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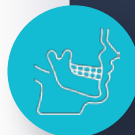
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Richmond's youth invited to submit artwork

Calling all creative Richmond youth. This is your chance to showcase your artistic talents and help shape the future of Richmond. Art is a powerful way to express your ideas and share what matters to you.

Submit your artwork by Sunday, June 1 to enter a contest for a chance to have it featured on the cover or inside the Official Community Plan—an important strategy that will guide how Richmond grows in the coming years.

Artwork should represent one or more of the Official Community Plan Targeted Update topics, including housing affordability, adapting to climate change, fairness for all who live in Richmond and more, all of which are detailed in the contest brief at LetsTalkRichmond.ca/OCPYouthArtContest

The contest is open to all school-aged children (elementary to secondary school) who are students at a Richmond school or residents of Richmond. Individual or groups (maximum of three) can participate.

Following the submission period, community members will have an opportunity to vote for their favourite artwork submissions either online or in-person at future community open houses.



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

All creative Richmond youth are invited to showcase their artistic talents by submitting artwork that represents the city's values and spirit.

Prizes will be awarded to youth whose artwork receives the most votes.

This contest aims to showcase the city through the eyes of youth, illustrating where creativity

meets the future.

Visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca/OCPYouthArtContest for contest rules and online submission guidelines.

Blundell residents aged 55+ invited to participate

The city is inviting seniors aged 55 and older in the Blundell neighbourhood to join the Blundell Age-Friendly Neighbourhood Group, where they can actively shape and enhance the community for a better, more inclusive future.

The group will meet five times from May to June 2025 to help identify opportunities to make the neighbourhood more age-friendly. Up to 15 seniors will be selected to participate in this initiative, with a focus on everyone sharing insights. The group aims to include diverse participants representing a broad range of needs, backgrounds and experiences. No special expertise is required—just a commitment to helping improve the neighbourhood for seniors. Refreshments will be provided.

Those interested can apply:

- online at LetsTalkRichmond.ca/Age-Friendly-Blundell
- by calling 604-276-4175, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Applicants may also call this phone number if they need assistance with the form.)

The application deadline is Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 5 p.m. Responses



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

Seniors aged 55 and older in the Blundell Neighbourhood are invited to join the Blundell Age-Friendly Neighbourhood group.

es will remain confidential, and personal information will be protected. All applicants will be notified of their application status by Monday, May 5, 2025.

The city is committed to making all programs accessible and inclusive. Meetings will be held in wheelchair/scooter accessible locations, with accommodations available to support a wide range of needs.

A final report, including recommendations for creating a more age-friendly Blundell neighbourhood will be published in the fall of 2025. To date, the city has completed four neighbourhood group projects, in Seafair (2019),

Broadmoor (2024), Cambie/East Richmond (2024) and Hamilton (2024). Seniors in each neighbourhood identified aspects of age-friendly planning and provided input on opportunities to further support seniors to remain connected in their community. Our goal is to complete Age-Friendly Neighbourhood Groups in every Richmond planning area.

For more information and to apply, visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca/Age-Friendly-Blundell, email SeniorsPlanning@richmond.ca or call 604-276-4175.

King Charles III Coronation event

The Honourable Yonah Martin hosted a ceremony for the King Charles III Coronation Medal recipients on Friday March 28, 2025 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 263. On May 6, 2023, Canada celebrated the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, the first coronation of a Canadian sovereign in seven decades. To mark this milestone event, the Canadian government created the King Charles III Coronation Medal program to honour Canadians who have distinguished themselves through outstanding contributions and service to Canada. The awarding of the King Charles III Coronation Medal is part of a long-standing tradition dating back to the reign of Queen Victoria. The prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal was created to recognize Canadians from across our nation who have made a difference in their communities and for the betterment of Canada and the world. Senator Martin presented 11 recipients with the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Medal Recipients:

- The Honourable Alice Wong P.C. of Richmond, BC
- Edwin Adye of Victoria, BC
- Ian Daniel of Langley, BC
- Ralph De Coste of Chilliwack, BC
- Doug Germaine of Chilliwack, BC
- Ron Foyle of Surrey, BC
- Thomas Gucake of Burnaby, BC
- Jai Boong Kim of Burnaby, BC
- Tae Young Kim of Coquitlam, BC
- Woo Seok Lee of Surrey, BC



Photo courtesy Senator Yonah Martin's Office

Senator Yonah Martin, back row in the middle, hosted a ceremony for the King Charles III Coronation Medal recipients at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 263 on Friday, March 28.

- Leo Valentine of Maple Ridge, BC

The ceremony formally opened with the national anthem, followed by the opening address given by Senator Yonah Martin and presentation of the King Charles III Coronation Medals. Each of the recipients proudly accepted their certificate and medal. Senator Martin then surprised a group of individuals with a special King Charles III Coronation Pin for their contributions and service to supporting Korean War Veterans and the legacy of the Korean War. The ceremony concluded with the Royal Anthem and official photos. Following the ceremony, there was a lunch for the recipients and their guests, co-hosted by Senator Martin

and Master Chef Ae kyung Woo.

"On behalf of the Senate of Canada, I express my sincere congratulations to all of the recipients and their families, and thank them for their contributions to Canada. All the medal recipients embody the dedication, leadership, and selfless service that make Canada the strong and respected country that it is. They remind us of the values that define our nation: selflessness, compassion, and a dedication to helping others. Their unwavering commitment, driven by a deep sense of responsibility and care, is a source of inspiration for all Canadians."

~ Senator Martin

Road closure, work at Francis Road and Gilbert Road



Screen grab from Google Maps

Metro Vancouver is beginning work at the intersection of Francis Road and Gilbert Road.

As part of the Gilbert Road Sewer Upgrade, Metro Vancouver is beginning work at the intersection of Francis Road and Gilbert Road at the end of March for approximately two months. To safely complete this work, some traffic restrictions will remain in place 24 hours a day. We anticipate the following traffic impacts:

- Single lane in each direction along Francis Road and Gilbert Road near the intersection
- Single lane alternating traffic along

Gilbert Road near the intersection during work hours, as required

- No left turns in any direction at the intersection
- No right turns onto Gilbert Road from Francis Road

Drivers are advised to use alternate routes and to follow signage and the direction of traffic control personnel.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while this essential work is completed.

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In honour of our soldiers: Arthur Edward Wheeler

In a series about Richmond's poppy street signs, in memory of our fallen soldiers, we share the story of Wheeler Road.

Arthur Edward Wheeler was born on September 7, 1886 in London England, he was one of three children, as he had two sisters.

On Nov. 16, 1914, Wheeler enlisted in Vancouver, joining the 29th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He had experience prior, as he had been a member of the Oxford Light Infantry of the British Army for two years. Four months later, Wheeler would arrive in England aboard the RMS Missambie. He trained for six months as a bomb thrower, being penalized four days of pay total for being absent without leave from camp.

Upon completion of his training as a bomb thrower, Wheeler and those qualified in the battalion reached France on September 17, 1915. 13 months later, Wheeler was injured and needed to be hospitalized, spending months in England. He was then transferred to the Canada Reserve Battalions at Seaford Camp and would return to France on his 33rd birthday, rejoining the 29th Battalion.

Seven months later, Wheeler would be severely injured, being buried by a shell explosion that resulted in another trip to the hospital.

Wheeler would be transported to the Princess Military Hospital immediately after the incident,



A poppy engraved street sign of Wheeler Road.

Screen grab from Google Maps

before being transferred again to a hospital in Orpington, Kent, as he nursed major injuries from the explosion including paralysis.

Tragically, on April 23, 1918, Wheeler succumbed to his injuries and was survived by his sister Mrs. Bibb, of Gray's Inn Road, according to his listed next of kin.

In a will dated April 1917, his personal estates, should he not return home were to be divided between his two sisters, Mrs. Bibb of Gray's Inn Road, London and Mrs. Lucy Sheppard. To their surprise, a following will dated September 1917, indicated

that Wheeler wanted his personal belongings and property to be given to Mrs. A.E. Robson of Tooting London. A plaque and scroll were sent to Mrs. Lucy Sheppard for his efforts.

In 1954, a letter was submitted to the City Council suggesting the Wheeler's name be included in the list of street signs with a poppy on them. On Dec. 6, 1954, the Richmond City Council made the decision to adopt a road name after Arthur Edward Wheeler for his valiant effort. Wheeler Road can be found near the intersection of Francis Road and St. Albans Road.

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New pilot for Richmond seniors

By FLORENCE GORDON
Contributing writer

The *Richmond Sentinel*, Jim Gordon (JG) went on location to the Richmond Public Library and sat down with Isaac Lai, who is the senior librarian to talk about a new pilot program for Seniors.

JG: Isaac, you have a great program called Senior Connect Box, (camera pans the display on a nearby table).

Tell our viewers a bit about what it is and what you're expecting to accomplish with it.

IL: As we have on display here this is Senior Connect Box and is the new library resource designed to connect seniors to our library resources and are challenged with access to getting out to the library. This also applies to seniors in a care home facility. The pilot project is aimed for the library to assess this critical underserved population.

JG: And it's interesting too, you've got a wide variety of games, puzzles and reading materials. Isaac, you're on the front line going out to these different senior locations. In fact you were just at one of our sponsors, Hamilton High Street Senior Residence and that's how we found out about the pilot. Can you walk us through what you do when you go into a place like that?

IL: We deliver the box earlier before the visit. We tailor make the games for the Seniors with big tags and many games that are easy to touch and not easy to fall down.

JG: So the seniors can easily start learning and playing the games.

IL: We work with the staff to bring out the game to the common area, and encourage the Seniors to connect with each other through the fun and the playing and talking about the games.

JG: What are some of the reactions you're getting from the seniors? Are they hesitant to join in or are they anxious, keen to learn more? I mean, it's great for the mental skills, of course but what about the social aspect. Please share with us the results so far.

IL: When I visit, I let them know that we're not taking the game away, they have plenty of time to enjoy the challenge and the social aspect that goes with it. Our plan is to leave the box at each site for six months and then refresh the contents. They can use the box as often as they like.

When we visit the sites, our findings have been, that the seniors are very interested to learn and to connect.

It's interesting to note that after they have the game for a while, they start learning and they start discussing about the strategy, about what game they like or they don't like. So in the end we are there to learn from them as well. We work with the staff to gather statistics and compliments so that we can modify the games to suit the majority.

JG: It's good to hear that the seniors are interacting and competitive and that you interchange the games after a while.

IL: Actually the initial box in the beginning has 17 games and we focus on challenging their brain activity, eyes and hand cooperation.

After a period of time, we have an evaluation form for the staff to fill out plus we visit frequently to follow up on how the program is doing and we take into account the staff's input because they are on site and see first-hand what games are popular. Keeping in mind that we are a multicultural society and there are games that seniors grew up with in their homeland that may not be known here so tracking these games down can be a challenge.



Jim Gordon and Isaac Lai chatting at the Richmond Library.

Screen grab from RS video

Multicultural is one of our first priorities we had to think about before we created this pilot project taking into account different language instructions.

JG: Let's talk about another service you offer which has been around for a few years now and that's the home service delivery.

I understand it's the delivery of library materials to customers who are confined to a private residence, residential facility or a hospital because of a disability, illness or an injury lasting a few months and this is a service for everyone. Can you explain how people can qualify and how they can find out more information.

IL: First of all, they have to be living in Richmond and they have to get a Richmond Public Library card. We have an online form or you can phone in and register for the home service project.

As you said Jim, they have several criteria, you're homebound and you're unable to come to the library. We have a whole collection selected by the librarian. You can also give us your reading interest in the application form whether it's a mystery or romance we can pick a book for you.

Every two or three months our driver will go to your house, ring the door, leave the box for you, that's it. If you are already a customer, you bring out the old box and we exchange with the new box. You have the option of a print copy or an audio book and the thing is, we have a really good supplier who tailor made the audiobooks with one disc, one book.

So you don't need to worry about flipping the disc in and out, and you don't have to worry that if one of three discs goes missing and you can't finish the book this method of one book, one disc is great.

You can also borrow the equipment for a whole year and if you have an issue with the equipment you just give us a call and we'll handle it. We will give you a new one or we can talk you through on the phone, how to fix it.

JG: I can't really say how many towns, cities in the lower mainland offer these two services we were just talking about, but I hope if you're watching in another part of the lower mainland or around the rest of the country that you investigate in your community if you have these services because I think they're very valuable.

Libraries need to be creative in their services and they need to be able to reach out to people and Isaac the staff must be doing this because library is just full of people today. So where can people find out more information?

IL: They can go to our library website, rpl.yourlibrary.ca or call any of our four branches: Brighouse, Steveston, Cambie and Ironwood.

To watch the video interview in full go to richmondsentinel.com/videos



Photo courtesy BC Epilepsy Society
Jacqueline Martin, a person living with epilepsy and advocate for BC’s epilepsy community is competing for the title of Miss Canada 2025.

Jacqueline Martin competes in 2025 Miss Canada Pageant

Jacqueline Martin is a person living with epilepsy and an advocate for BC’s epilepsy community. She also works at the BC Epilepsy Society as the Community Partners Coordinator and is competing to win the title of Miss Canada 2025. Online voting for the 2025 Miss Canada Pageant is open until Sunday, May 18, 2025.

Interested individuals can vote for Jacqueline at <https://misscanada.org/jacqueline-m>

“I will proudly uphold the honor of representing Canada with grace and rectitude, staying true to my core values with unwavering dedication. In the face of challenges, I will lead with diplomacy, embodying the essence of true leadership. With an open heart and a spirit of curiosity, I will embrace new opportunities for volunteerism, drawing inspiration from the diverse and vibrant cultures that make Canada so extraordinary. Above all, I will remain authentic, ensuring that my actions reflect the principles that define me,” said Jacqueline, when asked what she would do if she was lucky enough to win the title of Miss Canada 2025.

We wish Jacqueline the best of luck as she competes in the pageant.

Asphalt Paving Advisory 2025 April 20 to November 30, 2025

The City of Richmond has contracted Save On Black Top Ltd. to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond **from April 20 to November 30, 2025.**

PROPOSED 2025 PAVING LOCATION DETAILS
No. 2 Road (Steveston Highway to Williams Road)—Intersections included
No. 3 Road (Alderbridge Way to Cambie Road)—Intersections included
No. 3 Road (Cambie Road to Capstan Way)—Intersections included
No. 3 Road (Capstan Way to Sea Island Way)—Intersections included
Bridgeport Road (No. 5 Road to Sweden Way)—Intersections included
Cambie Road (Shell Road to No.5 Road)—Intersections included
No. 5 Road (Seacliff Road to Kingsbridge Drive)—Intersections included
No. 6 Road (Bridgeport Road to River Road)—Intersections included
Moncton Street (Railway Avenue to No. 2 Road)—Intersections included
Francis Road (Gilbert Road to No. 3 Road)—Intersections included
Francis Road (Railway Avenue to No. 2 Road)—Intersections included
River Road (Cambie Road to Capstan Way)—Intersections included
Westminster Highway (No. 7 Road to No. 8 Road)—Intersections included
Vulcan Way (No. 5 Road to No. 6 Road)—Intersections included
Boeing Avenue (Catalina Crescent to Wellington Crescent)—Intersections included
Catalina Crescent (Handley Avenue to Airport Road)—Intersections Included
Douglas Crescent (Wellington Crescent to North end of road)—Intersections Included
Hudson Avenue (Wellington Crescent to Airport Road)—Intersections Included
Bridgeport Road (St. Edwards Drive to Shell Road)—Intersections Included
Cambie Road (No. 4 Road to Shell Road)—Intersections Included
No. 4 Road (Granville Avenue to Westminster Highway)—Intersections included
No. 5 Road (Bridgeport Road to Vulcan Way)—Intersections included
No. 5 Road (Greenland Drive to Bridgeport Road)—Intersections included
Shell Road (River Drive to River Road)—Intersections included
Wallace Road (Kozier Gate to No. 2 Road)—Intersections included
Williams Road (Parsons Road to Gilbert Road)—Intersections included
Machrina Way (Horseshoe Way to No. 5 Road)—Intersections included
Trumond Avenue (Wellmond Road to Gormond Road)—Intersections included
Garden City Road (Cambie Road to Bridgeport Road)—Intersections included
Boundary Road (Thompson Gate to Westminster Highway)—Intersections included
Kwantlen Street (Alderbridge Way to Alexandra Road)—Intersections included

Work hours will be 7:00am to 10:00pm on weekdays, and 7:00am to 8:00pm on weekends. Night time work hours will be from 7:00pm to 5:00am. (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.

The scope of the advertised work may be adjusted or cancelled in line with available funding.

Questions may be directed to Wasim Memon, Supervisor, Engineering Inspections, at **604-276-4189**, or visit the City’s paving program web page at **richmond.ca/paving**.

CANADA VOTES – FEDERAL ELECTION 2025

Meet the candidates in each Richmond Riding

Ten individuals are seeking your support in Canada's Federal Election on **April 28**

by Florence Gordon—Contributing writer

RICHMOND CENTRE – MARPOLE



WILSON MIAO, Liberal Party, successfully won this seat in September 2021. In his first term he served on the Veteran Affairs and International Trade committees. Miao also helped to secure \$650 million of investments for Richmond. He is seeking a second term as your MP. Miao grew up and went to school in Richmond Centre, and with a business degree from Simon Fraser University sought employment in the marketing, real estate and senior community projects. To this day he lives with his family in Richmond Centre.



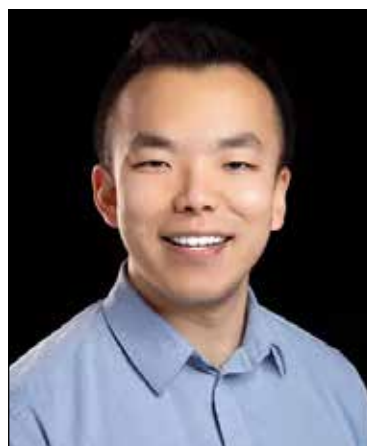
MICHAEL SISLER, Green Party, is an advocate for clean energy. He is a resident of Marpole and employed with TransLink. He's experienced in customer service and has served as a volunteer on boards for condominiums and congregations as vice president and treasurer. Sisler believes Canada is rich in natural resources, diversified with hard workers and respected as a democratic and free country.



CHAK AU, Conservative Party, moved from Hong in 1988 and employed by Vancouver Coastal Health for over 20 years as a therapist on the Family/Child Counselling Team. He is the co-founder of Community Wellness Association of Canada. Au was elected as School Trustee from 1999 to 2011 followed by being elected as Councillor to Richmond City 2011 to date.



DAVID WANG, People's Party of Canada, was born and raised in Ottawa to Spanish and Chinese parents who immigrated to Canada for a better life. Wang lives on the west coast with family in Richmond. He has been a supporter of PPC and the party's principles since its inception in 2019. He campaigned for the introduction of Proportional Representation in BC in 2018 and ran for Councillor, City of Richmond in 2022 and committed to listening to the needs of his constituents.



MARTIN LI, NDP Party, is a life-long Richmond resident attending Richmond Schools followed by a UBC degree and HR Management certificate from SFU. Li pursued a career in HR with UBC & Langara College. Prior to this he worked for City of Richmond Aquatics, Public Works that helped to develop an understanding of municipal governance, regulatory compliance and public service. He volunteers supporting new comers and low-income families. Li is passionate about using his experience and advocacy to run for MP.

The Richmond Sentinel Viewers

Due to time restraints, this election has been full of challenges when it came to publication and filming interviews. At time of publication,

Elections Canada website "as of today there are no candidates who have been officially confirmed in your electoral district." We searched on line under party websites and social media to gather what information we could. It has always been our practice to give every candidate equal opportunity and although we had proposed candidate's names there was little to no contact information at the time of print. We were faced with advanced polls happening before our next publication so we bring you what available information there is if you are voting at the advance Polls.

We will keep you updated on richmondsentinel.ca.

We are filming interviews **April 4**, and will upload to our website: richmondsentinel.ca/videos

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by Florence Gordon—Contributing writer

RICHMOND EAST – STEVESTON

PARM BAINS, Liberal Party, successfully won this seat in September 2021. During his first term as MP he served on the Access to Information committee & Government Operations & Oversight Committee. In his first term he secured \$650 million of investments for Richmond. Bains is seeking a second term as your MP in the 2025 election. He moved to Richmond when he was one year old and today is married with two children. With an education from Royal Roads University and a Masters Degree Bains became a business instructor

with Kwantlen Polytech University before becoming an MP for Richmond East-Steveston.



STEVEN JI, Green Party, grew up in Vancouver witnessing the tremendous changes sweeping through out our city. "Canada has been a leader in many progressive areas, from social policies and environmental stewardship to fostering inclusivity and fairness." Ji's professional experiences in various parts of the world have only deepened his appreciation of Canada's unique qualities. "However, we face the rising cost of living and housing affordability crisis. To effectively address these challenges, we must stay united, adopt comprehensive and thoughtful policies, and work diligently together."

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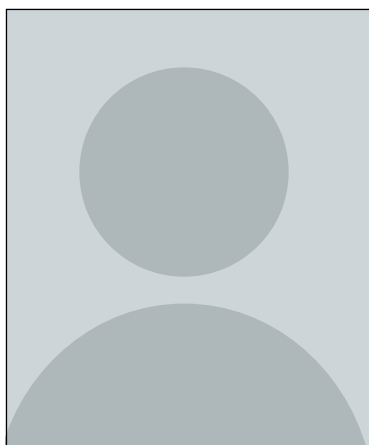


ZACH SEGAL, Conservative Party, was born and raised in Richmond and today lives in Richmond with his wife & daughter. He is dedicated to his community, serving on the board of the Rotary Club, the Kehila Society, Richmond Seniors Advisory Committee and Big Brother. He has a track record of fighting hard for lower taxes and safer streets in Richmond. Segal worked for the previous Conservative government in Ottawa. He currently works in commercial real estate and has a unique insight into affordable housing.



KEEFER PELECH, NDP Party, has dedicated the last seven years working for the BC Government, advising leaders in their response to crises like the COVID and expanding Mental Health and Addiction care in BC. Pelech was born and raised in Richmond where he graduated from Richmond elementary and secondary schools. He was involved in Rotary Sunset Club initiative. He feels incredibly privileged to be able to raise his son in the community where he grew up. Pelech is running for MP for Richmond East – Steveston because he believes that

governments should serve all people.



JODY CRAVEN, PPC Party, is driven by a deep commitment to stand up for his community and defend the core values of freedom, personal responsibility, respect and fairness.
No contact information available at time of print.

At time of publication, Elections Canada's website report – Polling stations are still being confirmed, please check back.

Advance voting takes place on :

Friday, April 18, 2025

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Monday, April 21, 2025

FINAL VOTING DAY: MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

Disclaimer, while we strive to ensure the accuracy of this information it is based on what information is available and not the opinion of the Richmond Sentinel.

I can't believe that's a law: Saskatchewan Edition

By MATTHEW CHEUNG
Contributing writer

DISCLAIMER: The following article is for informational and entertainment purposes only, and does not reflect the opinions or views of the Richmond Sentinel. Last edition we ventured up north to explore the interesting laws and bylaws found in the Yukon and Northwest Territories in our 13-part series. In this edition, we will continue to examine some peculiar laws and bylaws ever enforced in the Province of Saskatchewan. Some peculiar bylaws and laws include the mandatory indoor confinement of dogs, holding onto moving vehicles, and the prohibition walking with your shoelaces untied.

1. Dogs are regarded by many as man's best friend and the responsibility dog owners have when it comes to cleaning up after their pets. Tisdale, Saskatchewan takes these responsibilities to another level, according to Bylaw 5/05 A Bylaw of the Town of Tisdale to regulate and control the ownership and possession of dogs within the town, "Any person owning or occupying property in the Town of Tisdale shall remove any and all dog defecation from the said property on a daily basis and shall dispose of the defecation in a sanitary manner". This bylaw was introduced in order to maintain cleanliness and public health standards within the community; any dog owners who refuse to adhere to this bylaw is subject to a fine. (Tisdale Bylaw 5/05)

2. All pet owners can tell you how much of a nuisance it is to see your pet dealing in heat. Staying in the Town of Tisdale, Saskatchewan, according to Bylaw 5/05 "Every owner of a female dog in heat shall keep the dog housed at all times during the whole period that the dog shall be in heat. Failure to do so shall be a breach of this bylaw". The main reason behind this is because the town wants to prevent any unwanted breeding and to reduce any disturbances that may be caused by male dogs attracted to female dogs in heat. To this day, the bylaw is still enforced. (Tisdale Bylaw 5/05)

3. In Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, according to bylaw no.4423 the damaging of trees is prohibited, as it states that "no person shall unlawfully cut, break, or mark, root up or otherwise destroy or damage the whole or any part of any tree, sapling, or shrub growing in any public place within the city". This bylaw was effectively passed on Oct. 27, 1986 in the city's efforts to protect and maintain public greenery within the city. (Moose Jaw Bylaw No. 4423)

4. There have been many viral videos of people water skiing on the roads with a skateboard or skiing on roads after a night of snowfall but in Saskatchewan that is prohibited. According to the Traffic Safety Act, Section 240 (1) states that "No person on a highway shall directly or by any attachment hold onto a moving vehicle other than the one in which the person is



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In a series inspired by a colleague, the Richmond Sentinel presents some interesting laws that simply don't sound real in the Province of Saskatchewan.

riding." Although it appears this bylaw is specific to the highway, that is not the case, as the term highway is defined broadly to encompass all public roads and streets. Looks like road surfing and skiing will have to take place in another province. (Traffic Safety Act Section 240 (1))

5. City council meetings are often open to the public as they want to hear from the residents ways that they can improve the city. Most people who attend obviously care about the place they call home and want to provide input to further advance the city but some people take it too far. In a response to escalating concerns over the safety and well-being of council members and staff, in June 2021, the City of Rosthern enacted a bylaw that regulated any type of conduct towards city council and staff. This regulation included actions that may cause individuals to fear for their safety, stalking, and surveilling homes or workplaces. To this day, the bylaw is still enforced.

6. Different people have different ways of coping with their stress, some go on a shopping spree, others drown themselves in alcohol, and some smoke. In the early 90s, smoking was a common part of society up until the early 2000s where smoking in public spaces began facing more restrictions. In 2002, the Saskatchewan government recognized a need to protect people from the health risks associated with tobacco exposure. A law was implemented under the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act that prohibited tobacco use on school property and school grounds at all times. It makes you wonder, how many students were exposed to secondhand smoke prior to this policy. (Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act)

7. In Fort Qu'Appelle, a municipality near Regina, it is illegal to walk down the main street with untied shoes. The terms of this bylaw are up for interpretation as there are some people who like to wear their shoes untied as they don't like the feeling of strangling their feet. But what if someone were in a rush and their shoelace was untied, or if someone purposely untied the shoelace of another in front of an officer would that subject them to fines? This bylaw was most likely implemented in order to prevent potential accidents caused by tripping in hopes of enhancing pedestrian safety. According to the former mayor Ron Osika who answered a question about the bylaw in 2020, there was a brief investigation done by his staff regarding the this bylaw and whether it is still enforced but there was not enough time to verify the status. (Blue Matter, 2020)

If you think we missed any peculiar laws in this region, feel free to email us at newsroom@richmondsentinel.ca or comment under the post on one of our social media accounts. In the next edition, we venture further east into The Keystone Province, or Manitoba, to see what laws and bylaws were or still are enforced.



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Sockeyes enter new chapter, tier one Junior A Hockey

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As fast as one season wraps-up it's time to focus on any and all changes that must have a positive impact setting in place—a winning mandate for the upcoming season.

Reflecting on last season the Richmond Sockeyes had an impressive record of 32 wins, 11 losses, 3 overtime losses and 2 shootout losses placing them in second place in the Tom Shaw Conference with 69 points.

While this is slightly down from the previous season it's fair to say that changes were made in the off-season with graduating players moving on and others taking the next step in their Junior career.

Overall the coaching staff led by Cullen Revel took no time off and once the previous season was wrapped-up their sights were set on the new season.

One graduating player last season was Team Captain Matthew Stewart who played with the Sockeyes for the previous three seasons and finished with a record of 35 goals, 61 assists along with 20 power play goals.

With Matthew moving on, he was rewarded with a new role being player development coordinator and assistant GM and with his loss it meant they would need to find someone who could fill the void he left behind.

In doing so they promoted Teo Lin to the role of Captain who was one of the team leaders both off and on the ice the previous season.

Leadership begins and starts with both ownership and management who strongly rely on the roster they put in place to keep the team heading in the right direction which has the team taking major steps for the upcoming seasons.



Richmond Sockeyes JR A Hockey team 2024 - 2025.

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Press Conference

On March 20, 2025 The Richmond Sockeyes, President Doug Paterson announced exciting news in a press conference at Minoru Arena. Present from the media: *Global News*, *Richmond Sentinel*, and *Sportswave TV*. Also in attendance PJHL Commissioner Trevor Alto, Mayor Brodie, Councillor McNulty, MP Miao, MP Bains, MLA Chan, MLA Kooner, former and current Sockeye players and the Sockeyes' management team.

As one season came to an end the Sockeyes excitedly announced the next chapter in their story as they move forward in BC Hockey, announcing they will be entering Tier One in the PJHL.

With one league stepping away from both BC Hockey and Hockey Canada that alone opened the door for the PJHL to put the pieces in place to represent BC playing for a National Championship. The process was long and arduous but after the

long process of an overall assessment it was officially announced the Sockeyes are taking the next step forward in the PJHL and BC Hockey.

The Sockeyes have a long-standing relationship with the City of Richmond not only for hockey but also showcases how unique it is with the city dating back to their National Championship win in the 86-87 Title.

This July the Champion Richmond Sockeyes will be inducted into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame in Penticton and as Richmond's Mayor Malcolm Brodie mentioned "The Sockeyes have built a long-standing tradition which is more than playing hockey."

Mayor Brodie continued to mention "The Sockeyes, regardless of where they go, are welcomed by so many of today's youth who reach out to them, which is a dream come true for so many youngsters."

Moving forward the Sockeyes are the first team in the PJHL to officially announce that they are advancing to Tier One status for Junior Hockey in BC which by the way, was a two-year process.

This would not and could not be made possible without the dedication from the numerous dedicated volunteers some who are with the Richmond Special Olympics.

As a special personal note, Doug Paterson owner of the Richmond Sockeyes was presented with the prestigious recognition of receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

The next article we'll focus on the final Sockeyes Banquet wrap-up.

The *Richmond Sentinel* are proud to have played a supportive role in this season and equally proud to have the opportunity to meet the players and management team. The players are from age 16 to age 20 and some move away from their family to Richmond to play for the Sockeyes so they are billeted in the homes of local residents. In an interview with the players every one of them said "we were treated like family."



Photo courtesy Steve Erickson

L to r: MLA Kooner, MLA Chan, Mayor Brodie, President Paterson, Councillor McNulty, MP Miao, MP Bains.

Tax season, seniors' key questions answered

Tax planning is essential for all Canadians, but for seniors, it becomes even more crucial. With fixed incomes, changing tax rules, and estate considerations, understanding tax rules can help retirees maximize their savings while helping to minimize tax liabilities. Below are common questions and key consideration for seniors and tax planning.



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1. What are some key tax considerations for seniors during tax season?

Seniors in Canada benefit from several tax credits and deductions designed to reduce their tax burden. Understanding these can result in significant savings, especially for those on a fixed income.

Tax credits and deductions specifically available to seniors

- **Age Amount Credit:** If you are 65 or older, you may qualify for this credit, which in 2024 is \$8,790. The credit is phased out for incomes above \$42,325 and is eliminated at \$102,925.
- **Pension Income Credit:** Those receiving eligible pension income can claim a \$2,000 federal tax credit to reduce taxes.
- **Medical Expense Deduction:** Any qualifying medical expenses exceeding 3 per cent of net income (or \$2,759, whichever is lower) can be deducted. This includes prescriptions, home care, and mobility aids.

- **Home Accessibility Tax Credit (HATC):** Seniors making their homes more accessible due to aging or disability can claim up to \$20,000 in eligible expenses, with a 15 per cent credit (maxing out at \$3,000 in tax savings).

Tax deferral and income splitting

- **Pension Income Splitting** is a useful tool for lowering taxes in retirement: Seniors can split up to 50 per cent of eligible pension income with their spouse or common-law partner, potentially reducing their overall tax rate.

- **RRIF Minimum Withdrawals:** Once an RRSP is converted to a RRIF, there are mandatory withdrawals each year. For a 71-year-old, the minimum withdrawal is 5.28 per cent of the RRIF balance. The percentage increases each year with age. Timing withdrawals strategically can help minimize OAS clawbacks.

Consider electing to base the minimum required withdrawal from your RRIF on your younger spouse's age as this can reduce the minimum withdrawal amount, potentially lowering your taxable income and helping to preserve more of you invested capital over time.

2. How can seniors effectively plan for taxes on death?

While Canada does not have a formal estate

tax, when someone passes away, their capital assets are treated as if they were sold, potentially triggering tax liabilities.

Tax implications at death

- **RRSPs and RRIFs:** If a spouse or common-law partner is the beneficiary, these accounts are taxed as income at the deceased's marginal tax rate. For larger accounts, this can be as high as 53.5 per cent in BC.

- **Non-registered invest-**

ments: Upon death, capital gains tax applies to any investment appreciation.

- **Principal residences:** Homes for personal use may qualify for the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE), but rental properties do not and may result in taxes on capital gains.

Estate planning strategies to reduce taxes on death

- **Estate Freezing:** This strategy locks in an asset's current value (typically shares of a private corporation), with future growth transferred to heirs. This limits capital gains tax liability upon death. This is a complicated strategy to be implemented by tax professionals.

- **Using Life Insurance:** A permanent life insurance policy can cover estate tax liabilities. For example, if an estate is expected to owe \$500,000 in taxes, a life insurance policy with a death benefit of equal value helps ensure heirs do not have to sell assets.

3. How can seniors try to minimize taxes on retirement income?

Working to minimize taxes on retirement income is crucial for ensuring financial security in later years. With proper planning, seniors can reduce their tax burden while maximizing their available income. Here are several strategies to consider which might achieve this:

Plan RRSP withdrawals strategically

- A Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) is tax-deferred, where withdrawals are taxed as income. To minimize taxes, seniors should plan withdrawals carefully.

- If a retiree is in a lower income bracket before collecting CPP and OAS, they may consider withdrawing funds from their RRSP even though mandatory RRIF withdrawals don't begin until age 72 (assuming RRSP not converted to RRIF until age 71).

Use Pension Income Splitting

- As discussed above, pension income splitting allows one spouse to shift up to 50 per cent of eligible pension income to the lower-income spouse, reducing the overall family tax bill.

- Eligible pension income includes RRIF withdrawals after age 65, defined benefit pension

payments, and certain annuities.

- Splitting income can help avoid OAS clawbacks and lower marginal tax rates.

Manage Old Age Security (OAS) clawbacks

- The OAS pension is subject to a recovery tax (clawback) if a senior's income exceeds a certain threshold (\$93,454 in 2025).

- Strategies to reduce OAS clawbacks include:
 - Spreading out RRSP/RRIF withdrawals over multiple years to avoid a single high-income year.
 - Delaying OAS (and CPP) until age 70 when you will receive higher monthly payments.

- Using a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) for retirement income instead of taxable withdrawals from RRSPs or RRIFs.

Optimize CPP and OAS timing

- While CPP and OAS can start at age 60 (CPP) or 65 (OAS), delaying them until age 70 results in larger payments.

- Seniors who expect a long retirement and don't need immediate income may benefit from deferring payments to reduce reliance on RRIF withdrawals, which are taxable.

Final thoughts: Why seniors should plan ahead

Seniors need to be proactive in tax and estate planning. With changing tax rules, estate tax considerations, and having a plan in place can reduce taxes and preserve wealth.

Maximize Tax-Free Income with a TFSA

- Unlike RRSPs, withdrawals from a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) are completely tax-free and do not affect OAS or GIS benefits.

- Seniors should maximize TFSA contributions, including by using RRIF withdrawals they don't need to make a contribution to a TFSA to grow tax-free.

Key takeaways:

- Use tax credits and income splitting to lower your tax bill.

- Plan for taxes on death with life insurance or estate freezes.

- Maximize your TFSA to grow tax-free wealth.

For personalized tax and estate planning, it's always advisable to consult a financial advisor or tax professional. Planning ahead ensures that you keep more of your money and pass on a well-structured legacy to your loved ones.

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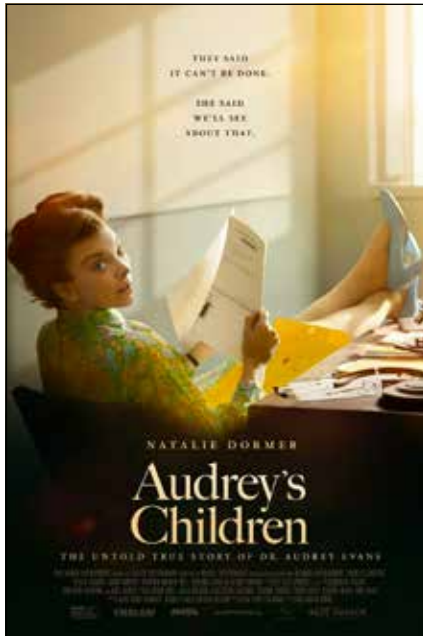


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THE VIEW #1 – AUDREY'S CHILDREN

One of the great things about a bio film like *Audrey's Children* is it casts a spotlight on an individual whose work had such a profound impact on society and the lives of so many, but whose name is not known today by many. In this case, that individual is visionary and trailblazing British physician, Dr. Audrey Evans, who, in 1969, was hired as Chief of Oncology at the renowned Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. That alone, in a time of sexism and limitations for women, would have been an impressive accomplishment. But Evans had more to achieve, going on to develop the first Neuroblastoma Staging System which would assist in treating childhood cancer. Though her plate was full, Evans also took note that the families of the children she was treating often had no place to stay or couldn't afford a hotel. The result: Evans co-founded the first Ronald McDonald House for families of patients, and, ultimately, impacted the lives of millions of children and families around the world. Actress Natalie Dormer, who we first took note of in *Game of Thrones*, gives a powerful, thoughtful, and at times funny, performance as Dr. Audrey Evans, and the film also benefits by a solid supporting cast including Clancy Brown and Jimmi Simpson. This is a film that deserves to be seen, and Audrey Evans (who died in 2022), deserves to be remembered and applauded, reminding us again, that one person can make a difference. *Audrey's Children* is in theatres now. audreyschildren.com

THE VIEW #2 – WORKING MAN

When you go to see a Jason Statham movie, you know what you're going to get. That's part of his success. And though Statham will most likely never win awards for his acting, he has great on-screen charisma and star quality, something we first noticed

years ago in 1998's *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*. In his latest film, *Working Man*, (co-written by pal, Sylvester Stallone), Statham is just that—a working man named Levon Cade, who is employed at a construction site. But when his boss's daughter is kidnapped by human traffickers, the boss—who is like family—begs for his help. Reluctantly, this working man must revert to the life he has tried to leave behind as a decorated military soldier, with years spent in the Black Ops. The bad guys have no idea who they'll be dealing with. *Working Man's* action-packed plot is similar to 2008's hugely successful, *Taken*, and is as enjoyable. *Working Man* is in theatres now. amazonmgmstudios.com



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THE VIEW #3 – FIGHT FOR GLORY: 2024 WORLD SERIES



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they are worshipped. *Fight For Glory: 2024 World Series* is available on AppleTV. apple.com

Okay, first things first: we have never liked the New York Yankees, and as for the Los Angeles Dodgers, well, we dislike them a little less. But when these two teams met in the 2024 World Series, we knew this battle of the titans stacked with superstars was the best way to end the season. And though it only went 5 games, it was full of drama, highs and lows, injury scares and the return to form of a veteran player. Now comes *Fight For Glory: 2024 World Series*, a 3-part docuseries that gives fans an inside look at the Fall Classic. Produced, in collaboration with MLB Studios, by the Oscar winning team of Ron Howard and Brian Grazer, as well as 5-time World Series winner (and former Yankee) Derek Jeter, and directed by Oscar nominee, R.J. Cutler, this docuseries brings back all those great moments: Freddie Freeman's unforgettable Game 1 walk-off grand slam, and the beginning of his MVP performance in the Series; Shohei Ohtani getting hurt after a slide into second base in Game 2; to the Dodgers winning it all in Game 5. If you're a baseball fan, and we are, (but not so much about playing in mid-March), you'll enjoy this docuseries. It illustrates why this series was unforgettable, played by two teams who are as hated as

B.C author's love story to his childhood home

Our City Tonight sat down with local British Columbian author, Michel Drouin, to talk about his memoir *Past the End of the Road: A North Island Boyhood*. Michel was raised in Port Hardy, a very small and remote town on Northern Vancouver Island. He shares his stories of growing up in the 1950's and 60's as a kid in a place only accessible by sea and air until 1963. Drouin started writing at the age of 15 while in high school, contributing a weekly column on high school life to the local newspaper the *North Island Gazette*.

OCT: Welcome to Our City Tonight, it is always fun to read a book that really hits close to home and in this case that hometown is Port Hardy.

MD: Thank you and I am happy to be here.

OCT: I hear there is already a sequel in the works, congratulations. You asked how we found out about your book. With my connection to the North Island, I saw several notices on a Facebook page and was excited to see there had been a book written about the North Island and my hometown. Now, having read the book, I do think that the stories will prove to be intriguing even for people who did not grow up on the North Island. The stories are so well told, and it really gives the reader a glimpse into a childhood that I don't think anybody experiences anymore. In fact, you call it free-range child rearing. Can you share with us a little bit about your beginnings.

MD: My parents were French Canadian, and my dad was an itinerant logger. He had worked on the rivers in Quebec and in Ontario and then came to Vancouver looking for work. He went to the logger's agency on Cordova Street to be hired in 1947. He spent the next six years travelling up and down the coast working everywhere from Vancouver to Haida Gwaii. In 1952, he went back to Quebec and talked his childhood sweetheart into marrying him. That was my mother, and he also talked her into coming back to British Columbia with him.

OCT: And little did she know that she would be moving to a very small town which is Port Hardy. And unbeknownst to most everyone, there was about to be a huge growth explosion in the 70s when the town began operation of the BHP Utah Copper Mine. I am familiar with that part of the history because my family also moved to Port Hardy when I was very young from Vancouver. Please



Photo courtesy Michel Drouin
Michel Drouin's memories of Northern Vancouver Island.

share a bit more about your experiences as a child growing up as you said, "free range".

MD: As soon as I could walk, I was outside and as long as the tide was out at the beach, my mom let me go play out on the beach. And then my sister came along two years later and the nearest thing for us was the beach so we would go out there and turn over rocks looking for crabs and bullheads.

However, as we got older, we would follow the tide line out to the very end. I remember in particular finding these strange looking star-like creatures in the tide pools. I know now that they are Sea Anemones, but the older kids would try and scare us by saying that they were blood suckers and if we stepped on them, they would suck our blood right through our gum boots. We had many interesting seaside experiences growing up. Of course, we played in the forest too.

OCT: One of the things you mention growing up with "free range" child rearing was you had the freedom to experience all kinds of activities that city dwelling children did not have access to. In fact, you even learned to shoot a gun very early on in life. Not that we're promoting that, but in those days hunting was more acceptable, and it explains why you were an adventurous kid. Of course, not all the experiences are positive, but you do learn from them.

MD: I think growing up with that kind of freedom made me more confident in the world. I've never been comfortable in the city, but I was never afraid of the wilderness. Maybe being on the water at

such a young age should have made me fearful, but it didn't. From about the age of eight, I was rowing around in the bay with a pair of oars in my hand and a fishing rod with a fishing line, dragging in the water. And even though our parents didn't know about it, we would venture farther and farther out from the dock in Port Hardy. Sometimes I'd look across the Queen Charlotte Strait at the mountains and often wondered if we could row all the way over there, but we never went that far.

OCT: The stories in the book are really quite incredible and if you are not familiar with what it was like growing up on the North Island you might think some of these stories are fiction.

There are so many amazing experiences that you share in your memoir regarding the wildlife you grew up around like the black bears, deer hunting with your father, adventures hiking in the wilderness, as well as walking on and working on the log booms plus all the fishing experiences. You really do help the reader capture and experience the wild North Island. I absolutely love this book and want to encourage everyone to read it. It's such a fun glimpse into what it was like all those years ago although today you can travel from Vancouver to Port Hardy by ferry, by air to an airport and by roads.

MD: Speaking of fishing, my father had a small rowboat that he purchased as soon as he settled in Port Hardy in 1953 and that's when he started fishing. He fished recreationally and he told me that as soon as I could walk, he would take me out on the boat. He kept his boat down by the log booms where he worked. On the weekends, he would take me out and put me on a log, and I would walk on the log to the boat with my Dad behind me. I grew up walking on logs, thinking that was natural. It never occurred to me that people didn't really do that.

OCT: You became a writer early in life, and your book describes that journey a little bit. You've also travelled the world and the next book talks about you coming back to the North Island and settling on Malcolm Island with your wife.

MD: Yes, that will be the next book and Malcolm Island is a very beautiful place to live.

OCT: We look forward to having you back when that book is published. *Past the End of the Road* is available at most Canadian bookstores, Amazon, and through Harbour Publishing.



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