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## MANSIONS PUT SQUEEZE ON SMALL FARMERS

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Coun. Harold Steves said it's not so much that mansions are using up land that's farmable. It's that they're hyper-inflating property prices on small parcels, putting them further out of reach for small farmers.



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# 'Small farmers hurt most by mega mansions'

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

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL  
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Mega mansions sprouting from what once was fertile farmland has become a common sight closer to the heart of Richmond in the past few years.

One of the most visible examples is the recent construction on several small farming parcels on No. 2 Road, south of Steveston Highway, which sit in plain view of a large residential neighbourhood and on a busy traffic corridor where hundreds of drivers have witnessed the gradual but unmistakable transformation during their morning and afternoon commutes.

It's easy to understand why this is upsetting for many; there's heightened public awareness about environmental conservation, and greater knowledge and appreciation of the value of farmland.

One perspective is that for every square foot of mansion that goes up, that's one fewer square foot available to be farmed.

But the real issue, according to two local farming advocates, is the soaring price of farmland that results from

the construction of these homes, and the negative impact that's having on small-scale farmers.

## PRICES SOARING

Coun. Harold Steves said fast-rising farmland prices is the biggest threat to local farming, and something needs to be done about it.

Steves said by reducing house-size limits, non-farmers would no longer be drawn by the prospect of building an estate-sized home that's largely sheltered from municipal tax rates by the property's farm tax status.

While a farmer might capitalize on the fertile nature of Richmond's land to grow vegetables, that wouldn't be the case for a non-farmer, he argued.

"A non-farmer would build a big mansion, lease the (farmland out back) for a dollar to somebody who plants blueberries, and it's irrelevant whether you sell the crop or whether you harvest the crop or whether you can find enough pickers as long as you've got your farm tax and you don't have to do any work on your so-called farm. If you don't allow the big houses, then you're gonna have more of a chance (of finding somebody prepared to farm the land)," he said.

Asked how likely it would be that new farmers would be prepared to spend \$1 million to buy a small parcel, Steves pointed to a local family that's leasing 2.5 acres and generating \$104,000 in revenues.



Photo by Chung Chow

**A row of massive new houses on No. 2 Road, south of Steveston Highway, has raised the profile of the issue, according to Coun. Harold Steves.**

"That's not bad and that's what this soil can produce," Steves said.

Steves noted that one owner said at a hearing that he only made about \$10,000 on 25 acres of blueberry fields. That farmer should be growing vegetables instead, Steves said, and could make 10 times what he did.

Asked why a local farmer would grow blueberries when vegetables might be much more lucrative, Steves said: "Simply because they're not interested in farming."

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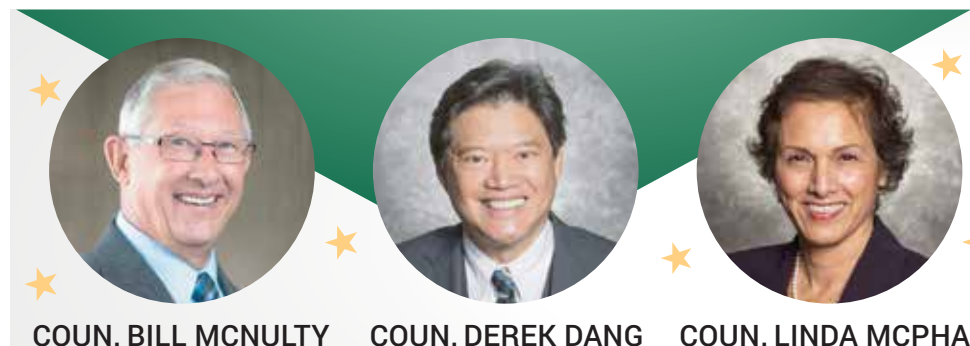
But Jim Vercammen, a University of British Columbia professor in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems,

said markets for fruits and vegetables are very limited locally. If large-scale local farmers were to suddenly switch to growing vegetables, that would flood the market, and change the prices small-scale farmers are commanding for their produce from local buyers.

Citing broccoli and sweet corn as examples, Vercammen said in many cases it's not profitable to produce that here.

Vercammen also said it's "not where you want to go" when he was asked about whether regulations should be changed to favour farm-

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# Civic vote is 'biggest bang for buck'

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Patrick Smith specializes in civic politics as a professor in both political science and urban studies at Simon Fraser University.

And he has some ideas and some suggestions when it comes to causes and solutions for low voter turn-out in civic elections.

Our civic votes have great impact, Smith says, for two reasons: one being the fact that the biggest budget, per person, that we determine is the school budget, followed by the civic one.

"It's a cliché but there's some truth to it. It's the one that is the closest to where we actually live, to what we do in our every day lives."

All the other budgets and decisions are diluted by distance, in our case, by MLAs in Victoria and MPs in Ottawa.

The other reason our civic votes have impact is the power of each individual vote so people exercise their franchise.

In Richmond, the home of historically low voter turn-outs, the fact that only 32.4 per cent of our eligible voters voted means it's like you are voting for 2 other voters who didn't show

up. According to Justinne Ramirez, Richmond's elections communications specialist, if you include all 222,945 people who live here, who are affected by those you elect, and if the percent turnout is the same this year, your single vote affects 6 people.

Those decisions you make, and those who do vote, can mean a big difference in everyday life and in an emergency.

"Civic politics relates to things like the quality of public education system in our neighbourhoods, the need to keep our roads, bridges and facilities in good repair," says Smith.

Smith says most municipalities have a "generally pretty good record of...taking care of infrastructure and taking care of it so it doesn't collapse."

As an example of a municipality that has let things run down due to where they choose to spend their money, Smith cites Montreal where some bridges and overpasses have been closed because of risk of collapse because of inadequate maintenance. Elected civic officials make those decisions—what gets fixed, what is kept up and what is just left to the elements.

Smith also mentions other areas that are mainly municipal decisions:

"Fire protection and public safety are big costs of municipalities that are generally done well."

Smith gives examples, such as whether a city has its own police force or contracts with the RCMP, that are decided by elected officials. How many police officers there are in any given community is decided by city council.

"In other municipalities, they have more expenses like swimming pools and marinas, parks and green spaces. Things that are important for most people," he says.

Smith points out that decisions on how the education dollars are spent within a district resides with the elected school trustees.

Smith has studied why people don't vote.

"It's a peculiarity of BC, more so than the rest of country, we have an "at-large" system instead of wards or some form of proportionality," he says.

That means a vast list of candidates for voters to weed through to make their decision. In Richmond, there are 62 candidates for 16 positions. On average, that's almost 4 people running for every position available.

Smith outlines the problem that

discourages people from voting; they have trouble voting responsibly and feel daunted by the list of names before them on the ballot.

"Vancouver has something like 71 candidates for the 10 council seats so if you are voter, you have a list of 71 names, now randomly placed on the ballot, and you have to pick out the 10 that you would like."

"I was talking to another community's newspaper reporter, he spent 10-and-a-half days so he had a profile of each of them. How many people in Vancouver are likely to spend 10-and-a-half days getting up to speed on who the 71 candidates are? Nobody."

This long list, known as the at-large system, is not Smith's favourite.

"So, the at-large system tends to work against participation in civic elections."

"It helps a little, when you have political parties but civic elections have a non-partisan tradition."

But people are helped to some extent by the fact that they have parties and the parties have positions. So, if you are for a particular political persuasion, for example in Burnaby, the New Democrats are aligned with the

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Burnaby Citizens' Association."

Yet Smith doesn't see parties as the best solution.

"It's a little more convoluted in Vancouver and Richmond which have their parties as well."

What does Smith suggest?

"The most obvious solution would be wards."

"Wards do a couple of things," Smith says.

He is clear that wards are not a magic bullet but they would simplify decisions in the voting booth.

Instead of 71 candidates for 120 seats for Vancouver, you only need to know between seven and ten candidates. Everybody only needs to raise money for their platform for voters in the neighbourhood, for their ward. It simplifies things again. It's another way to get at the issue of participation."

Instead of having to raise money to blanket a city with ads, flyers and street signs, candidates would only have to have enough money to campaign in their district.

There are other benefits to wards: reducing the need for large election war chests, according to Smith.

"We've had the least regulated money system for all campaigns in North America. It's quite shameful what we have had up until now. (The current provincial government) has gone some way towards fixing it. It



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## Advanced voting at Richmond City Hall on Oct. 6

didn't fix it completely as regards to third-party advertising," he says.

"This is the first election where we're trying this newly-regulated system of election finance. Nine out of 23 mayors decided not to run again. It's harder to raise money under this new system."

Another suggestion Smith has for raising voter participation is giving younger people the right to vote.

"Former chief electoral officer for BC, Keith Archer was working on the notion of youth voting, getting people registered to vote when they're still in high school."

He says not everyone is in favour of having people 16 and up voting but, "they would energize the election."

Some teens have said they should have the right to vote because they will be paying all their adult lives for decisions made today on large projects by those elected officials. They say, anything less, amounts to taxation without representation.

Smith doesn't think that will solve everything though.

"When I teach my first year political science class, I ask how many voted or intend to? Easily half of them say they wouldn't vote and are not interested. So, I ask them, 'Why are you sitting in a political science class and not in Chemistry?'" he says.

"What I then do to get them a little bit annoyed is tell them that it means old farts like me get their agenda attended to. I tell them that if they are interested in student fees and better transit to get to university, they should get involved."

His third suggestion to increase turn-out: "Many people who live in our

municipalities are not full citizens but pay taxes. Some jurisdictions have toyed with extending the voting right at the local level for people who live in local areas."

Some business owners who live in a municipality different from their company, have expressed a desire to vote where their businesses operate, to be part of the decisions that affect their livelihood and that of their employees.

"The most obvious one is the Australian model of compulsory voting where you pay a fine if you don't vote."

He outlines the problems with that law, "There was a time when the voting machines in Australia were like a crank and you could pull the donkey tail and just do a straight vote, so people would go in and just pull the lever down and avoid paying a fine." Smith pointed out that informed voters may be smaller in number but when uniformed or completely apathetic voters are forced to mark a ballot, there are problems. When it comes to compulsory voting, Smith says, "It's not something that has a lot of support in Canada."

So, whether we opt in the future for compulsory voting, youth voters, wards, or choose to keep things the same, Smith says of civic elections, "The main thing is that it's when you have the most opportunity to impact what goes on in your own community whatever your interests are: economic development, public education, or the environment"

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# Local loves challenge of being Google

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Ziming Yang loves breaking things down.

As an analytical lead for Google, the American multi-national tech company that specializes in internet-related services and products, it's his job to look at data and give it perspective. What information can be gleaned, including possible trends?

"The global mission to make the lives of Google users better is a strong motivator for me," says the former Quilchena Cyclone, a reference to the Richmond elementary school basketball team he played on as a youth.

Born in Japan to Chinese parents, Yang was four when his family emigrated to Canada and settled in Richmond. His dad, an entrepreneur, and mom, a neuroscience researcher at

UBC, have been a constant source of inspiration. He tries to emulate their work ethic each day.

"Not necessarily the long hours, but working smart," he clarifies. "And being humble and always open to new ideas. For example, my mom is passionate about technology and always looking at the latest features and how she can learn from that, and what opportunities there might be. I think that's where I get my appetite for learning."

Returning to his home base at Google's Toronto offices, following the company's recent Grow with Google tour stop in Surrey at which he was the partners lead, Yang appreciates a career that always challenges him.

## INSPIRING WORK

"Aside from its core business, working at Google is inspirational on a couple of fronts," he says. "I think the prod-

ucts Google designs are a benchmark of technology for a lot of consumers. And Google is also at the forefront of a lot of health and education technologies, things I am passionate about. A lot of the products we do are exploratory, with potential to help a lot of people, not just the mass market but also an aging population. That's inspirational to me as well."

Considering himself to be a late bloomer when it came to basketball—he didn't start playing until he was in Grade 6—he credits the game with teaching him a lot of life lessons, an important one being how to work effectively with others. While he later transferred to University Hill Secondary School in Vancouver to focus on his academic studies, Yang retained a fondness for Richmond basketball and later coached in the local youth league.

"It was a great volunteer experience," he says. "I believe in the power of sport, and growing up it helped a lot with making friends and social connections."

Yang has always had a yearning to help others. For much of his childhood, he wanted to be a lawyer.

"I always thought arguing legal cases would be really cool, but only after I went to university (studying business at Queens) did I realize a capacity to pick up others' skills that would make an impact in society."

## GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

Upon graduating from university, Yang worked for nearly two years at a well-known national financial group and looks back at the experience as a good one, helping him develop a solid technical background working with big data. Now approaching his fourth

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# analytical lead



Richmond’s Ziming Yang has found a home away from home at Toronto’s Google offices.

year at Google, he looks forward to each day as an opportunity to grow.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

“A lot of people think of Google as a webpage where people search, but it’s a lot more than that,” Yang explains. “I don’t think any company has spent as much time and energy investing in A.I. (artificial intelligence). Think about the potential health care implications. Say doctors would

be able to take a picture of someone’s eye and use the scan as a diagnostic tool, and then being able to predict with much stronger accuracy (their health).”

FAMILY TIES

Yang’s day-to-day work at Google includes working with tech companies across Canada, analyzing their data to help them scale their business. The intent, he adds, is also to help those companies prosper in Canada,

thus also growing the local workforce.

There may soon be another member of the family working in the field. Yang’s younger brother is in his third year studying business at Queens, with a passion for technology and marketing.

“We joke all the time about the fact he’s following a similar path as me,” Yang says. “He was even in a lot of the same clubs as me back in high school.”

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# Orange Shirt Day tells difficult story

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Officially, Orange Shirt Day in Canada is Sept. 30 annually. Because it fell on a Sunday this year, schools observed this day of learning and reflection early. The day commemorates all the children in Canada forcibly removed from their homes, families, communities and cultures to be placed in government-funded and often church-run residential schools. A variety of projects and assemblies respected Orange Shirt Day.

Manoah Steves Elementary in Steveston observed Orange Shirt day on Thursday, Sept. 27 with a special assembly facilitated by Lynn Wainwright, an Anishinaabe educational advisor to the Richmond School District. Billing herself as Wainwright’s able assistant for all things audio/visual, Jessica Eguia from Peru’s Apurimac region in the Andes brought grace and tech ability to the morning.

The observances began with Wainwright’s drumming, a heart beat for the time shared. She showed the children her drum, asking questions, saying, “My important point and an important part of my teachings, it is made of two things that used to have a life. When we bring them together to create songs, we also create a new life.”


Acknowledging the school sits on the traditional, unceded territory of the hən̓əlm̓əciw̓ speaking people, the Musqueam, Wainwright continued, showing, telling and asking the children about the impact of residential schools on Indigenous children, families and communities. Talking about

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# Richmond Connects links locals

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Homelessness and poverty seem like insurmountable problems that need three levels of government to resolve. But on Thursday, Oct 18, and in the run-up to it, the people of Richmond can help.

It's a chance to make a difference, one pair of socks, shoes or a backpack at a time. Items that all come in handy when you have to carry all you own with you and when you have to walk everywhere. Poverty makes many decisions for you.

Richmond Connects Day is based at St. Alban Church, 7260 St. Albans Rd., but is the product of many people and groups working toward a common goal, making life better for those who don't have a home or who live with precarious finances.

"For the day, this location becomes a one-stop shop of services, starting at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast followed with access to direct services such as haircuts, clothing, meals and healthcare as well as information and referral to services that can be accessed year round," says De Whalen of the Richmond Community Connect Planning Group.

For the pancake breakfast, if you can help, show up. If you just want to eat, show up and meet neighbours from around our community.

Richmond is making progress. 40 people who need a home will have one when the new modular homes are built on the corner of Alderbridge Way and Elmbridge Way, across the street from the RONA store.

This year represents a name change and wider focus, according to Whalen: "Here in the 10th

year, the Homeless Connect team is reflecting the reality of our residents by holding a 'Community Connect' event with the same features of Homeless Connect. There are more and more people needing housing and services in Richmond, due in part to rising rents, low vacancy rates and incomes not keeping pace with costs.

"Therefore, the event aims to reach anyone in Richmond who is living in poverty or in precarious circumstances," she says.

"Over the years, St. Alban Anglican Church and the Richmond Salvation Army on Gilbert have become hubs of services for people who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. Outreach workers from local service providers connect regularly with homeless individuals, providing necessities of life and personal connections to help make sustainable changes. People can also drop into Turning Point's Resource Centre and Chimo's lunch program to enjoy a lunch and referrals to needed services and programs."

In addition, various places have low cost and no cost community meals, such as Gilmore Park United Church's community meal on Thursdays, and St. Alban Church's meal on Tuesdays. The fact that those two churches are 4.3 kilometres apart shows the need for good shoes, clean socks and a backpack when you have little or nothing.

Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., St. Alban also offer a shower to anyone who would like one, along with a hot breakfast, a bagged lunch, and internet access.

"None of these services have regular funding and rely on both in-kind donations and financial

support," Whalen says. For those donations, the community looks to the community to help. If you can offer your labour, your goods, or your money, even if meagre, please email richmondcommunityconnects@gmail.com for more information or to offer help.

"The support of Richmond residents is needed and greatly appreciated. Any monetary donations will go to purchase supplies for the Richmond Community Connect event. The planning committee will also accept donations of new socks and underwear as well as gently used winter boots and backpacks."

The committee asks this year that Richmond residents consider giving a little extra so that donations can be forwarded on to the year-round services that do not have regular funding. Those services include outreach, life skills counselling, community education, the extreme weather shelter and the outreach meal program.

"This financial support can make all the difference during the year for people who need help to get off the street and change their lives," Whalen says.

And there is concrete proof that Richmondites can and are making a difference according to Whalen: "After nine years of holding Homeless Connect events, the volunteer team is happy to see leadership in housing our homeless residents in Richmond. Approved by city council, the 7300 Elmbridge Way development will open its doors to 40 of our approximately 120 homeless folks in the months to come. This is good news."

While poverty and homelessness are far from gone in our city, Whalen lists the way you can make a difference:



# to homelessness, poverty



Photo courtesy Richmond Connects

**Donna Yuen from the ministry of social development and poverty reduction, will help participants apply for assistance.**

- Please send monetary donations c/o Richmond Food Bank Society, #100-5800 Cedarbridge Way, Richmond, V6X 2A7. Make cheque payable to Homeless Connect.

- Please drop off new socks, underwear, boots and backpacks at the Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store in Steveston. Tell them this is to go to St. Alban for Richmond Connects."

Whalen quotes American historian,

playwright, and social activist Howard Zinn: "Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can quietly become a power no government can suppress, a power that can transform the world."

An act as small as donating one pair of socks can make a big difference in the life of a Richmondite who must live outdoors, in the damp, on their feet everyday.

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## RCMP investigates vote-buying claims

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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Richmond Mounties are investigating allegations of vote-buying circulating on the popular Chinese social-media service WeChat.

According to a posting on a WeChat group, voters will receive a "transportation reimbursement" of \$20, and are urged to support all Asian candidates and focus in particular on Richmond, Burnaby and Vancouver candidates for council and mayor.

Three candidates in Richmond are named: mayoralty candidate Hong Guo, as well as council candidates Peter Liu, Melissa Shang (which could be a reference to Melissa Zhang) and Zhe Zhang.

The posting, written in simplified Chinese, is made by Wenzhou Association, which urges people to "actively participate in the municipal election voting."

According to a press release from the Richmond Community Coalition, candidates Chak Au and Melissa Zhang reached out to the RCMP, which subsequently launched an investigation.

Rob Howard, president of the coalition, said his party is "not endorsing Hong Guo for mayor and...we do

not support any lists that advocate Chinese-only candidates.

"Richmond Community Coalition will formally demand all Chinese Activist Groups stop associating RCC's Chinese candidates names with any group that is actively lobbying for voters to mark their ballots for only Chinese candidates."

RCMP Cpl. Dennis Hwang is encouraging anybody who has been approached with enticements for voting to call them directly.

"Two allegations originating from the social media app WeChat are being examined," Hwang said Thursday.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Cpl. W. Howard of the Richmond RCMP Serious Crimes Unit at 604-278-1212 or email Richmond\_Tips@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Buying votes is illegal.

The Local Government Act of British Columbia says vote buying "includes money, gift, valuable consideration, refreshment, entertainment, office, placement, employment and any other benefit of any kind."

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## SMALL FARMERS

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ers growing fruits and vegetables for the local market.

The way supply chains are established means getting local food into the local supply chain is difficult. But the public seems to be happy to buy bananas from abroad and export blueberries and cherries to other markets.

Asked about the controversy about big homes on farmland in Richmond, Vercammen said he appreciates both sides of the argument, and said it's a complex issue.

"It's easy to get caught up in the hype on both sides," he said, adding there is no easy answer and that there are strong arguments on both sides.

### NOT ABOUT BIG HOUSES

"People who truly understand this issue do not have an issue with farmers living in large houses," said Laura Gillanders, a coordinator with FarmWatch, an organization founded in 2013 by local farmers and residents wanting to prevent the misuse of farmland.

The goal of the group is to preserve farmland, end speculative development of properties in the agricultural land reserve, and enhance farming viability.

FarmWatch has about a dozen members, mostly vegetable farmers and ALR land owners, Gillanders said.

Small-scale farmers, like Miles Smart from Cherry Lane Farm, are full-time farmers who feel they have less of a voice in the community in which they work, and so have turned to FarmWatch for help.

"He's got an amazing farm business," Gillanders said of Smart, who markets produce directly to a couple dozen restaurants in the Lower Mainland. He too would like to see house-size limits brought down from their current levels.

Rising farmland prices aren't the only challenge to new farmers.

Some small-scale farmers in Richmond have tenuous year-to-year leases with landowners who happen to be investors who don't want their properties tied down for the long term, which would make them a less attractive purchasing option, particularly for potential buyers seeking to build an estate-sized home.

That annual uncertainty makes planning and investments for infrastructure upgrades for the short- and medium-term impossible.

FarmWatch urged Richmond council to follow the assessment and recommendations in an independent report by Richard Wozny, who concluded that small farm parcels were being bought and sold as urban residential sites because buyers could build a home upwards of 10,000 square feet. This was driving up farmland prices, which were commanding prices of \$750,000 and up to \$1 million per acre, more than double of just a few years ago.

Wozny recommended house size limits on farm properties be brought in line with those in residential areas.

While members of the Richmond Farmland Owners Association agreed that building 20,000-square-foot mega-mansions was unnecessary, they pushed back at the idea of aligning local rules with provincial guidelines.

Multi-generational farmers, including Dale Badh, Humraj Kallu and

Ben Dhiman, told *The Sentinel* they and their families have worked hard to keep the farming industry alive in Richmond for decades, and would like to maintain the option to build up to a 10,000-square-foot home, which their extended families could grow into.

Capping house sizes at 5,000-square-feet would hurt them, the very people who toil the local fields and do the work that nobody else wants to do, they said.

Is there a middle ground that protects small-scale farmers, without hurting multi-generational farmers who have relied on extended family to keep their businesses afloat?

Gillanders said grandfathering existing farmers, and seeking creative restrictions that would specifically address the frenzy that seems focused on farm parcels of under five acres, are worth further discussions.

"This speculation is not beneficial to vegetable farming" she said.

She said this battle is about land in the heart of the city.

"This is not about East Richmond farmers, not about need. This is about speculative development."

### SPENDING HABITS

With the Oct. 20 civic election now just days away, Coun. Carol Day didn't mince words about her perspective.

In response to the first instalment of this series, she wrote an email to *The Richmond Sentinel*: "This story would have you believe the REAL farmers live in palatial houses with marble floors, media rooms, private gyms and grand foyers. I say that real farmers live in modest homes with a small foot print so they can spend more time in the fields than watching their projection TVs."

Part One referred to the lack of a public uproar when Richmond developer Milan Ilich built a 22,000-square-foot home near the foot of No. 3 Road.

Day wrote: "The Milan Ilich home is brought up as an example of a large estate home that was welcomed by locals 20 years ago and how it is so unfair that builders are no longer allowed to build 22,000-square-foot houses on an ALR lot, pathetic is all I can say. Mr. Ilich was an honourable man who generously gave back to his city over decades and one needs only to look up his donations to the Richmond Hospital to appreciate his contribution to our society. Shame on these people for trying to jump on Mr. Ilich's coat tails."

While Gillanders doesn't agree with Day's viewpoint of farmers and how they should spend their money, Gillanders noted that what's different between today and when Ilich built his home are the economic checks and balances that existed two decades ago.

Ilich was among a small number of wealthy people who built their fortunes here in Canada and occasionally built their estates on farmland.

"It was local people who became wealthy and (who) earned their money here in the country," she said, adding that the size of the regional economy by its nature capped how many of these wealthy people existed.

But a spike in foreign investment has created an uneven playing ground, introducing many more people of Ilich's means to the region and in turn more people interested in building these massive homes, with small-scale farmers among the casualties.

And that's what FarmWatch wants addressed.



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## ORANGE SHIRT

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the disconnect from culture and parents that has such long tentacles, reaching through generations, she spoke of generations of children raised away from their parents who loved them, their grandparents who cherished them and their communities who missed them.

A teacher for 25 years, Wainwright pointed out that parents who resisted the government's seizure of their children were jailed. It was the law.

She spoke of the disconnection from their roots that continues. When Wainwright mentioned that she didn't learn her Anishinaabe name until she was an adult, there was a gasp from one of the students.

Wainwright spoke of what residential schools have cost her family; her grandmother, her mother and her oldest sister who were taken

from their families and incarcerated in a residential school.

Many in these schools were underfed and brutalized. Those leaving in their mid-teens usually only had the equivalent of a Grade 3 education which left them with no marketable skills and poor job prospects. They didn't know their families, their language or their traditions. Her family lived with the consequences of generations of parents who had been robbed of a childhood home-life.

According to David Sadler, spokesperson for the Richmond School District, "Orange Shirt Day" was created during the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project in Williams Lake, B.C., in May 2013. As part of the project, former student, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, told the story of her first day at Residential School when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was

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## ORANGE SHIRT

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taken from her as a six-year old girl." Webstad never saw the shirt again. Everything she had was taken from her that first day of school.

Today, all children and adults wear an orange shirt to recognize the loss endured by all the children stolen away by the government. The bright shirts also recognize the strength and resilience of residential school survivors.

Over at Hugh Boyd Secondary, the students learned of residential schools' impact in a variety of ways.

"There has been strong staff and student buy-in with the purchasing of many orange shirts, as well as a wide range of creative school initiatives," says teacher, Michael Taylor.

Boyd activities organized by their Social Justice 11/12 class included, orange sticky notes placed on every 25th locker in acknowledgment of the statistic that at least one in every 25 Indigenous students died at residential school, never to see their families again.

There were also large orange shirt silhouettes displayed in Boyd's main lounge where students from Social Studies classes could write and post messages for residential



Photo by Chung Chow  
Jessica Eguia and Lynn Wainwright were at Manoah Steves Elementary School for Orange Shirt Day late last month.

school survivors.

The student body all received orange ribbons to wear and the daily announcements featured a fact a day throughout the week-long awareness campaign. This was coupled with large-scale posters throughout Boyd and the Socials teachers' residential school

lessons.

There was a time when gatherings of more than a few Indigenous people were banned in Canada. Doing so, risked arrest. It was all perfectly legal. Today children and adults from all backgrounds can gather, learn, and remember as they did at Manoah Steves Elementary, Hugh

Boyd Secondary and throughout Canada.

Wainwright said, "When we move forward in the new relationship, our young people have such an important part to play in that relationship."

Stating that these children are the first generation growing up knowing about residential schools and their impact, Wainwright ended the assembly with a video made by the young people in the northern Indigenous community of Bella Coala saying, "I am going to end my presentation with a positive message from young people up north, a song, 'We are Medicine.' Sometimes medicine is not just what we take when we are sick. Our good medicine is also knowing our songs."

The students sat rapt—watching, hearing and feeling.

Speaking of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in our land, Wainwright said, "I hope for healing for ourselves and healing for our nation by sharing this."

Sadler said, "Our work in advancing reconciliation is helping to build a stronger and healthier Canada."

Wainwright said, "At the end of the day it is all about relationships. It starts in our classrooms, with our relationships with our teachers, ourselves, and each other."

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### Richmond Citizens' Councillors will reduce farmhouse size and fight speculation on farmland.

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# Tablotney joins party; RITE/RCA coalition

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL  
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If the 2018 civic election is known for anything aside from 'Mega Mansions on Farmland,' and SOGI, it might just be the word "team-work."

This week, incumbent trustee Debbie Tablotney joined the Richmond Education Party, which means voters who choose that slate can now vote in an entirely new seven-member board of education.

Tablotney joins fellow incumbents Ken Hamaguchi and Sandra Nixon to lead the group that also includes Jeff Danis, Heather Larson, Karina Reid and Andrew Scallion.

"Our aim is to give Richmond voters the opportunity to elect a team of seven candidates who represent a progressive stance and will move the district forward in a positive way," the organization said.

The Richmond Education Party's priorities are student safety, student programs, student resources and learning, student facilities, and communication and accountability.

Last month, Richmond Citizens Association and Richmond Independent Team of Electors, also

joined forces, urging Richmond voters to support their coalition and the select their combined slates to form a brand new council.

Richmond Citizens' Association includes incumbent Coun. Harold Steves, Kelly Greene, Judie Schneider and Jack Trovato.

RITE Richmond includes Carol Day, Michael Wolfe, Niti Sharma and Henry Yao.

RCA and RITE Richmond are focusing much of their efforts on the issue of preserving farmland for future generations.

"We will decrease the size limits on farmhouses from (10,764 square feet), put better protocols in place to make sure that farmhouses are actually used for farming, and work with the province to close the loopholes which permit speculators to purchase farmland by avoiding residential lot guidelines, pricing policies, and residential property taxes," RCA and RITE Richmond wrote in a joint post on Facebook. "Ultimately, with climate change, food sovereignty will become increasingly important."

There had been a rumour that Richmond First and the Richmond Community Coalition were going to merge, but that proved false.

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# Seniors make their mark in Richmond

By DON FENNELL  
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You've heard the old adage countless times. "You're never too old..."

But in Richmond there's a lot to it.

Enjoying a life expectancy of nearly 88 years—the longest in Canada, local seniors (or older adults as some prefer to be called) have plenty to celebrate thanks to an active lifestyle that defines many of these citizens.

Mayor Malcolm Brodie says the City of Richmond is committed to being an "age-friendly city."

"Through our Seniors Services Plan we deliver vital support to our rapidly growing 55-plus-year-old population. It also encourages Richmond residents of all ages to recognize the important contributions of seniors within our community," Brodie explains.

To mark the recent National Seniors Day, Richmond focused on positive

aging, a campaign highlighting the important role seniors play. A photo display at Minoru Place Activity Centre, and at community centres throughout the city helped to reflect this.

A free showing of Minoru Seniors Legacy Stories: Looking Back, Looking Forward, at the Minoru Place Activity Centre also captured some of the history of the community as well as sharing a vision of the future. The locally-made film is a culmination of a year-long artist-in-residency project by Catrina Megumi Longmuir. The artist worked with members of the Minoru Seniors Society to capture individual stories and document the history and impact of the Society—from its conception at the Murdoch Centre to its current location at Minoru Place Activity Centre—and soon onto Minoru Centre for Active Living which will open in the next few months on the site of the former Minoru Pavilion.



Photo courtesy City of Richmond Family members in the Positive Aging campaign.

A breakfast social at West Richmond Community Centre invited seniors to learn about programs and activities and share ideas for future events. And the East Richmond Com-

munity Hall hosted an international meet and greet, where participants were to greet others in different languages.

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# Hamilton Book Dispenser opens a new world of learning

By DON FENNELL  
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Your library card is even more valuable than you may think. It's the key to unlocking the door to tomorrow.

Routinely on the leading edge of technology, Richmond Public Library has introduced the first self-serve book dispenser of its kind in B.C. at the Hamilton Community Centre.

Formally unveiled in mid-September by Mayor Malcolm Brodie, the Hamilton Book Dispenser encourages library members to "Open the Door and Explore." By simply inserting their library card into the self-serve machine, members are able to access the latest books for kids, teens and adults seven days a week.

A desire for "innovative" library services, to more closely mirror that offered in the library's Launchpad at its Brighthouse branch, spurred the vision to introduce the self-serve book dispenser, said Stephanie Vokey, co-ordinator of marketing and public relations at the Richmond Public Library.

"Richmond Public Library has been offering one-day library service to the Hamilton community since 2007," she explained. "Over the last 18 months, library staff have been busy connecting with the community in various locations throughout Hamilton, providing access to refreshed collections and introducing new digital programs.



Photo courtesy Richmond Public Library

**The first self-serve book dispenser of its kind is at the Hamilton Community Centre.**

Through these community conversations, we heard that one-day service was not enough and we thought there must be an innovative way to meet Hamilton's reading needs. Thanks to the generous funding support from Richmond City Council, the library's new self-serve book dispenser will ensure that Hamilton residents of all ages have daily access to popular library collections."

Screen prompts help guide your use of the book dispenser. After inserting your Richmond Public Library card and entering your PIN, the door opens allowing you to choose the books to check out. Up to five books

can be borrowed at one time, automatically checked out once the door is closed. The items can be borrowed for 14 days and be returned directly to the dispenser.

Already, there are more than 100 books to choose from. Staff will regularly restock the dispenser, and available materials will always include a great selection of the newest kids, teens and adult titles, Vokey promises.

Additionally, the library will continue to offer one-day library service in the rotunda of the Hamilton Community Centre each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At this time, community members are encouraged to speak with

library staff, sign up for a library card, or partake in other library programs. A book return bin is located in the Hamilton Community Centre so members can drop off materials seven days a week.

The library also offers a variety of family-friendly programs on Saturdays and all are welcome to attend.

As one of the Richmond's fastest growing communities, the Hamilton neighbourhood is identified in the city's Official Community Plan as needing a small library of 5,000 square feet. Such a project is to be funded by developer community amenity contributions.

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# Steveston Nikkei memorial project launched

By **DON FENNELL**  
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A public memorial to honour Richmond’s founding Japanese-Canadian community is in the works. A formal ground-breaking ceremony was held Sept. 22 for an art project to be built at Steveston Community Park. The shrine will be a tribute to the Nikkei (Japanese emigrants and their descendants) for their resilience, perseverance and community spirit.

Led by artistic team of Hapa Collaborative, the project will acknowledge the departure of Japanese-Canadians from Steveston and their subsequent return after the period of interment during the Second World War. The artwork will be located near the Steveston Interurban Tram building, which was the departure and return point for many interned Nikkei.

A conceptual design was inspired by meetings with stakeholder groups and individuals, who shared their experiences from before, during and after internment. The design pays tribute to Issei (first) and Nisei (second) generations, and provides a met-



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

**Civic officials and community leaders attended the launch of the Steveston Nikkei memorial public art project Sept. 22.**

aphor for resilience.

The themes will be expressed in landscaped pathways, plantings and design elements that will include paving patterns based on hand-made origami mats created by seniors at the Steveston Japanese

Canadian Cultural Centre. A plum tree, stone monuments and lanterns will help to complete the project which is expected to be completed by the summer of 2019.

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## News and Information from the City of Richmond

# Building a sustainable future for Richmond's growing community

The City of Richmond has a long-standing commitment to energy conservation, as directed by City Council. This commitment helps preserve the natural environment and assists efforts to combat climate change, while supporting local, sustainable growth. The City has an aggressive goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 33 per cent by 2020 and 80 per cent by 2050. The City is well on its way to reaching these goals. Notably, the City has achieved a six per cent reduction in overall community GHG emissions since 2007, despite a seven per cent growth in population, saving a combined \$13 million in energy spending.

### Corporate Energy Programs

The City's Sustainability Framework provides a comprehensive, integrated strategy to effectively manage and reduce energy use and GHG emissions from civic buildings through three areas of action: energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable and clean energy.

### Carbon Neutral Status

A key focus of the City's progress to-date has been ensuring that achieving carbon neutrality is done in a manner that reduces GHG emissions while investments remain in the community. The City has maintained carbon neutral corporate operations since 2013.

### District Energy Systems

District energy systems centralize the production of heating and/or cooling to buildings, using energy

from central plants as well as integrating energy supplied from multiple sources throughout the network.

The City of Richmond's wholly-owned Lulu Island Energy Company has received international recognition for our leadership in developing district energy systems that reduce carbon emissions, while delivering affordable and reliable heating and cooling. An innovative example is the Alexandra District Energy Utility project, the largest ambient heating and cooling district energy system in North America that uses a technology called "geo-exchange" to provide environmentally friendly heating and cooling to nearby developments. Running at full capacity, it is estimated to offset 1,300 tonnes of carbon equivalents annually.

Another district energy hub is in the Oval Village area of the City Centre that is planned to use heat recovered from the sewage system to provide space heat and hot water to local residents. Sewage heat recovery is an innovative technology with similar applications used at Richmond's Gateway Theatre.

### Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure

Richmond is the first jurisdiction in North America



*The City of Richmond's award-winning district energy program is helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change.*

to implement a bylaw policy requiring all residential parking spaces in new property developments to provide level two EV charging infrastructure. This was implemented to encourage developers to provide communities with options to transition to more sustainable mobility options.

### Homeowner savings

Building a sustainable future for Richmond's growing community requires your help. There are many rebate programs that homeowners may take advantage of. For example, current rebate incentives are available for homeowners when they switch to high efficiency clothes washers or low-flush toilets. Start saving today and learn more about the City's current rebate programs by visiting [www.richmond.ca/savewater](http://www.richmond.ca/savewater) and [www.energy.richmond.ca](http://www.energy.richmond.ca) for more information.

## City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

### Planning Committee

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 16  
Anderson Room,  
Richmond City Hall

### Public Works & Transportation Committee

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 17  
Anderson Room,  
Richmond City Hall

### Council Meeting

7:00 p.m., Monday, October 22  
Council Chambers,  
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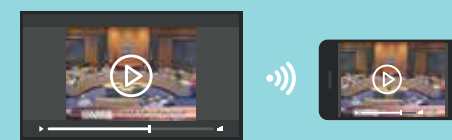
### Development Permit Panel

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 24  
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# Provincial group lauds city for pump station upgrade

By **DON FENNELL**  
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The City of Richmond needs to find some more room to display its awards, the latest recognition coming from the Public Works Association of BC.

Richmond was formally presented with the 2018 Public Works Project of the Year Award during a recent city council meeting Oct. 9 at city hall.

The award recognizes the city engineering department's work in upgrading a pump station, demonstrating its ability to deliver a significant benefit to the community with innovative and creative design while also protecting the natural habitat in the area.

The city competed for the award with other municipalities throughout B.C. in a category that recognizes a major public works or utilities project, with unique features and complexity relative to the resources of the community.

"PWABC is honoured to recognize the City of Richmond's approach and execution of this complex public works project," said Ashifa Dhanani, executive director of the Public Works Association of B.C.

Dhanani said residents may not always be aware of the services or infrastructure assets that comprise public works, but that are an essential part of communities.

The pump station upgrade was executed on budget with zero lost-time injuries. As well, the work showcases the long history of aviation that continues to be an important part of the city.

Matthew Brown, president of the PWABC board of directors, further extended congratulations to Richmond for "continuing to raise the bar for excellence within the public works industry and demonstrating success on a major and complex infrastructure project."

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Chris Anderson from the Public Works Association of BC presents Mike Maxwell from the City of Richmond with the 2018 PWABC Project of the Year Award.



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By DON FENNELL  
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# Pets can get spooked by Halloween surprises



**Julie  
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Halloween is a very scary time for animals.

Each year, cats and dogs that have been spooked by fireworks, doorbells and assorted holiday-related hi-jinx come to our Animal Shelter.

Many animals are highly sensitive to noise and Halloween can be a dangerous – even deadly – time for them.

A few fairly simple precautions can keep people and our companion animals free from trauma during the festivities.

First and absolutely foremost: Please keep your animals indoors. The front door may be opening and closing constantly for trick-or-treaters. This presents plenty of opportunities for wily kitties and canny canines to slip out, maybe even unnoticed in the pandemonium. You would think that, if they are scared, animals would want to stay in their familiar, comfortable home. But loud noises can disorient them and can make them behave irrationally. If possible, put your pets in a room with a closed door. Put on loud, but soothing, background noise – a TV or some music – to help drown out the scary outside sounds. Be sure to locate your cat well in advance of sundown. Once the “fun” begins, Felix or Fluffy may be hard to track down. As you’ve probably already noticed,



some folks like to set off firecrackers and other fireworks days or even weeks before the big day. Be prepared to employ the same precautions before and after Halloween as you do on the main night.

Also . . . make sure your pet has ID. When animals arrive at our Shelter, they are scared and confused. If they have a license, chip or tattoo

– ideally all three! – we can make sure they are back comfortably at home really soon. Without identification, an hour or two of trauma can turn into days of homesickness and sadness for your pet.

There is also the possibility that pets can get into foods they shouldn’t be eating. While this is probably true for all of us at Halloween, the consequences for some animals can be far worse than gaining a pound or two from an excess of kid-sized candy bars. Chocolate is poison for dogs and other candies can be choking hazards.

In addition to candies that might not normally be around, Halloween is also a time when we adorn our homes with other things that can get the attention of our pets. Pets who are curious about jack-o-lanterns could upend candles and start fires. And while pumpkins, gourds and other seasonal decor may not be poisonous, they can cause gastrointestinal troubles in large enough quantities. While gourds may not seem like something most pets would find appealing, we all know a dog who will chew on anything they can get their lips around.

Be aware of costumes also. Some animals will be terrified of freaky-looking outfits – even if their beloved human sibling is inside it.

It sounds like we’re being killjoys with all these warnings, but Halloween is supposed to be a fun time. To ensure that it is – for all our family members – a few precautions can make sure vulnerable animals are safe and comfortable during the scariest night of the year.

• Julie Desgroseillers is manager of RAPS City of Richmond Animal Shelter

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# Indoor market opens for the season Oct. 21

By LORRAINE GRAVES  
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If you loved the outdoor summer market in Steveston and all that it offered, you are in luck. The season may have changed but the Steveston Food and Artisan Market starts up again this season on Sunday, Oct. 21.

The warm and cozy Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site will once again host the market, out of the blustery weather, and will offer free admission to the entire site on market Sundays.

According to the Cannery's Mimi Horita, market-goers can expect, "Locally-baked, grown, caught, and crafted products, seasonal events and activities for all ages, and performances by home-grown musicians and entertainers."

This year, a new partner has joined the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, which operates the museum on behalf of the National Parks and Historic Sites of Canada.

In conjunction with the Cannery, the Richmond Food Security Society will present a series of Food Skills Workshops on select Sundays. The topics include fish, holiday left-overs, healthy snacks, to name but a few. The workshops are aimed at affordable and safe preparation of food.

As the Christmas season arrives, so will Santa. He'll be in attendance at the Dec. 2 market.

According to Horita, "Three markets in a row will be offered in December, for not-to-be missed opportunities to shop for local products during the holiday season. Steveston's Festival of Trees will also be on display for the month of December, making market Sundays especially festive inside our heritage site."

After the indoor market's start on Oct. 21, they will follow an every-other-week pattern on Sundays, with an extra Sunday in December. The last one for 2018 is Sunday, Dec. 16.

The market then resumes for the new year on Feb. 3 and will follow



Photo courtesy Gulf of Georgia Cannery Museum

**In addition to vegetables and the aroma of freshly-baked bread, the Steveston Food and Artisan Market at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery offers artisanal objects and beverages.**

the every-other-Sunday pattern right through April 18. At that point, once spring arrives, the market traditionally moves out of doors.

The Cannery museum can be found at 12138 Fourth Ave. on the western end of Steveston's main drag, Moncton St. It is open year round from 10

a.m. until 5 p.m. Just listen for the cannery workers' whistle to hear the opening and closing times as it resounds through the village.

Visit [www.canneryfarmersmarket.org](http://www.canneryfarmersmarket.org) for more information on what to expect at each Sunday market.

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## Taking a chance on art for the Richmond Food Bank

By LORRAINE GRAVES  
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Think you know art? Perhaps you just want to help a good cause.

On Nov. 3, you can help the Richmond Food Bank and take a chance on art.

The food bank's one-day Guess Who? sale offers each piece of art for \$100 with half the sale price going to each artist and the other \$50 raised from each painting going to feed hungry people in our city.

The catch is, you won't know if this is a piece done by a student, an amateur or a highly-skilled, and very expensive, professional.

Each painting is the same size with no signature showing on the front.

"The trick is that paintings are only signed on the back and you don't find out the artist's name until you buy the painting. This is also a good thing as art should be bought because you love it," says Loraine Wellman, vice-president of the Richmond Artists Guild.

Last year, the sale raised \$2,000 and this year,

the hope is for an even higher number.

All in all, it adds up to more than \$10,000 raised by anonymous art for the food bank over the past five years.

It all starts at 10 a.m. at South Arm United Pioneer Church on the southwest corner of No. 3 Rd. and Steveston Hwy. It's in the little white church adjacent to the parking lot. By 3 p.m., it's all over.

Wellman says, "It is a unique opportunity to start a collection of original art and do good at the same time."

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# Local student a Youth at the Booth for at civic election

By LORRAINE GRAVES  
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The ad read, "Are you energetic, friendly and upbeat and do you enjoy meeting people? If so, we are looking for you!"

So Maya Lichtmann applied.

"It's an opportunity for youth to work at the voting booths, helping people register and helping people get to where they are supposed to be voting," she said of City of Richmond's Youth at the Booth program.

The Grade 11 student at J.N. Burnett Secondary has a full schedule: "I am president of the Model UN Club at my school. I coach cheerleading at Panther Cheer Athletics. I am youth chair at Thompson Community Centre."

She is also involved with student council at Burnett.

"I definitely have a passion for politics. It's really important for youth to have a voice in our community," she says.

In a time when the voting age for civic elections is 18, the 16-year-old Lichtmann says, "I felt like participating in the election even though I cannot vote. Youth at the Booth makes me still feel like I am involved in the world of politics."

The city's website lists some of the duties of the Youth at the Booth:

- Courteously welcoming all people entering the voting place
- Directing Electors to the appropriate



Photo by Chung Chow

J.N. Burnett Secondary student, Maya Lichtmann, looks forward to participating in Richmond's Oct. 20 civic election.

ate Election Officials

- Distributing stickers to people when they leave
- Informing Electors on where to find Election results online or on the Richmond Election (smart phone app)
- Performing other general tasks throughout the voting place.

Asked about the source of her interest in politics, Lichtmann says,

"I think it's probably rooted from my dad. He was a political science major. The news is on 24/7 in our house. It's always on. Growing up aware of the world around you is important and is something my parents have always taught me."

And how does she see our community?"Richmond? I love it. It is the more family version of Vancouver. It has all

the great things and plus a really great fit for families."

Where does Lichtmann see herself in the future?

"I would love to go into politics eventually. But probably I'll go to university and take an international relations course and yeah, eventually move into politics."

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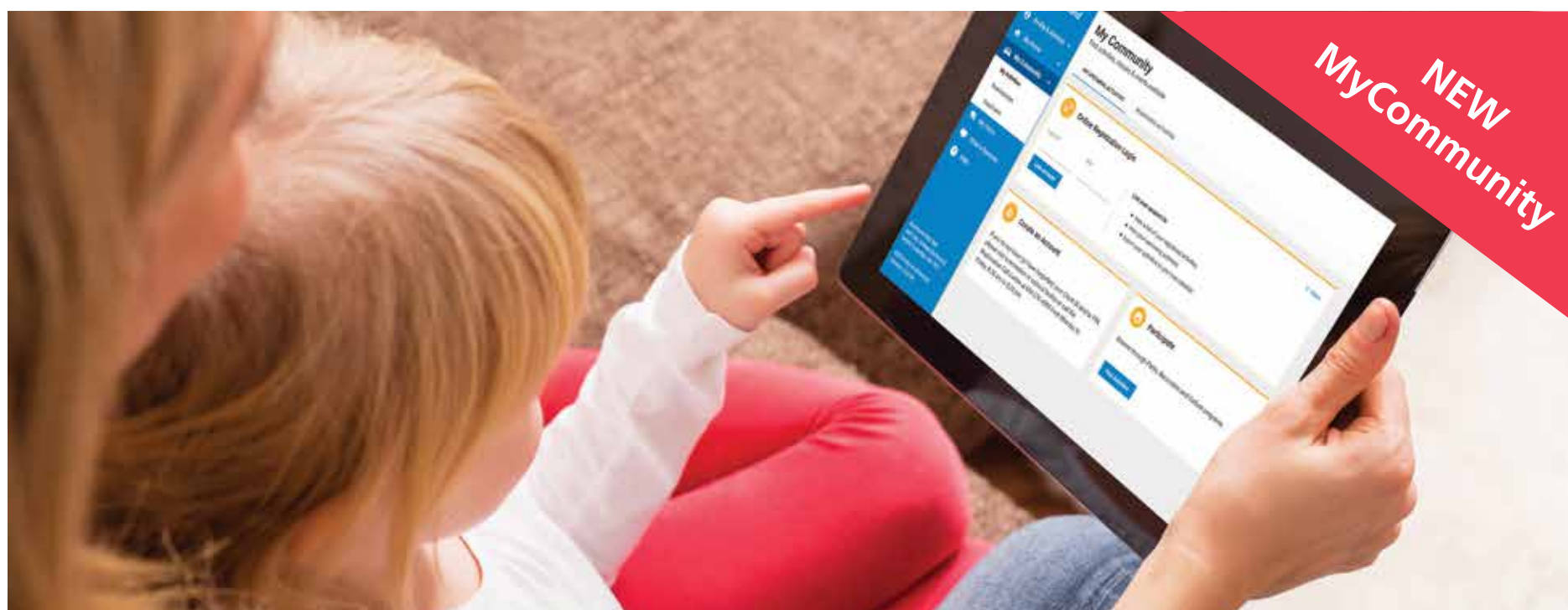
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# A public health approach to cannabis legalization

By **DIANNE MILSON**  
RASS board president

With legalization fast approaching, there is much speculation as to what the potential impact cannabis regulation may have in our communities.

As an agency that supports and helps those using substances, we will remain dedicated to providing holistic treatment programs, and a nuanced prevention approach that incorporates harm reduction messages and health promotion initiatives. We will continue to respond to the needs of the community as we all adapt to the changing landscape during this time of transition.

What we do know is that there will be new laws regulating recreational cannabis that take effect Oct. 17, with aims to accomplish three goals: keeping cannabis out of the

hands of youth, keeping profits out of the hands of criminals, and protecting public health and safety by allowing adults access to safe, legal cannabis.

Richmond Addiction Services Society agrees that regulation is an important step towards addressing cannabis use in Canada. However, we urge the municipal, provincial/territorial, federal, and Indigenous peoples' governing agencies to consider the following recommendations in order to meet the objectives of the stated goals:

- Comprehensive funding to all levels of prevention including but not limited to: health promotion initiatives, public education, harm reduction services, treatment services.
- Price and profit controls including restrictions around distribution, taxation that will be redistributed

to prevention and treatment programs, tax rates established based on THC concentrations, pricing regulations that minimize the potential for a black market, sales from government-run or approved outlets only, and not to be co-located with sales of alcohol or tobacco.

- Product restrictions including prohibiting branding, advertising, promotion or sponsorship of events, labelling requirements that communicate risks, concentrations, ingredients and what an average standard dose may be.

- Supplier restrictions including restrictions on THC concentrations, supplier training, licensing requirements.

- Customer restrictions include age, use location, maximum purchase quantities, proof of residency, driving restrictions, and enhanced penalties for sales personnel and adults who supply cannabis to those who are underage.

These recommendations support a public health perspective to cannabis legalization, which considers the potential risks and benefits of substance use.

Although there is still much we need to learn about the effects of cannabis use, we do know that early and regular use of cannabis results in the greatest harms. Youth in Richmond have similar rates of cannabis use as Vancouver, with youth accessing cannabis through the illicit market. Although it's unlikely that legalization will eliminate the illicit market completely, it has the potential to limit the involvement of illegal activities. We also recognize that problematic substance or behaviour use is often symptomatic of underlying bio-psycho-social-spiritual-environmental issues and adopting an integrated approach that ensures adequate programs and services are in place when new policies are implemented will help reduce nega-

tive outcomes. At RASS, we will continue to focus on programs that promote healthy and whole individuals, families and communities because we know that when people feel empowered, connected and valued, substance use drops. This includes building individual capacity and nurturing resilience as we adapt to the changing environment where drugs are already accessible.

Lastly, regulatory frameworks must be flexible to adapt to surprises or challenges that may arise. This requires thorough and comprehensive data collection and analysis in order to monitor the impact of the new regulatory framework. We also know, from lessons learned in the States of Colorado and Washington, that it is easier to start with more restrictive measures and scale back.

It is often difficult for communities to address complex issues such as drug policy and drug use, and Richmond is no different. We encourage everyone to engage in dialogue that involves curiosity, a deep level of empathy, and is contingent on one another truly listening to each other. Let us engage in the vital conversation of what is happening in people's lives and how Richmond can collectively create and participate in a society where all people are supported and included.

For the full Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse and Addiction report on lessons learned in Colorado and Washington State, please visit: [tinyurl.com/CannabisinUS](http://tinyurl.com/CannabisinUS)

To access a parent's guide to cannabis and youth, please visit: [tinyurl.com/CannabisParentGuide](http://tinyurl.com/CannabisParentGuide)

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# Sy's final season looks to be a winner

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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As Giovanni Sy prepares to helm his last season as artistic director at Richmond's Gateway Theatre, he looks forward to the plays he's chosen for the year ahead.

"There's a musical, some comedy, some drama. And, in *Glory*, lots of dance and spectacle—not to mention hockey!"

Sy picked six productions for the season.

"We've got a terrific lineup."

Michel Tremblay's masterpiece *Les Belles-soeurs* started the season, and has now finished its run.

"We follow that with a revival of Tetsuro Shigematsu's popular one-man show *Empire of the Son*. Our holiday musical is a new look at a beloved classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. It features popular songs from the '40s

and a 10-piece orchestra," Sy says.

Back again this year, on the heels of last year's directorial success with *A Little Night Music*, Peter Jorgensen will direct his version of *It's a Wonderful Life*.

"I know people loved seeing a musical in December. So we've got a really great one with *It's a Wonderful Life*," Sy says.

"And I might happen to be on stage for that show too," he says.

But, wait, that's not all. Gateway's season is only half over when the New Year comes in.

"Then, there's the Canadian premiere of the hilarious comedy *Yoga Play* which pokes fun at Lululemon culture. There's the world premiere of Meghan Gardiner's hard-hitting drama *Gross Misconduct*. And finally, the Vancouver premiere of *Glory* which tells the story of a Depression-era women's hockey team



Photo by Chung Chow

**Jovanni Sy, artistic director of Richmond's Gateway Theatre contemplates his final season.**

through swing dance choreography."

Saying there are so many wonderful plays out there, Sy lists his criteria for the choices he makes: "I look for great stories that will resonate with Richmond audiences. I was looking for pieces that are entertaining and that have something relevant to say."

And lastly, looking further into the future, as he leaves to concentrate more on his own projects, what about Giovanni Sy the writer?

"I'm working on a piece about the great playwright Arthur Miller. It may show up at Gateway someday," he says.

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# Steveston Smiles at Sweep the Streets

By **DON FENNELL**  
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The Sunday immediately prior to Thanksgiving holds special meaning for Richmond's hockey community.

Since the first Sweep the Streets in 2010, local minor hockey players have made it their annual mission to give back by collecting garbage throughout Steveston.

Coinciding each year with the Richmond Jets' Icebreaker rep tournament, players and other volunteers traditionally gather at Garry Point Park before embarking on their trek. Fuelled up on Tim Hortons coffee, hot chocolate and Timbits, the positive energy and team spirit is infectious. But it's the sense of accomplishment and pride afterwards that prevails.

## WORKING TOGETHER

"Every year we've been a part of Sweep the Streets I've noticed young teammates work together for something more important than goals and assists," says Pee wee A5 coach Jim Sutherland. "They help clean up an area of their city, take pride in that accomplishment, and (share) a few laughs throughout the morning."

It's the kind of bonding experience teams at all levels strive to achieve, recognizing the intrinsic values that such an experience delivers.

## SEEDS SPROUT

Now a member of the Richmond Jets board of directors, Cody Kusch was a vice-president at Seafair (which last spring merged with Richmond

Minor to form the new Jets hockey association) when he presented the idea of a community clean-up. The response of his peers was overwhelmingly positive, and eight years later support for the event continues to grow.

It's clear from their comments that the players are equally stoked to participate.

## PITCHING IN

"I really enjoy the Sweep the Streets event every year because I get to do something away from the rink with my teammates," says Nathan, one of 30 members of Sutherland's Pee wee A5 team to participate this year. "I like that we are cleaning up the city we live in, and helping out on a weekend where everyone should look at ways of giving back."

Players from the Jets' Atom C1 were also left with fond memories.

"I had fun walking through Steveston, helping pick up garbage with my friends," says Ben.

Adds Carson: "My favourite part of Sweep the Streets was working as a team to give back to our community. And it was fun."

Tommy liked finding "huge amounts of garbage" and seeing his efforts help win a prize for the team. The Atom C1 team won the second-place team



*Photo submitted*

**Pouring rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits, as smiling faces were the order of the day at the ninth annual Sweep the Streets event hosted by the Richmond Jets.**

prize for having 23 people brave pouring rain (this was the first year the weather was inclement) to attend the event.

Atom coach Sean O'Neill takes his family and team to the event each year.

"It's a great way for the association to come together, and it's important for us to support the community that supports us. Sweep the Streets is just one of the ways we do this."

## GIVING BACK

Steveston Smiles, a local dentistry whose mantra is "Keep Your Smile in Shape," has a long history of supporting the community. Led by Dr. Doug Nielsen, who founded Steveston Smiles in the early 1970s, the company has stepped up to sponsor Sweep the

Streets, with Nielsen and colleagues setting up a tent at Garry Point Park this year. Steveston Smiles also provided all attendees with new toothbrushes and other dental giveaways, along with providing funding to the association for programming.

Seeing the mass of smiles elicited the same from Sweep the Streets organizer Kusch, who is already anxiously awaiting the 2019 event.

"This is definitely the busiest weekend for the Richmond Jets both on and off the ice, (hosting) our first rep tournament of the year and one of biggest community events of the year. And though it rained all day, we still had about 90 people show up to help clean up Steveston. Well done everyone."

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Richmond Firefighters Association presented Richmond Special Olympics with a \$500 donation during the inaugural basketball exhibition Sunday at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

# Firefighters support Special Olympics

By DON FENNELL  
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They kept score, but nobody noticed. Instead their focus was squarely on the participants as members of the Richmond Firefighters Association teamed with Richmond Special Olympics athletes in the inaugural basketball exhibition Sunday at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

In an inspiring and unforgettable display of sportsmanship and inclusion, the firefighters and Special Olympians lined up side by side in a series of games. Smiles and true sportsmanship triumphed.

The exhibition was organized by the firefighters, headed by Chris Vanderwel.

"The Richmond Firefighters Association's idea to support the Richmond Special Olympics is (the result of) a collaborative conversation about investing in our community, athletics, and supporting athletes with intellectual disabilities," explains Vanderwel. "Along with our Richmond Firefighters Charitable Society, our organization has supported Richmond Special

Olympics in the past. This event is now another opportunity for us to engage with these inspirational athletes."

The Richmond Firefighters Association has a long history of extending helping hands. Last weekend, members welcomed the opportunity to do so again.

In the first of what organizers hope becomes an annual event, more than 14 firefighters shared the spotlight with 28 local Special Olympics athletes.

Committed to serving its community, the Richmond Firefighters Association greatly values respect and inclusion for all. Its sponsorship of this event allowed free admission and participation for all Richmond Special Olympics athletes and their families.

"Our shared goal is to make this an inclusive, fun, family-oriented event," says Vanderwel. "To make this event an annual success, we need to get the word out to the community to come and be a part of this amazing experience. We see this event growing by involving our community alongside the athletes and firefighters."

Vanderwel says members of the Richmond Firefighters Association are



also thankful for the support from the Richmond Olympic Oval to use the space.

"Without support of great facilities like this, our events cannot happen,"

he says. "And future corporate involvement is important to provide opportunities and events for Richmond Special Olympics athletes."

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# Ravens hosting rep hockey classic this weekend

By **DON FENNELL**

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The Richmond Ravens will be aiming to regain their championship form when the best in female hockey converge here this weekend for the sixth annual Pacific Coast rep classic.

After winning at least one of the three division titles annually since 2009, the hosts lost out last year to Kamloops, St. Albert (Alberta) and Surrey in the Midget AA, Bantam AA and Pee wee AA divisions respectively.

It won't be easy.

Since spinning off the long-standing Ravens' Ice Classic tournament, the rep classic has grown to 24 teams. This year, the event is attracting teams from as far east as Markham, Ontario as well as from Alberta and California. It is the largest rep tournament in the province.

From its inception, the focus of the event has been "to foster the development of elite female minor hockey by bringing together teams from across North America," says Ravens' president Shirlyn Baskette.

As tournament directors, Natalie and John Korenic will be heading up the activities Oct. 19 to 21 at the Richmond Ice Centre.

Besides the Markham-Stouffville Stars, the Midget AA division will

also feature LB Energy Preds (representing the Peace River region); North Shore Avalanche; San Jose Sharks; South Island Royals; Surrey Falcons; host Richmond Ravens; and defending champion Kamloops Blazers.

The Bantam AA division, won last year by St. Albert (not returning) includes the Calgary Fire Red, Kelowna Rockets, North Island Impact, Prince George Cougars, Red Deer Sutter Fund Chiefs, San Jose Sharks, South Island Royals, Surrey Falcons, Tri-Cities Predators and host Richmond Ravens.

Surrey Falcons are returning to defend the Pee wee AA division, which also includes the Kelowna Rockets, North Shore Avalanche, San Jose Sharks, South Island Royals, Tri-Cities Predators and host Richmond Ravens.

Games begin at 7:30 a.m. Friday (Oct. 19), with the championship games at 12:30 p.m., 12:45 p.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday (Oct. 21).

Fans will also have an opportunity to check out action in the South Coast Women's Hockey League Friday (7 p.m. Fraser Valley vs. South Fraser on the Coliseum) and Saturday (6 p.m. Richmond vs. Meadow Ridge on the Coliseum). The SCWHL is the top competitive league for players over 18 in B.C.

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Photo by Don Fennell  
Connaught's Annie Lin earned personal best scores at the recent International Skating Union's Junior Grand Prix held in Richmond.

## Skaters earn high marks at Grand Prix

By **DON FENNELL**

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Three athletes with strong local ties all earned personal-best scores at the recent International Skating Union Junior Grand Prix at Minoru Arenas.

Richmond's Beres Clements, who trains with Joanne McLeod at Burnaby's Champs International Centre of B.C., placed eighth overall in the men's division which was topped by Russia's Petr Gumennik. Clements sat ninth after the short program with a score of 60.78 points, and moved up with a strong seventh-place showing in the free skate which earned him 111.98 points for a personal-best overall score of 172.76 points and eighth overall in the competition.

Connaught Figure Skating Club member Micah Kai Lynette, who represented Thailand, was 13th overall with a person-

al best 165.13 points. The Bellingham, Wash. high school student, who comes to Richmond most weekdays to train with coach Keegan Murphy, moved up three positions with a strong finish. In 12th place after the short program, in which he earned a score of 58.27 points, he jumped to ninth following the free skate in which judges awarded him a score of 106.86 points.

Lynette's Connaught teammate Yu-Hsun (Annie) Lin finished 18th overall in the junior ladies' division with a best-ever total 102.33 points. Representing Chinese Tapei in the event, the Richmond Secondary School student scored 36.77 points in the short program and 65.56 points in the free skate.

Russia's Anna Shcherbakova led from start to finish to win the junior ladies' title with a total score of 195.56 points.

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# Putzi still at the head of the class

By DON FENNELL  
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Having his picture taken with Richmond league MVP Dan Afanasyevskyy at the conclusion of last season, 30 years after winning the same award, brought back a flood of memories for Ron Putzi.

Three decades after his high school playing career ended, the legendary Richmond Colt remains one of the best basketball players the city has ever produced. And one of the most modest. Even today, he epitomizes the phrase “there’s no I in team.”

A member of back-to-back provincial champions in 1987 and 1988, teams oldtimers still maintain were among the greatest high school hoops teams ever—not only in Richmond, but province-wide—Putzi never experienced losing a game at the venerable old Richmond High—a bandbox gymnasium where the fans were loud, intimidating and always on top of the action.

But as memorable as playing at Richmond High was, and the championships of which Putzi played a large role, it’s the practices that stood out.

“The inordinate hours we spent practicing together was worth the final result,” Putzi says. “The fun we experienced conditioning ourselves (also known as throwing up), competing against each other, achieving the goals we set out for each other, playing through exceptionally hard games, changed our lives forever.”

Putzi arrived at Richmond High from traditional feeder school J.N. Burnett in 1986 after helping lift the Breakers to third place in the provincial junior championships. But at the time, Richmond High was also on a roll having just won the B.C. senior title led by MVP Steve Taylor. He remembers the energy around the Colts program as “absolutely palpable.”

“But already we smelled something (amazing) brewing,” he says. “We had



**Ron Putzi, a standout basketball player at Richmond High during their back-to-back provincial championships in 1987 and 1988, was inducted to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame recently.**

work ahead of us, but the potential was there to win two championships back-to-back.”

The goal was ultimately realized when the Colts netted provincial titles in 1987 and 1988. The 1988 team did something equally incredible. They didn’t lose a single game all season.

“I clearly remember winning the provincial final (Richmond defeated Seacom Seahawks 99-80),” Putzi says. “It was all very emotional. Throughout the celebration though, one thought repetitively played inside my head—‘But God, did we ever practice a lot.’ The emotional outpouring after winning a championship often directly relates to the countless hours you spent training to get to the top; to be the best, or certainly the best you can be. It’s one of the proudest accomplishments of my life.”

Putzi also has fond memories of facing DeMatha Catholic High School

from Hyattsville, Maryland in an exhibition game at UBC War Memorial Gym. In the eyes of many of longtime high school basketball fans, it remains one of the great games ever played locally pitting the best of Canada against the best of the United States.

“The game (which the Colts lost 98-84) was one of the defining moments in BC basketball, proving to us that our basketball was on par with the world’s best,” he says.

DeMatha was coached by Morgan Wooten, whose team consistently ranked among the best in U.S. high school basketball throughout his career from 1956 to 2002. Under his guidance, DeMatha won five national titles.

Putzi is quick to credit Bill Disbrow, his coach at Richmond High, with creating the strong basketball culture that consistently made the Colts a high school powerhouse throughout

the 1980s and 1990s.

“Bill Disbrow believed in building not just a great high school basketball program, but developing the best basketball program in the world,” Putzi says. “Richmond High was to be a non-flashy program with an infectious first-class culture that consisted of important core values, fast-paced excitement, crazy fans and sold-out crowds.”

In his coaching career at Richmond High, Disbrow coached more than 1,000 games and guided the Colts to five provincial championships, three provincial finals. They won 92 per cent of their games.

While he grew up excelling at many sports, Putzi soon developed an affinity and clear talent for basketball. By the time he was in his senior year of high school, that talent was becoming increasingly obvious. In the 1988 provincial final won by the Colts, he scored a final-game record 60 points that still stands today.

Upon graduating from Richmond High, Putzi accepted a scholarship to New Mexico State University, where during his four seasons as an Aggie his team never failed to make the NCAA March Madness tournament. One year, they made it all the way to the Sweet 16. He also led the Aggies in three-point shooting percentage during his first season with the club when it won the Big West Conference title.

A proud Canadian, Putzi wore the maple leaf several times and was instrumental in Canada winning the silver medal at the World University Games in 1997.

He also played 10 years professionally in Europe, leading his club to the Swiss championship in 2000.

Today, Putzi takes great satisfaction in giving back to the game in multiple ways. And he remains a dedicated supporter of his beloved Richmond Colts, cheering them on whenever he can.

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# Colts BC's first baseball medallists

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It remains the game of their lives.

On Aug. 30, 1987, a group of Richmond teens—collectively known as the Richmond Colts—took the field for a game in Sherbrooke, Quebec. With an 11-1 victory over the host side, they became the first B.C. team to win a medal (bronze) at a national baseball championship.

Thirty years later, these boys of summer still get together to reminisce and relive the road to bronze. Front and centre, as always, is Mike Kelly.

"I coached for over 40 years and was fortunate to coach the likes of (future Major Leaguers) Justin Morneau, Jeff Francis and James Paxton, but this team was special," says Kelly, head coach of the 1987 provincial champions.

## CHALLENGING JOURNEY

Assembled mere weeks before the start of the 1987 BC all-star season, the team represented the best of Colt Division baseball in Richmond. The players were selected, Kelly explains, because of the chemistry he believed they would achieve.

But while Richmond's journey to the inaugural nationals was memorable and, in the long run, successful it wasn't without its challenges. In fact, the 1987 team was on the verge of being eliminated in the provincial championships at the hands of a longtime nemesis.

Though Richmond started round-robin play with a victory over Kelowna, arch-rival North Delta overwhelmed the locals 14-1 in just the second game of the season-ending tournament. In the double knockout, another loss would have meant going home.



The 1987 Richmond Colts have a special place in coach Mike Kelly's heart.

## PSYCHOLOGY PAYS OFF

Kelly, however, remained optimistic. "What are you going to say to the kids?" assistant coach Gregg Antonyk asked Kelly following the loss to North Delta.

"I have no idea yet, but I'll figure something out," answered the quick-thinking manager, who throughout his coaching career always seemed to have a proverbial ace up his sleeve.

After overhearing one of the players anticipate that he'd be upset, Kelly delivered his speech.

"OK guys, it doesn't matter if we lost 14-1 or 1-0, we lost a ball game and so now we've got one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel. If we lose any more we're done," Kelly implored. "We're going to play tonight at six and so we need to go home, get something good to eat, and come ready to play."

Just as Kelly hoped, the boys responded positively, handily defeating Ridge Meadows. But the coach still

wasn't convinced the players were as focused as winning a provincial championship would require. So, he played the reverse psychology card.

"We've got two games to play tomorrow, and if you play like this tomorrow we'll be done in 4 1/2 innings," he said, playing the reverse-psychology card.

His strategy worked, as Richmond responded with back-to-back victories over previously-undefeated North Delta. Richmond's Colts were now able to book their tickets to the nationals.

## INJURY SETBACK

Richmond, sporting the colours of Team BC at nationals, added future Toronto Blue Jay Paul Spoljaric of Kelowna and North Delta's Brian Callaghan to bolster the pitching staff. Their presence, coupled with a boost of confidence by winning the provincials, seemed to have the locals feeling good about their chances of winning it all. Kelly maintains today that, if not for an ankle injury to starting

catcher Steve Hepburn against Ontario, they may have done just that.

But looking back, there are only fond memories.

We didn't know what to expect really, but after a couple of games we gained more confidence. We wanted gold, but we were pretty happy winning bronze," says Cory Carpenter, who stepped in to catch when Hepburn was forced to the sidelines.

"It was a good experience for everybody."

## LOVE OF THE GAME

Kelly's love for baseball came suddenly, and by happenstance.

Fresh out of high school in 1972, he started a 42-year career with CP Rail in Princeton. During his first day on the job his new bosses, Janet and Ted Hardin, asked if he'd ever umpired baseball. When he answered no, Janet replied: "You'll do just fine. Just them you don't know the rules and they won't bother you."

That spurred Kelly into action, and over the coming months, and subsequent years, he became a zealous student of baseball—consuming as much about the game as possible, routinely attending clinics throughout North America.

He also intently studied coaches in other sports, people like legendary Richmond high school basketball coach Bill Disbrow, and football coach Joe Goodlad.

"I just really enjoyed sports," says Kelly, who played and officiated hockey before falling in love with baseball.

He still looks back at those few halcyon months in 1987 as the pinnacle time of his career.

"All those kids had different attributes, but they could all play on any team. They made me look good."

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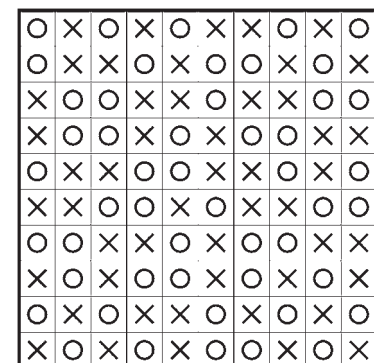
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# Eugene Sheffer's crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Doorframe piece
- 5 Select from a group
- 9 Pop
- 12 Slugger Moises
- 13 Killer whale
- 14 Where Lux is
- 15 Clarinets and flutes
- 17 One-time link
- 18 Forward
- 19 Fund
- 21 "Tiny Bubbles" singer Don
- 22 Mouselike mammal
- 24 Bart's sister
- 27 Tax prep pro
- 28 Talk up
- 31 Bat wood
- 32 Squeak stopper
- 33 Music's Yoko
- 34 Incubator noise
- 36 White House nickname
- 37 Tosses in
- 38 Moscow money
- 40 Man's address
- 41 Lion's color
- 43 Coffee bar orders
- 47 Green prefix
- 48 Groundhog
- 51 "I love," to Livy
- 52 Italian wine region
- 53 French 101 verb

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55 Bigfoot's cousin

56 Leftovers recipe
- 16 Romance

20 Court divider

22 Volleyball smash

23 Robust

24 Napkin's place

25 British verb ending

26 Robin Hood's forest

27 Spring

29 German conjunction

30 Lean- — (sheds)

35 Bit of wit

37 McDonald's emblem

39 Side road

40 Soft shoe, for short

41 Pond duck

42 Summit
- 43 1502, in Old Rome

44 Jabba the —

45 Farm fraction

46 Distort

49 Sugary suffix

50 Mel of baseball

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Answers will be posted  
in the next issue in  
Special Election Edition

# SUDOKU

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

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# TIC-TAC-LOGIC

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Conceptis Tic-Tac-Logic

By Dave Green

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