—The Ministry of Agriculture guidelines is a max of 5,382 sq. ft. with an option to build a second home for farm workers or family that work on the farm which can be 3,339 sq. ft. The farmer will require proof that they are in fact farmers and they are entitled to have enough space to house the workers, otherwise the max allowed is 5,382 sq. ft. Do you really need a 10,000 or 20,000 sq. ft. house? I will advocate in limiting house sizes to 5,382 sq. ft. If we allow mega mansions to be built on farmland, we will continue to lose our ALR land to speculators.

- Code of Ethics for Councillors—Responsible conduct is grounded in elected officials conducting them-

selves with honesty and integrity and in a way that furthers a local government's ability to provide good governance to their community. Good governance includes:

1) Providing for the stewardship of a community's public assets, 2) Providing services, laws and other matters for community benefit, 3) Acting in a way that is accountable, transparent, ethical, respectful of the rules of law, collaborative, effective and efficient. We cannot have city councillors recuse themselves from voting on decisions that affect the residents of Richmond. Either you are working for yourself or you are working for the citizens of Richmond. You can't have it both ways. We must have open, transparent and accountable government.

- Community safety and security—When we called Richmond home in 1974, we were able to leave the house unlocked. Those days are gone. We must support our first responders in the tools they need to make our neighbourhoods and communities safer. We need to allocate more resources to our police, fire and ambulance services to enable them to do their jobs in a safe and efficient manner. I will advocate in proposing outreach programs in assisting our youth, homeless and the less fortunate to better integrate into our society and in turn make valuable contributions to our city.

- Affordable housing—Affordable is defined as meaning that no more than 30 per cent of the gross income of a household is spent on housing costs

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I will work with all levels of government to explore different options such as a vacancy tax, lane-way houses, coach houses, smaller lots for smaller houses. The City of Richmond affordable housing strategy states that 10 per cent of units be allocated to affordable housing. I am proposing that be increased to 20 per cent. We need to be proactive when it comes to housing, and I will negotiate stronger deals with developers to ensure our housing needs are met. I will end the practice of developers offering token amounts to the city for fast tracking development permits. If they want to build in Richmond, they will need to step up to the plate and assist in our housing strategy plans.



Name: Dennis Page
Party: Independent
High School: McNair
Post-secondary: Langara, BCIT
Richmond resident

since: 1982
Occupation: Journalist / digital media producer

Bike/bus/car? I used the car to get around Richmond. I use(d) transit to get to BCIT and Langara. As for biking, in the summer I like to ride to Steveston from the Horseshoe Slough Trail.

Why are you running for office? After multiple terms, with essentially the same councillors, Richmond council has produced mainly half measures on hot-button issues.

Role model: Mom
Political role model: Harold Steves

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

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I want to start with something positive. This summer, when the monster house issue was voted on in council—all it would have taken to get a different result—is two councillors siding with Mayor Brodie, Harold Steves, and Carol Day.

So the first issue facing Richmond is a need to a shake-up in council. Being that most of our councillors are multiple term ones, and are not likely to change their viewpoints on similar issues—the only way to get any kind of change at city hall, is to vote in a different council.

The next major issue facing Richmond is the realization that all that glitters isn't gold—and that much of the wealth pouring into the city was tainted.

So, while some would like to turn a blind eye to the obvious, and continue with a "Business as Usual" approach, complete with the same old views and prejudices, I would like to see the city help to weed out corruption and exploitation in our neighbourhoods.

Clamping down on the proceeds of crime, and other practices that work against a healthy community—doesn't have to mean an economic down turn.

In fact, Richmond is well situated to benefit greatly, from the multi-billion dollar elephant in the room—the legal cannabis industry.

New sources of income and job opportunities are on the horizon, while others that have been strong for years are drying up. From investors, people looking for good, professional careers—1000s of jobs will be created.

Whether you support the cannabis industry or not—fact is, it will be legal in Canada come October, and a modern, sensible approach is what council should take—rather than a "Reefer Mad-

ness" attitude, based on outdated prejudices.

Finally, we need to address the housing affordability issue.

Without people being able to put down roots, we run the risk of our neighbourhoods becoming vacation homes for our wealthiest, and dormitories for international students and foreign temporary workers.

I've lived in Richmond since the second grade, and I know it has everything it needs to be great.

Common sense and a bit more focus on what's best for home—and less reliance on international needs and money sources—will be my guiding principles as your councillor.



Name:

Jason Tarnow

Party: Independent

High School:

Richmond High

Post-secondary:

UVic, University of Manchester

Richmond resident since: Birth (1980)

Occupation: Lawyer

Bike/bus/car? Depends on my destination, but I use all those modes of transportation.

Why are you running for office?

I am running for council because I have grown tired of watching City Hall cater to those with the most money and dismiss the concerns of the average citizen.

Role model: My beautiful and hard-working wife, Aina.

Political role model: Nelson Mandela

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Affordable housing—While housing prices appear to be dropping somewhat, getting into the housing market remains a tremendous obstacle for Richmond's younger population. Too many

homes are left unoccupied and the vacancy rate of rental units is low. Because of this, Richmond is experiencing too many people being forced out of the city which they have always called home.

- Transportation and traffic congestion—We have a fairly good public transportation system in Richmond, but I'd like to see it more accessible to youths and lower-income adults by lowering or scaling fares based on income. The more people who can access public transit, the less cars Richmond will have on its roads. Another way to reduce traffic is to openly lobby the provincial government and to express support for ride-sharing companies like Lyft and Uber to operate. Bicycle-sharing is on its way, which will be great! But I would like to see Richmond to take it a step further and permit one of these new electric scooter-sharing companies like Bird or Lime to operate here. They are innovative, reduce vehicle traffic, and have zero-emissions.

- Protecting farmlands—Anyone who's driven by 4 Road & Steveston Highway or seen the south end of 2 Road knows that preserving Richmond's farmlands hasn't been high on Richmond's list of priorities. It's troubling to see these massive mansions being constructed over such fertile soil. I also find it shameful that the provincial government is being forced to step in and legislate reasonable limits to housing sizes on ALR lands when our municipal government won't.

- Cannabis legalization—Canada is on the eve of legalization and the position of the current mayor and council prohibiting retail sales will only translate into millions of lost tax dollars that could be driven back into city programming and build infrastructure that could

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benefit Richmond for years to come. The rhetoric and misinformation coming from our current municipal government on cannabis legalization has no factual basis to it and is a stark contradiction to city hall's affinity for alcohol, which is becoming widely available at community functions and is a substance we know to cause far greater societal damage in comparison to cannabis. In my view, Richmond's economy would only be strengthened by the jobs that could be created by legalization and the taxes gained from it being sold at the retail level.



Name: Patrick S. Saunders
Party: Independent
High School: Steveston
Post-secondary: Kwantlen and VCC

Richmond resident since: 1969
Occupation: Consultant/home-maker

Bike/bus/car? Minivan, bus, Sky-Train

Why are you running for office? A sense of community duty

Role model: My mother

Political role model: Winston Churchill and Tommy Douglas

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

I have lived in Richmond for 49 of my 51 years, I have 3 school age children one with global challenges. I have travelled to 5 of 7 continents giving me a global perspective. I am running council again as I still feel it needs to be a balanced common sense approach.

- Richmondites to RETHINK what it means when the word affordable housing is used to most it means supportive or subsidized housing, why not third more viable option of public or private owned leasehold. The were various levels of government can retain ownership of the land Build 2, 3, 4 bedroom townhomes and mixed condo's

and lease them for 99 years to young families—single parents, first responders, city workers, societies that help the elderly, disabled, mental health and yes the addicted. As this approach is \$100,000 to \$300,000 it is a lot less than \$2 million plus cost of current housing.

- Richmondites to RETHINK permanent taxation and introduce the idea of temporary tax you know like Income tax was suppose to be, called a "Levy," that citizens put forward for referendum (initiative) we vote and said project is funded with a firm start and stop date. The idea also being this gives council its mandate.

- Richmondites to RETHINK and relocate the vitally needed boxed in Richmond General Hospital to a more organic location and like the Airport and engage our First Nations in this initiative. As well as replace the Gateway Theatre with a BIGGER venue more inline with our cities population.

- Richmondites to RETHINK Elder

care and Daycare's what is community spirit. Why not have daycares and senior centre's as one. I wish when I was young and my parents worked I had grand parents and I know many elderly that light up when they see youth—both have a story to tell.



Name: Zhang Zhe
Richmond resident since: 2018

Occupation: IT

Why are you running for office? It's a part of my

spiritual journey. Serve all people, not special interest group.

Role model: Vimalakirti

Political role model: Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

No 1 issue is the housing affordability. My solution is to tax the persons

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Are you eligible to vote?

You may vote as a resident elector if you:

- are a Canadian citizen
- are at least 18 years old on General Voting Day (Saturday, October 20, 2018)
- have lived in Richmond for at least 30 days before registering to vote
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months before registering to vote
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Non-Resident Property Elector

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When and where can you vote?

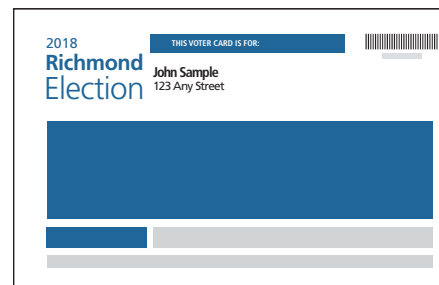
There are three ways you can vote:

1. General Voting Day

General Voting Day is on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voting divisions will be used on General Voting Day, which means that you must vote at your designated neighbourhood voting place for your division. If you're a non-resident property elector voting on October 20, you must vote at the designated neighbourhood voting place for the division in which your property is located.

Registered voters will receive a voter card in the mail that will indicate your designated voting place for October 20. A voter card is not necessary to vote. If you did not receive a voter card, you may find out where to vote at richmond.ca/elections, download the Richmond Election app (available on Apple and Android devices), or contact the Richmond Elections Office.

Sample voter card



Please come to your voting place prepared. Bring your voter card if you received one, as well as two pieces of ID. One piece must include your signature.

The voting places for General Voting Day are:

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- RC01 Spul'u'kwuks Elementary School: 5999 Blanshard Dr
- RC02 Quilchena Elementary School: 3760 Moresby Dr
- RC03 Gilmore Elementary School: 8380 Elsmore Rd
- RC04 Grauer Elementary School: 4440 Blundell Rd
- RC05 Blair Elementary School: 6551 Lynas Lane
- RC06 McKay Elementary School: 7360 Lombard Rd
- RC07 Brighthouse Elementary School: 6800 Azure Rd
- RC08 Kiwanis Towers: 7378 Gollner Ave
- RC09 Minoru Place Seniors Centre: 7660 Minoru Gate
- RC10 Talmey Elementary School: 9500 Kilby Dr
- RC11 Tomsett Elementary School: 9671 Odlin Rd
- RC12 Anderson Elementary School: 9460 Alberta Rd
- RC13 Sea Island Elementary School: 1891 Wellington Cres
- RC14 MacNeill Secondary School: 6611 No. 4 Rd
- RC15 Kwantlen Polytechnic University: 8771 Lansdowne Rd
- RC16 City Centre Community Centre: 5900 Minoru Blvd

RICHMOND - EAST (RE)

- RE01 General Currie Elementary School: 8220 General Currie Dr
- RE02 Palmer Secondary School: 8160 St. Albans Rd
- RE03 Walter Lee Elementary School: 9491 Ash St
- RE04 Debeck Elementary School: 8600 Ash St
- RE05 Tait Elementary School: 10071 Finlayson Dr
- RE06 Kate McNeely Elementary School: 12440 Woodhead Rd
- RE07 Kingswood Elementary School: 11511 King Rd
- RE08 Whiteside Elementary School: 9282 Williams Rd
- RE09 McNair Secondary School: 9500 No. 4 Rd
- RE10 Woodward Elementary School: 10300 Seacote Rd
- RE11 Hamilton Elementary School: 5180 Smith Dr

RICHMOND - SOUTH (RS)

- RS01 Dixon Elementary School: 9331 Diamond Rd
- RS02 Manoah Steves Elementary School: 10111 Fourth Ave
- RS03 Lord Byng Elementary School: 3711 Georgia St
- RS04 Diefenbaker Elementary School: 4511 Hermitage Dr
- RS05 Homma Elementary School: 5100 Brunswick Dr
- RS06 Wowk Elementary School: 5380 Woodward Rd
- RS07 Steveston-London Secondary School: 6600 Williams Rd
- RS08 Westwind Elementary School: 11371 Kingfisher Dr
- RS09 Blundell Elementary School: 6480 Blundell Rd
- RS10 Maple Lane Elementary School: 7671 Alouette Dr
- RS11 McMath Secondary School: 4251 Garry St

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Wednesday, October 10

Richmond City Hall: 6911 No. 3 Rd

Thursday, October 11

Richmond City Hall: 6911 No. 3 Rd

Kwantlen Polytechnic University:
8771 Lansdowne Rd

Friday, October 12

Richmond City Hall: 6911 No. 3 Rd

Saturday, October 13

Richmond City Hall: 6911 No. 3 Rd

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Cambie Secondary School: 4151 Jacombs Rd
McMath Secondary School: 4251 Garry St
McRoberts Secondary School:
8980 Williams Rd

3. Mail Ballot

If you will be away for all voting opportunities, or have a physical disability; illness; and/or injury that will affect your ability to vote in person, you may request to vote by mail ballot. Contact the Elections Office by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2018 to make a request. Completed ballots must be received by October 20, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. PST in order to be counted.

How do you register to vote?

First, find out if you are already registered to vote in the 2018 Richmond Election by visiting richmond.ca/elections, checking the Richmond Election app, or contacting the Elections Office.

You can register to vote at your voting place. Please bring at least two valid IDs (identification documents) with you.

If you are a non-resident property elector, please contact the Richmond Elections Office.

Examples of acceptable ID (not limited to these):

- BC Driver's Licence
- BC Identification card issued by ICBC
- BC Services Card (includes both non-photo BC Services Card or photo BC Services Card)
- Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC
- BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard
- Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8 ("Monthly Form EA181")
- Social Insurance Number card
- Canadian Citizenship Card
- Property tax notice
- Credit card or debit card
- Utility bill (including electricity, natural gas, water, telephone services, coaxial cable services)
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- Bring a friend or family member to assist you with reading or marking your ballot.
- Request to vote by mail.
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- Request to have curb-side voting at the voting place. Call the Elections Office right before you arrive at your voting place.

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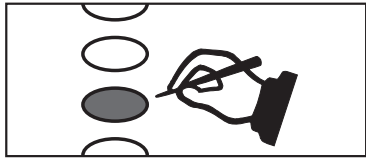
If you need help with translation, you may:

- Bring a friend or family member who will translate for you when you vote.
- Use the translated voting instructions at your voting place available in French, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, and Punjabi.
- Read voting information in the Voter’s Guides translated in French, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, and Punjabi available at richmond.ca/elections, at the Richmond Elections Office, or other community service centres.

Ballots are only available in English.

How do you mark your ballot?

To vote, fill in the oval beside your choice(s).



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In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, each candidate's city of residence is noted below the candidate's name in this Notice of Election.

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who own more than one home and the new buyers who make third-time purchase, at the same time, use these taxes to subsidize the renters and the homeowners who only have one property.

For second home tax, the method is as follows:

If there is only one home, then it doesn't matter if the homeowner lives in this home or not, it is always considered a reasonable investment and is not subject to taxation.

If a homeowner has two homes, there are two scenarios:

A, one home is in Richmond, the another one outside Richmond, but still in Metro Vancouver.

B, both are in Richmond.

Depending on whether or not the homeowner actually live in this home,, these two scenarios can continue to be subdivided into five situations:

A1, the homeowner does not live in these two homes;

A2, the homeowner lives in a Richmond home;

A3, the homeowner lives in a home outside of Richmond, but that home is still in metro Vancouver;

B1, the homeowner does not live in these two homes;

B2, the homeowner lives in one of Richmond's homes;

For A1, it is considered speculative and a tax of 0.45% of assessed value is imposed;

For A2, it is considered a reasonable investment, no tax;

For A3, it is considered a lite version speculation and a 0.2% tax is imposed;

For B1, it is considered speculative and a tax of 0.35% is imposed;

For B2, it is regarded as speculation, the tax is not collected from the home that homeowner lives, and the another home is subject to a tax of 0.1%;

If there are three or more homes, it can be subdivided into two cases:

C1, the homeowner lives in a home

outside of Richmond;

C2, the homeowner lives in one of Richmond's homes;

For C1, it is considered speculative and a tax of 0.55% is imposed;

For C2, it is considered speculative, there is no tax on home that owner lives, and for other homes in Richmond, a tax of 0.3% is imposed.

There are some exemptions for this second home tax, for more details and other measures, including the third-time buyers tax that I didn't elaborate, please refer to my website: <https://zhangzhe.ca/platform>

since: 1990

Occupation: Chartered Accountant (CPA)

Bike/bus/car? Car, sadly

Why are you running for office? To prioritize core academics and oppose SOGI

Role model: Jesus

Political role model: Winston Churchill

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Core academics—we need to support teachers to ensure students do not fall behind in core requirements

- Facilities—focus on safety by completing earthquake upgrades, avoiding the use of portables and prioritizing renovations.

- SOGI—Richmond parents have made it clear that they do not want SOGI 123 material taught in schools and that the policy infringes on their parental, religious and cultural rights. We need to repeal and correct this

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Party: Independent

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poorly thought out policy.

- Foundation Skills Assessment—We need to increase participation in order to know how our children are doing academically.



Name: Sergio Arrambide
Party: Independent
High School: American Institute of Monterrey
Post-secondary: PrepaTec
Richmond resident since: 2018
Occupation: International public policy
Bike/bus/car? Bus
Why are you running for office? My wife and I have three children and education is very important for all of them.
Role model: Jesus
Political role model: Jack Layton
What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Student safety—Student safety is


important. Some students don't feel safe at home and the least that we can do is make sure that all students feel safe in school.

- School Development—School development is an issue in our City Centre and other areas. It is important to build alliances with developers and make sure that one of their priorities is to provide space for public schools. Another temporary alternative is to invest in modular schools to provide the services where needed, when needed.
- Parent Involvement in Student Education—Parent involvement in student education is critical. Some parents spend too much time at work and don't have time to understand everything that is happening in our education system. I would like to build the Richmond Centre for Education Policy Studies. An independent forum for debate of Canada's education policy with strong internal research capacity. Covering all education policy areas, it

will be a place to exchange ideas and produce potential solutions for the formulation of education public policies in Canada through research, events, and publishing. Richmond Parents will play a leadership role in this project.

- Change Policy 801 and Policy 801-R which reduce parent involvement in Student Education—Parents concerns should also be placed on the agenda of board discussion for the appointment of a responsible party to solve the concern. This guarantees that the concern is registered in public records and that the public has full visibility. The objective is to promote the efficiency of all parties involved in matters that have to do with addressing and efficiently resolving parental concerns. Keeping an online score board that shows how many concerns have been reported, how many have been resolved, and which person is delaying the resolution of the concern is recommended. One of my priorities

is parental satisfaction and this is why any member of the board of education must have empowerment to place a parental concern on the agenda for consideration. Every parent concern is a priority.



Name: Andrea Gong-Quinn
Party: Independent
High School: Educated in Shanghai
Post-secondary: Shanghai University
Richmond resident since: 2000
Occupation: Mother and wife
Bike/bus/car? Car
Why are you running for office? To participate and contribute to our education system as a parent with a child currently attending public school
Role model: My mother
What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

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Gilbert Road Sewer Upgrade – Elmbridge Way to Blundell Road

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The Gilbert Road Sewer is a large pipe that collects most of the sewage in the City of Richmond and conveys it south to the Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. The existing sewer is currently operating at full capacity, making regular inspection and maintenance costly and highly disruptive to the community.

Starting this fall, Metro Vancouver will begin work on the construction of the second phase of a sewer line next to the existing pipe along Gilbert Road, from Elmbridge Way to Blundell Road.


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To learn more about the project, or to sign up for project updates, please visit:
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Panelist Q & A

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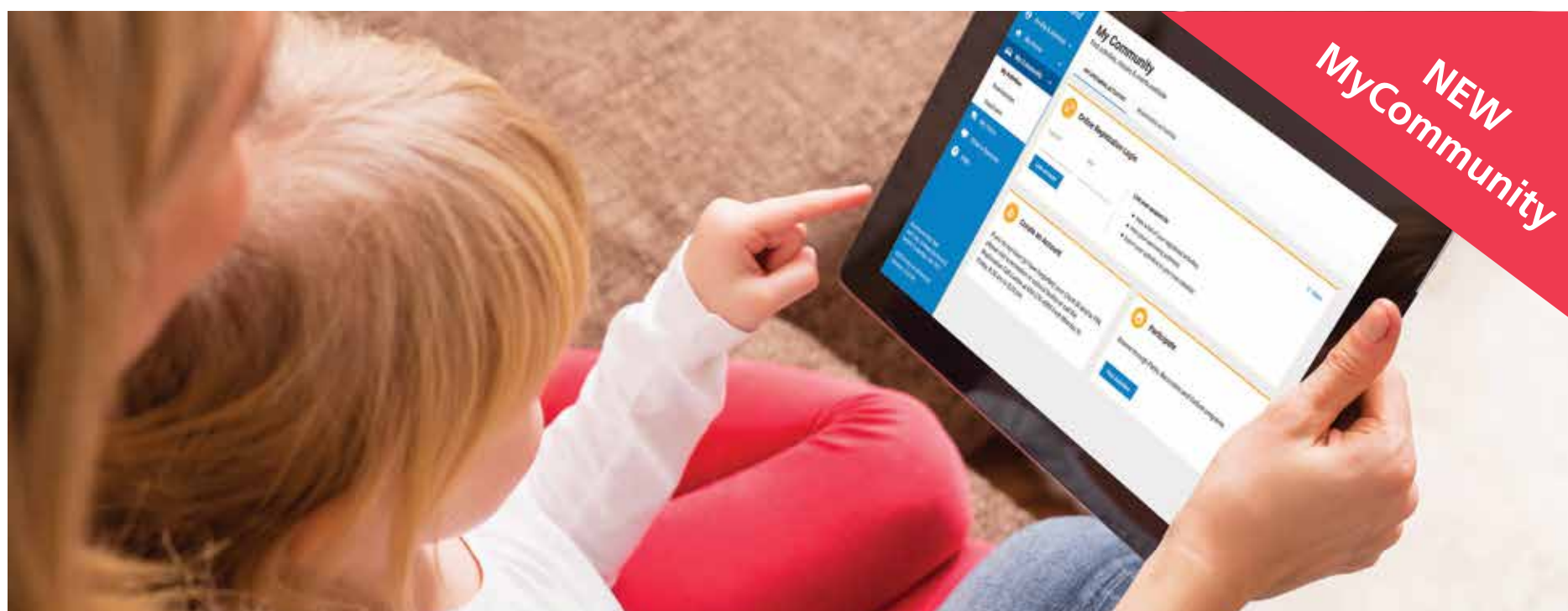
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• SOGI policy has divided our diversified multicultural community. This can't be ignored. I think the constructive way is to engage parents, teachers and community inputs and review it. We shall work on a policy that is inclusive and respectful to all students regardless their family background, religion, culture and sex orientation. Every student deserves to feel comfortable and be protected at school. Let's bring common sense back and restore the trust and confidence in our education system.

• Advocate school development in city centre and seismic upgrades of schools in need.

• Prohibit any marijuana related product in and nearby school area.

• Work with the city and province to provide sufficient resources for our schools.



Name: James Li
Party: Independent
Post-secondary: Tongji University
Richmond resident since: 2004

Occupation: Child care teacher, travel consultant

Bike/bus/car? I live in city centre, so I walk a lot. I also walk to work. However I have to drive my child to and from school. We need a school in city center!

Why are you running for office? Voice for children and parents in community

Role model: Tony Robbins

Political role model: Mother Teresa

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Respect Parental Rights—Improve communication between school district and parents, Enhance family's involvement and protect all children. It takes a village to raise a child! School

district should work closely with parents in education and making any major policy.

• Improve Quality of Education—Compare to other school district and other provinces, Richmond School District has a lot of room for improvement. According to a report in 2016, student funding in BC is the second worst in Canada.

• Promote Chinese Immersion Program—Chinese is the most spoken language in the world and Richmond is the gateway to Asia-Pacific. Learning Chinese in School will benefit our children to find job or do business locally and globally in the future. Chinese immersion program has already been implemented in some schools in Vancouver, Burnaby and Coquitlam.

• Improve Support for Children with Special Needs—I worked with child with special needs as support teacher in preschool in Richmond. I under-

stand that families with special needs children are facing more challenge than other families. They need more support in resources, funding and supporting staff.



Name: Ivan Pak
Party: Independent
High School: Ackworth School (UK)
Post-secondary: University of Warwick (UK)

Richmond resident since: 1996-2001, 2015-Present

Occupation: IT consultant

Bike/bus/car? Car, bike

Why are you running for office? To promote parents engagement in education system.

Role model: Sun Yat-sen

Political role model: Sun Yat-sen

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

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• School safety—prohibit all cannabis products in school, establish workshops for students and parents to understand how cannabis will affect health to our young generation

• Student support—Continue in support of special needs students, and their family by allocate more resources to teachers and schools.

• Parental Engagement—Encourage parents to participate in our education system.

• Build new school in city center, and upgrade more school facilities to meet seismic standards.

I want to build an effective communication platform between parents and school officials. Communication keeps us connected, keeps us understand each other, keeps us respect our differences, and most importantly keeps us TOGETHER in the community. If I am elected, I will work with our school officials, students, parents and other school trustees to build a safe, inclusive, professional education system.



Name: Jeffrey Smith
Party: Independent
High School: Okemos High school
Post-secondary: UVic

Richmond resident since: 2008

Occupation: Post secondary teacher/instructor

Bike/bus/car? I use all three forms of transportation but I prefer biking

Why are you running for office? To ensure that our children are provided education that help them become successful and build a strong community

Role model: Father

Political role model: Barack Obama

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

• Funding for Incentive and other accelerated learning programs—I believe we owe it to our children in giving them the continued opportunity of participating in these programs that challenge them academically and provide outdoor activities that allow for personal growth and learning to exceed their expectations and provide them with the tools for success. We should also be staffing to appropriate levels to ensure such programs continue the close parent/teacher communication that are crucial in the success of our children in these programs and elsewhere in our schools.

• Mental health awareness—I believe in supporting and promoting any initiatives that promote mental health

awareness for our students and teachers. We need to better recognize these symptoms and provide the understanding and necessary support required in helping deal with the stresses from learning or personal issues.

• Updating technologies in the classroom—I believe that funding for technology should be ongoing in order to improve the learning of all students and also giving teachers a better tool

in providing instruction more effectively and efficiently.

• Expansion of elective courses—I believe that we should be providing more electives for students that are aligned with the new curriculum and expectations set by post-secondary institutions. We should also be continuing our focus on allowing input from

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Front row left to right: Natalie Meixner, President & CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation, Laurie Cavanaugh, Gurdip & Paramjit Sandhu.

Back row left to right: Maureen Ilich, Rick Ilich, Reena & Amit Sandhu.



2018 PhD of Inspiration Awards

Front row left to right: Gary Wong, Aspac Developments Ltd., Maurice & Stacy White, Pius Chan and Ludia Li, Vancouver Diamond Lions Club.

Back row, left to right: Kyle Shury, Board Chair, Richmond Hospital Foundation, Ryan Laurin, Aspac Developments Ltd., Freeman Lane, Aspac Developments Ltd., Natalie Meixner, President & CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation, Jennifer MacKenzie, Chief Operating Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health – Richmond.



2018 Doctor of Philanthropy Awards

Front row left to right: Liang Fung, Coromandel Properties Ltd., Manmohan & Kusum Vij, Kin Wah & Queenie Leung, Kin's Management Ltd.

Back row, left to right: Kyle Shury, Board Chair, Richmond Hospital Foundation, Jennifer MacKenzie, Chief Operating Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health – Richmond, Elaine Xu and Freda Cheung, World Duty Free Vancouver, Colin McMillan, Natalie Meixner, President & CEO, Richmond Hospital Foundation.

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Youth, Adults and Acute Care

Vancouver Coastal Health Richmond is restructuring and wrapping specialized care around the specific groups of people it serves here in Richmond with new centres opening for youth and for adults, a new acute care unit for the elderly at Richmond Hospital and planning for a new Acute Care Tower. Pictured above are the hospital leaders and clinicians helping those youth, adults and elderly patients, who helped share the vision of new local health care at the event.

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The forward-thinking and visionary leadership of city council over the years has made Richmond one of Canada's most progressive animal-friendly cities.

In April 2010, Richmond became the first city in Canada to ban the retail sale of dogs and rabbits. By taking pet stores—and, by extension, the profit motive—out of the process, agencies like the Regional Animal Protection Society can ensure that families who want a companion animal find the one that is right for their lifestyle. It also means that impulse buying or surprising someone with a puppy for their birthday—both instances that have an above-average likelihood of resulting in surrender, neglect or even abuse—can be reduced or avoided entirely.

Richmond also mandated the spaying and neutering of outdoor cats. Spaying and neutering massively reduces animal overpopulation.

As an example, two cats can, over the course of a decade, wind up with more than 2 million descendants. That is how quickly overpopulation can explode. Of those potential puppies and kittens, imagine how many would end up homeless, unwanted or euthanized because they cannot find a forever family.

RAPS, significantly, is a no-kill animal-serving organization. This is one of the reasons we are so dedicated to spaying and neutering—we are confronting the problem before it becomes overwhelming!

We feel extremely fortunate to live in a city governed by municipal leaders who know that animals make our lives, homes, neighbourhoods and communities safer, happier and healthier.

One outstanding issue facing families that include companion animals is affordable, adequate housing. Anyone in the market for rental or strata housing knows how tough it is to find places that welcome companion animals. Families with pets often pay more or live in substandard housing because of arbitrary bans on pets. The irony is that studies show households with pets remain in place much longer



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than those without, reducing turnover and therefore saving money for landlords.

There are a lot of issues facing Richmond votes before the October 20 civic election. When candidates call on you looking for your vote, ask them if they are committed to

a community where families with companion animals are valued and respected. We want Richmond to remain a national leader in animal policy. Your vote can help make that happen. But whoever you support, please be sure to vote on October 20 or in advance polls.

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News and Information from the City of Richmond

City continues to rapidly expand child care network

The Richmond community acquired new child care spaces in September with the opening of the Seasong Child Care Centre. This child care facility, which provides 37 spaces of licensed child care for infants, toddlers and children up to six years old, commenced operations in early September.

The Seasong Child Care Centre, located on the former Steveston High site, has approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of indoor space and 5,000 sq. ft. of outdoor space, and is operated by the YMCA of Greater Vancouver.

The City now owns nine child care facilities, which have been secured through rezoning, providing a total of over 300 licensed child care spaces in Richmond. Other child care facilities opened by the City in the past two years include the Willow Early Care and Learning Centre (37 spaces) in the City Centre (Oval Village) and the Gardens Children Centre (37 spaces) located in the replica Coevorden Castle on the former Fantasy Gardens site.

Over the next few years, a number of additional facilities, providing 242 more spaces, will be developed as part of approved new developments across the city. The planned new facilities include two Early Childhood Development Hubs, which provide child care and a variety of family strengthening services.

Richmond continues to be a municipal leader in creating child care spaces for children up to 12 years of age, and is committed to being an active partner with senior governments, parents, the private sector and not-for-profit agencies to



The new Seasong Child Care Centre in the Steveston area provides 37 spaces of licensed child care for infants, toddlers and children up to six years old and is operated by the YMCA of Greater Vancouver.

develop and maintain a comprehensive child care system in Richmond.

The rapid expansion of the local child care network is being guided by the City's 2017-2022 Richmond Child Care Needs Assessment and Strategy. This plan recognizes the importance of creating child care spaces for young children that support their early development and growth.

Construction of the new child care facilities is primarily funded by developers through the City's Child Care Reserve Fund. The City partners with a variety of experienced community agencies who operate the facilities. The City is continuing to work actively with its partners to identify further

opportunities to expand child care services across Richmond.

The City and its partners also offer a variety of services to assist families seeking child care in Richmond. Parents can make use of the online Richmond Child Care Locator, developed in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health. It can be accessed on the City's website by visiting www.richmond.ca/plandev/socialplan/childcare/FindingChildCareinRichmond.

For additional resources in finding child care and more information on child care in Richmond, please visit www.richmond.ca/plandev/socialplan/childcare/overview.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 9
Council Chambers,
Richmond City Hall

Development Permit Panel
3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 10
Council Chambers,
Richmond City Hall

Community Safety Committee
4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 10
Anderson Room,
Richmond City Hall

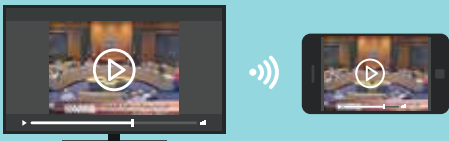
General Purposes Committee
4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 15
Anderson Room,
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Public Hearing
7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 15
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Richmond City Hall



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THURS. OCT. 18 6:30 TO 8 PM

Lantern Festival

West Richmond Community Centre

SAT. OCT 20 7:30 TO 8:30 PM

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Halloween Movie Night

City Centre Community Centre

WED. OCT. 31 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

City of Richmond Halloween Fireworks Festival

Minoru Park

WED. OCT. 31 8:15 PM

Halloween Fireworks

Sea Island, McLean Park,
South Arm Park, West Richmond

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teachers in developing this student-centred learning for this new curriculum.



Name: Sharon Wang

Party: Independent

Post-secondary:

Langara, Trinity Western

Richmond resident since: 2007

Occupation: Registered nurse

Bike/bus/car? Car

Why are you running for office? For kids

Role model: Many people have given me inspirations

Political role model: None

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Safe—School infrastructure upgrading. Zero tolerance to bullying and discrimination at school
- Equal—School access and availability according to the population demands and special needs
- Healthy—Programs aiming for promoting students' well-being and mental health in collaboration with all stakeholders and local health authorities
- Sustainable—Monitoring and evaluation mea-



Name: Jeff Danis

Party: Richmond

Education Party

High School: Selkirk High School

Post-secondary: Confederation College

Richmond resident since: 2002

Occupation: Senior Consultant and Partner

Bike/bus/car? Car and SkyTrain

Why are you running for office? This is a good time in my life to give back to my community.

Role model: My Father

Political role model: John McCain

What are the top four issues in this election and explain your position?

- Safer Facilities—Infrastructure should be a top priority. Creating a safe environment for teachers, students and administration staff. Schedule timelines and be accountable for keeping on task. Make sure that we are spending your money wisely.
- SOGI—A very controversial subject since passed earlier this year. My first goal would be to educate people on the subject so that everyone understands why this is an important policy.
- Programs—Children with learning challenges. I will work hard to increase awareness that supports programs for student who face these issues at both the Elementary and Secondary level.
- School funding—This applies to children and teachers. Work with decision makers to provide the best work environment for the students and teachers. Work hard to find solutions on student to teacher ratio's, special needs education and assistance, pre and post school programs, sports and activities.

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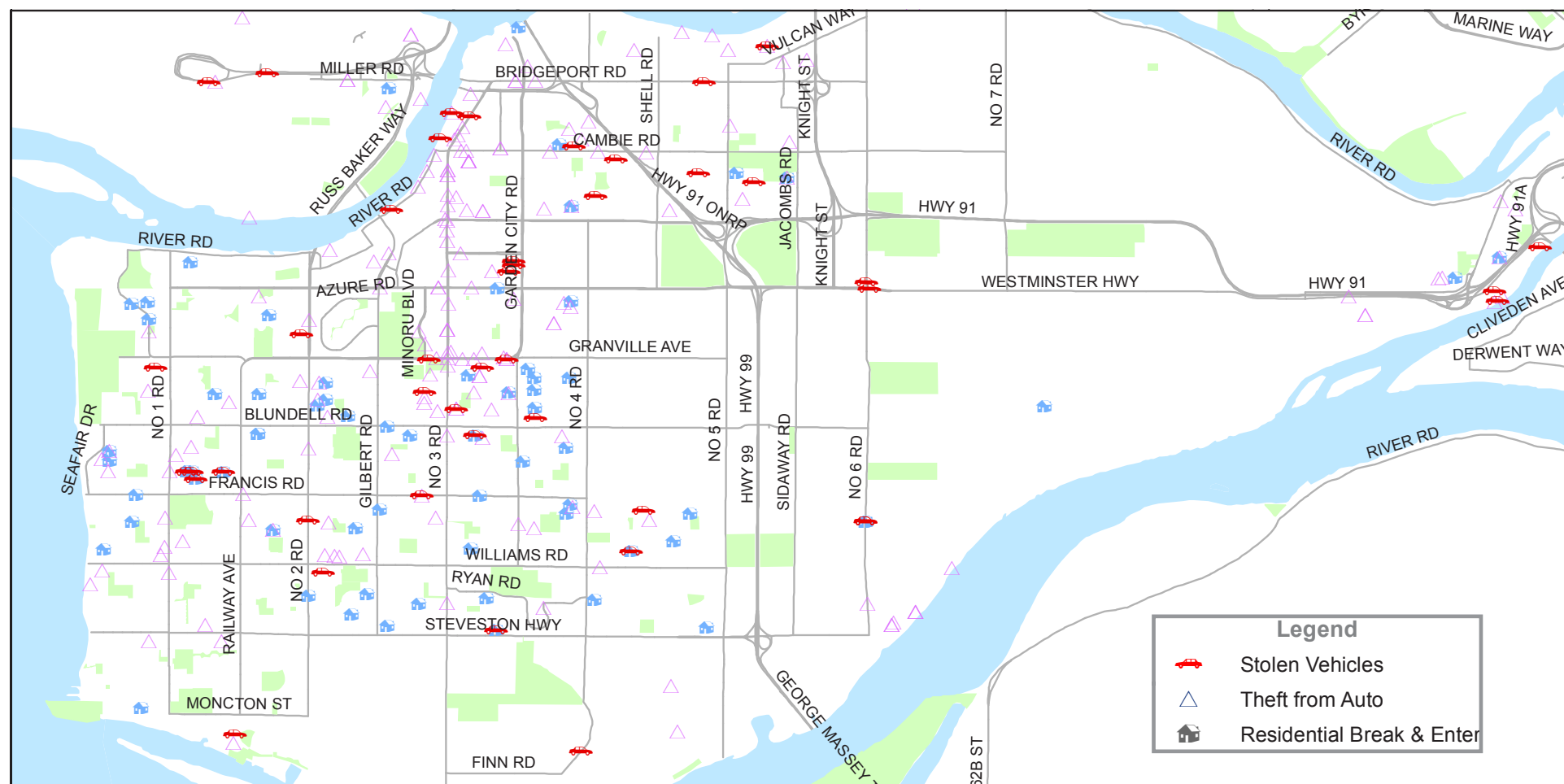




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Crime Map August 1- 31, 2018

RCMP Crime Map presented by Best Security



Distracted driving spans more than electronic devices?

By RCMP **CPL. DENNIS HWANG**
Contributor

While a vast majority of our distracted driving interactions with the road-going public involve electronic devices, you might be surprised at some other behaviours we have observed. Here are some examples:

- Drivers with pets on their lap

or pets roaming freely around the cockpit area

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- Drivers eating food requiring the use of utensils while driving
- Drivers reading textbooks, newspapers, or books and/or organizing documents while driving
- Cyclists and/or pedestrians using

phones while walking or biking

At times these interactions have left our jaws on the floor; we ultimately would like everyone to arrive at their next destination unscathed.

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Gord Hayes: Saying goodbye to a champion of sport

By DON FENNELL
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One of the local sports community's greatest champions passed away Sept. 11, leaving behind a legacy of generosity.

Giving was forever at the forefront of Gordie Hayes' mind, and he never missed an opportunity to lend a hand or brighten the lives of others. Perhaps his own journey in life was inspiration.

The youngest of 11 children, the native of Montreal lost his dad when he was only three. His mom, who raised him and his siblings as a single parent, died when was 16, forcing Hayes to grow up quickly. Fortunately he took a shine to sports, with baseball and hockey both becoming lifelong passions. As a taxi driver for 18 years, he got to know several of sports celebrities. Former Vancouver Canucks' goaltender George Gardner, who also grew up in Montreal, became a close friend.

In 1963, Hayes decided to pack up everything and head west. After residing briefly in Vancouver, he settled in Richmond and, displaying a talent for cooking, ran the concession and sports shop at the old Gulf of Georgia arena on Francis Road. He also operated a general store on Sea Island for years, and later a cafe in Crescent Beach where he eventually moved during the 1970s to also operate a general market on Beecher Street.

Reflecting his generous nature, Hayes' 25 cent candy grab bags became legendary with local kids. He was also known to serve Christmas dinner in his store for those who had nowhere to go.

Hayes was also a great storyteller, and maintained his great sense of humour "right up to the last days of his life," said Doug Paterson, a close friend for more than 50 years.

"He was telling hockey stories to the nurses and doctors, and talking about the championship rings that he had," Paterson said of Hayes, whose health became to decline soon after his beloved Richmond Sockeyes won the provincial Cyclone Taylor Cup championship in April.

"The last two months we spent a lot of time taking care of him at home, prior to him going to hospice," added Paterson, who along with his younger brother Ron became Hayes' extended family.

Ironically, Doug Paterson lived on one of Garry Street while Hayes resided on the other end. They would also spend a lot of time together at the rink, preoccupied in another of their passions—hockey.

"I spent a lot of time with my wife, Gail, and Gordie at the rink enjoying great stories over a few beers," Paterson said.

The Paterson's friendship with Hayes began when Doug was still a teenage hockey player in 1969. A few years later, he would become the first-ever captain of the Sockeyes and begin a decades-long association with the junior hockey club—today as a part owner.

Attending Sockeyes' games was also a ritual that Hayes never tired of. He also became one of the team's biggest supporters, sponsoring the team and the alumni for the last 17 years. A trophy named after himself and late wife Shirley (whom he met in 1985) is

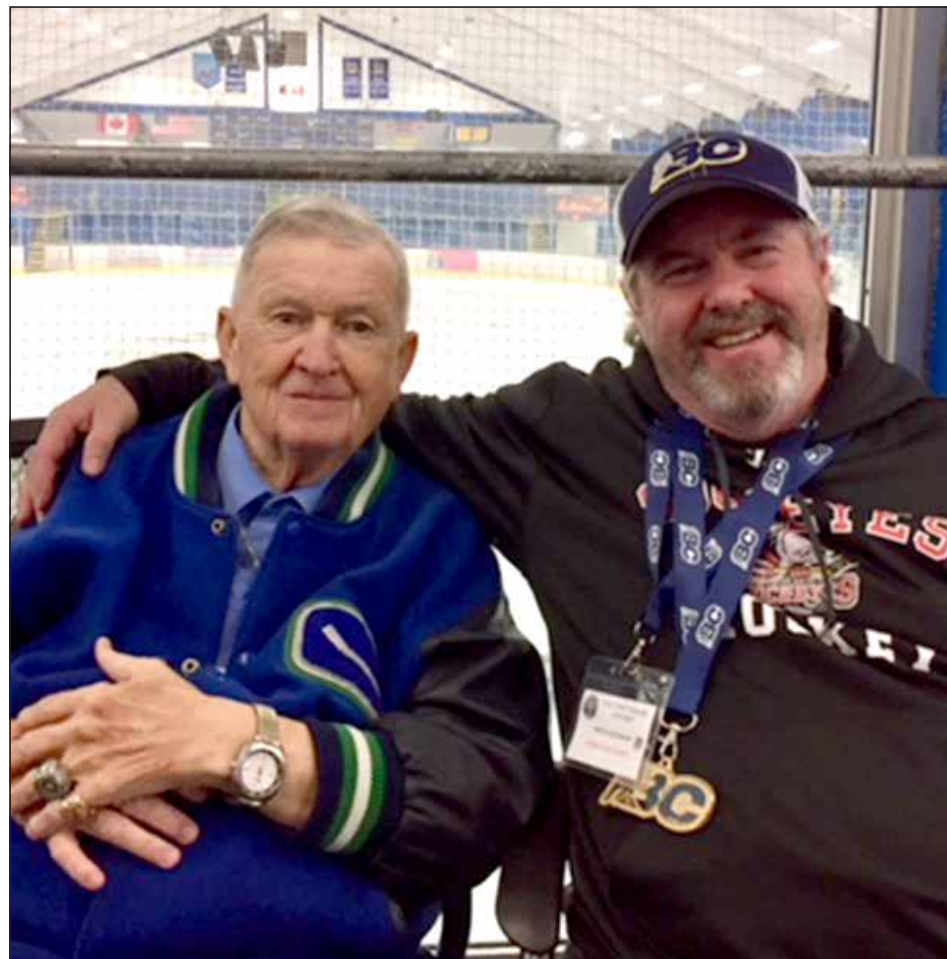


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A huge supporter of the Richmond Sockeyes and lifelong friend to sport, Gord Hayes (left, with Sockeyes' part owner Doug Paterson) passed away in September.

presented annually to the winning team at the annual Sockeyes Alumni Game, an event that raises funds to support the club's scholarship program.

Hayes' final outing with the Sockeyes was also one of his most cherished.

Though frail, he attended the team's championship ring presentation in Steveston at the end of August. He

enjoyed seeing old friends again, and they him.

A memorial service honouring Hayes' life will be held Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Church in South Surrey. Cards or flowers are not being accepted, but donations to Peace Arch Hospice Society in Hayes' name would be appreciated.

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Richmond Sports Wall of Fame membership

By **DON FENNELL**
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Ten individuals, all of whom have made significant contributions to their sport, were inducted as the Class of 2018 into the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame at a special ceremony Saturday at city hall.

Reflecting on the community's rich sporting history, dating back to the early 19th century, Mayor Malcolm Brodie said "to be named to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame is an incredible distinction, and we are proud to honour those who made a tremendous impact in their sport and the community throughout their career."

The new inductees join an esteemed group of 43 individuals and teams that have previously been inducted, starting in 2015.

The 2018 class includes athletes Chim-Hing Stephanie Chan (table tennis) and Ron Putzi (basketball); coaches Ian Anderson, Les Hamaguchi, Moseley Jack, Amarjit "AJ" Sander and Doug Staveley; official Kelly Sutherland; builder Archie Blair; and, in the special achievement category, Dr. Jack Taunton.

STEPHANIE CHAN, ATHLETE

A four-time Parapan American Games medallist, winning gold in 2015, Stephanie Chan never allowed her disability to hold her back.

With a keen interest in sport since childhood, Chan, who also enjoys swimming, was 44 years old when she began playing table tennis. In 2010, she competed at the world championships in Korea as well as at the Copa Costa Rica, where she reached the top of the podium.

RON PUTZI, ATHLETE

A two-time provincial high school basketball champion with the Richmond Colts, and a former Canadian national team player, Putzi was a dom-

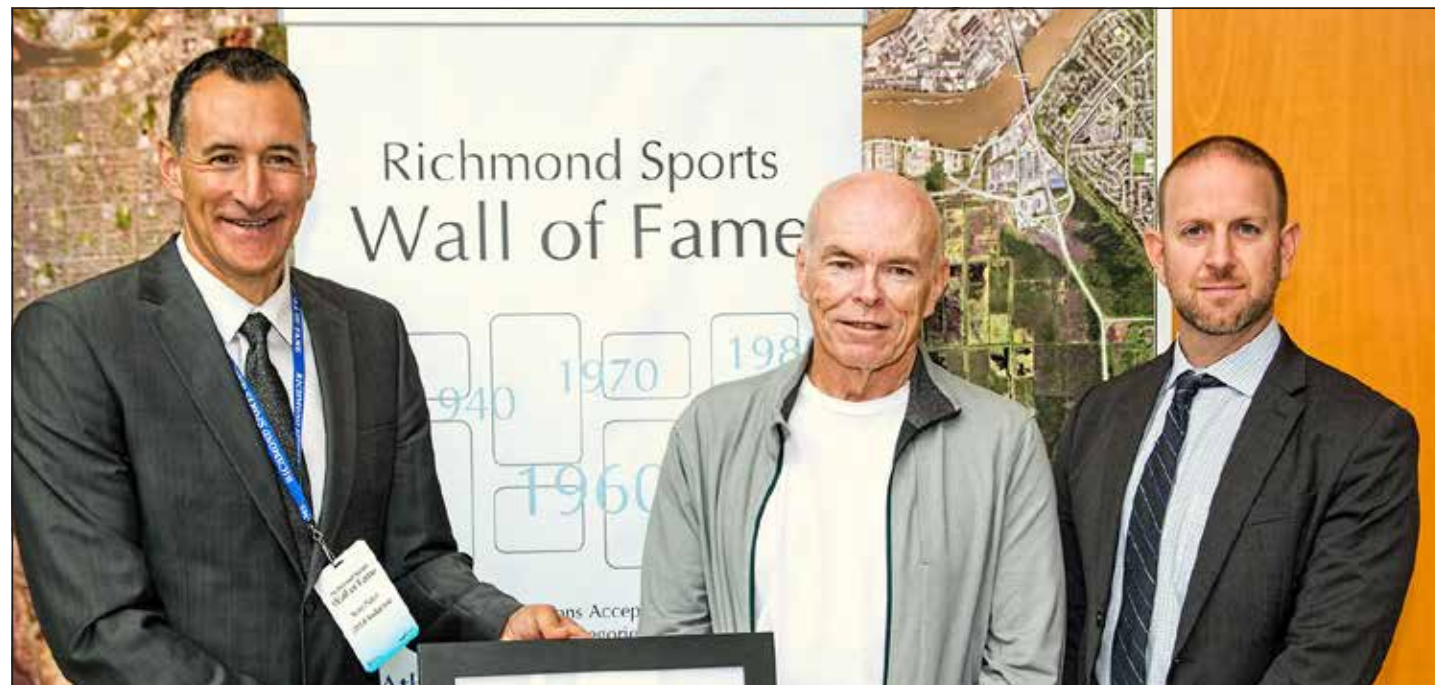


Photo by Chung Chow

Former Richmond Colts basketball great Ron Putzi, left, (with his high school coach Bill Disbrow and former Colt Jared Hulme) was one of 10 individuals inducted into the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Saturday.

inant force on the court in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

ARCHIE BLAIR, BUILDER

A member of one of Richmond's early pioneering families, Archie Blair took over the operation of the family farm after serving with the Canadian Armed Forces overseas in the First World War. Coincidentally, he also left a legacy of public service that, in addition to serving many years on school board and municipal council, included notable contributions to sport—particularly in the development of lacrosse from the grassroots. Archibald Blair Elementary School, located in the West Richmond community, is named after him. His son, Gil, also served on council for many years and was mayor from 1974 to 1990.

IAN ANDERSON, COACH

The longtime head football coach at Steveston Secondary School, Ian Anderson dedicated considerable time and energy to the sport.

In addition to coaching at Steveston,

where he developed a widely-respected and successful program, Anderson also officiated the game for which he also earned considerable praise and is recognized as a lifetime member of the B.C. Football Officials Association.

DOUG STAVELEY, COACH

Ironically one of Anderson's longtime football colleagues, Doug Staveley also made his mark as a successful high school basketball coach in Richmond for more than two decades. Staveley's calm demeanour complemented a wealth of knowledge.

MOSELEY JACK, COACH

A fixture on the local track and field scene, Moseley Jack has spent the last 40 years and counting coaching with the Richmond Kajaks. In that time, he's helped countless young athletes realize their potential. It's still what inspires him.

Integral in the creation of the B.C. Elementary Track and Field Championships, which the Kajaks host annually, Moseley has missed just one meet (he

was vacationing with his wife) since he started volunteering in 1980. Now in his early 80s, Jack's healthy lifestyle enables him to maintain a level of energy many half his age would envy.

AMARJIT (AJ) SANDER, COACH

Even after guiding his teams to eight consecutive Midget A female hockey provincial finals, and four championships, AJ Sander continues to be dedicated to helping develop the game at the grassroots. For 36 years, Sander has coached hockey, which began as a teen with the Richmond (boys) Minor Hockey Association. He has coached the Richmond Ravens Midget A team for the last 11 seasons, and has earned six Coaching Excellence Awards.

LES HAMAGUCHI, COACH

For four decades, Les Hamaguchi was one of the faces of basketball in Richmond. One of the longest-serving high school girls' coaches in provincial history, he was instrumental in the success of programs at Steveston, Steveston-London and Richmond sec-

grows with induction of 10 in 2018 class

ondary schools guiding them to several B.C. titles. His dedication to the game was further illustrated by the two decades he spent overseeing the provincial championship tournament, helping it become a major event on the annual sports calendar.

KELLY SUTHERLAND, OFFICIAL

An NHL referee since 2000, Kelly Sutherland began his officiating career in Richmond before working his way through the junior hockey ranks to the pros. Reflecting his talent and dedication to the craft, Sutherland has officiated more than 1,000 NHL games and one of a select few to be assigned to three Stanley Cup finals in 2010, 2011 and 2015. He was

also selected to referee the gold medal game at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

JACK TAUNTON, SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

A pioneer in the development of sports medicine, Dr. Jack Taunton spent more than 40 years practising in the field. He opened the Terra Nova Sports Medicine Clinic, the first referral-only sports medical centre in Canada, and also gave back to sport through volunteering. In 1994 he became the chief medical officer for the NBA Vancouver Grizzlies and, in 2010, held the same position at the Olympic Winter Games and the Paralympic Games.

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The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame and accompanying digital kiosk are located at the Richmond Olympic Oval, and are part of the Richmond Olympic Experience (ROX). The wall is located in the lobby on the first floor, and the digital kiosk on the second floor as part of the History of Sport in Richmond Exhibit. The kiosk highlights each inductee's achievements through script, photos and videos. The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame and digital kiosk are free for public viewing year-round.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit nominations for 2019 inductees to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame, to honour individuals and teams who have played significant roles in building Richmond's sports community and/or excelled at their sport. Nominations will be accepted up to Dec. 31, 2018. The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame nomination form is posted on the City of Richmond website. Applications can be sent to sportswalloffame@richmond.ca

Richmond awarded 55+ 2020 Games

By DON FENNELL

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Richmond has eyes for 2020.

Rapidly gaining a reputation for being first-rate sport hosts, the city is in celebration mode after landing the 2020 55+ BC Games.

Recognizing sport tourism as a key sector market, the city has in recent years leveraged being a venue city for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games into successfully becoming a prominent player to stage provincial, national and international competitions. The Richmond Sport Hosting Incentive Grant Program is a \$100,000 per year grant program developed to provide financial support for sport event organizers to successfully bring and host high level sports events in Richmond. The grant program has assisted over 220 events since 2010, and has significantly demonstrated support for city council's 2014-2018 term goal of a supportive economic environment.

On the heels of hosting the International Skating Union's Junior Grand Prix of Skating event in September, and continuing to prepare to again host the world at the CARHA Hockey World Cup in 2020, news that Richmond will stage the BC Seniors Games for the second time in 11 years (it also hosted the Games in 2009), has drawn considerable excitement.

"I think it's going to be great for Richmond," says

longtime Richmond Sports Council chair Jim Lamond, who oversaw the 2020 55+ BC Games bid along with Coun. Bill McNulty and former Richmond Soccer official Roger Barnes. "With people like Bill and Roger, it was a good bid, and I'm confident the Games will be bigger and better than any we've ever had."

Lamond expects upwards of 5,000 athletes from around the province will compete in the annual, multi-sport competition celebrating active and healthy seniors. They will compete in upwards of 29 activities, from pickle ball to track and field.

The 2020 Games will be a compact event, with all venues within 10 kilometres of the Games Village at Minoru Park. Besides iconic venues like the Richmond Olympic Oval and Minoru Arenas, will be the new Minoru Centre for Active Living.

In 2017, an economic impact study found that the 55+ BC Games provide an impact of over \$3.3 million to the host community. In addition, host communities will benefit from the development of capacity to host large multi-sport events through training volunteers, and improve infrastructure through the Games Legacy program.

Lamond said Richmond is fortunate to have a volunteer force second to none, with the likes of Donna Marsland, Stu Corrigan and Bob Jackson leading the way. Lamond says all told nearly 2,000 volunteers were mobilized. He anticipates a similar number to

come forward in 2020.

The 2009 Games turned a profit, from which a legacy fund of about \$69,000 was established. The largest Games to date, they attracted 3,800 athletes aged 55 or older.

In 2020, half of Richmond's population is expected to be over 50. McNulty says he anticipates a potential economic spinoff from four days of activities in 2020 could generate in excess of \$4 million.

Cindy Simpson, president of the BC Seniors Games Society, says Zone 4 has a history of attracting a strong contingent to the Games, and anticipates the pattern to continue in 2020.

Says Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie, "Richmond is very excited to be welcoming the 55+ BC Games in 2020. This event will further build on our impressive legacy for sport hosting."

Helping to raise the profile of sports in Richmond is nothing new for Lamond, who has been doing so for decades. But overseeing activities like the BC Games, he says, helps "keep you going."

Describing the recent phone call he received from the province announcing that Richmond was awarded the Games as being "quite an honour," Lamond said "now we'll start working on (the details of hosting). We've got more or less a year to get it done, but I'm sure these Games will be something Richmond will be proud of."

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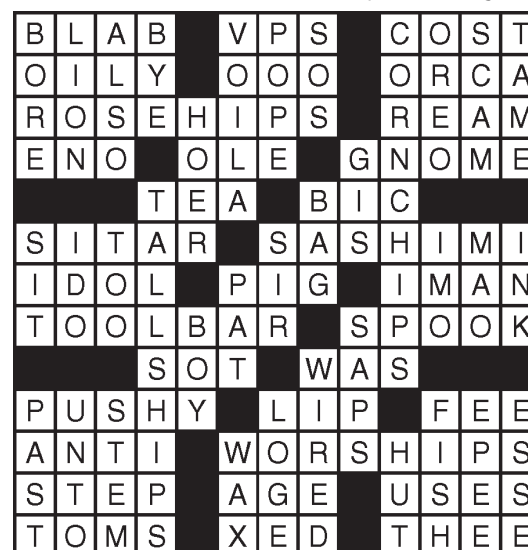
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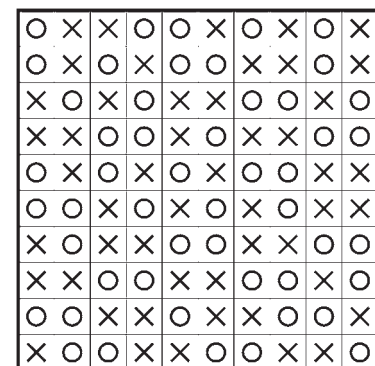
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By Dave Green

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FIRST

TRUSTEE CANDIDATES



LI

Jason Zhen Ning

YUNG

Eric

WONG

Elsa

SARGENT

Donna

GOLDSTEIN

Norm

- We will work for our community and are committed to:*
- Success for all students
 - A safe, caring environment for staff and students
 - Decision-making with stakeholders and the community
 - Strong advocacy for Public Education
 - Transparent, Accountable Governance



Our children face a new and challenging world. Trustees must advocate for the resources to ensure our students can fulfill their potential in a safe, nurturing environment.

— Eric Yung



Every child in Richmond is entitled to the best education possible. Our society needs a vibrant, respected public education system.

— Donna Sargent



Our children are our future, and it is our responsibility to provide them with the proper education of paramount quality.

— Elsa Wong



We need to ensure adequate, stable funding for public education. Our children are our most valuable resource.

— Jason Li

VOTE OCT 20
SCHOOL BOARD

Vote for 5 Candidates

- Goldstein, Norman
- LI, Jason
- SARGENT, Donna
- WONG, Elsa
- YUNG, Eric

CITY COUNCIL

Vote for 6 Candidates

- DANG, Derek
- HO, Sunny
- HOBBS, Andy
- LIU, Peter
- McNULTY, Bill
- McPHAIL, Linda



Every student needs to feel engaged, with a sense of belonging. This includes special needs students and students who are highly motivated.

— Norm Goldstein



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INSIDE:

SAVING FARMERS
SHOULD BE FIRST
PRIORITY

Without young farmers,
endless supply of land
will reap city very little



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Photo by Chung Chow
Richmond's Ben Dhimman is a third-generation farmer, and says the mega-housing-on-farmland debate has largely been missing the point. Little has been done to support current farmers—who need help with irrigation and drainage for starters.

RICHMOND
COMMUNITY
COALITION

HARMONY BALANCE ACTION

- STOP THE TAX HIKES UNTIL AN EXTERNAL AUDIT IS COMPLETED. WASTED SPENDING DOLLARS AT CITY HALL COULD FUND NEEDED PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS
- GET DEVELOPMENT RIGHT—PRESERVE OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS
- GET DEVELOPMENT RIGHT—PRESERVE OUR FARM LAND
- FIX TRAFFIC CONGESTION, BUILD A MASSEY TUNNEL REPLACEMENT, KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING

OUR COUNCIL TEAM

AU, CHAK	●
BAINS, PARM	●
JOHNSTON, KEN	●
HO, JONATHAN	●
ZHANG, MELISSA	●

HARMONY BALANCE ACTION

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RE-ELECT
Chak AU



ELECT
Parm BAINS



ELECT
Jonathan HO



RE-ELECT
Ken JOHNSTON



ELECT
Melissa ZHANG



VOTE FOR COUNCIL



Since 1991, Chak is a Registered Family Therapist who lives in Richmond with his wife and adult children. Chak is a two term Richmond City councillor and also served four terms as a School Trustee. Chak's current goal on council is to urge the provincial government to take immediate action on a Massey Tunnel replacement and to work to increase affordable rental House supply by 100%. The Richmond Community Coalition is a diverse team that shares opinions and brings different perspectives to the table for the common good of the whole Community. After all Harmony and Balance is what we all strive for.

Parm was born in Victoria, but has lived in Richmond since his family moved from Victoria when he was a year old and continues to live in Richmond with his wife and two children. Parm has extensive work experience within the Government of British Columbia where he served for 14 years as a Media Relations Office and a Public Affairs officer in the government Public Engagement and Communications department. Today Parm is an Applied communications instructor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Parm remains actively involved in Richmond's sports community as a volunteer in a variety of coaching and mentorship roles. As an RCC team candidate Parm has taken an active role in promoting gentle density as a way to bring affordable housing to Richmond so young families like his can stay in the community they grew up in.



Jonathan has been a resident of Richmond since he immigrated to Canada in 1997 with his wife Flora Tse and two children, Natalie and son Raul. Jonathan started his career in Richmond with TD Canada Trust and continues with them to this day. Jonathan is a community leader: Richmond Zone Rep – Army Cadet League of Canada BC Branch. Guest host of a current affairs radio show at Fairchild Radio AM1470 Awana and Sunday Mission Youth Leader (Richmond Alliance Church) Jonathan has been a Richmond School Trustee for the past 4 years Successfully launching the TWOKAM Day (Talk With Our Kids About Money) program in the Richmond School District to improve financial literacy for all Richmond Students.

Ken is honoured to have served the residents of Richmond as a City Councillor for 18 years. A Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA-CGA) and founder and past partner in a Richmond based business employing 125 people, Ken has the experience to balance providing City services with financial accountability. Ken serves on many committees outside the five standing Council Committees, The Regional Animal Protection Society capital campaign committee in support of the RAPS Animal Hospital, Council liaison to the Richmond Museum Society, Aquatic Services Board, Seniors Advisory Committee, Sister City Committee and West Richmond Community Association. Ken feels youth sports participation is vital to developing our Future leaders and spends his weekends as a Richmond Youth Soccer referee.



Resident of Richmond for thirteen years with my husband and two children, and has worked hard to become a part of her Richmond Community. Melissa immediately became an active volunteer and rose to be a Community Leader. Melissa is a Volunteer with Richmond Hospital Foundation, Richmond Parks, Richmond Food Bank; and liaison for Canadian Red Cross on Community Engagement, a Lions Club Past President, chosen to join the Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee and hold the position of Vice Chair. I believe that we can only achieve success by having dialogue with each other. Residents need to be part of the dialogue that will create vibrant communities within Richmond. I make a personal commitment to be the bridge between residents and city hall. As a Richmond Community Coalition team we will work hard to build a sustainable, progressive and harmonious Community.



ELECT
Rod BELLEZA



ELECT
Keith LIEDTKE



ELECT
Rahim OTHMAN



ELECT
Harv PUNI



ELECT
Grace TSANG

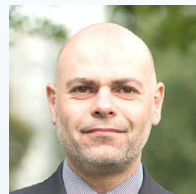


VOTE FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE



Rod served as a Richmond School Trustee from 2008 to 2014, and is returning. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers. He practiced law for over 30 years in the Philippines before immigrating to Canada in 1980. Rod has dedicated his time to community service. He is a Rotarian and he has served in the Richmond Family and Youth Court Committee, Richmond Intercultural Advisory Committee, Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee, East Richmond Community Association, Mabuhay Jaycees, Richmond Multicultural Community Society, Knights of Columbus. Rod believes in helping enhance our children's individual potential by providing them with the best quality education. His commitment is to advocate for proper funding of our public education and to foster a healthy, inclusive and safe learning environment for our children, their parents, and school staff.

Keith started his career in Real Estate in 2006 with Remax in Richmond. I am married to a Wonderful lady (Liz) a Nursing specialist. We have one grown son and two granddaughters. We have lived in our home in Steveston for 16 years. I serve or have served on the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver, the London Heritage Farm board, Richmond Museum Society Board, Director, Richmond Gateway Theatre, the Bayit Board of Directors (Synagogue in Richmond) and R.A.P.S. Parents want our schools to better prepare our youth for a happy and prosperous future and I Pledge to be their voice on School Board. This is critical to the growth and future of our children.



Rahim has 15+ years of distinguished experience leading and managing large scale projects in the public sector. Chair for the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) at Mitchell Elementary in Richmond. A Richmond resident with his family for more than 13 years. An active community member with several sports and multi-cultural organizations, reaching out to fellow Richmond residents in leadership roles. As an RCCA School Trustee Rahim believes he can bring his passion for harmony in our community to the youth of Richmond by serving on a balanced and active School Board. This is critical to the growth and future of our Children.

As a born and raised Richmondite I have seen many changes in my city over the last 41 years. I have been fully entrenched in this community through schooling, sports and my professional life. Now I am a father of two young boys who attend the same Elementary school that I attended. A lot of the friends I grew up with are now teachers in Richmond or have children in our school district. I have a vested interest in making sure Richmond schools continue to provide a quality education and a positive school experience for our children in the years to come. As a candidate for RCC, I believe we have a diverse team that can bridge the gaps between students, parents, educators and city council to encourage harmony and create a balanced approach to managing funding to provide the safety needs of our school structures and the mental health and safety needs of students.



Grace is a 3-term former Richmond School Trustee and served as the Vice Board Chair. She is a phone-in program news commentator of CHMB AM1320 and Fairchild Radio AM1470. As a Certified Financial Planner, Grace stands for accountable and transparent governance. She is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. Her community involvement includes: elementary and secondary school PACs and volunteer translator, Richmond Sunset Rotary Club, Game of Apps, Richmond Youth Concert Band, founding member of the Richmond Arts Coalition, Junior Achievement of BC and BCIT Alumni Association. Grace is committed to collaborating with all stakeholders and community partners to deliver quality public education programs to ensure that our students reach their full potential.



HARMONY BALANCE ACTION



- STOP SCHOOL CLOSURES AND DO ALL SEISMIC UPGRADES
- SLOW DOWN—PLAN CONSULTATION APPROPRIATELY
- TALK TO STUDENTS—PARENTS-TEACHERS
- BUILD A CITY CENTRE SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL TRUSTEE TEAM

BELLEZA, ROD	●
LIEDTKE, KEITH	●
OTHMAN, RAHIM	●
PUNI, HARV	●
TSANG, GRACE	●

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