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Richmond Arts Coalition's
Rob Fillo got keys to
subsidized arts studio in
city's new arts district

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Rob Fillo, executive director of the Richmond Arts Coalition, says this North Richmond neighbourhood is poised to become city's new arts district.



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Arts district in North Richmond sparks to life

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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There’s a driveway-style dip in the sidewalk directly in front of Rob Fillo’s stylish new North Richmond home in a neighbourhood that’s just sprouting to life.

His spacious two-storey live/work studio suite doesn’t boast a garage, but there is a warehouse-style roll-up door that together with the driveway almost invites drivers to turn in.

In essence, that’s what Fillo hopes people will do (minus their cars of course) in the not-too-distant future: come in, say hello, enjoy a cup of java while soaking in the sights and sounds at the heart of Richmond’s new arts district.

Welcome to Concord Gardens, a multi-family residential development on Sexsmith Road, north of Capstan Way, that includes 20 subsidized one- and two-bedroom lofts that range from 875 to 1,125 square feet and rent for \$837 per month.

Fillo, the executive director of the Richmond Arts Coalition, applied for a unit many years ago, and on Oct. 19, he and his neighbours received the keys to their new homes.

Fillo, flashing an ear-to-ear smile, credited Richmond city council and local arts organizations for having the foresight to champion this project so many years ago.

“It’s wild. It’s just fantastic. This is the very beginning and the catalyst to



Photo by Chung Chow

The city’s new arts district is taking shape in North Richmond, with subsidized arts studios for professional artists that are part of the City of Richmond’s affordable housing strategy.

help bring arts to this area. In the future...I see a real arts hub, so 10 years, 20 years down the road you could have galleries, studio spaces, working spaces...an affordable performance venue.”

Fillo’s home couldn’t be better located. His end-unit sits right next to what he believes will become a small park, and he envisions offering song-writing classes and acoustic music showcases just inside the front of his home as families walk by from the many nearby new residential high-rises.

To be eligible for one of the subsidized units, applicants must be professional artists who demonstrate a need, and fall within an income range, he said.

While the studio units may lack privacy, the extensive use of glass will help address what Fillo thinks is one of the most important parts of arts: community engagement.

“You can paint all day long in a room, but if no one’s seeing it, that could be lovely for you but you’re not really sharing it with the world,” he said.

“So to have a space like this, where I can even invite clients, where I could be teaching lessons, I could be painting right in the front with the door open, and really invite the community to take a peek in and look at art.”

There are endless possibilities for the industrial-style spaces that also include a metal catwalk on the upper level that leads from the bedroom space to the patio.

Former city councilor Linda Barnes,

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The little rover that could

By **LORRAINE GRAVES**
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Normally, heading off to climb a mountain and only getting 17 kilometres over five years, isn't cause for celebration.

But NASA and Richmond's MDA, a business unit of Maxar Technologies, are delighted.

NASA's Mars rover, Curiosity, and all the highly sophisticated instruments on it, were designed to last about two years, with the hope it might last a bit longer. Now over two and a half times past the original goal, everyone is more than pleased.

"I am jubilant. I'm quite excited," says Paul Fulford, MDA's manager of robotics product development.

Fulford managed the large team of Canadian experts it took to design and build the sophisticated APSX detector for the Curiosity rover. APSX is one of a bouquet of instruments the rover carries.

Wendy Keyzer, manager of marketing communications in MDA's information systems group says APSX was developed with Dr. Ralf Gellert of the University of Guelph for the Canadian Space Agency.

The rover, with APSX aboard, had a long way to go before it could even start its Martian trek.

About the size of a car, Curiosity took eight and a half months to trav-

el the vast distance from Earth to Mars, touching down Aug. 6, 2012.

Were there a freeway to the red planet, it would take at least 64 years to drive there, non-stop.

Mars is so far away that it takes almost half an hour to get a reply from the rover, so instructing and guiding it is more akin to chess by mail than playing an online videogame.

Fulford explains exactly where Curiosity is on Mars. "They landed in the smooth flood plain, in the middle of a crater approximately 150 kilometres in diameter."

That is roughly the distance from Whistler to Bellingham or almost double the width of Lake Ontario.

In the centre of this vast crater is a mountain 5,500 metres tall, one and a half times taller than Whistler Mountain.

Curiosity travelled from the plain, through the shifting dunes, and has been slowly climbing the mountain, sampling the Martian environment as it goes, then sending the raw data back to Earth.

Even with these challenges, discoveries are being made, one sniff, one image and one scoop of Martian soil at a time.

"There is extremely strong evidence that a very long time ago, the crater was filled with water," Fulford says.

Now, with the water long gone, Cu-

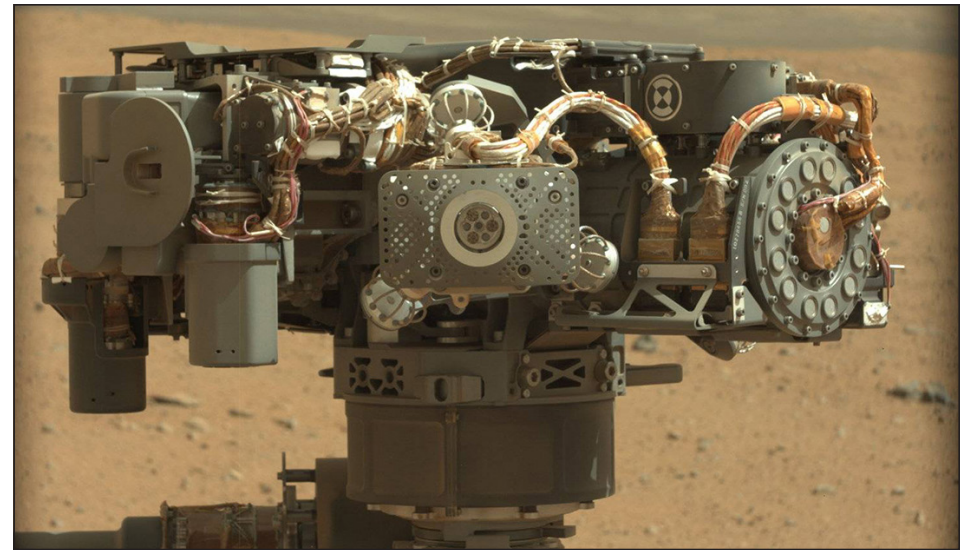


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So far, Mars rover, Curiosity has left 17 km of tire tracks on the red planet.

riosity climbs the barren mountain, past different tide lines.

"By going up higher and higher, we are detecting different minerals and creating a story about the ancient crater and the ancient lake. There is strong evidence of clay and clay is very abundant in the bottom of all our lakes around the world."

As research, and Curiosity's climb, continues, Fulford says: "We should find all these other mineral deposits."

He says lakes and oceans have different minerals that sift down to the bottom, forming different layers of sediment.

"With APSX and all these other scientific instruments, we are starting

to tell a story of this ancient lake and ancient crater," he says.

Fulford explains APSX; "A human geologist, in the field, has a head full of knowledge, a rock hammer, a magnifying glass. She or he taps on things with their hammer and looks at the minerals inside. Curiosity is a rover geologist, a robotic geologist. It doesn't have that whole suite of knowledge in his head."

But, Fulford says, Curiosity does all have all the instruments to do the analyses and send the information back to earth where scientists here analyze it.

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ROVER

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In cooking terms, the APSX detector tastes the samples Curiosity gives it. Here on Earth, a great chef, even blind-folded, when given a bite of a dessert could detect crispy, caramelized sugar, then with a taste of creamy custard from below the crust, could figure out she was eating crème brûlée.

The Mars rover gives the APSX detector bites of Mars to taste, some from the crust formed over millennia, some from the layers underneath.

"APSX can detect the quantity and amount of specific atoms we're looking for," says Fulford.

Curiosity then radios the names of the basic chemicals APSX finds back to Earth.

Scientists use those chemical building blocks to construct a picture not only of Mars today, but of Mars long ago.

With the data sent to earth by APSX, scientists in Canada, and around the world, have discovered the chemicals in the Martian crust remind them of what they find when water dries on Earth's soil. They have also found clay under the crust, like we have under our lake beds.

From the information gained, scientists have built a picture of the red planet's past; Mars once had an atmosphere that blanketed the planet, keeping temperatures reasonable in an environment where rivers flowed and life could have existed.

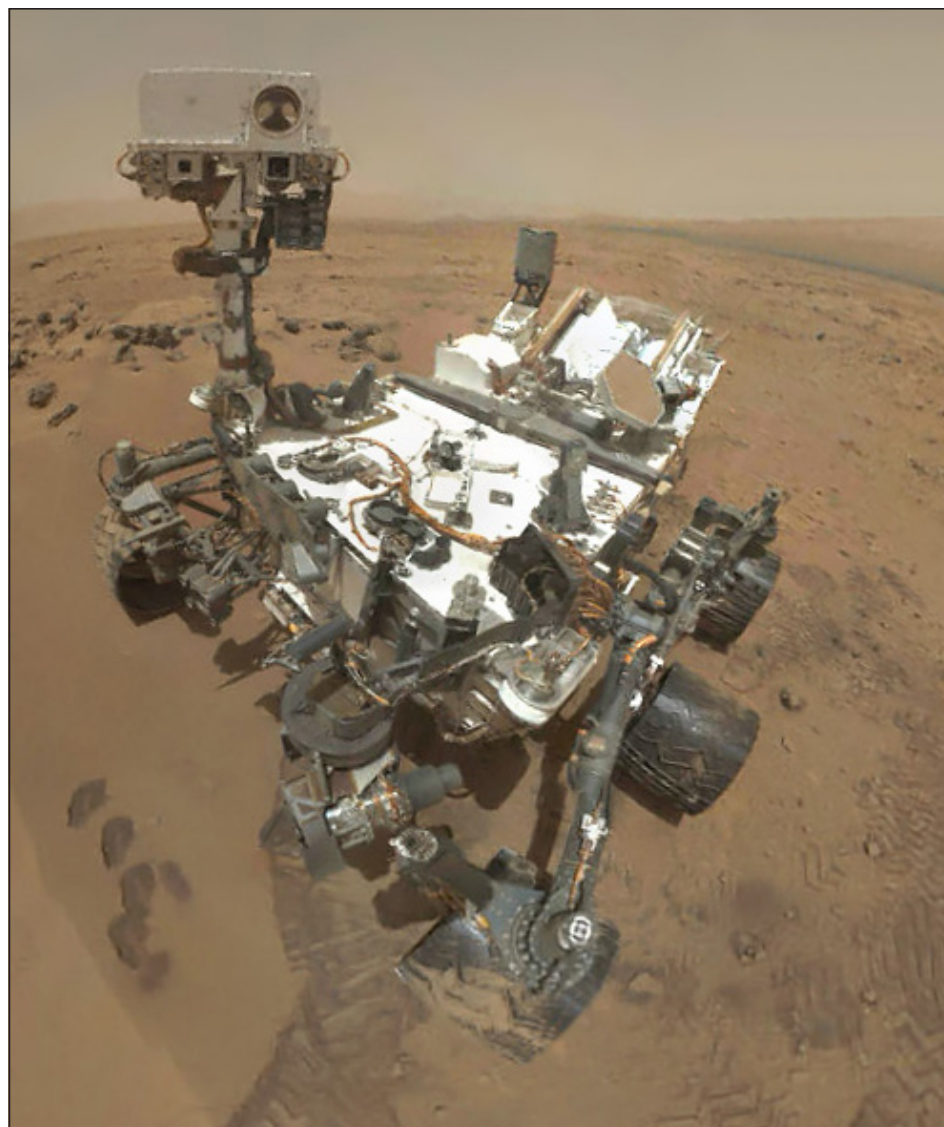


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APSX aboard the Mars rover, Curiosity.

But, because Mars has no magnetic field, solar winds blew the planet's protective atmosphere away, leaving it exposed to the harsh realities of space, to become the barren planet that Curiosity roves today.

"It's those geologic stories that I find pretty cool," Fulford says.

Unlike the experienced chef, the APSX detector can only taste the constituent chemicals. It is then up to researchers back on earth to put

the recipe together. They use earth-based experience and knowledge to see if the Martian crust and the soil were formed by water, wind or anything else.

Every extra day of travel and data gathering is a bonus at this point.

So far, APSX has tasted over 500 bites of Mars. The information keeps on coming.

How long will Curiosity work?

No one knows but it has already given us more than enough information to keep scientists in Canada and around the world busy for years, fine-tuning the picture it paints of the red planet.

"Ultimately it helps give us perspective of our place in our solar system. Roving on another planet and acquiring data tells us a lot about our planet, where we are in the greater scheme of things," says Fulford.

Today, as planned, NASA operates Curiosity and all the tools, like APSX, on it.

His role in the design and building of the detector behind him, Fulford has gone on to other MDA projects in the intervening half a decade.

But, like a parent watching a grown-up child from afar, he still keeps an eye on APSX. NASA has a daily rover blog at mars.nasa.gov/msl.

"Each morning, when I get my coffee, I check in, just to see what's happening on Mars with Curiosity," Fulford says.

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Pavement spot repairs

- 11351 No. 1 Road
- 11800 No. 2 Road
- 12031 No. 2 Road
- 11511 to 11711 Steveston Highway and 11393 Steveston Highway

City block paving locations

- Minoru Boulevard (Lansdowne Road to Ackroyd Road)
- Railway Avenue and Blundell Road intersection
- 11000 Block No. 5 Road
- 9000 Block No. 1 Road
- 10000 Block No. 1 Road
- 13000 Block Steveston Highway
- 6000 No. 5 Road
- No. 3 Road (Westminster Highway to Ackroyd)
- No. 5 Road and Bridgeport Road intersection
- Steveston Highway (Mortfield to No. 4 Road)
- Steveston Highway (10471 to Shell Road)
- 9000 Block Westminster Highway – East bound lanes
- Alderbridge Way (No. 3 Road to Garden City) – spot repairs only

Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Night time work hours will be from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (typically).

Traffic will be reduced to single-lane and there may be temporary lane closures. Delays may occur. The use of an alternate route is strongly encouraged.

This work is weather dependent and dates are subject to change without notice.

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Provincial government offers free immune boost

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Want to boost your immune system?

Get your flu shot, according to Richmond's medical health officer, Dr. Meena Dawar.

And this year's flu may be a doozy, if what's happened during the Southern Hemisphere's winter flu season this year is any indication.

"We do know that Australia has had a fairly severe season," says Dawar. A normal flu season usually costs 3,500 Canadians their lives. While 90 per cent of those deaths are seniors, "children do get sick from it and die as well," Dawar says. "It's very tragic."

The vaccination takes up to two weeks to be fully effective so get it now to be ready when the full-blown influenza season hits in November.

A flu shot protects your family and our community. You can spread the virus to others before you feel sick.

Influenza can leave you off work for weeks or sometimes even months. It's more than just a bad cold. It is a severe illness.

"For most of us adults and seniors, getting influenza is like being run over by a truck. You don't just get a cold and a cough. Your muscles ache, you're run down, you can't get

out of bed. It's a fairly severe illness," she says.

It's rare, but Dr. Dawar suggests that anyone who has had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past see an allergist because there are new products that make immunization possible.

A vaccination teaches your immune system to recognize and fight off an infection. Just as some of the symptoms of full-blown influenza are from your immune system rallying to fight off the virus, so too are the much milder symptoms some people have in the days after their vaccination.

If you catch the flu, the virus can actually cause temporary damage to your immune system, leaving you open to a secondary, bacterial infection like pneumonia or a sinus infection. That's why people get over the flu and it sometimes seems to "come back."

Dawar recommends the flu shot for everyone.

In theory, those not in a high-risk group might need to pay \$25 for their shot but you will not likely have to pay because Dawar says the criteria for the free shots are so broad; children six months to five years, people

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65 and over, anyone with a chronic condition, anyone who may be visiting hospitals, health centres or a seniors' residence, or any people who are in contact with anyone in the above categories.

"So," she says, "that means everybody else."

Dawar says the influenza vaccine is very safe. It can cause a sore arm where you got the shot. "That's normal. It's the immune system responding to the vaccine. And you can feel a bit achy but you don't get cold symptoms, no runny nose, no cough because the vaccine does not cause the flu. It only contains components of the virus, not the actual virus."

Besides the elderly, Dawar cautions there is another at-risk group: pregnant women.

"Pregnant women absolutely should be immunized. It's safe for pregnant women and recommended for all stages of pregnancy. There's clear evidence from many, many studies, that it protects both themselves and their babies from being hospitalized."

She says the flu shot protects babies from being born too early or too small. In addition, a baby is born with the mom's protective immunities that last until the baby is old enough to grow their own immune system.

Wilson Li, a pharmacist at the new Shoppers Drug Mart at Gilbert and Elmbridge, said customers simply need to sign a form that confirms they meet one of the criteria for a free shot.

"People are aware the flu is a problem we're facing," Li said.

Flu shots are also available through a family physician or a public health clinic.

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Pharmacist Mary Wu gives Lina Ooi her flu shot at Richlea Pharmacy.

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Dad Gamachu Taha and mom Dureti Mohamed look on as their daughter Nanati Taha and son Dursa Taha prepare to sign the footings of their new home.

Working towards a home

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Habitat for Humanity offers affordable housing to needy families willing to help the organization and volunteers who are building the houses they will move into.

Out of the hundreds who apply, Habitat for Humanity chooses the most deserving.

In Richmond, that means five new homeowners and five new renters will be living on Ash Street sometime in 2018.

Soon, thanks to their hard work and the community's support, Dureti Mohamed, her husband Gamachu Taha and their

three children will have a new three-bedroom home to call their own.

Instead of a down payment, owners of each home are required to contribute 500 volunteer hours minimum, called sweat equity.

Taha, working at a paid job every day of the week, has an innovative way to put in his hours.

When he works a very early shift at London Drugs, or as an interpreter for the Immigration Review Board, he gets off earlier in the afternoon.

"So I can volunteer at ReStore in Vancouver four or five hours. Also, if I get a stat holiday off, I

can put in a whole day volunteering. It adds up."

ReStore are the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Stores where people can donate and buy new and used building supplies. (If you ever need to match that one old tile for the bathroom repair or find a remarkable deal on a gently used kitchen, do check out the ReStores around the Lower Mainland.)

Taha, with almost a year to go to project completion, now has only 45 of his 500 volunteer hours left to bank.

The Habitat owners' other responsibility is making the in-

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terest-free mortgage payments every month once they move in.

If the owners decide to move away, they receive the amount they have paid, less property taxes. That amount can then be used as a down payment on their next family home.

At that point, their former home is then offered to a new, deserving family on the waiting list so the benefit, the leg up into better housing, is perpetuated.

This process also means that no one makes a windfall profit or, worse, suffers a loss should real estate crash in value.

Dad Taha, is a go-getter. He left Ethiopia as a young refugee, ending up in Nairobi, Kenya. Fourteen years ago, he came to Canada as a landed immigrant from the refugee camp. He got a job soon after arriving.

While working, he quickly did his Grade 12 Dogwood diploma through the Vancouver School Board Adult Education Program, then went on to Langara's business programs, earning a diploma in financial management.

He's now one class away from a second diploma.

Taha does all his schooling while also working as a part-time translator for the Immigration Review Board and as a full-time manager at London Drugs.

"I work seven days a week," says Taha.

Along the way, Taha had been carrying on a long-distance romance with Dureti Mohamed who still lived in Ethiopia. They married in June 2011 and Mohamed joined Taha in Canada in 2012. Taha always wanted three children, like Prince William and Kate, while Mohamed



The Mohamed-Taha family cheers this summer as forms for the footings of their new Habitat for Humanity home are prepared.

says she thinks four children are the perfect size. They both say, "We'll see," with a smile.

Mom, dad, their two sons Dursa, aged four-and-a-half, and Ifnan aged three months, and their daughter Nanati aged two-and-a-half, currently live in a one-bedroom apartment with another adult. Things are crowded.

"If one gets sick, we all get sick," Taha says.

Mohamed says she's most looking forward to seeing the "kids being able to run around and play like children."

Right now, she worries about downstairs neighbours. Taha nods. Next on Mohamed's list is a dishwasher and a kitchen to make her own.

She's also looking forward to having a washer and dryer handy.

With three children under school age, there's no shortage

of laundry to do. Right now, the coin-op laundry is on another floor of her apartment building.

Because the children are too young to leave alone in the apartment, Mohamed has to wait for the rare times her husband is home from his paid and volunteer jobs to do the laundry for their family of five.

While Mohamed hopes to help out at a local Community Kitchen once they move to Richmond, Taha says he will be looking for volunteer opportunities in Richmond in about year, when their new home is due to be completed.

This hard-working family who are also community volunteers and students, are looking towards a Habitat for Humanity home of their own in about a year. They will be a welcome, and hard working, addition to this community.

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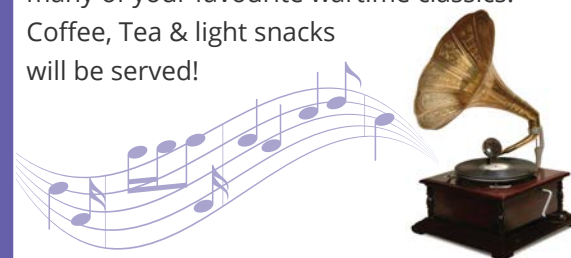
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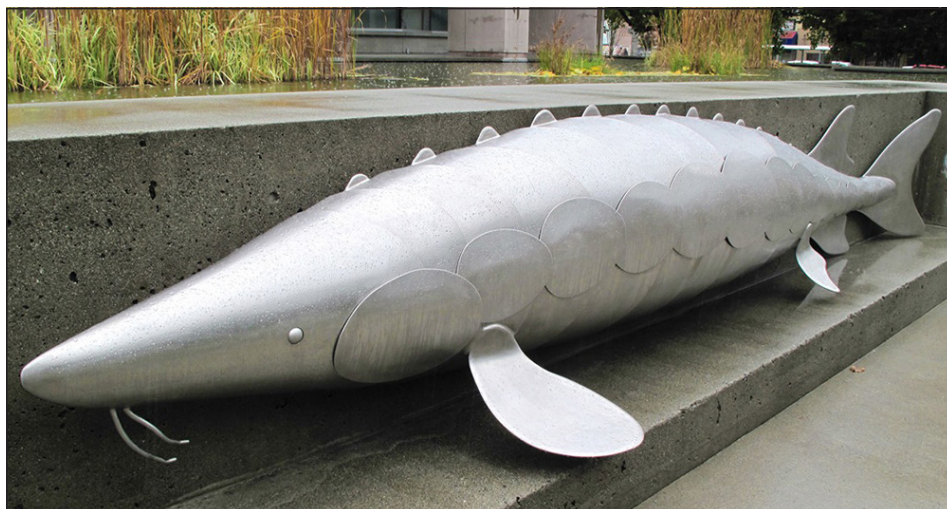


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Fraser Giant is on permanent display in Richmond City Hall's south garden.

City artwork symbol of hope

By **DON FENNELL**
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A symbol of longevity, resilience and hope is the newest addition to Richmond's civic artworks collection.

Fraser Giant, a 20-foot-long stainless steel sculpture depicting a sturgeon, will be on permanent display in the south garden of Richmond City Hall facing Granville Avenue. Celebrating its significance to the region's maritime heritage, the stylized artwork is a metaphor for the Fraser River.

Unveiled Oct. 14, the sculpture was created by Saskatoon artists Henry Lau and David Geary in acknowledgement of Canada's 150th anniversary of confederation.

The majestic white sturgeons of the Fraser River are the last truly wild population of this species in the world, having survived two ice ages.

The largest freshwater fish in North America can live well over 150 years and grow to more than six metres in length and weigh in excess of 800 kilograms.

It lives year-round in the lower Fraser River and is one of the oldest and largest freshwater species in North America. However, the population here is a fraction of its historic levels and its future existence is in some doubt.

For more about the Richmond Public Art Program, visit www.richmond.ca/publicart.

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ART STUDIOS

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who is the current chair of the Richmond Arts Coalition, was on council when they voted for these buildings, he said.

"It's kind of neat to see Richmond and the municipal government getting behind the arts, and really developing the arts and culture in Richmond."

Concord Gardens ARTS (artist residential tenancy studio) units are part of the City of Richmond's affordable housing strategy.

More subsidized artists studios are in the plans for a development that is now taking shape just across the street from Fillo's home. The Pinnacle development will include 17 more artists live/work studios.

"I'm a professional artist and song writing isn't paying my bills yet, and that's 20 years into the game, so you have to be a little bit nuts to be an artist in this kind of environment."

But Fillo's drive come from the passion he has for creating something from nothing, something beautiful.

"You can change the world with your art," he said. "To have a place like this is amazing."

Being amongst like-minded people will only enhance the creative process, he said. On paper, it will also foster stronger connections and enable collaboration.

"It's really special to have a group of professional artists, who are hungry for an arts career in a town like

Richmond at the very spark of its arts revolution, if I can call it that," he said.

"We're kind of the unprecedented start of the arts district. We haven't had subsidized housing like this as far as I know in Richmond ever before for artists specifically."

In a world where artists are struggling to buy food and pay rent, they can go into survival mode and this results, Fillo says, in "alienation and segregation of artists that way."

The new arts hub holds the promise of changing that.

"What happens is (artists) have that extra free time and you're not in survival mode and you can afford to buy healthy food, the basics, which leads to a more collaborative effort," he said.

In his role as the executive director of the arts coalition, Fillo said he'll personally be well-positioned to become a "central hub" for artists.

"Artists will know they can come to me if they need any information like events around town, if they have a programming feature they want to put on, I can always help and mentor and direct them towards the right grants they need or the right people to speak to," he said.

Fillo is hopeful green spaces will be sprinkled throughout the neighbourhood, which will encourage people to come out of their homes to take in the fresh air and socialize.

"People will sit at home and watch Netflix but if you have an event it can be really hard to get people out."

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Sockeyes hit stride after flurry of deals

By **DON FENNELL**
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Expectations can be a difficult burden. Just ask Richmond Sockeyes rookie head coach Steve Robinson.

Armed with an impressive minor hockey résumé and inheriting a talent-ladean roster expected to challenge for Pacific Junior Hockey League supremacy this season, Robinson too was optimistic.

But instead of a predictably fast start, the Sockeyes stumbled out of the starting blocks.

However, their three-win, four-loss September wasn't as concerning as their inconsistent play.

On Oct. 2, general manager Richard Petrowsky made the first of a flurry of transactions to try and help resolve the dilemma.

And since Oct. 14, the Sockeyes are 3-and-1, but more importantly for Robinson, the players appear to be more comfortable in their respective roles.

"It's important to play the game loosely and have fun," Robinson says. "You have to be relaxed to put your best foot forward. But that doesn't mean care-free or care-less."

At the end of the day, Robinson says he knows mistakes will be made. The trick is not to try to over-compensate for it by making an additional error.

Many habits, of course, are formed in practice. And Robinson sees great progress being

made when it comes to successfully converting these lessons into game situations.

Coming off a three-game-in-four-night stretch last week, the Sockeyes enter their home game this Thursday (7 p.m. Oct. 26 versus Langley Trappers) clearly on the uptick. They won two of three games and sit third in the Tom Shaw Conference with an 8-5-0-1 record.

Both wins came against the Grandview Steelers, 3-2 at home last Thursday and 2-1 at Grandview on Sunday. The results, with minor hockey affiliate Hardarshan Hoonjan in goal, show the Sockeyes are capable of winning the low-scoring games typically consistent with playoff hockey.

But in a 6-5 overtime loss to the Pilots Friday in Abbotsford, the Sockeyes also showed they can also still match any team offensively if need be.

Captain Tyler Andrews, 20, was the league's top scorer until last week, when he was surpassed by Abbotsford's Baylee Wright, epitomizes what Robinson wants the Sockeyes to be.

He had two assists in the first



Photo by Chung Chow

Sockeyes Captain Tyler Andrews, 20, has 29 points in 13 games.

victory over Grandview last week, and added a single helper while earning third-star honours for his overall play in the return engagement Sunday.

"He works and goes to school, but when you see him at the rink

he is completely focused in," Robinson says of Andrews, who has 29 points in 13 games.

"And he never takes a practice off. He works harder than anybody else."

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Sunday, October 29

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Richmond Nature Park
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Daily until Tuesday, October 31

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Friday, October 27-

Sunday, October 29

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For more information:
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Trick or Treat on Britannia Shipyards Boardwalk

Make a paper Halloween basket and then visit the historic houses for a non-edible treat. Costumes encouraged!

Britannia Shipyards
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Saturday, October 28

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For more information:
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Halloween Climb at the Oval

Come dressed in a spook-tacular costume during this ghostly climb. Enjoy the haunted house and wicked treats. Shoe rentals available. Registration required.

Richmond Olympic Oval
6111 River Road

Sunday, October 29

1:00-3:30 p.m.

Drop-in fees apply.

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Halloween Skate at the Oval

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Halloween Movie Night-Double Feature

Bring blankets and lots of pillows to get comfortable watching "Hotel Transylvania 2" and "Ghostbusters" on the centre's big projection screen. Chairs also provided.

City Centre Community Centre
5900 Minoru Blvd

Tuesday, October 31

Hotel Transylvania 2 6:30 p.m.

Ghostbusters 8:15 p.m.

Admission is FREE!

For more information:
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Haunted House Storytime

Dress in costume for a preschool storytime offered at both Brighthouse and Steveston branches.

Richmond Public Library
Brighthouse Branch
100-7700 Minoru Gate

Tuesday, October 31

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Admission is FREE!

For more information:
604-231-6417
leeanne.smith@yourlibrary.ca

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Richmond Public Library
Brighthouse Branch
100-7700 Minoru Gate

Tuesday, October 31

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Admission is FREE!

For more information:
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On Tuesday, October 31, celebrate at one of Richmond's **FREE** fireworks shows!



Minoru Halloween Fireworks Festival

Minoru Park, 7191 Granville Ave
6:30-8:45 p.m.

Music, dance demonstrations, entertainers, children's activities, an inflatable corn maze, trick-or-treating, fire juggling and a spectacular fireworks finale. Additional parking available at Richmond Centre's south parkade beside City Hall. Admission is FREE!

6:30 p.m. Holla Bak/Greenfriends: Children's Activities
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7:40 p.m. Magic Show
8:10 p.m. Fire Jugglers
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Bring the family out and join other community members to enjoy this 15 minute fireworks show.

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West Richmond Community Centre,
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Drop by to watch this 15-minute family-style fireworks celebration.

More information:
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Dynamo Fencing Club coach Igor Gantsevich (centre) with athletes Howard Zhou and Seraphim Jarov.

Dynamo fencer joins world class

By **DON FENNELL**
@DFSentinel

Howard Zhao is on a mission. So, too, Seraphim Jarov.

The two Dynamo Fencing Club athletes, who very nearly met in the Cadet Men's Epee final during the North American Cup held in Anaheim last weekend, are clearly on a path to success.

The 15-year-old Zhao, representing China, won the under-17 grouping with a three-point victory over Canadian Steven Grams, while Jarov settled into fifth place.

"Howard winning this event puts him into a world-class level," said Dynamo coach Igor Gantsevich enthusiastically. "He has now, in North America, won every age group."

Ironically, last weekend was his first

official under-17 competition. He only won the under-14 North American Cup six months ago.

Gantsevich, though, isn't surprised by Zhao's rapid progress. Zhao moved from Calgary, and earlier China, specifically to train with Dynamo and attend an in-school program in West Vancouver.

"He is training approximately 30 hours a week," noted Gantsevich, who is equally encouraged by Seraphim's potential.

"Seraphim also had a fantastic showing and lost in overtime in the semis," said Gantsevich. "For Seraphim and Howard, our focus and goal is to excel at the world championships and get a berth at the youth Olympic Games next summer in Argentina."

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Panther Cheer a community leader

By **DON FENNEL**
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Through its cheerleading, tumbling, ninja and trampoline classes, Panther Cheer Athletics is renowned for advancing the fitness of some 300 local athletes.

But equally impressive is the character development that is embodied in the programs.

Panther Cheer co-founders Stephanie Kennedy and Dawn Silver have always promoted the importance of giving back, particularly in the community. So it's not surprising that club athletes participate in a number of such events throughout the year.

Last weekend, athletes, family and friends joined forces to raise money through their participation in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada's annual fundraiser Light the Night.

Held every fall to help raise funds and awareness for this and other

blood cancers, the event is particularly close to the Panther Cheer family as both Silver and athlete Shaelyn Martin are leukemia survivors.

"We are so very proud of our families and friends who were able to raise an amazing \$3,670," said Kennedy. "We know there are many, many families in our program who have been affected by these diseases, so to be able to contribute and give to such a worthy cause is truly heart-warming."

Every year, Panther Cheer organizes various philanthropic events to give their athletes, parents, families and friends of the club an opportunity to showcase their love and appreciation for their community, said Kennedy.

Up next, in November, two teams will work alongside the Richmond Food Bank and the FIRST church / shelter program in Vancouver.

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Photo courtesy Panther Cheer Athletics

Panther Cheer athletes, families and friends raised over \$3,600 last weekend for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada at its annual fundraiser Light the Night.



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Low keeping the NHL dream alive

By DON FENNELL
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The Alex Burrows story is one of inspiration, from undrafted ECHL player to NHL regular. It's a trail Brayden Low hopes to replicate.

At 23, Richmond's Low is at a career crossroads. But starting his second season in the ECHL (formerly known as the East Coast Hockey League), he refuses to let go of the dream to play in the NHL.

"I feel good, better than I've ever felt," said Low, who signed a free agent contract this summer with the Quad City Mallards, an affiliate of the Vegas Golden Knights.

"I had a tough last few years, including a couple of major injuries," acknowledged Low, who was limited to seven points in 42 games with the Rapid City Rush last season. "But I feel with a new team I'm also getting a new start and there are no more distractions."

So far, so good for Low who has two points in his first two games this season.

Knowing the window of opportunity is quickly closing, Low completely revamped his off-season routine, including hiring a new skills coach in Richmond-based Glenn Wheeler.

And he is encouraged that a strong showing with the Mallards could open some eyes with the expansion Golden



Photo courtesy Brayden Low

Brayden Low (wearing the famous Chiefs' jersey) played last season with the ECHL Rapid City Rush. This season, he's suited up with the Quad City Mallards, an affiliate of the Vegas Golden Knights.

Knights.

"Something needed to change," Low said. "And getting a coach like Wheeler, who is one of the best in the

business for skill development, I think will help a lot. We put a plan in place and went for it."

A late bloomer, even by his own rec-

ognition, Low has the tools to make it to the NHL. But most of all he needs

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the chance, and then to make the most of it.

"I haven't had that opportunity yet," he explains. "But I think it's more situational than anything."

As a junior, playing in the WHL for the Everett Silvertips, Low didn't reach his stride until he was almost 20 playing under former NHL coach Ken Constantine, who pushed his young protégé hard. Wheeler has done likewise, believing it's a matter of Low finding a niche.

"My job is to make sure I'm honest with him, but I know I've watched kids with less work ethic and less talent make it," Wheeler said. "He's like many other stories we hear. They were all-stars in minor, and then reached a level when they found out real quick they were surrounded by everyone else who was a captain or goal scorer. One of the things that's enlightened me is



coaches aren't identifying players in their late teens and developing them into players with a chance to play at the next level. That's what Brayden is doing now."

Wheeler said it's about building Low's worth as a hockey player.

"He has a good tool box but we had to find a level where he was comfortable, where his game would shine most. It's probably as a defensive centre who has excellent board skills but can also put the puck in the net. This confirms to me that we should be looking at 18 and 19 and start to develop their hockey IQ, putting them in certain areas that when push comes to shove, they can succeed. I've talked to a lot of NHL players who've whittled their tool box down to certain things they can do really well. It's the reason they are at that level."

At 6-foot-2 and 220 pounds, Low has exceptional speed-to-size ratio but, suggested Wheeler, has been kind of freelancing his game for the last while.

"He's very good down low, so able to get to pucks and get shots on net. Obviously he would not be looked upon at the NHL level as a premier goal scorer, but a guy who creates opportunities and is expected to convert at a rate on par with guys on the third or fourth line."

Low is also very good on face-offs, another ability that with continued focus could also be a way to the NHL.

"He's got very strong wrists and reflexes, but hadn't been trained in the technical part of it," explained Wheeler. "We worked on some of that this summer, and something like that can catapult you. If he continues to work on that it could be a difference-maker for him."

Low said now is the time to go and create that break.

"I've always loved playing hockey. I love the game," he said. "There are 500 guys who've played in the ECHL and gone on to play in the NHL. I feel I'm ready now to go and do that too."

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Kwantlen St. Market growing rapidly at Minoru Plaza

By **DON FENNEL**
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A mid-season move to Minoru Plaza has been a "game-changer" for the Kwantlen St. Market.

"It's central with the library and pool, and we constantly hear from the public that this is wonderful,"

said market manager Anne Janzen.

Operated by the Kwantlen Student Association, a non-profit society affiliated with Kwantlen Polytechnic University, the market is produced by Janzen's Farm Fresh Events and is a member of the B.C. Association of Farmers Markets.

Launched in 2016 as Richmond's first weekly farmers market, it features a cornucopia of local products grown and crafted by local farmers and artisans, highlighting the university's own sustainable agriculture students.

A long, wet spring did nothing to help local farmers, or the market. Janzen said some early plantings simply rotted. But she says the farmers worked extra hard to try to recoup some of the losses during the summer.

"We did some polling asking what shoppers would like to see including hours, location and vendors, and based on that decided to go to city council and ask for some help," she said. "We brainstormed with parks and recreation and they were so supportive (during the move to Minoru Plaza)."

Though this year's market opening is rapidly coming to an end, Janzen is excited about the Halloween-themed wind-up.

From noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 31, families are encour-



Photo by Chung Chow

Ava 4, enjoying a chocolate cookie sold at the market.

aged to bring their kids in costume for a few treats, pick up a heirloom pumpkin, and enjoy the best of the last of the harvest season.

Encouraged about the market's future, Janzen is heartened by the opportunity to showcase the best of what Richmond has to offer. And she hopes more local community groups and small start-up busi-

nesses will also look to the market to share their wares.

"Low-risk foods can be made at home, and participating at a farmer's market can be an economically-attainable way to launch a small business," she said.

Janzen said she delights in working with students who come to her with ideas, and especially proud

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Local honey producer Lloyd Norquay from Langley



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to see them come to fruition.

For the public, shopping at the market can not only help save money but be an educational experience. Recently, for example, Janzen observed some people asking about how to cook certain types of vegetables or learning what a rutabaga or parsnip is.

The Kwantlen St. Farmers Market also provides a unique opportunity for shoppers to engage with student farmers learning ecologically-sound organic farming practices through Kwantlen's sustainable agriculture and farm schools in Richmond and Delta. The students are learning about crop planning and growing, owning a farm business, preparing for and working at farmers market—all skills that will enable them to successfully run a farm business upon graduation. Purchases at the market directly help these students learn about farming and support their program.

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Torin Boyle, a student in the KPU Agricultural BA Program, selling some of the vegetables they grow.

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By **MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL**
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Anja Liem's husband volunteers at Richmond Family Place and she has heard the frustration from volunteers



The thrift store, which sells clothing for men, women and children as well as books, jewelry, linen and small

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A green banner with white text and graphics. On the left is the Thompson Community Association logo, which includes a stylized 'T' and the text 'THOMPSON Community Association'. Next to it is a large red Christmas ornament with a white string and a small white bell. The text on the banner reads: 'START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY!' in a small sans-serif font, followed by 'Vendor and Craft Fair' in a large, white, serif font. Below this, the date and time are given: 'SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017' and '10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM', separated by horizontal lines. At the bottom, the location is listed: 'Thompson Community Centre' and '5151 GRANVILLE AVE | 604-238-8422'. On the far right is the Richmond logo, which features a stylized white wave and the word 'Richmond'.

Richmond school district makes major administrative changes

By **MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL**
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The Richmond School District elected two weeks ago to go in a new direction, and parted ways with two key administrative personnel.

Secretary-treasurer Mark De Mello and assistant secretary-treasurer Wendy Grondzil are no longer employed by the district, confirmed Sherry Elwood, Superintendent of Richmond Schools.

"We thank them for their service and wish them well," Elwood told *The Richmond Sentinel*.

Asked why the changes were made, Elwood said the district was "choosing to go in a new direction." De Mello was hired as secretary-treasurer in 2010, and replaced Ken Morris who retired in June 2010. Grondzil has been employed by the district since December of 1998, according to her LinkedIn profile.

In an e-mail dated Thursday, Oct. 12 that was obtained by The Rich-

mond Sentinel, Elwood advised district staff about the changes.

"We wish to thank Mark for his years of dedicated service and commitment to our school district. The Board specifically wishes to thank Mark for his continuous work in supporting the board in their governance responsibilities. We wish Mark well in his future endeavours," Elwood wrote.

Elwood also thanked Grondzil for her service to the community and wished her well.

Board of Education chair Debbie Tablotney echoed Elwood's sentiments.

"They gave the district fantastic service. They were dedicated and we wish them well," Tablotney said.

To fill the void left by De Mello and Grondzil, Elwood wrote that the district will be contracting "experienced school district finance personnel to support us during this transition."

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PANTHERS

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These athletes will collect items and food for our local community, and gain valuable insight and experience volunteering at a shelter that provides a hot meal to those most vulnerable, Kennedy explained.

Panther Cheer will kick off the new year by hosting its first of what is hoped to be an annual Panther Pride 5K walk in January to raise money for RAPS, another society close to the hearts of Panther Cheer members.

"Many of our families have ad-

opted their furry family members through this organization," said Kennedy. "In addition, we will be hosting our annual blood drive, as Canadian Blood Banks are in constant need of donations."

In February, the club will again host It Starts with a Heart, an annual event in which the youngest Panther Cheer athletes deliver hand-made Valentines cards to the elderly.

Finally, Panther Cheer's philanthropic efforts will conclude in April with its Garden Clean Up. Athletes will help out at the Steveston Community Garden.

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In brief

Onni back to hearing Nov. 20

The future of Onni's 60,000-square-foot waterfront development in Steveston could boil down to dollars.

The developer built the retail space at London Landing underneath 52 condo units, but the maritime-use zoned space has remained vacant since completion in 2013, when Onni unsuccessfully tried to bring in a grocery store and bank as tenants.

At an Oct. 16 public hearing, council opted to defer the issue back to staff and to continue negotiations with Onni after it offered the city \$2.375 million to rezone the property to allow for commercial uses. At the public hearing, the offer increased to \$3.375 million.

The change in zoning would in-

crease the property's value, but Onni and the city disagree about the amount of increase.

In the most recent analysis brought the numbers, the city's estimate was \$5.5 million, while Onni's was \$4.1 million.

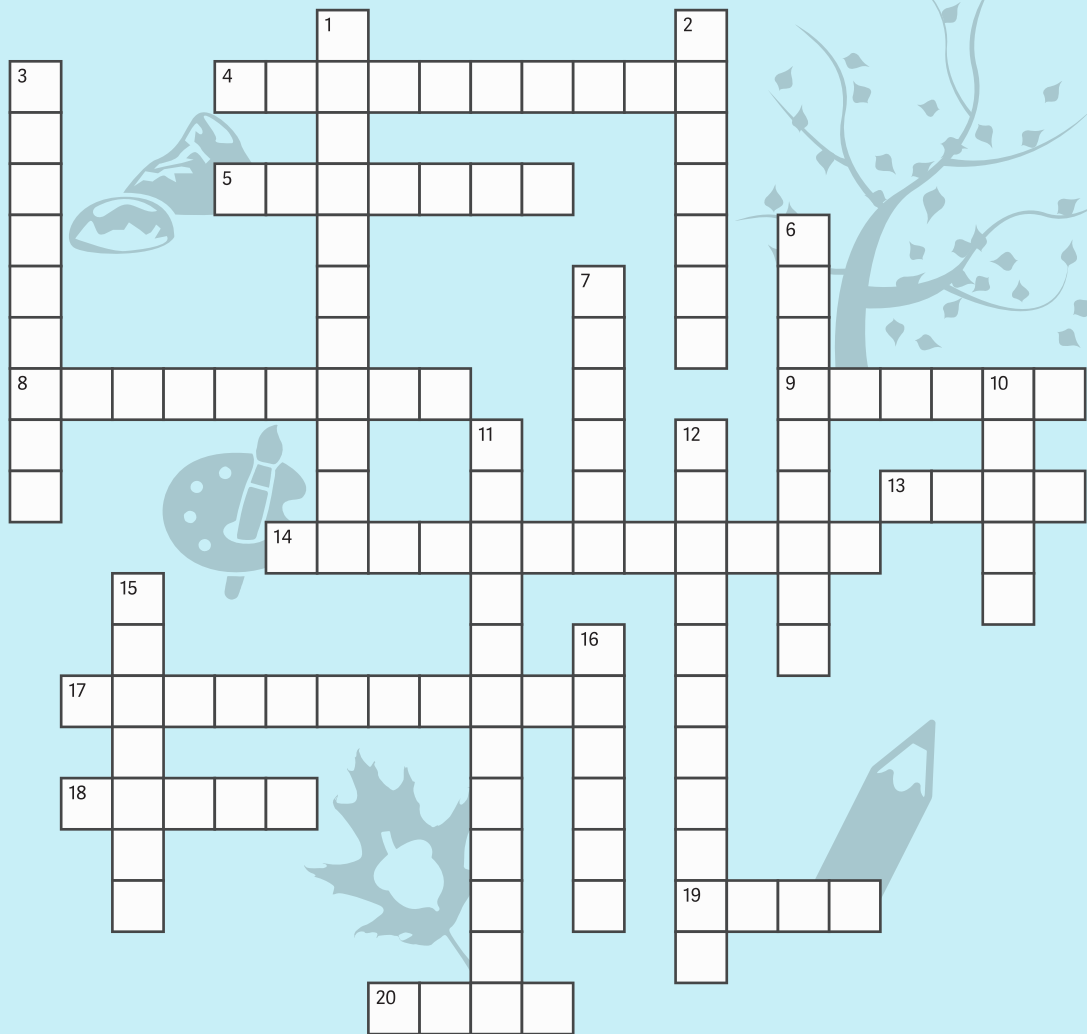
Onni offered to give the city only half of that mid-point value of \$4.75 million.

According to a staff report, "the most similar comparable" city case upon which to draw guidance is when there's an increase in density on a property, and in those cases, the city "looks to receive 100% of the land lift".

The issue will resurface at the public hearing slated for Monday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Fun & Games

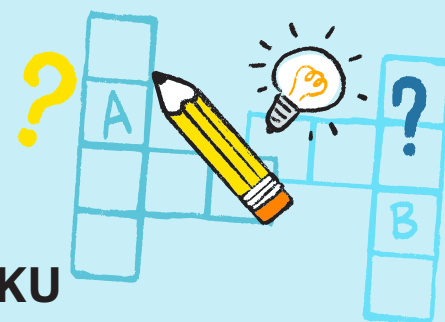
COLOURS OF AUTUMN



ACROSS

- 4 Blue-green of the sea
- 5 Original ochre colour, animal, mineral or veg?
- 8 Most angiosperms are
- 9 Darkening night sky, Roy G. Biv's "eye?"
- 13 Drab, depressing, melancholy mood

- 14 Part of landscape painter's palette since Babylonian times
- 17 In the Renaissance, was ground to make ultramarine
- 18 The colour lapis blue is made from
- 19 Nerve toxin pigment in old white paint
- 20 ____ skies are going to clear up



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.

5		3	8	4			2	
				2	3	4		8
			5		9			
6	8					7		5
3	7						4	
		5					1	6
7		9						
	2		6					
			7					1

DOWN

- 1 Calcinated raw sienna
- 2 Lawns after the rain
- 3 Aztec & Mayan red dye from insect, still used today
- 6 Baby teeth, trees with falling leaves
- 7 ____ at night, sailor's delight
- 10 Roy G. Biv's middle name
- 11 Northern Red Oak
- 12 Gives leaves their green colour
- 15 In the pink
- 16 Blue-purple colour of monkshood flower, blooming now

Answers will be posted in the next issue in mid-Nov.

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