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Msgr. Dennis Luterbach, pastor at St. Paul Church, and Dominic Fiore, who served as project manager, inside the recently opened Roman Catholic church on St. Albans Road, which has seating for 960 people, nearly double that of the church it replaces.



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It's Important to Know the Employment Standards Act





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British Columbia's Employment Standards Act (the "ESA") is an important piece of provincial legislation. It establishes the minimum standards employers must adhere to with regard to hours and pay, conditions of employment and termination of employment.

In most cases, the terms of employment will be set out in an employment contract. Where the employment contract provides for greater benefits to an employee than what is required by the ESA, (in terms of pay, benefits, termination notice, etc.), the contract applies. However, an employment contract cannot impose terms or conditions which are less than the ESA minimum standards – any such contract would unlawful and unenforceable.

The ESA applies to most employees in BC, but not all. Several professions (doctors, foresters, real estate agents, for example) are excluded from the ESA, or parts of it. Some employees, such as managers and commissioned salespersons, are exempt from some of the ESA provisions. Businesses under Federal jurisdiction, such as banks and airlines, are not subject to the ESA (but are subject to a similar, Federal act).

Importantly, if a worker qualifies as an independent contractor rather than as an employee, the ESA will not apply. In our next article, we will discuss issues surrounding whether someone is an employee or an independent contractor.

If the ESA applies, there are a number of important minimum standards that employers and employees should be aware of. For example, the ESA establishes: minimum call-out pay amounts; the length of a work week and a work day, and overtime pay entitlement; minimum pay for statutory holidays; minimum vacation pay; the right to maternal leave and parental leave; and minimum required written notice or termination pay, if an employee is terminated without just cause.

Again, one must remember that the ESA sets minimum standards. An employment contract may provide greater benefits, but it cannot legally provide less. It is important for both employers and employees to be aware of their rights and obligations under the ESA.

For questions regards the ESA or any other aspect of employment law, please contact us at 604-243-8912.

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Richmond kids have worst dental health in Metro Vancouver

BV LORRAINE GRAVES @LGSentinel

or too many Richmond families, good dental care presents a low priority.

With almost 40 per cent of all children starting Kindergarten with cavities, Dr. Meena Dawar, medical health officer for Vancouver Coastal Health. says we can do better.

In fact, there's plenty of room for improvement. Richmond's children have remarkably poor dental health, the worst in Metro Vancouver, she says.

Too many people don't worry about baby teeth and their child's health, thinking they are disposable teeth. But poor dental health can make the whole child more susceptible to illness, she says.

It also affects how your child does in school. According to a scientific article in the American Journal of Public Health, children with poor dental health miss more school and get lower marks.

While the Canadian Dental Association says in their 2018 national report that Canadians have experienced significant decreases in levels of dental decay over the past four decades, Richmond's figures are a concern.

One contributing factor to Richmond's poor dental health is that different cultures view dentistry differently.

In Canadian culture, children grow up knowing that they are supposed



Photo by Chuna Chow **Dentist** Michele Nielsen of Steveston Smiles examines the baby teeth of Elliott Martin-Nielsen, 4.

to see the dentist twice every year to detect problems early, when problems are minor and are treatable, before they cause pain or tooth loss. In other cultures, the norm is to see a dentist only if you have pain, which can be too late to save a child's tooth.

Baby teeth are important, Dawar says. They allow the growing child to eat properly. They also allow the child to learn to speak properly. When their adult teeth start to come in, they will be better positioned in most cases if they are taking the place of an existing

important since they fall out and are replaced, but lifelong dental health starts with baby teeth," Dawar says. "Children need healthy baby teeth to sleep, smile and eat properly. Healthy baby teeth are an important part of children's speech development and self-confidence, and play a significant role in the placement of permanent adult teeth."

As well, the bacteria that rots teeth doesn't just stay in the mouth. And the

inflammation from dental decay can "It may seem like baby teeth aren't spread throughout the child's body.

Dr. Brett Finlay is a body bacteria specialist at the University of British Columbia. He advises on how to keep adults and children's microbiome, the good bacteria in our bodies, healthy. One piece of scientific advice he offers is to brush regularly to keep the bad bacteria at bay, even for small children.

Parents can also prevent tooth decay by ensuring kids brush their teeth

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Plenty of old touches ring a bell in new church

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL **●** @MartinvandenH

hen the church bell rings for the V first time at the new St. Paul Roman Catholic Church on St. Albans

Road, it will be the first such occasion in a long time—perhaps too long for some members of the local Dutch community.

The recently opened 20,000-square-foot, \$14-million place-of-worship can seat 960 people, nearly double the capacity of the church it replaces; the original was built

when Richmond was still a sleepy farming community.

When the original church at St. Paul Parish opened in 1965—replacing the parish hall—Dutch members of the parish donated a church bell, which

for many years afterward called out in familiar fashion to locals on Saturdays and Sundays, telling them that mass was about to begin.

But the vibrations from the bell did more than just call to the mass-

> es. They were also damaging the church's roof, causing it to leak.

So the bell was eventually taken down, and placed in the boiler room, where it sat for many years in virtual anonymity.

But today, the bell has received a prominent place befitting the gener-

ous donations that made it possible.

Sporting a fresh coat of paint, and polished up to look shiny and new, the church bell now sits in the openfaced bell tower where it greets those who walk, cycle or drive by.



Photo by Tony Kina

The old St. Paul church was opened in the mid 1960s, and included a bell tower that housed a church bell donated by Dutch parishioners.

Monsignor Dennis Luterbach was first appointed pastor at St. Paul Parish in 2003, and the completion of Michael Miller, of the Roman Cathothe church comes as he nears retirement at the age of 75.

"We have no present plans on the altar on June 18. when to ring it," Luterbach said of the gift from the Dutch parishioners.

But it will no doubt be a special occasion, perhaps when Archbishop lic Archdiocese of Vancouver, comes to bless the church and consecrate

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Luterbach won't say precisely when he's retiring, but he'll be doing so with the knowledge that he steered the parish through the many challenges of building one of the largest Catholic churches in the Lower Mainland.

Luterbach thanked parishioner Dominic Fiore for the countless hours of volunteer time he served as the project manager for the massive construction effort—"Dominic was remarkable in his dedication and work," Luterbach said-which looked like it began in October 2017 when the general contractors got started.

But in truth, the work started in 2004 or 2005, when a master plan was created that ultimately led to what we see today.

It was a labour of love, for the church and for God. Fiore told The Richmond Sentinel. Fiore also chaired the building committee that included members of the church community. (Fiore is no stranger to managing big projects, having served in that capacity for a quarter century at Vancouver International Airport Authority.)

Aside from its size, one of the most distinguishing features of the new church is its lack of columns, which means everyone can see the priest and what's happening on the altar and the front of the church.

Holding up the roof is a series of glulam beams—engineered wood

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Photo by Chung Chow

The new St. Paul Roman Catholic Church opened its doors for the first time earlier this month.

beams composed of wood laminations bonded together by moisture-resistant adhesives-the longest stretching 90 feet. They were brought in from Edmonton.

The extensive use of wood on its interior gives the church a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

When the church was being designed, Luterbach said one of the wish-list items was for it to have a gathering place for people near the front, "so people could gather and

spend time together without being to a depth of 15 metres, and seismic in the church."

rate the narthex of the church and the nave, where people can pray privately without being interfered with.

The floor slopes at a two per cent theatre style feel.

The church has also been built on solid footing.

Crushed gravel was pressed into the ground at some 240 locations

drains were installed every few feet There are glass doors that sepa- to ensure the church remains upright in the event the Big One hits.

But the new church also has plenty of the old church in it.

The 14 stations of the cross were grade, Fiore said, giving the interior a brought over, as was the fibreglass figure of Jesus-which hung on the wall at front of the old church but now hangs on the back wall of the new church above the glass doors and the marble lectern.



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Thank you Richmond for trusting me to tell your stories

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL @MartinvandenH

or 25 years, I've had the privilege and honour of writing articles for those who live, work and play in Richmond.

It was in April of 1994 when I landed my first gig at The Richmond Review, filling in for veteran sports reporter Don Fennell, who was taking a rare and impromptu vacation.

It was the start of more than two decades of doing a job that I absolutely looked forward to every single day.

When The Review closed in June of 2015, little did I know that I'd get a would change my life.

A local philanthropist offered me a job, and eventually gave me the opportunity to start a newspaper.

I came up with the name Richmond

Sentinel, envisioning a newspaper that would—like a Roman sentinel—safeguard the community, and provide a voice to those who otherwise didn't have one.

It's been a nearly three-year labour of love building this publication from the ground up, and assembling the team that includes Review stalwarts Don Fennell, Chung Chow and Jaana Bjork, as well as reporter Lorraine Graves. They are the backbone of The Sentinel.

But as the saying goes, all good things must come to an end.

It's time to move one, and I've accepted a media relations and governphone call about a month later that ment relations advisory position for a local start-up.

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To supplement their income from selling at the Steveston docks, father-son fishers Lee Roy Ubell and Ray Ubell sell fish for the best price through Skipper Otto's community-supported fisherv.

Skipper Otto a made-in-Richmond success story

By LORRAINE GRAVES @LGSentinel

It's a Richmond success story. Three times over. It's a business success, a win for those who love good seafood, and most of all, a win for those who fish for a living.

Ten years ago, Sonia Strobel's father-in-law, Otto Strobel, feared he would have to stop fishing because it was just too hard to make modest beginnings. money at it.

She knew about fair-trade coffee that pays producers directly, cutting out the middle men. She had been part of community-supported agriculture programs where they pay the farmer before the crops are planted, and in return receive a weekly basket of veggies like the ones offered by the Richmond Sharing Farm.

It seemed a natural progression

for Sonia and her Richmond-born we grew to 200 people just by Skipper Otto, a community-supported fishery to help fishing fam-

communications and member services specialist, describes it as a "seafood subscription program for seafood-loving home cooks."

Sonia said Skipper Otto had

"For the first five years, I was 31. a Richmond teacher and I was building this company on the evenings and weekends."

Then Sonia took the leap and quit her teaching job. Today, she reflects on how far they have

"In year one, it was just Shaun going out and fishing salmon for around 60 people," Sonia says.

"And then in our second year,

husband, Shaun Strobel, to start word-of-mouth. Now we have around 2,400 members across Canada," says Terfloth.

"Some are just foodies into de-Celine Terfloth, the company's licious fish. They do it for culinary reasons. A lot of people want to support BC fishermen and fishing families and give them a fair price for their catch," she says.

> The skipperotto.com annual membership drive is on until Mav

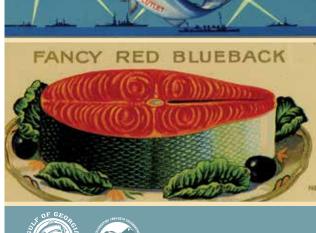
> "It's \$39 for the annual membership fee. Then, the minimum share for the year is \$200 and you have basically a year to spend that," she says.

> According to Terfloth, some spend a couple of thousand dollars a vear.

"They're serious seafood

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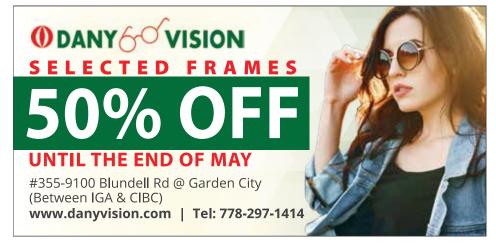
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Gift boosts hospice house

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

Othe Salvation Army Rotary Hospice House has been a place of \$8,500. gentle closure to life for more than 1,500 Richmond residents.

east side of No. 4 Road, between Granville Avenue and Westminster Highway—ages, replacement needs are mounting.

recognized this and through a Go-Fund-Me page were able to present the hospice with funds to replace one of its aging beds to benefit future residents.

"The family whose loved one was not with us very long, but who appreciated our specialized and careful care, wanted to do something to honour their loved one and have us be the beneficiaries," explained Jennifer Dufour, spokesperson for the Salvation Army Rotary Hospice House.

"Through the years, our facility has become like an old, well-worn, dependable pair of slippers—comfortable and loved but starting to show its age," she said. "Our beds are breaking down, our appliances have started to need replacing, and our wish list just keeps growing. We are very good at making do, but even we are hard-pressed with some of our most critical needs."

Dufour points to the specialized beds as a good example. They are needed by every resident and must Cince opening its doors in 2007, in good working order. But they are expensive, each costing more than

"We can't thank this family enough for their creative fundrais-But as the facility—located on the ing and for letting their family help us in this long-term and meaningful way," Dufour says.

Donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent care of The Sal-Recently, several samaritans vation Army Rotary Hospice House, 6460 No. 4 Rd. V6Y 2S9 or by calling 604-207-1212. All donations are tax deductible.

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The cost of love explored in

By LORRAINE GRAVES @LGSentinel

here are two standouts in Arts Club's skilled production of The Great Leap.

other, Richmond's own Jovanni

The play by Pulitzer-prize winner Lauren Yee—who also wrote King of the Yees which played at Gateway Theatre the season before last—spans two continents and two decades with a cast of four and a seemingly plain, white floor between two ranks of audience seating.

Sy, the former Gateway Theatre artistic director, and a lead in King of the Yees and The Great Leap describes the current play as a "period piece that is grounded in historical events."

play is intimate, an exploration of the cost of love. It shows that love can be complicated and it can be hidden, but it is almost always the root of major life de- laughter when the transla- the scene aided by the minimal cisions.

Milton Lim plays Grade 12 student Manford, who loves basketball and was raised in North America by a mother who refused to teach him Mandarin. Manford wants to be on the university team headed for an exhibition game in Beijing scheduled for early June 1989.

We later realize it was to keep her son safe that she escaped China at great risk to herself.

Manford's older adopted "cousin," Connie, played by Agnes Tong, shows what an actor with a full palette of skills can do with a smaller part. Tong is vibrant and clear. Her relationship with this kid from down the hall, speaks of protective love, themes Lauren (Yee) touches

relationship.

Toby Berner plays the basketball coach who pays a price for his great love. The coach uses foul language and sexual idioms One of them, a floor. And the that confuse the Chinese government interpreter assigned to him. At their first meeting, decades before their second, in the days when China had little contact with the outside world, humour comes from the misunderstandings, and the euphemisms Sy's interpreter must employ to avoid offending Chinese sensibilities.

> It is the interpreter who is the linchpin that ties the play together, both in Yee's writing and Sy's acting. At one point, the stage is empty save Sy. He is silent. The audience watches rapt.

Despite its great breadth, the when your heart is torn in two. Yee weaves in a bright bolt of humour, while still keeping everything on track.

> The audience bursts into tor asks. "You want them to copulate with their feces?" as he struggles to translate the coach's latest expletive-laced

> To stand out in such a shining cast and production takes skill, experience and perhaps wisdom. Sy has it in spades.

> There is one plot point in The Great Leap that is a little too easy, particularly for a country of 1.3 billion people.

> With passion, humour, and love, The Great Leap shows the long tentacles of the past.

> In an interview, Sy said of this play, "There's certainly a lot that will resonate with Chinese Canadians. But I really think the

with the push-pull of any sibling upon will appeal to everyone from all backgrounds."

> The other stand-out in this production is the floor or rather Chimerik's special lighting effects on the flat stage surface. A plain white floor is transformed as, in the darkened room, the set is drawn with ribbons of light.

> Precise illumination traces a wide paint line to create all the distinctive lines of a basketball court. Not merely scanning lasers that fade, these arrays of unwavering lights remain lit throughout each scene.

> Each time a scene switches back to a basketball court and the line drawing starts, a wave of anticipatory delight sweeps through the audience.

A chimera is a blend, a mix, And, throughout this play, just and that's just what Chimerik represents, a blend of art and technology. I predict we will see more of this in future produc-

> At other points, the lines set use of a bench and a couple of upholstered folding chairs. Sometimes, it was just a simple rectangle of white lines on the

> When Sy's character experiences life—and the Chinese authorities—closing in on him, the simple stage transforms, no longer a basketball court but his apartment overlooking Tiananmen Square. As he stands there, fear gripping him, the rectangle closes in, forcing Sy's character to step into the ever-smaller space as he anticipates the knock on the door.

> The basketball moves look real, the ball handling and passes, spot on. Actor Tong is also the choreographer and

Arts Club production

movement coach. In this case, good blocking makes sure everyone has moves well-learned look like the instantaneous moves of basketball players when, in reality, each sequence is as choreographed as blended with the projected images a fight scene. Each actor's moves speak of spontaneous reality.

All the acting and writing is superb. We see it in a four-person conversation, where each riffs off the other, of this production," actor Sy said. with timing that speaks of skill and precision, Yee's writing shines as do the actors' abilities. She says this play is inspired by events from her father's life and (short-lived) basketball career.

BMO Theatre Centre in the Olym- to artsclub.com pic Village, offers a flexible and intimate, 243-seat setting. The alley format used in this play mimicks the bleachers of a gymnasium though in much greater comfort. Thoughtful

a good view of the action. The sight lines and audio are clear.

With the subtly-designed sound and side-lighting from either end of the stage, it was easy to become engrossed in the action.

"It's been a great honour to be part

And spoiler alert, love sometimes does win in this play but not in the way one expects.

The Great Leap runs through May 19 at the Goldcorp Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre, 162 West 1st Arts Club's Goldcorp Stage at the Avenue, Vancouver. For tickets go

> Sy's next appearance will be as the bad guy, publisher Joseph Pulitzer in Newsies, at Theatre Under the



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Left to right, Jovanni Sy, Agnes Tong, Milton Lim and Toby Berner shine •LGraves@richmondsentinel.ca along with projection design by Chimerik, in The Great Leap.

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BAD TEETH

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after nighttime snacking or a bottle. If children eat or drink anything other than water, they need to have their teeth brushed, even baby teeth.

"A child's first trip to the dentist should occur by age one or within six months of when the first tooth comes in," dentist Dr. Michele Nielsen says.

That first trip is as much for the parents to learn how to keep their child healthy, as for the child to learn about going to the dentist.

"The first dental visit is often very brief and gives you and your child an opportunity to meet the dentist. Your child's mouth will be examined by the dentist for any signs of early childhood decay and asses their oral development. This first appointment allows you to ask any questions you have about your child's oral health routine," Nielsen says.

Richmond dentist Dr. Randy Shew



Photo by Chung Chow

Dentist Michele Nielsen says caring for baby teeth is critical for children's growth.

says he sees many cases of preventable dental decay in young children.

"Parents and caregivers (need to) understand that healthy baby teeth lead to the development of healthy adult teeth," says Shew, who chairs the dental association's Childhood

Dental Care Education Task Force.

Dr. Neilsen says a preschool visit costs between \$46 and \$85 for those without extra health insurance. Some employer health programs cover some or all of the cost of dental care.

The health region offers a no-cost

dental program in Richmond for low-income families with children up to five years of age. Staff provide dental screening, fluoride treatments and counseling. Parents or physicians can contact Richmond Public Health Dental Program at 604-233-3104 to book an appointment.

The BC Dental Association website yourdentalhealth.ca and click on 'find a dentist' lists dentists accepting new patients, including those who see and treat children under four years. You can always ask the dentist about costs ahead of time to budget your dental care.

Without treatment, decay can spread deeper into the tooth, causing pain and infection and even damage to the underlying adult tooth.

"Prevention is the best medicine," Dawar says. "Taking care of your children's teeth early on can prevent painful decay, treatment under sedation or general anesthetic, and possibly future orthodontics."

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RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT

The Richmond School District is beginning the next phase of facilities planning and is looking for public input on the development of our Long Range Facilities Plan.

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SKIPPER OTTO

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aficionados. Mostly, people go for the quality and the fairness," she says. "When you tell us the share size, you are literally telling us how much fish to go out and catch."

People then order online and pick up from a community location. In Richmond, it's in the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site in Steveston.

"We really always like to give a shout out to them. They do it on a volunteer basis because they share our values around better ways to access local, sustainable seafood," Sonia says.

While there are some fresh fish sales at a dock in Vancouver and some is processed in Richmond, Terfloth says Skipper Otto's tuna and most of its salmon is flash frozen when it's caught. That makes for fresher fish.

"This flash freezing technique literal- nia.

ly freezes this moment in time. It's as fresh when you thaw it as it was when it was caught. In a blind taste test, people preferred flash frozen to fish bought fresh at a store," says Terfloth.

The fresh fish in a grocery store can be days or even a week from the day it was caught.

"Knowing it's never even left the country, and only been in a few people's hands, is very important to the end consumer," she says.

"It's all very transparent. Everything comes with the fisherman's picture, where it was caught, how it was caught, when and on what boat," she says.

The fishers make more money selling directly to Skipper Otto. Sonia say they did the calculations a few years ago: "It varied from being paid 10 per cent more to four times as much," depending on the kind of fish or seafood. "But they're never losing money," she

It's a win-win for both sides, says So-



SONIA STROBEL

entrepreneurs they've always been. So we work with them to figure out fair prices that work for them."

across Canada where you can go pick up your frozen seafood.

"We also have some lesser known

delicacies like loose-frozen scallops in the shell. We have different species of shrimp, halibut, ling cod, as well as different kinds of salmon—fresh frozen, smoked, canned," she says.

"Most of our filets come in pound portions, some come in half pounds and some that are portion-sized and we do sell whole fish at certain times of the year," she says.

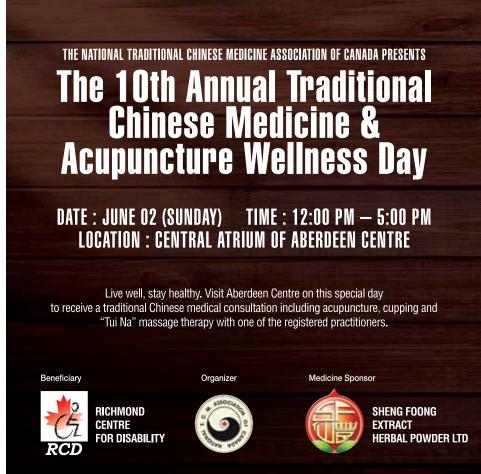
And Skipper Otto is looking to the future by honouring the past, she says

"We're really excited to be working with Steveston Harbour Authority and the Musqueam First Nation and the federal government to bring seafood processing back to the traditional village in Steveston."

The vision is to build a processing "Fishermen remain the independent plant on the Steveston Harbour Authority land that's open to the public for tours.

Sonia says, "Fish processing can be There are 30 pick-up locations done today, done well, done beautifully to honour the traditions of this place and this land going forward."

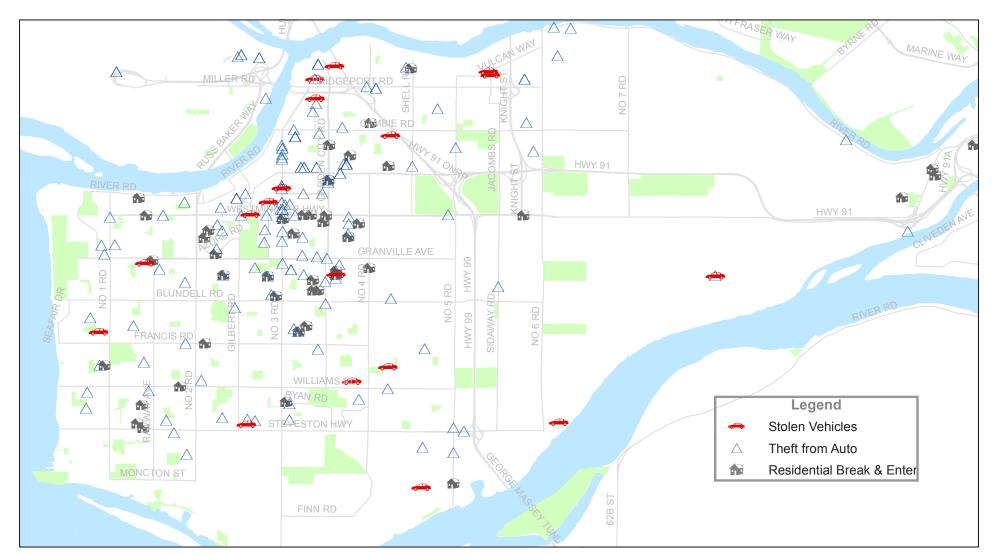
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Burglary suspect sought by Richmond Mounties

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL



Police are hoping someone will recognize a suspect investigators believe was involved in a burglary at a local condo complex on No. 2 Road in July of 2018.

Richmond Mounties on May 9 released images of the suspect, who appears to be an Asian male.

The burglary took place on the 10300 block of No. 2 Road, and all investigational avenues have been exhausted, Richmond RCMP Cpl. Dennis Hwang said.

"We hope that by releasing security footage, the community will be able to help us identify pers by calling 1-800-222-8477.



the suspect," Hwang said in a press release.

The suspect is believed to be in his 20s, sports an athletic build and was last seen wearing a dark coloured T-shirt, ball cap, pants and a backpack.

Anyone with information on this case or the suspect is asked to call RCMP Const. Ryan Lee at 604-278-1212, and quote file No. 2018-22775.

Anonymous tips can be left with Crimestop-

Richmond RCMP **Police Week Activities**

Join the Richmond RCMP in an afternoon of learning and exploring with a variety of police equipment and vehicles on hand.

Free for all ages!

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1 to 5 p.m.

Hamilton Community Centre 5140 Smith Dr.

Thursday, May 16

1 to 5 p.m.

City Centre Community Centre 5900 Minoru Blvd.

RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us



Happy ending for a pair of FIV-positive cats



Lisa Parker

Two very special cats have embarked on a new life together.

Popeye and Lord Randolph-Randy, to his friends—are a pair of FIV-positive cats who were recently adopted and began a new adventure in a loving family home.

Most of the residents of RAPS' Cat. Sanctuary are considered "unadoptable" either due to medical complication or behavioural issues. These two beautiful boys have feline immunodeficiency virus, sometimes known as "feline AIDS." The virus compromises the animal's immune system, creating a number of potential health risks. However, when FIV-positive cats receive proper care, including regular veterinary exams and treatments as required, they can routinely live 17 or 18 years like any healthy cat.

It is estimated that somewhere between 2.5 and 4.4 per cent of cats worldwide carry the virus, which cannot be transferred from a cat to humans or to any other species. Even transmitting it from cat to cat is not met Randy, who came to us about 18

easy. It can be transferred from a mother to her litter, but it generally results from a deep, blood-transfer bite. That's why feral cats, who tend to get into a lot of scraps with other cats, are most susceptible.

That was probably the case with both these guys.

Lord Randolph was a stray that somebody found when he was an adolescent in the Bolivar Heights area of Surrey. The woman who found him took him to the vet, where he was tested and determined to carry the virus. The vet then asked the RAPS Cat Sanctuary if we would take him in.

The RAPS Cat Sanctuary is not the only rescue facility in B.C. that welcomes FIV-positive cats, but there are few—and we are probably able to accommodate more than any other organization in the province. Currently, we have about two dozen FIV cats, who enjoy life in a segregated area of the Sanctuary. We're now expanding this section so we can take still more.

Our capacity to accept FIV-positive cats is a point of great pride for us. Many positive cats would be euthanized in other jurisdictions. Our FIV section is a testament to the Regional Animal Protection Society's no-kill commitment.

Popeye—a one-eyed rascal—did not hit it off with Randy when they first



months ago from Vancouver Island, is estimated to be about three-anda-half years old now. His frisky nature didn't impress Randy, who is about twice Popeye's age. They fought frequently at first but, more recently, came to an entente and have been witnessed curled up together.

One of the Sanctuary's most dedicated volunteers fell in love with both Popeye and Randy. When she asked if she could adopt them, we agreed enthusiastically.

We do not generally adopt from the Sanctuary. (Families wanting to adopt head over to the RAPS City of Richmond Animal Shelter.) But there are a few cats, among our nearly 500, who could fit into the right home. Because the person who adopted them is a Sanctuary volunteer, she was familiar with these particular cats—and with FIV-positive cats in general—so we were delighted that Randy and Popeve could find a welcoming home.

There are generally no special precautions that people need to make to accommodate FIV-positive cats. If there are multiple cats in a household when one of them is diagnosed with FIV, things should be fine if they do not

FIV and other sanctuary cats are treated at the RAPS Animal Hospital. To truly be a no-kill, animal-serving agency, RAPS must have avenues through which animals who would otherwise be euthanized can find forever homes. This includes shelters and medical hospitals, where animals can be rehabilitated for adoptions, foster programs through which animals can live in the comfort of a foster home, and sanctuaries, where unadoptable animals can live out their lives in a loving, secure environment.

The RAPS Animal Hospital provides support to our shelter, sanctuary, foster program and households with low incomes. And it is open to the public providing lower-cost animal medical

If you would like to sponsor one of our FIV-positive cats (\$25 a month less than a coffee a day) you can help create more happy endings like Randy and Popeve's!

Lisa Parker is manager of the Regional Animal Protection Society Cat Sanctuary.

IS MARKEY

Markey is an adorable seven-year-old tabby who was surrendered due to no fault of his own. Markey is beaming with personality and our staff were quick to fall in love with him! His new family will need to be committed to getting him plenty of exercise in his home and ensuring he is fed the proper amount.



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In their own words...

Richmond committed to combatting climate change



Chak Au Councillor

The impact of climate change is closer to home than we thought. A recent report, published by Environment and Climate Change Canada, revealed that Canada is warming up twice as fast as the rest of the world. As a result, we have already experienced more extreme weather, summer droughts, wildfires, and flooding. Of particular concern to Richmond is the threat of coastal flooding caused by rising sea level over the coming decades. The City is spending more than \$11 million annually for flood protection and drainage infrastructure and maintenance to offset any potential future threats.

Richmond has long been recognized as a leader in fighting against climate change. For instance, the City has reduced its overall greenhouse gas emissions by 12 per cent between 2007 and 2015, despite the population increasing by a similar percentage during the same period.

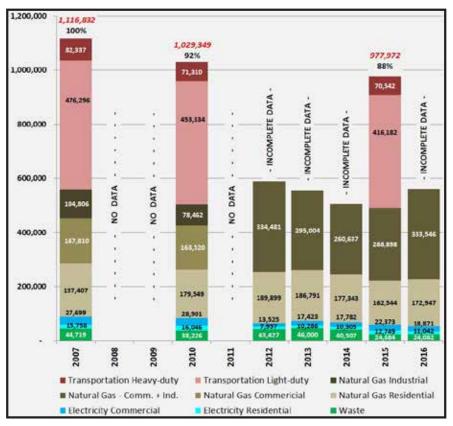
But we know that more work is urgently needed to fight climate change. It is for this reason that City Council passed a resolution this past March declaring a climate emergency with an intention of adopting more aggressive targets to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions consistent with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC) of the United Nations. The Panel finds that in order to mitigate the disastrous impact of climate change it is critical to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. To achieve this end, global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) need to be drastically reduced in the coming decades.

Currently, the City has set targets of reducing our GHG emissions by 30 per cent from 2007 levels by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050. They are now developing strategies to

allow us to increase those targets to a minimum 40 per cent decrease in emissions below 2007 levels by 2030 and achieve net zero GHG emissions by 2050.

Over the coming months, the City will undertake extensive community and stakeholder engagement to confirm support for these new targets and the necessary steps to achieve them.

Meanwhile, the City is also in the process of



developing a strategy and consultation plan to ban single use plastic bags, plastic drinking straws and styrofoam food containers. This is another step the City is taking to stop plastic pollution which is a big threat to the oceanic environment.

All in all, climate change is a global issue and international, national, and regional collaborations are required to address it. But change has to begin at home and Richmond is leading by example.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

Development Permit Panel

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 15 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

General Purposes Committee

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Finance Committee

4:00 p.m.,Tuesday, May 21 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Public Hearing

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 22 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

Planning Committee

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 22 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Public Works & Transportation Committee

4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 23

Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

Council Meeting

7:00 p.m., Monday, May 27 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 28

Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall



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Imoo carrying forward coach Lintag's legacy

By DON FENNELL @DFSentinel

he gold medal Jacob Imoo was presented May 7 in Laval, Quebec will forever have special meaning.

It not only represents the dedication and sacrifices he made en route to becoming a national bowling champion, but also serves as a reminder that one never truly walks alone.

While winning the Youth Bowl Canada final (edging an opponent from Southern Ontario 190 to 170), the Richmond teen thought of his longtime coach, Martin Lintag, who passed away this past Easter after a long battle with leukemia.

"Martin was a loving man who was passionate about the sport of bowling," said Imoo, 15. "Winning this YBC nationals for him is a moment that I will never forget, and I'm sure he'd be proud of me."

Adopting a style remarkably similar to world champion Jason Belmonte, sharing the Australian pro's two-handed approach to deliver his shot, Imoo will continue to use Lintag as inspiration.

"As my bowling season comes to an exciting conclusion in the next month (he will be competing at the Canadian Tenpin Federation championships in three weeks in Edmonton), I will still be bowling for Martin, using the love

and support from friends and family," he said.

Still on cloud nine after his final victory, following four days of competition at the nationals, Imoo's actions and words reflect those of a thoughtful and focused individual. As his coach, Jamie Munch, explained: "You had a plan from last year, after missing out on this opportunity for many years. Finally getting to nationals and winning is a sweet ending."

Imoo, who has chronicling his season for a school-based documentary, said the win was"an achievement that needed to happen."

"From not winning a provincial tournament for four years, to going to nationals and winning is a very memorable experience."

Naturally, Imoo's family and friends are proud.

"Anyone who has been around him for the past year knows how hard he's been working," says his dad, Clay. "Between leagues, practising and working, he's at Lucky 9 Lanes four or five times a week. There are so many people to thank, so many who have coached him, challenged him and believed in him. Once Martin passed away, Jacob was on a mission. Not only to play well for himself, but to be play well for Martin. I was thrilled to Jacob's cheerleader and sounding board. Over the past four days, I've

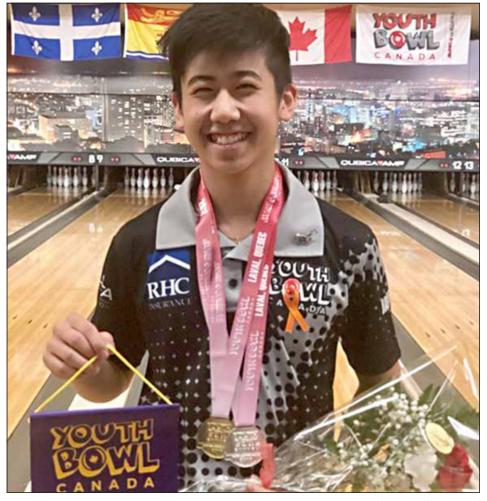


Photo submitted

Jake Imoo won the YBC national tenpin championship May 7 in Laval, Quebec.

learned a lot from him about disciness."

The path to gold wasn't easy. And

on the final day, he lost two of his first pline, consistency and mental tough- three matches but then found his game to peak at just the right time.

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Potential unlimited for young Dynamo fencers

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

ith the future having arrived, these are lit (amazing) times at Richmond's Dynamo Fencing Club.

On the heels of Seraphim Jarov's impressive sixth-place finish at the 2019 junior world championships, youth athletes left the Rain City Super Youth Circuit event in Bellevue, Washington May 6 with 26 medals in hand.

"The Seattle event is our future," says Dynamo fencing president Igor Gantsevich. "Just to put it in perspective, at this same event about three years ago we won eight medals. Every year, we are getting bigger and stronger. And the colour of medal is more and more gold and silver, not the finalist or bronze medallist. It is showing how far we have come and how our program is working."

Himself a former national champion and World Cup and Pan-American

Games medallist, Gantsevich says home. if these young athletes continue to work with the same passion and commitment, he can't see how they won't mission extends beyond simply athsurpass the results established by older fencers in the next three years.

"Our dream is becoming a reality, and everything we worked hard on building is coming to fruition," he says.

The Dynamo Fencing Club is Canada's largest and most recognized fencing club, with nearly a quarter of Canada's national team calling it

Providing world-class instruction to a diverse base of athletes, its core letics to help its members achieve personal growth in all areas of their lives—from academics to business to community service.

The club is located at 2231 Vauxhall Pl. General inquiries may be directed to admin@dynamofencing.com or by calling 604-232-9100.

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Trust lifts Strikers to Coastal Cup crown

By **DON FENNELL** ● @DFSentinel

In the sixth season of Game of Thrones, one of the feature tracks is "Trust in Each Other," which is heard as the Knights of Vale defeat the Bolton soldiers and rescue the doomed Stark force.

Trusting each other has also been the calling card of the Richmond Strikers this season.

In pursuit of the provincial championship that eluded them last year, the under-15 girls' rep soccer team carried the weight of being the only local side into this year's Coastal Cup held in Richmond May 4 and 5. In typical Striker fashion, they responded to the challenge.

Though penalty kicks were required to decide the championship final against Fraser Valley Selects, the Strikers showed the resolveand patience—to emerge victorious and advance to the Provincial A Cup July 4 to 7 in Surrey.

"We seem to be able to stay calm under pressure," said associate coach Greg Ng. "And we trust in our goalkeeper Makayla (Kusch)."

Playing their second Coastal Cup final in as many years (they also won in 2018 to advance to the provincials where they placed third) on May 5, the Strikers dominated territorially—particularly in the first half—but were unable to break through. As a result, the game went into overtime scoreless. Then early in the first half of overtime, sure-footed Teagan Ng



Photo by Don Fennell

Richmond Strikers won the U15 girls rep Coastal Cup soccer title on home turf May 5.

scored to put Richmond up 1-0. It ap- one match in 18 games—to West peared the goal would hold up until a last-minute shot by Fraser Valley found the back of the net, forcing the result to be decided on penalty

Demonstrating their innate calmness and skill, Teagan, Lexy Shury, Mahara Remtula, Karina Weavers and captain Jaya Punia all cleverly placed the ball behind the Fraser Valley keeper.

"(Penalty kicks) is something we're used to. We've done this many times," said coach Ng, noting the team was in the same situation in 2018 as well as in this year's semifinals when they squeezed a 2-1 win over Vancouver Island Riptide in Campbell River.

The Strikers, which has lost only

Vancouver early in the season—are keen to redeem themselves at the provincials. If the resolve the team showed at the Coastal Cup is any indication, they'll be well positioned.

"Our goal has been provincials," said Teagan.

Reflecting the close bond the players enjoy, captain Punia called each player by their nicknames to receive their gold medals at the Coastal Cup.

"Some of us have known each other since we were three," she notes. "We've played together so long there's nothing new. We're focused, but we also like to have fun."

Added Teagan: "It's kind of what sports is all about"

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Radocaj steps up for VK Black

Marina Radocaj is a step close political at the Basketball girls' division final at the Basketball Global Championship.

Secondary poured in 12 points May 5 to help pace Team VK Black past ronto.

↑ arina Radocaj is a step clos- BC United 59-34 in the under-14 BC event at Langley Events Centre. The talented Grade 8 guard-for- VK Black will play next month for ward from Richmond's RA McMath the chance to be the Western entry at the nationals June 13 to 16 in To-

VK Black used a balanced attack which saw all 10 players find the scoresheet, while routinely driving to the basket and drawing fouls. Nineteen of their points were from the free throw line.

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RCMP hosting 3-on-3 hoops

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

Dack in 2004, Jet Sunner had a Dvision to reach youth through sports and education.

Now as staff sergeant with the Richmond RCMP, he's building on the legacy he created more than a decade ago.

In partnership with ICBC, Richmond RCMP will be hosting a threeon-three basketball tournament at the India Cultural Centre on Sunday, June 16.

This free, one-day tournament is open to high school students from grades 8 through 11, but participants must form their team of three to five players by May 20. And the teams must be registered by sending an email to jetsunner@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. All player names and phone numbers, as well as the division teams wish to play in, along with the team name, must be included in the submission. Co-ed (boys and girls) teams are permitted, but must compete in a boys' division.

The divisions in the Richmond RC-MP-ICBC Drive Smart 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament are as follows:

- Division 1—Boys Grades 10 and 11
- Division 2—Boys Grades 8 and 9
- Girls Division—Grades 8 to 10

The tournament is based on the successful, annual Team Izzat classic. Izzat (which in Punjabi and Hindi means honour and respect) is a group of police officers and college students who volunteer during their time off to connect with youth. Between 80 and 100 youth have participated in each of the past 15 years. Every player will receive a free t-shirt and pizza, with medals awareded to the winning teams.

The India Cultural Centre is located at 8600 No. 5 Rd.

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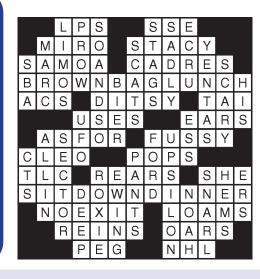
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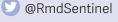
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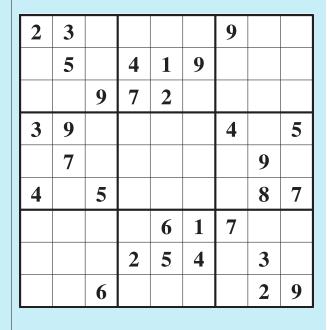
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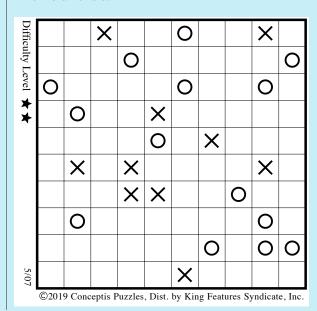
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PARC SAVANNAH. This super 3 level townhome offers over 1500 sq ft of living space. 4 bedrooms + 3 bathrooms. Open and Bright layout with a large private fenced patio & balcony. Stainless Steel appliances, gas range stove, engineered hardwood floors. 2 car double garage. All situated in the Sought after Hamilton location in Richmond with easy access to Hwy 91, public transit, close to McLean Park, Hamilton Elementary School, Communit Centre, Queensborough Landing Outlet & Walmart.



11500 Blundell Road

UNIQUE FAMILY HOME 6 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms 5,029 square feet of living space. Situated on 1.6 acres zoned AG-1 Agricultural. Bright and spacious rooms and loads of storage throughout. Located in the most sought after area of Richmond. Close to shopping, Restaurants, schools, transit, golf courses, Shell Road Trail and so much more! 2 or 3 bedroom suite with separate entry for mortgage helper. potential for Truly this lovely family home must been seen to appreciate it's potential!



8720 No. 5 Road

Rarely available 9.8 acre property zoned AG-1 agricultural. Public Assembly / Institutional use to allow for Churches, Temples, Mosques, Schools etc are permitted on the front 2 acres and remaining acreage must remain farmland. Call Dale for more details.



11500 Westminster Highway

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOBBY FARM HERE. 0.5 acres zoned AG-1 Frontage 84' x 258' Central Location close to shopping, recreation, golf, transit, Hwy 99. Knight Street, connector to New Westminster or Alex Fraser Bridge to Surrey. School catchment is Henry Anderson Elementary an A.R. MacNeill Secondary.



14260 Westminster Hwy

5 ACRES IN EAST RICHMOND. 1st time on the market. Here's your opportunity to own farmland in this sought after area of Richmond. Approx. 2,500 square foot family home is well kept & solid built. 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms on 2 levels. system. Huge workshop out back with attached covered Close to shopping, transit, and all major routes.



4831 & 4851 Williams Road

DEVELOPERS ALERT! Both lots are 66'x 150' / 9900 square foot lot. Opportunity for possible future re-zoning to facilitate low density Townhouses.

LAND & FARM LISTINGS Richmond

22451 Gilley Road	8 acres	REDUCED
22280 River Road	8.1 acres	REDUCED
14300 Burrows Road	3.7 acres	\$2,499,000
14400 Burrows Road	5.7 acres	\$2,999,000
11500 Westminster Hwy	0.5 acres	\$1,388,000
14260 Westminster Hwy	5 acres	\$3,288,000
*8720 No. 5 Road	9.8 acres	\$6,200,000

*Rarely available zoned AG-1 / possible Public Assembly

14300 Burrows Road

PRIME LOCATION! East Richmond on 3.7 acres of located in ALR. Build to suit your needs while farming the land. Property is zoned AG-1

14400 Burrows Road

RARELY AVAILABLE! East Richmond! 5.3 acres suitable for a holding property or build hobby farm. Property in ALR and on city sewer.



Lot 126, 127, 128, 129 & 130 Granville Ave

EXCELLENT HOLDING PROPERTY After area of East Richmond. Approx. Lot size 0.778 acres or 33,889.68 square feet for each lot. OR Combine Lot 126, 127, 128, 129 & 130 to equal 3.89 Acres/ 169,448.40 Square. Zoned AG-1 Agricultural. Small fruits and vegetables permitted. City of Richmond Road allowance to the West and East of LAND ONLY. NO SERVICES

Surrey

16611 20th Ave	3.21 acres	\$9,000,000	
16055 60th Ave	25 acres	\$3,600,000	

*4 BUILDING LOTS fully serviced LOCATED in sought after Elgin/Chantrell South Surrey ** Call for prices

1308 -1310 Ewen Street New Westminster

"CHURCH FOR SALE" Very Rare Opportunity to Buy an Existing Church with an Additional Lot with all the Zoning in Place. Ideal property for a Smaller Community with an Existing Building and Vacant property next door for Parking and Future Larger Church Building. The property can be used for Day Care during the week and Community Event for the Weekends, Central New Westminster Location. Call for more Details.

Call Dale for more details on any of these properties!

