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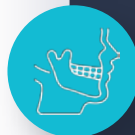
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Nominations for 2025 Richmond Heritage Awards



Richmond Heritage Awards

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The Richmond Heritage Commission is accepting nominations for the 2025 Richmond Heritage Awards.

Do you know someone or an organization that has made a significant impact in preserving or sharing the community's heritage? The Richmond Heritage Commission is now accepting nomina-

way to recognize people and organizations for their dedication.

Some of the ways an individual or organization may earn recognition is for their role in:

tions for the 2025 Richmond Heritage Awards, with a deadline of Sunday, May 18, 2025.

Richmond's historic buildings, cultural landscapes, and local stories all contribute to the community's identity, and many people play a personal role in preserving and sharing the stories of Richmond's heritage places and rich history.

The Richmond Heritage Awards provide a

- conserving a historic building or cultural landscape

- promoting heritage awareness through education, outreach or advocacy

- contributing to local heritage knowledge through public history or interpretation projects

Anyone can submit a nomination. Simply complete a one-page nomination form outlining the nominee's contribution.

The nomination form is available online at richmond.ca/HeritageAwards. Printed copies are available by emailing Policy Planning Department at communityplanning@richmond.ca. Submissions can be sent to the same email address or mailed to Richmond Heritage Commission c/o Policy Planning Department, Richmond City Hall, 6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC, V6Y 2C1.

For more information about the awards, visit richmond.ca/HeritageAwards or contact Policy Planning Department at 604-276-4207 or email communityplanning@richmond.ca

Lawn watering restrictions start on May 1

Seasonal restrictions on lawn watering come into effect on May 1 throughout Metro Vancouver. Residents and businesses will be allowed to water their lawns a maximum of once per week to help conserve water.

"With the changing climate, summers in our region have been longer, drier, hotter, and more unpredictable than in the past," said Mike Hurley, chair of the Metro Vancouver board of directors. "To ensure that the region's high-quality drinking water lasts through the coming season, we must practise good conservation habits, like reducing our outdoor water use."

Under Stage 1 restrictions, designated lawn watering days are determined by property address and type. Trees, shrubs, and flowers may be watered in the morning when using a sprinkler, or at any time when hand watered or using drip irrigation. Edible plants are exempt from the restrictions. Lawn watering restrictions will be in place from May 1 until October 15.

Stage 1 residential lawn watering allowed:

- Even-numbered addresses: Saturdays — automatic watering between 5 and 7 a.m., and manual watering between 6 and 9 a.m.
- Odd-numbered addresses: Sundays — automatic watering between 5 and 7 a.m., and manual watering between 6 and 9 a.m.
- Trees, shrubs, and flowers can be watered with a sprinkler any day between 5 and 9 a.m., or any time by hand or using drip irrigation

Stage 1 non-residential lawn watering allowed:

- Even-numbered addresses: Mondays — automatic watering between 4 and 6 a.m., and manual watering between 6 and 9 a.m.



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

Starting on May 1, residents and businesses will only be allowed to water their lawns a maximum of once per week to help conserve water.

- Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesdays — automatic watering between 4 and 6 a.m., and manual watering between 6 and 9 a.m.

- Trees, shrubs, and flowers can be watered with a sprinkler any day between 4 and 9 a.m., or any time by hand or using drip irrigation

These restrictions do not apply to the use of rainwater, grey water, any forms of recycled water, or other sources of water outside the regional and municipal drinking water supply system. Member jurisdictions enforce watering restrictions through local bylaws.

"In the summer, our water consumption increases by over 50 per cent thanks to lawn watering and other outdoors uses," said Brad West, chair of Metro Vancouver's Water Committee. "We need water

for drinking, cooking and cleaning over anything else, and reducing lawn watering is the simplest, most effective way to lower demand."

Metro Vancouver's water supply comes from rainfall and snowmelt in three mountain water supply areas that contain the Capilano, Seymour, and Coquitlam reservoirs.

Metro Vancouver collaborates with its member jurisdictions to plan for and deliver drinking water to more than three million residents using a system of water supply areas, dams, treatment facilities, reservoirs, pump stations, and water mains. Upgrades are regularly made to the system to maintain the regional district's ability to reliably provide high-quality drinking water.

Find full restrictions, as well as ideas for how to maintain a healthy lawn, at metrovancover.org/lawns

Helicopter delivery to Ukraine complete

The fully operational, medically equipped Sikorsky S-76A helicopter Helijet recently donated from its fleet for medical airlift use in Ukraine has arrived safely. Ukrainian engineers trained by Helijet in the aircraft's service and maintenance procedures have received the packaged helicopter for reassembly and testing before pressing it into service.

After the donation was first announced in February, the aircraft was partially disassembled for its long air and ground trek from Helijet's headquarters in Richmond, B.C. to its arrival point in Ukraine. Until recently, the Sikorsky aircraft, owned by Helijet, had been providing backup air medical service to the Ministry of Health for patient transport in B.C. It remains in airworthy and operational condition.

Danny Sitnam, president of Helijet International, has flown to Ukraine himself this week to personally oversee the handover of the aircraft, and get a first-hand sense of conditions on the ground in Ukraine.

"Once you're here, what the war has done to the Ukrainian people and their villages and cities suddenly becomes real in a way that just can't be fully conveyed in the reports we see on the news," Sitnam says. "Having helped with various Ukrainian relief efforts in Canada since the Russian invasion began here three years ago, I knew simply gifting one of our now-surplus aircraft for use over here would make a positive impact. I'd like to encourage all companies in the Canadian aviation industry to join in and look at what they can spare from their fleets, and match or beat our contribution. The people here will appreciate any help more than you can know."

Helijet's gift is made on condition that the helicopter is used solely for non-commercial, humanitarian, and medical evacuation missions to airlift individuals in need of urgent medical care to hospitals in Ukraine. The donation was made possible under an agreement between Helijet and a consortium of non-governmental organizations working in Canada and Ukraine: Maple Hope Foundation and the Ukrainian World Congress.

"The significance of this gift, Danny's personal attention and involvement, and now his very presence here in Ukraine to oversee the exchange is



Photo courtesy Helijet

Both Helijet president Danny Sitcom and the medically equipped helicopter donated by his company have arrived in Ukraine; missions of mercy to begin soon for victims injured in war with Russia.

reflective of the united support we've seen from the Canadian people. Danny doesn't have a single drop of Ukrainian blood in him, but he understands the importance of providing support to help people in desperate need whoever, or wherever, they may be. His bold, transformative actions will directly save lives. And the donation of a Sikorsky helicopter also comes 'full circle' for us symbolically as the Ukrainian people continue to fight this war. Igor Sikorsky himself was born in Kyiv and surely had no idea that his invention of 100 years ago would become part of the effort to save lives in his own native country today." — *Svitlana Kominko, chief executive officer, Maple Hope Foundation*

"In a war where seconds mean the difference between life and death, this helicopter will become a lifeline, a flying beacon of hope for the wounded and vulnerable. Helijet's extraordinary donation is not just a gesture of solidarity; it's a bold act of humanity that will save lives on the front lines. Danny Sitnam's decision to personally bring this aircraft to

Ukraine sends a clear message: the world has not turned its back. This is what true allyship looks like — courageous, compassionate, and immediate. On behalf of all those whose lives will be touched by this gift, we say thank you. History will remember this." — *Andrew Potichnyj, director, Unite with Ukraine initiative, Ukrainian World Congress*

"Helijet's donation is a profound act of solidarity that exemplifies the best of humanity. In the face of brutality and destruction, this medically equipped helicopter will serve as a symbol of life, hope, and unwavering support from the people of Canada. Danny Sitnam's leadership and personal commitment to delivering this aircraft to Ukraine show the world what real partnership looks like. Not just words, but action. We urge others in the global business community to follow Helijet's lead. Ukraine's fight for freedom is not just our battle, it is a stand for the values of democracy, dignity, and the sanctity of human life." — *Paul Grod, president, Ukrainian World Congress*

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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**.



Screen grab from Google Maps
A poppy engraved street sign of Willett Avenue.

In honour of our soldiers: John Henry Reginald Willett

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

Willett Avenue was named after John Henry Reginal Willett, who was known by his peers and those around him as Jack. Jack was born on Jan. 29, 1918 in Calgary, Alberta, along his life's journey, Jack would find himself living in Richmond, where he attended Bridgeport School. He would attend Richmond High School, graduating in 1935 and worked as a Customs Agent until 1941.

In 1941, Willett enlisted into the Royal Canadian Air Forced as a pilot, given that he had prior experience taking courses in navigation and piloting at a private aero club. His address was listed at 1326 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, his religion was listed as Church of England, and he was married to his wife Norma Helen Willett who he had listed as his next of kin as well. His father, Reginal Henry Willett also lived in Vancouver, but his mother Adeline Maud (Smith) Willet, died prior to John's enlistment, the details of her passing are unknown.

Upon enlistment, Willett was posted in Alberta for training purposes and even returned to flying school in Boundary Bay. Tragically, during one of the training sessions that involved a landing approach, the Tiger Moth #4372 was involved in a mid-air collision with another Tiger Moth aircraft. Willett who was aboard the plain was killed in the accident, along with two others. John Henry Reginald Willett was buried at the Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver.

In honour of his willingness to serve, the Richmond city council decided to honour John Willett by naming a street sign after him.

Willett Avenue can be found in the Hamilton area alongside Westminster Highway.

This story also marks the last chapter of our poppy series, we would like to thank all our readers who have followed along this series. We will be focusing on the quirky laws series and beginning a new one that focuses on the Richmond Cenotaph.

I can't believe that's a law: Manitoba 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. Following up on our visit into the Province of Saskatchewan's quirky bylaws and laws, as part of our 13- part series, we continue inland to the Province of Manitoba. Some quickly bylaws and laws include the prohibition of animals with hooves, pit bulls, parades, and psychics requiring licensing.

1. Many people are curious about the future others or themselves, trying to get a glimpse or sneak peek about what is to come. From who their soulmate is to even the date of their death, people visit psychics or fortune tellers are a big part of many cultures. Prior to 2008, the municipality of Winnipeg had made it a requirement for psychics, fortune tellers, tarot card readers, or anything similar to obtain a license in order to operate. Although it is not certain when the law was enforced, on April 23, 2008 the city decided to repeal the requirement for a license, though obtaining a permit was still required.

2. Everyone loves a good parade, especially the ones at Disney where Mickey and Minnie are walking by waving to all the children who can't believe the stuffed animal they sleep with is real. Apparently, this isn't always the case though, in the City of Winnipeg, since 1977, all parades required a permit from the Chief of Police. A parade is defined in the by-law as "any procession or body of pedestrians excepting members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, numbering more than thirty (30) standing, marching or walking anywhere on a street, or any group of vehicles except a funeral procession or vehicle's of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, numbering ten (10) or more stopped or moving anywhere on a street". The Bylaw itself explains that for those who want to organize a parade must do the following obtain a permit from the Chief of Police and detail the specifics of the parade, duration, exact route, and payment of such sums of money. (City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law No.1573/77 (9-11)).

3. As a regular civilian, we've all seen first responders flash their lights briefly, speeding off onto another street only for them to turn off their lights and reduce their speed to the maximum limit. Most respond by criticizing the first responder's actions while also wishing they had the ability to do the same. Well, in the Province of Manitoba, that is possible, to a certain extent. On March 1, 2019, the office of the fire commissioner sent out an important notice to Manitoba Fire Departments that notified all departments that "an emergency vehicle that is a vehicle not ordinarily used for emergency purposes and is driven by a volunteer, part-time or on-call or emergency medical responder when responding to fires or medical or other emergencies may be equipped with any of the following: a. Forward-facing LED visor lam or dash lamp that flashes red when activated, b. A forward-facing LED grill lamp that displays a flashing red light when activated; c. Two rear-facing LED lamps positioned to the left and right of the vehicle's rear that flash red rearward when activated; d. A rear-facing LED lamp visible from the vehicle's rear window that flashes red when activated, alone or in combination with a white LED". (Emergency Lighting Allowances for Personal Vehicles used by Paid-call / Volunteer Firefighters).



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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 Manitoba.

4. Gophers are small, soft, and kind of look like mini beavers, but gophers are not always well-received. Gophers can cause extensive damage to gardens, lawns, and even farm land. This chaotic animal, though so small, can create so much extensive damage that in 1919, the Rural Municipality of Victoria, located in south-central Manitoba, enacted a law that designed a specific day each spring for residents to collectively destroy gophers, aiming to protect crops. (Rural Municipality of Victoria). Thankfully, the law is no longer enforced, so there will be no more gophers extermination.

5. A tartan is a cloth woven in a specific crisscross pattern.

Commonly associated with Scotland as it has been used for centuries in traditional clothing. In 1962, the Province of Manitoba adopted the tartan as the province's symbol. Designed by Hugh Kirkwood Rankine, the tartan incorporated colours and patterns that represented various aspects of Manitoba's history and culture. Since the tartan has such a cultural significance to the province, the Manitoba Emblems Act prohibits individuals from selling, displaying or advertising any tartan as the province's unless it has been officially recognized. (Government of Manitoba, Emblems of Manitoba Act) To this day, the bylaw is still enforced.

6. Living in British Columbia, we can expect at most a handful of snowfalls, but that is not the case in Manitoba. In Manitoba, snowfall is much more prevalent. On average, the province experiences 53 days of snowfall and 132 days with snow on the ground. This frequent snowfall requires lots of shovelling which can cause some municipalities to take some more extreme measures. In 1983, the City of Winnipeg took these extreme measures to the next level. The Winnipeg's Sidewalk Cleaning By-law No. 3422/83 mandated that all property owners on a specific two-block stretch of Osborne Street (between River and Stradbrook Avenue) must clear snow, ice, or debris from adjacent sidewalks within 48 hours. Failure to remove snow or ice from private property to street could result in a \$100 fine which equates to about \$278.61 today. (City of Winnipeg). Thankfully, today, this bylaw is no longer enforced.

7. Moats and drawbridges were a great way to keep people safe and enemies out. Surprisingly, in Manitoba on June 26, 2005, a new legislation was enacted called the Fortified Buildings Act. The Act was introduced in response to reports of buildings being fortified in ways that could result in significant risks to public safety and law enforcement operations, buildings were enforced with bullet-proof materials, reinforced doors, and more. One example of this occurred when a motorcycle gang decided to fortified their building by creating a drawbridge that operated using a pulley system. A person guilty of an offence is subject to a fine of no more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for a term not more than three months, if a corporation is found guilty they are subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000.

If you think we missed any quirky laws in this province, 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 to The Heartland province, also known as Ontario, to see what quirky laws and bylaws were or still are enforced.

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At time of the video interviews, JODY CRAVEN we could not locate and CHAK AU declined. While the Richmond Sentinel strives to ensure the accuracy of this information it is based on the candidates' views and not that of the Richmond Sentinel.

by Florence Gordon - Contributing writer

RICHMOND CENTRE – MARPOLE



WILSON MIAO, Liberal Party

I'm the Liberal candidate running to be re-elected as the member of Parliament for Richmond Center-Marpole. It has been a great privilege in the last three plus years to serve the community that I grew up in and live in for over 28 years. It's important for me to continue this work because I feel there's much more to be done. At the same time, we need to strengthen our advocacy by prioritizing what my

constituents and what my voters worry about, including some of the key issues that we are facing right now. When we are door knocking many constituents are concerned about the US Trade relationship. Over the past three years I've been working with the International Trade Committee to study and look into how we can remove the inter-provincial barrier and also enhance our trading relationship with other partners around the world. I'm happy to say that, right now we have over 50 countries around the world that we have a free trade agreement with so, it enhances our strength working with global partners led by Mark Carney as leader of the Liberal Party. I'm proud of the fact that the first thing we did was sit down with the city of Richmond to understand their priorities and the fact that, we were able to bring in over \$500 million in federal investments into the City of Richmond, including housing, social infrastructure, and emergency preparedness not to mention the Canada Dental Care Plan, the National Pharmacare and the National School Food Program. We also invested \$35.9 million for the city to expedite some of the permit application upgrading and, one of the projects I'm very proud to talk about is the project by Railway and Steveston which will be housing 25 units for women experiencing violence or women raising children.



MARTIN LI, NDP Party

My name is Martin Li and it is a privilege to be running as the NDP candidate. I grew up in Richmond for the last two decades and have deep roots here. I worked for City of Richmond for a very long time and then eventually moved on to start my own HR business after completing post-secondary education at UBC and Simon Fraser university. The reason I'm running is because I care about the people in

Richmond and spent time talking to a lot of my friends and family. There's a lot of issues in Richmond when it comes to affordable housing, Medicare and also the current issue with the US Tariff. I think the top three issues are affordable housing, as most people are aware, housing in Richmond is very unaffordable for a lot of people. I have many friends who live in Richmond and grew up in Richmond and work very hard and yet they're not able to buy a home here. And I think NDP has a great policy in that we support non-market housing, where we try to do rental housing for young people so they can get into the market and then eventually they get to purchase their first home. However, I strongly stand with the NDP Party where we should crack down on speculation when it comes to housing. Another issue I think that is very major right now for people is healthcare. The NDP has a very pro-universal healthcare policy and I'm a strong supporter of that as well. I think people shouldn't be worrying about paying for groceries or paying for their medical bills, I've been talking to seniors and young families, they really care about their quality healthcare in Canada. And lastly is the economic development enrichment where the Trump Tariffs are making everybody's lives difficult, including myself. I think the NDP has a great policy on that, where we want to

stand up for Canada. We want to encourage everything be made in Canada and support local business so people can enjoy the security of their jobs and their livelihoods.



MICHAEL SISLER, Green Party

I've lived in Marpole for almost five years now and I have spent a lot of time in Richmond involved with recreational activities, dining out and getting to compare the contrast between Vancouver and Richmond. I really like the way Richmond handles things, especially keeping their streets clean. There are no drug shelters and things of that nature. I've never run for a public office before. My political experience

comes from serving on condominium boards and being a treasurer. I'm employed at TransLink as a bus driver and prior to that I spent many years in the engineering field and spent many years in the US before moving back to Canada to pursue an acting career. Everything was going well in my career and then Covid hit. So I did a reassessment and when I came out of that mayhem, I ended up working as a bus driver as well as other things. What's important to me is security and sovereignty of Canada. I think the biggest threat we've had probably throughout our history as a nation is what's happening with our neighbors to the south. I lived in the US for many decades and understand the mentality of what's happening, so that's also what's important to me and that is echoed from co-leader Jonathan Pendreau of the Green Party of Canada. Our resources need to be protected, our sovereignty needs to be protected, as the threat is stronger than most voters think. What's important to the voters, of course, is inflation, keeping the streets clean and keeping the crime down. The Green Party supports a guaranteed livable income and supports tax money going to Canadian citizens rather than Big Oil to the tune of \$65 billion a year in subsidies.



DAVID WANG, People's Party of Canada

I've been involved in politics for, about a decade now with various political parties, including the Green Party, but with the PPC I found that it really resonated with me. It's a libertarian, free market, traditional Canadian values Party that got started in 2019 with Maxime Bernier as leader. As soon as I heard Maxime speak for the first time, I said, this is my guy, this is my Party. I know that might sound cliché, especially

now, there's a real rise in patriotism that's taken place, which I think is a good thing, but I think it's reactionary to a single man in the United States. People now are finding their national fervor. The People's Party of Canada has championed traditional Canadian values since its inception. My father's Chinese, my mom's Spanish, they were welcomed into this country and made this their home. My mother a university professor and my father worked with foreign affairs, with the government, and they found the Canadian dream. Our concern has been since 2019 that the immigration numbers were too high. Maxime Bernier saw that back in 2019 when the Liberals were planning to bring in around 150,000 people a year and recently above 500,000 people I think, for the past two years and it's all contributing to a massive crisis for housing and health care and infrastructure. We can only build so many houses quickly and we only have so many doctors, so many nurses. It's putting a lot of strain on the system. One of our major policy positions is we want to put a moratorium on immigration for a couple of years. Then we need to take time, build houses, build infrastructure, get more doctors, get more nurses, make sure everybody is taken care of and give a chance for people who have come here to integrate and accept Canadian values. When I'm knocking on doors, talking to people, one of the big concerns they have is the Tariff issue that's going on right now. Our party has a very unique approach. Our leader, Maxime Bernier, has proposed that Canada introduce zero Tariffs instead of engaging in a trade war with President Trump, which we cannot win because they are 10 times larger. We're saying we will bring zero tariffs for Canadian goods. Let's see if President Trump will decide to match us.

CANADA VOTES – FEDERAL ELECTION 2025**RICHMOND EAST – STEVESTON****PARM BAINS, Liberal Party**

I grew up in Richmond my whole life and I'm fully immersed in this community and in the sports community. That's what really led me into politics. I first worked in the provincial government as a Public Relations Officer, Media Relations Officer and a Community Outreach Liaison. With a Master of Arts degree in Professional Communications, I specialized in international-intercultural communications which led me to

teach at Kwantlen University. I was approached by a couple of MP's who advised that there was a seat opening for an MP in my Riding and suggested that it'd be a great opportunity for me to serve and that's what led me to go into that role for the Liberal Party. When I was elected my first order of business was to meet with our mayor and council and the MLA's and said, whatever their priorities are, I will make them mine and let's work together to get things done. My focus was on housing as I saw a lot of people that I grew up with leave Richmond due to the affordability issue. Over the last three plus years, I was able to successfully advocate for \$500+ million worth of local investments in Richmond covering everything from infrastructure, wastewater treatment, and all of the foundational things needed to build housing. With everything going on with US Tariffs, I actually went to D.C. right before our election was called and met with seven different House representatives, both from Democrats and Republicans. On the subject of Tariffs, I see it as a wake-up call. We've already made the changes right away to labour mobility, trucking regulations and port expansion. Mark Carney's, first order of business was to travel to the UK and to France to solidify a European Union and in the last six years, we've already worked to get 15 new trade negotiations underway and we have 50 plus different nations that we are successfully working with. I think that with every challenge that we meet, we have an opportunity and we need the right people there to do it. I believe I am one of them and Mark Carney who's clearly the one to lead us doesn't have to introduce himself to the world, they already know him.

**ZACH SEGAL, Conservative Party**

I was born and raised in Richmond and grew up in Steveston. I went to McKinney elementary in Steveston High School and worked at Starbucks in Richmond. Most importantly, I have very deep roots in Richmond and I care a lot about the community. My family has been in British Columbia and the Lower Mainland for several generations, going back to the early 1900s. I work in commercial real estate and

see first-hand, affordability and housing go together and I think it is one of the most important issues facing Canadians and our country. And I think on that, a big part of it is wages and economic growth. In my opinion, in the last 10 years, there's been very negligible economic growth, negligible opportunity, and with that comes lower wages. And I think, one of the ways we could help with affordability in the housing crisis is if people had bigger paychecks and more opportunities. We're seeing more and more Canadians looking elsewhere for opportunities. We feel that opportunities are drying up here, we see investments are leaving, poor economic numbers on housing and I'm very pleased to see the Conservative Party has a very robust plan in terms of axing the sales tax on new homes, which will save new home buyers several thousand dollars. We want to really work with the cities to encourage them to build more. Permitting, regulations and red tape, add an inordinate amount of money into the purchase of a home. We want to get rid of that and help get homes built faster. This is a very important part of our platform and we want to see meaningful change on this. In talking with the people in my riding and in the city crime and the overdose crisis, which go together, I believe have gotten out of control in the last 10 years. I think we really need to see bail reform. We've seen in Richmond and Vancouver that there is a small group of people who are repeat offenders and chronic

offenders and they go through the revolving door of the justice system. I think for the worst violent repeat offenders, we need jail and not bail and that's a core part of our platform to help deal with the crime wave we've seen in the country.

**STEVEN JI, Green Party**

I came to Canada when I was eight years old and received all my schooling in Richmond and I'm running as a candidate for the Green Party in the Richmond East-Steveston Riding. I've seen the changes that have taken place across Canada and there's a lot of great things happening. We've seen a lot of development in Vancouver as well. To me, I feel like it's important to not just vote for one Party because you

don't want the other Party to win. With regards to what is the most important issue to focus on is a tough question to answer. I think we're faced with a very complex set of issues that we've dug ourselves into over the past couple of decades, so there's no quick solution. And I want to make that clear that there is no quick single solution that's going to magically fix all of this stuff that we're seeing. With the high crime rates, with unaffordable housing, with youth unemployment, it's going to be a lot of pain for a long time. What I think we can do is start to address these issues. In terms of housing, I don't believe in more government spending on rental units. I think there should be alternative cities. Right now, we only have very few developed Canadian cities, but this is the most ridiculous thing because Canada by land mass is one of the largest countries on earth and we have one of the lowest populations on earth, yet we are faced with a housing crisis. It just does not make sense. I don't think it's the fault of the developers, it's that we just don't have the infrastructure that can support that kind of growth right now.

**KEEFER PELECH, NDP Party**

I'm a Richmond resident, born and raised in Richmond and a graduate of Hugh Boyd Secondary School. Richmond is where I spent pretty much most of my life working and volunteering and now I have the honor of being able to raise my son here. This is the community that I love, and I'm looking forward to being able to keep giving back to my community. To talk about what vital issues I'm hearing from the

constituents when I'm door knocking is the cost of affordability for all Canadians, it doesn't matter what income spectrum you come from. Everyone is feeling it in their pocketbooks—housing, cost of groceries, everyday cost of living. There's a lot of things that we can do as a federal government to make sure that we're supporting people, to make sure that we're supporting local small businesses from the ground up and to keep our spending local and to really pull everybody together. In answer to what is my number one concern, it really is affordability and I can give you a really tangible example of this. As I said, I grew up here and the first job I ever had was working as a stock boy in a local produce market on No. One Road and Blundell and that store bought all its produce from local farmers in Richmond and from BC Farmers. They supported the local economy and they provided food for people in our city. The Liberal Party, when they were in power, one of the things that they did was provide subsidies to places like Loblaws and Walmart to help retrofit all of their freezers, which is great for the environment, but it doesn't lower the cost of produce for the people and it doesn't support the local businesses, the ones that are actually serving people in our community, employing people as well as supporting our local farmers. So, that's something that the NDP is promising to do to help those local businesses, to help support our food security and lower the cost. Another thing, we just had the GST freeze on essentials like diapers and children's clothing and food, but that only lasted until February. The NDP is promising to make that decision permanent especially the essential groceries that most Canadians need, that's one way that we can tangibly help people right away.

In their own words...

Serving the community: A Councillor's commitment



Carol Day
Councillor

Life of a Councillor. What does it mean to work as an elected city councillor? Primarily it is the job of a councillor to learn about all the issues and work towards solutions and ultimately vote what you believe will best fulfill the needs for the citizens of Richmond.

The broad range of matters include housing projects, zoning, policing, fire-rescue, diking, roads, facilities such as pools, ice rinks, parks, works yard services, etc. For example, when a \$94-million-project like the Steveston Community Centre and Library need approval, it is vital to spend the massive budgets wisely and choose designs that will address the needs of our citizens.

The real challenge arises when the community is divided, and you can't please everyone. Your role is to research thoroughly and make decisions based on the best information available.

Council member roles on City Standing Committees are assigned in consultation with the Mayor every two years. In my case, I was assigned as a voting member of the Planning Committee and as the chair of the Public works and

Transportation committee.

It is my belief that councillors should try and attend as many of the other committees as possible such as the Parks and Recreation and Cultural Committee, Community Safety Committee, and of course the General Purposes Committee, Finance Committee, Public Hearings and Council meetings. The ability to attend meetings via ZOOM makes managing the schedule much easier.

And there is more...

All councillors are assigned to outside committees. In my case I represent the city on the Seniors Advisory, Childcare Advisory, Youth Advisory, West Richmond Community Center, Richmond Fitness and Wellness, Richmond Art Gallery Advisory and the Steveston Harbour Authority committees. Neighbourhood groups are necessary to stay in touch with because the grass roots concerns they have are important to understand.

The community events a councillor is invited to attend include Chamber of Commerce, various galas, charitable groups, nonprofit groups, events for dignitaries, unveiling of new projects or shows, and so much more.

Of course, if you're having lunch with a friend it is not uncommon for a citizen to recognize you and have an idea or issue they would like to discuss. The most successful councillor is someone who



values people and is eager to be involved in the issues that matter to everyday citizens. This is why I endeavor to answer every email and phone call so I can stay connected and be of service.

Every four years you re-apply for your job through the election process. You knock on doors, have roadside signs, attend debates and spend money on promotion to ensure citizens see and hear you. It is all worth it because you love your city, its residents, businesses and visitors, and you want to work to make it a better place.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar



The City of Richmond Council and Committee Meetings are available online. Watch live or view previous meetings by visiting richmond.ca/WatchOnline.

For more information, meeting schedules and assistance in participating either virtually or in person, visit richmond.ca/CityHall or contact the City Clerk's Office at 604-276-4007 or CityClerk@richmond.ca.

Meeting schedule subject to change.

Apr 23 | 4:00pm
Planning Committee
followed by Public Works
and Transportation

Apr 28 | 7:00pm
Council Meeting

Apr 29 | 4:00pm
Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Services Committee

Apr 30 | 3:30pm
Development Permit Panel

May 5 | 4:00pm
General Purposes
Committee followed
by Finance Committee

May 6 | 4:00pm
Planning Committee

May 12 | 7:00pm
Council Meeting

May 13 | 4:00pm
Community Safety
Committee

May 14 | 3:30pm
Development Permit
Panel

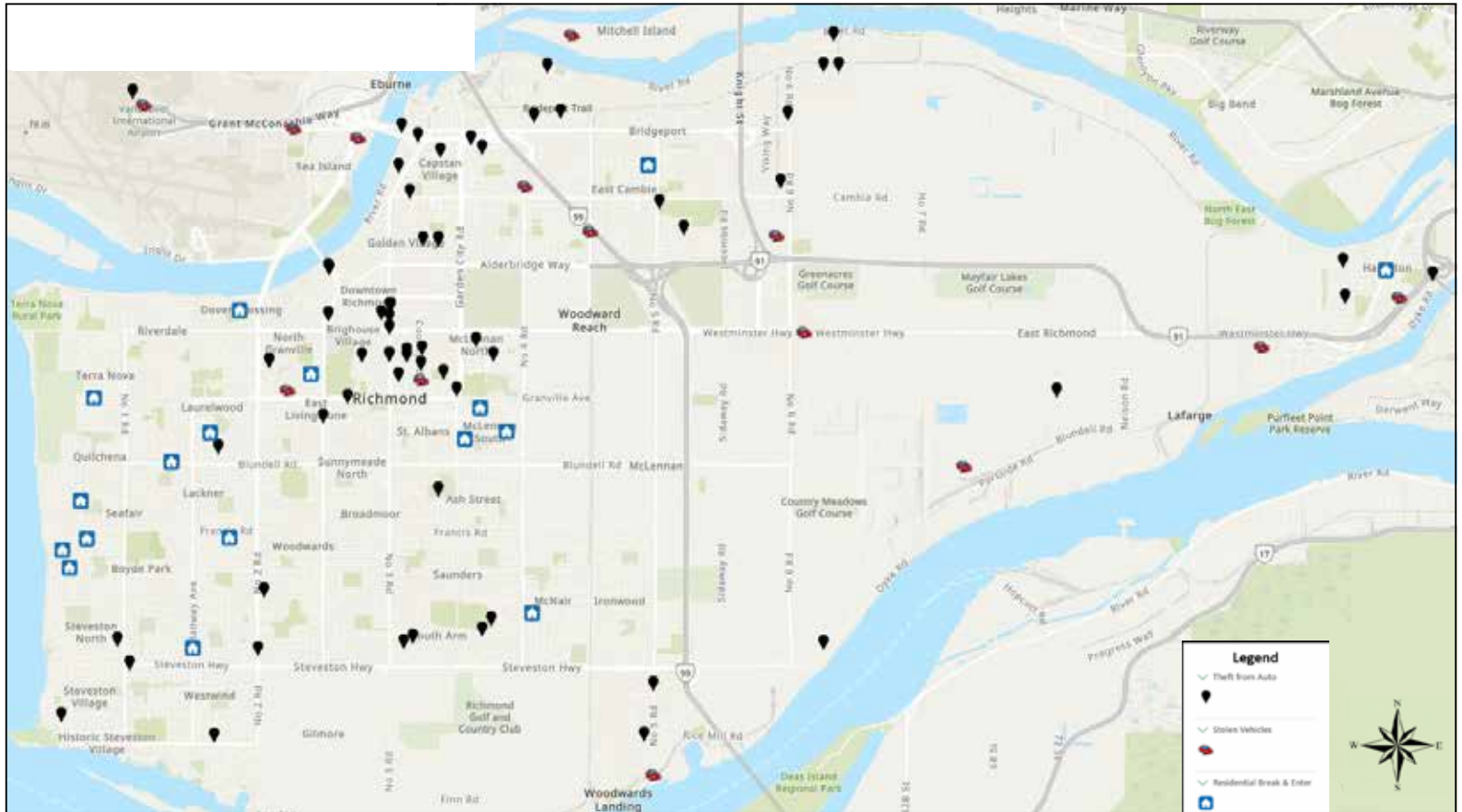
May 20 | 4:00pm
General Purposes
Committee

May 20 | 7:00pm
Public Hearing



RCMP

Crime Map March 1 - 31, 2025



Monthly road report: Richmond RCMP highlights traffic safety outcomes for the month of March

In March, Richmond RCMP ramped up enforcement targeting distracted drivers and illegal-ride-hailing services. Officers issued 814 traffic violation tickets throughout the month, as part of ongoing efforts to improve road safety and hold unsafe drivers accountable.

Key categories of offenses included:

- Speeding: 170
- Distracted driving: 94
- Impaired drug/alcohol infractions: 31
- Vehicle-related infractions: 216
- Driver Licence infractions: 160

Throughout March, Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit (RSU) focused on distracted driving in partnership with ICBC and the provincial enforcement campaign calendar. A major distracted driving joint forces operation was conducted on March 11, resulting in 75 charges and \$36,423 in fines.

Targeted enforcement on unlicensed ride-hail-

ing operators

On March 27, RSU partnered with Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement and Commercial Passenger Vehicle (CPV) Officers to target unlicensed ride-hailing services operating in Richmond. Drivers using these apps are not licensed to operate passenger-directed vehicles in B.C., bypass required safety inspections and criminal record checks, and circumvent the Canadian economy by utilizing alternative payment providers. None of the vehicles involved have undergone any kind of safety check through a Designated Provincial Inspection Facility that licensed ride-hailing vehicles or taxis would have to go through. During this operation, four drivers were stopped and charged with:

- Operate Without a License – s.57(1) Passenger Transportation Act
- Wrong Class Drivers License – s.24(1) Motor Vehicle Act
- Fail to Display Certificate – s.25.07(1) Motor Vehicle Act Regulations
- Operate Without Business License – s.4.1.1 City of Richmond Business Bylaw No. 7360

Richmond RCMP warns the public of the safety risk posed by using unlicensed ride-hailing services. For a full list of approved ride-hailing providers in BC, please visit the Passenger Transportation Registry: Approved Ride-Hail Companies.

Community engagement and volunteer support

Throughout the month, Richmond RCMP Community Policing Office volunteers supported road safety initiatives such as Speed Watch and distracted driving outreach. Volunteers distributed "Think of Me" postcards created by local elementary school students, reminding drivers stay focused on the road and put away devices.

Richmond RCMP extends sincere thanks to our volunteers for their contributions to public safety. To learn how to get involved, please visit our website.

April enforcement priorities

In April, RSU will focus enforcement in response to increased collisions and unsafe driving reports in the following areas:

- No. 3 Road & Capstan Way
- No. 3 Road & Bennett Road
- Steveston Hwy & Gilbert Road

RSU has also identified River Road and the area around St. Edwards Drive & Cambie Road for targeted enforcement, reminding drivers to slow down, avoid distractions, and follow the rules of the road.

"Whether its putting your phone away or ensuring your ride is properly licensed, your decisions behind the wheel—or in the passenger seat—matter. Distracted driving and unlicensed ride-hailing put everyone at risk. We're committed to proactive enforcement to protect the public," said Sergeant Eric Baskette, Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit.

Richmond Sockeyes 2025 awards banquet

By STEVE ERICKSON
Contributing writer

Each season brings a new added excitement to the Sockeyes organization and while they came up short they played entertaining, exciting and a fast-paced game for everyone attending each Thursday night at Minoru Arenas.

Last year's record of 45 wins, 1 loss, 2 shootout losses, 2 overtime wins and 1 shootout win captured them first place in the Tom Shaw Conference in the PJHL.

Numbers and records are made to be broken but considering all the roster changes due to injuries, player call-up to WHL teams and the odd flu bug that was going around, the coaching staff were juggling the roster from game to game.

This year's wrap-up banquet was held at the Richmond Golf and Country Club, an eventful day with trophies and recognitions going to everyone. The team announced that two dedicated members would not be returning which was a loss to the team. The first is long-time volunteer who was in charge of the volunteers, manager Tina O'Connor and the second was known to everyone as SJ who was the athletic therapist for the past five years—her skills will be deeply missed.

The trainers award had several team members who were in the running but in the end, the win was based on: time on the treatment table, rehabbing the injury, number of injuries or the number of text messages the trainer received. The recognition went to William Huo and Felix Poitras

In conversation with Cullen he mentioned "they had a hard time picking individuals for various awards so some awards have two recipients which shows the overall depth of the team."

- Volunteers of the Year went to both Matsumoto and Ross
- Most Popular Player Award to both Dawson Sucke and Teo Lin
- Most Improved Players Nick Kovich and Max Shin
- Rookie of the Year Award Nate Gray and Beaudy Beaudin
- Sockeyes Leadership Award retired Captain and current Player Development and Assistant GM Matthew Steward
- Community Leaders Award Ryan Kump and Max Shin
- MVP Leaders of the Year Award Nick Noren and William Huo
- Defensive Player of the Year Mattias Uyeda and Michael MacIntyre

• The Cumberworth Fan Award this season has two recipients who are both extremely deserving namely the Steward Family and the Revel Boys who seldom missed a game.

• Recognition for staying healthy and playing 46 games giving 100 percent went to Burke Newton and Nick Noren

• Player of the Month Awards Teo Lin, Nick Noren, Beaudy Beaudin and Mathias Hasselmann

• A new award this year is fittingly named Community Award that was shared by both Ryan Kump and Max Shin that saw the Alumni Scholarship Award that was also shared

• The Three Star Award was presented to Nick Noren.

The awards event was well attended by players, coaches, management, parents, billeted families and sponsors. The Sockeyes want to personally



Photos courtesy Richmond Sockeyes

Awards and Scholarships banquet

thank everyone who made the season and the awards event such a success.

Next week we'll chat with Head Coach Cullen Revel and owner Doug Paterson and get their overall perspective on the season.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Richmond Sockeyes.



Joe Biz — *by Joe Leary*

Steveston's Sausage Kings

With tariffs being levied on Canadian products shipped to the US and reciprocal costs placed on incoming American goods—it's clear that divisions are drawn and previously dependable, cross border consumer markets have been changed dramatically.

There has never been a better time to practice the mantra: "Think Local; Source Local; Shop Local"; "Elbows Up". And with myriad quality suppliers and manufacturers across our great land, it's becoming increasingly more important to support Canadian goods all across the country.

Let's focus on one of them, based in Steveston. Clint Green and partner Jens Hertha are examples of a solid, locally-based business, increasing its profile and expanding its footprint. You could say they are 'King of the Links', as their sausage business has grown tremendously as the pair have been working in tandem since 2020.

The origins of the company date back to 2012 when Jens Hertha decided to switch careers and leave the corporate banking business and make a drastic change to fulfill a dream to bring the flavours of Germany sausages and other tasty meats to his new home—the quaint fishing village of Steveston, BC. He opened D-Original Sausage Haus in February of 2012. Fast forward to 2020, when Jens' friend of many years, Clint Green returned home and became Jens' business partner.

"At the time I was making printing plates for boxes," says Green. "I went to Toronto and got deeper into the corporate world but things kind of changed for me after a few company mergers and COVID hit, it was time."

After losing his job, Green said that the opportunity to enter the world of sausage presented itself. "Jens started the business and basically ran it for



Photo courtesy Hertha and Green
Clint Green and Jens Hertha at the store.

Photo via doriginalsausagehaus.com
Steveston store front.

nine years and then I bought out his old business partner." Green said that he had always been a big fan of D-Original Sausage Haus and shares the values that Jens' established. Learning the craft of sausage making, was the next step and he has been in sync ever since. "We partnered with Continental Sausage in Surrey and they do everything to our specifications, exactly the way we want it."

"It started off pretty good and I learned the butchering trade and the grinding and curing and more. As for what separates D-Original from the others, it's all in the content."

"Instead of using trim, we use lean leg meat and we trim out anything else and we clean the meat out. Because it's so lean we then take fat and add that to it. Our sausage has less fat than the competition."

With a full range of products, D-Original offers bratwurst, pepperoni, chorizos and meats smoked and cured, they also offer a large selection of European varieties and over 60 options of cheese and international and local gourmet products. D-Original Sausage Haus also prepares custom platters, charcuterie boards and made to order sandwiches. The growth in the business has been notable.

"We're working very hard to increase our foothold as we lost our original factory due to location and had some struggles for a while," he says. "We found a better place to manufacture and have lately been focusing on providing pepperoni sticks in various



breweries tasting rooms. "We work by consignment and the bars don't pay us until they sell it."

The pair share a philosophy in delivering only high quality, hand crafted and delicious meats along with a high level of customer service in a relaxed, friendly and welcoming atmosphere. As good corporate citizens, they are heavily involved in the community and supporting local charities.

Hertha and Green continuously expand their product line through creative partnerships and direct involvement in manufacturing. The pair look forward to continuing to bring top quality products with amazing flavours to Steveston and the surrounding area.

With a storefront in the quaint environs of Steveston Village, D-Original is poised to take the sausage world by storm.

OUR CITY *tonight*

SPOTLIGHT ON
SPRING COCKTAIL.

A CLASSIC FILM. A NEW
DRAMA SERIES FROM AUSTRALIA



Photo courtesy Alice Smithson

THE SIP – THE CRICKET PITCH

Spring cocktails are still on our minds as the weather gets warmer, so we turned to one of our cocktail experts, mixologist, Alice Smithson. Originally from England, we can always count on Alice to provide us with a delicious cocktail that takes its inspiration from her homeland (last year her cocktail for us was Wimbledon-inspired *Strawberry Fields Forever*). As Alice said back then, she likes to start her cocktail creations with the garnish and work backwards. For her latest offering *The Cricket Pitch*, the garnish is 3 grinds of black pepper and 1 sage leaf. Other ingredients include 2oz pimm's, 1.25 oz homemade ginger & vanilla syrup, 0.75oz fresh lemon juice, homemade ginger & vanilla syrup, 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup of boiling water, 1 cube of ginger, 5ml of vanilla extract blended and left to chill. "Being from England, the moment the sun pops it's head out we get excited about drinking on a patch of grass," she tells us as we sample this delicious cocktail. She goes on to say, "I have always loved a pimm's cup but wanted to see what else I could use pimm's in." Our verdict: success—and the request for another. As with all the cocktails our experts suggest, this one is easy to make at home.

THE CLASSIC – 3 DAYS OF THE CONDOR

The political thriller, *3 Days of the Condor*, came at a time when Americans were looking at government with clearer and more sobering eyes—the release of the Pentagon Papers, the end of the Vietnam War, the Watergate

scandal and with it, President Nixon resignation in disgrace, had revealed a darker, more menacing side that had not been seen before. The 1975 release of this film could not have been better timed. The film follows Joe Turner (Robert Redford), an undercover CIA codebreaker, with the name "Condor", who spends his days reading books, looking for anything subversive. He returns from lunch one day to discover all his office colleagues have been murdered. From there, Joe Turner runs, hides, kidnaps a woman (Faye Dunaway), and tries to determine whether his superiors want to keep him safe or have him killed. There is also a mysterious man with a foreign accent (Max von Sydow) who is trying to kill him. It's a complicated maze from which Joe Turner must emerge and then stay one step ahead. Directed by the legendary Sydney Pollack, *3 Days of the Condor* is a suspenseful masterpiece that is as timely today as it was 50 years ago.

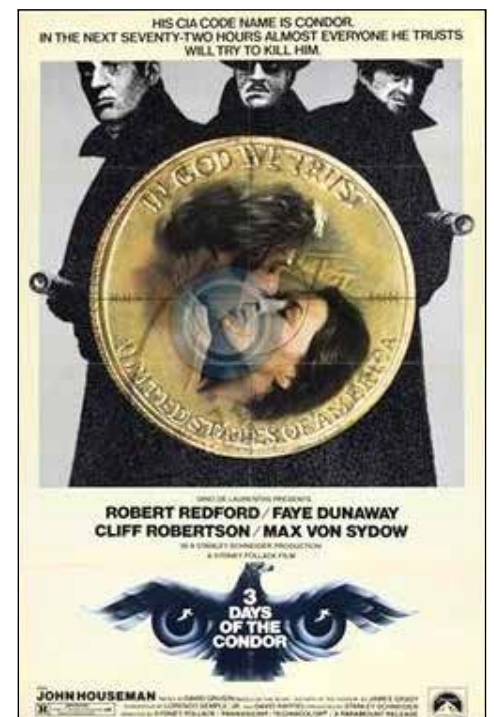


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THE VIEW – THE NARROW ROAD TO THE DEEP NORTH

With the access to streaming bigger than it has ever been, various platforms are offering more and more great film and TV from all over the world. Just this year alone, we have recommended several TV series and film titles from the UK, Europe, and Japan. Now from Prime Video comes a new Australian drama called *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*. Based on the 2014 Booker Prize-winning novel by Richard Flanagan, this 5-part series unpacks the past and present life of Dorrigo Evans (played by Jacob Elordi as a young man, and the always superb Ciarán Hinds as the older Dorrigo). In the 1989-present, the older Evans is a well know surgeon and war hero still haunted by the memories of his affair with his uncle's young wife as well as his days as WWII prisoner of war forced to work on the Burma Railway. Jumping back between periods of his youth—both joyous and horrific—and his older self—at times reckless both professionally and personally—this man's life draws you in and keeps you watching until the end. [primevideo.com](https://www.primevideo.com)

Dylan Walsh talks about his acting longevity

Our City Tonight had the opportunity to sit down with long time actor, Dylan Walsh, while he was in Vancouver. He is best known for his role as Dr. Sean McNamara in the popular TV series *Nip/Tuck*. He also gained fame for his role as Al Burns on *Unforgettable* and recently for his role as Sam Lane on *Superman and Lois*.

OCT: It's great to finally get to sit down and chat with you while you are here in our city, working on *Superman and Lois*. We have followed you for years and I'd like to point out, that when we looked at your résumé it is extensive. You are one of those actors that has been around the TV and film landscape for a long time and have worked with many other incredible actors. For example, let's mention your first television role was with James Earl Jones. What was that like as a young and upcoming actor?

DW: That was a great education. I did a development deal for ABC, and we were trying to find the right project for me. They thought they were going to get me a lead role and my career would just take off. That's when they mentioned that there's this other thing that although you won't be the lead, it is with James Earl Jones as the lead. I said, that's what I want and that's okay. So, I did that for a year, and it was a great experience. I have to say what a great guy he was. Many years later, my wife and I were in New York, and we were invited to an event to honour James Earl Jones. I hadn't seen him in so long. When we walked in, there were so many celebrities there like Kelsey Grammar, and a lot of other big actors. James Earl Jones had his special table with his family, and we were invited to sit at his table. He shared really good memories of me from 25 or 30 years ago. He won the Emmy that year in 1991, for outstanding lead actor in a drama series. I had watched him all year struggle the way every actor struggles, but I watched him struggle and then win an Emmy.

OCT: I guess at that age, as a young actor you're just soaking in everything you can and especially if you're observing someone whose work you admire and treating the craft with such respect. Some actors just get to a point where they're mailing it in. How impressive was that for you as a young actor, to watch him in action?

DW: He was such a committed actor, and when I saw him in *Fences* on Broadway and I, like every young actor at that time in the late 80's was mesmerized by that performance. That's why I said, I want to work with that actor.



Photo courtesy Our City Tonight

Actor Dylan Walsh has worked with the best.

TV is a different beast. It's a whole other deal. The first thing that I learned from James Earl Jones is to cross out all the directions in the script, every last bit of it. If the script says "he feels moved" then just cross it out. You do have to say the words in the script, but you do not have to pay attention to what they're telling you to do or feel. That will happen on its own and that was his rule.

OCT: You have a great track record with *Nip/Tuck* becoming a massive show that also was part of an era that had to have great music in the show. It was a time when they wanted to sell CDs of the soundtracks. Talk about how you've managed to continue as you get older to take on different types of roles.

DW: The best thing I can say about myself is that I've been act-

ing for a long time and I start to sound like an old man but honestly that's what I'm most proud of. It's a lot of years and the résumé keeps getting longer. And you're right about *Nip/Tuck*, it stands out because it was a big hit, and it was such an honour to be a part of that. Of course, it was also a roller coaster ride, and I loved every second of it. I'm proud of the longevity, the whole breadth of my career and doing a lot of different things which includes some mediocre stuff. Some of my best work has been in the mediocre projects over the years. That's just the way it happens.

OCT: We have seen many movies where the movie has been mediocre, but we have loved the actors' performance. For example, Spencer Tracy did a lot of mediocre stuff and we always liked his performances in those mediocre films. One of our favourite movies from the 90's that you were in is, *Nobody's Fool* from 1994. We are big Paul Newman fans, and you have a very large role in that movie playing his son. What lessons did you learn in that movie acting alongside not only him, but the great Jessica Tandy?

DW: I think I learned the most in those years with James Earl Jones and Paul Newman. I was so thrilled to be part of the cast and it wasn't easy to get that part because the producer wanted somebody else who they thought, should be a star already. The casting went on for months and it was Paul Newman who said no, he's the guy for this role. He and director, Robert Benton, stood up for me and they said it's him or forget it.

OCT: We're so glad we got you to come into the studio to talk to us and we wish you continued success.

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