



**BC CREATES
7,200 JOBS
FOR YOUTH**

OUR CITY *Richmond*



BY ISABELLA RODRIGUES

April 24 - September 20

Richmond Night Market

8351 River Rd, Richmond, BC
 Fri & Sat 7:00pm - 12:00am
 Sun & Stat Holiday 7:00pm - 11:00pm

This summer, millions of fans and visitors from around the globe will fill the city with excitement — and the Richmond Night Market will be the place where everyone comes together to eat, laugh, and feel the energy!



Courtesy Richmond Night Market

June 24

Strawberry Tea Party

8420 Cambie Rd., Richmond, BC
 12:30pm - 3:00pm

Senior Link Society is hosting a Strawberry Tea Party. A fun and welcoming afternoon of tea, treats, music, and conversation is planned for seniors here in Richmond. Embrace the spirit by donning your favourite dressy leisurewear to match the fun atmosphere. To join the fun, please remember entry is just \$10 for members, \$15 if you pay in advance, or \$20 at the door. We can't wait to meet you there!



Courtesy Stockcake

July 1 – 30

ParticipACTION Community Challenge



Courtesy City of Richmond

Time to come together as a community to win Canada's most active community award. All month there will be a variety of free exercise programs. Try new things such as Kickboxing, H.I.I.T and, Flamenco. Registration is required so go online at richmond.ca/culture/calendar/special-events/participation or call 604-276-4300 to claim your spot.

July 1

Steveston Salmon Festival

Steveston Village, Richmond, BC
 10:00am - 5:00pm



Courtesy Richmond Salmon Festival

The Steveston Salmon Festival is celebrating its 79th year on July 1. This beloved community event will feature live music, entertaining performances, delicious food, and the highly anticipated Canada Day parade. It's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy local culture and commemorate Canada Day with friends and family.

May 5 – December 22

Kwantlen Farmers' Market

Richmond Public Library – Brighthouse
 100 - 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC
 Every Tuesday 11:00am - 4:00pm

Come by this vibrant farmers market hosted by the students of Kwantlen Polytechnic University! Spend the day enjoying live music, delicious local food, fresh produce, handmade goods, and an amazing community atmosphere. It's the perfect place to support student entrepreneurs and local vendors.



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April – June

Seniors Activities, Guides & Passes – Spring 2026

In-person and online



City of Richmond

The City and partners are proud to offer high-quality social programs and services for those adults aged 55+ at eight community facilities, including the Seniors Centre at the Minoru Centre for Active Living. Register in person at any community facility, call 604-276-4300, or online at richmond.ca/parks-recreation/about/senior

Minister's statement on May Labour Force Survey results - B.C. adds 25,200 new jobs in May, including 7,200 youth jobs

Summary

- Statistics Canada reports 25,200 new jobs in B.C. in May 2026, including 7,200 new youth jobs
- B.C.'s construction and manufacturing sectors see three straight months of job creation
- B.C. continues to lead all large provinces in GDP growth, with the highest average wages in Canada



BC adds 25,200 new jobs, 7,200 for youth



Ravi Kahlon

Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth

Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth, has issued the following statement about the release of Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for May 2026:

"As new and escalating tariffs from U.S. President Donald Trump, combined with the ongoing war in Iran, continue to raise costs and create uncertainty for people and economies around the world, British Columbia is building a stronger, more resilient economy.

"Today's Labour Force Survey shows that B.C. added 25,200 new jobs in May 2026, including 7,200 new jobs for youth, and the third straight monthly increase in construction and manufacturing – an increase of nearly 19,000 new jobs in those sectors over that time period. This reflects the record levels of rental housing construction seen in B.C., with 2025 rental housing starts triple what they were in 2015.

"Despite global challenges, investors continue to show confidence in B.C., with \$88-billion worth of proposed major proj-

ects moving forward. Over the next three years these projects are expected to create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs across the province. This strength is also reflected in the private sector, where B.C. saw the second-largest increase in Canada, adding 14,800 new jobs in May.

"By hosting major global events like the FIFA World Cup 2026 and Web Summit Vancouver, B.C. is creating new opportunities for businesses, boosting tourism, attracting investment, and supporting jobs throughout the province. This is reflected in the 5,700 new accommodation and food-services jobs added last month, with a total growth of 17,400 jobs over the past year. B.C. also added 10,200 jobs in transportation and warehousing in May, reflecting strong trade activity and the critical role of our supply chains in supporting a growing economy. B.C. continues to lead the country with an average hourly wage of \$38.65, the highest among provinces. Our province is also a national leader in bringing rent costs down, with the largest declines of any province.

"Through the Look West strategy, our government is creating new opportunities for people and businesses, while making sure British Columbians have the skills they need to succeed in a changing economy. That's why we are doubling our investment in skills training to \$241 million to ensure more young people have the skills they need to seize these new opportunities. We

are helping train workers for in-demand jobs, funding up to 5,000 new trades seats, cutting wait lists and expanding access to training across the province. We are strengthening B.C.'s place in the global economy by expanding trade relationships and advancing major projects, including growing our LNG sector. Canada's recent LNG deal with Germany – historic and first of its kind – reflects the growing global confidence in what we're building here in B.C.

"With the FIFA World Cup 2026 kicking off this month, B.C. will be on the global stage as a world-class destination for tourism and investment. The matches are expected to bring approximately 350,000 visitors to BC Place and generate significant economic benefits, including approximately \$1 billion in GDP during the tournament and in the five years following, supporting jobs and opportunities for people across the province. Travel through Vancouver International Airport reflects that momentum, with 2.7 million passengers expected between June 8 and July 12 – a five to 10 per cent increase over last year. We will also host the international business community at B.C. Business House, creating new opportunities for local industries to connect with investors and showcase our strengths. With our continued investment in people and major projects, and a clear focus on diversifying trade, B.C. is well-positioned to navigate global uncertainty and build an economy that works better for everyone." news.gov.bc.ca

Prime Minister Carney to travel to France, Ireland, and the 2026 G7 Leaders' Summit to deepen Canada's partnerships across trade, defence, and technology



In a more dangerous and divided world, Canada's government is focused on what we can control. We are building our strength at home and diversifying our partnerships abroad. Canada is forging a dense web of new connections, leading with Canadian values to create greater certainty, security, and prosperity.

To advance this mission, the Prime Minister, Mark Carney, announced that he will travel from June 11 to 17, 2026, for bilateral visits to France and Ireland and to participate in the 2026 G7 Leaders' Summit. During these visits, the Prime Minister will work with our allies and partners to address pressing global challenges and unlock new opportunities for collaboration. He will catalyse new investment into Canada, deepen trade and security partnerships with Europe, and catalyse new opportunities for Canadian workers and industries.

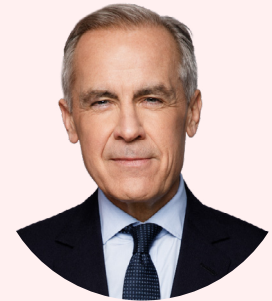
The Prime Minister will first visit Paris, France, where he will meet with President Emmanuel Macron to deepen the Canada-France partnership in key sectors such as trade, defence, artificial intelligence (AI), quantum technologies, and critical minerals. They will advance progress on key commercial and industrial partnerships, including in aerospace, defence and security, critical minerals, and advanced technolo-

gies. The Prime Minister will meet with leading business leaders to position Canada as a key partner on trade and investment.

In Ireland, Prime Minister Carney will visit Dublin to meet with the Taoiseach of Ireland, Micheál Martin. This will be the first bilateral visit to Ireland by a Canadian Prime Minister in nearly a decade. The Prime Minister will then visit County Mayo, where he will meet with the President of Ireland, Catherine Connolly. During his time in Ireland, he will focus on deepening Canada and Ireland's longstanding cultural and people-to-people ties and expanding ties across agri-food, digital innovation, AI, pharmaceuticals, and climate.

The Prime Minister will then attend the 2026 G7 Leaders' Summit in Évian, France, where he will deepen Canada's international partnerships, building on progress achieved during Canada's G7 Presidency last year. He will focus on Canada's role and expertise as a reliable partner on economic security, clean energy, and emerging technologies, including AI and quantum.

In the past year, Canada has forged over 20 economic and security partnerships. Ireland, France, and our G7 allies are vital, long-standing partners to Canada. Working with them, we can build a better, more just, more prosperous world for all.



“Ireland and France are two of Canada's closest and longest-standing partners. In an increasingly uncertain world, we are deepening these ties – and those across the G7 – to build greater certainty, security, and prosperity for Canadians and our partners across the globe.”

– The Rt. Hon. Mark Carney,
Prime Minister of Canada

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The Mandalorian and Grogu

BY ISABELLA RODRIGUES

On May 22nd, Star Wars made its big return to the silver screen after seven years, with *The Mandalorian and Grogu*. The last Star Wars movie in theatres was *Episode 9: The Rise of Skywalker*, which released in December of 2019. After that, the Covid-19 pandemic shut down theatres, and Star Wars went exclusively for streaming on Disney+. In the years since then, more than 15 unique Star Wars TV series have dropped from the movie theatres production for streaming, making this release a very big occasion. After viewing *The Mandalorian and Grogu*, the following is a summary of the plot of the newest addition to a galaxy far, far away.

Background Plot

Directed by Jon Favreau and starring Pedro Pascal, Sigourney Weaver, and Jeremy Allen White, this two-hour film picks up after the third season of streaming. It follows Mandalorian bounty hunter Din Djarin and his Force-sensitive child, Din Grogu, as they hunt down Imperial warlords and Rotta the Hutt, son of the notorious gangster Jabba the Hutt.

This section contains SPOILERS for The Mandalorian and Grogu as well as other Star Wars projects.

Review

The opening scenes on the ice planet (believed to be Hoth) we see Mando and Grogu take down Commander Barro and his trio of AT-AT's (At Terrain Armored Transport). This was an excellent way to ease the audience back into the tone of *The Mandalorian* with action and wit that you would expect.

After finishing that mission, Din returns to the planet of Adelphi to meet with Sigourney Weaver's new character Colonel Ward. The makeup on Ward was very impressive since Weaver is actually 76 years old at the time of filming. For payment on termination of Barro, she gives Mando a new and pristine ST-70 assault ship (Razorcrest). This variant of the ship is in better condition, with yellow accents having been seized from an imperial collector. Fans of the television show will like seeing this ship return after seeing it be destroyed in season two.

For his new mission Din Djarin is tasked with tracking down the mysterious Commander Coin, but to do so he will need to go to the planet of Nal Hutta to meet with the Hutt twins. In exchange for information on Coin, they want the Mandalorian to bring back their nephew Rotta. Many people liked that Jon Favreau brought the twins back from the TV series *The Book of Boba Fett*.



(L-R) Anzellans and Grogu in Lucasfilm's THE MANDALORIAN AND GROGU.

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When Din is looking for the Hutt on Shakari, the audience is introduced to an adorable Ardenian fry cook played by Martin Scorsese. This was really cool to see because George Lucas, the writer for the original six movies and Scorsese, are friends in real life.

After 18 years, we get to see the son of Jabba, Rotta the Hutt, or "stinky" again. He was last seen in the animated Clone Wars Movie. Only now, instead of the small, rotund huttlet, Rotta is now a large and athletic alien, working in the fighting pits of Shakari. It was very admirable that he was trying to distance himself from the gangster roots of his family and be his own man. After a little scuffle, Mando and Zeb capture him, but all is not as it seems. Rotta warns that the twins actually want him back so that they can kill him. In addition, he tells Mando that Commander Coin is his former employer, Lord Janu, a prominent leader of Shakari and member of Moff Gideon's Shadow Council. It was a bit nonsensical that this big untraceable villain could be found so easily, when he was being hyped up to be the main villain of this film.

With that information, Din, Grogu, Rotta, and Zeb go to a coastal planet to capture Janu Coin. Some shenanigans ensue, but at the end of it Lord Janu is apprehended. After giving him over to the New Republic, Din chose to let Rotta the Hutt escape to the outer rim so he would not be killed by the Twins. Despite placing a target on his back, this was a good choice.

After the tragic passing of actor Carl Weathers many fans were curious about how this movie would handle what this means for his character Greef Karga, who was last seen at the end of the third season. While Mando does take a visit to his homestead on Nevarro, where Karga resides

as Magistrate, there is no mention of him.

Rarely do we get to see Din Djarin be outwitted, but in this movie, we get to see him have some real competition from another bounty hunter named Embo and his animal companion Keibu. On Nevarro, they defeat Mando and separate him from Grogu, taking him back to Nal Hutta. This was something new for audiences, because we rarely get to see that this one-man army can be bested.

On the planet of Nal Hutta, Embo hands over Din to the Hutt Twins, who steal his helmet and toss him into a watery pit beneath their lair. He then fights a number of Amani soldiers and a big dragonsnake. Fortunately, Grogu and the Anzellans arrive in time to break Mando out of there, but it's too late; he's been bitten by the poisonous reptile!

As all of them run away from the castle, the Mandalorian begins to lag behind as the toxin takes over his body until he collapses. At this point, Mando had been knocked out 3 times, and what had felt like something unique began to feel a bit overdone. On a more positive note, this meant that the movie was able to slow down and take some time on character development.

We see Grogu learning to survive on his own in the dangerous swamps of Nal Hutta, while also tending to his father, who is now in a coma. The way he lives will feel nostalgic to many fans, because it will remind them of how Master Yoda lived alone on Dagobah in *Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back*.

After Din is given the antidote by an alien fisherman named Gatori, all seems to be back to normal, and the pair suit up to take down the Hutts. To see the final outcome, *The Mandalorian and Grogu* can be seen in theatres now.

Quick Guide for Richmond Newcomers Settling In

BY BEZ CHAO

Moving to, or travelling to a new area can be overwhelming due to unfamiliar customs, infrastructure, and surroundings. To help newcomers settle in, Richmond Sentinel has compiled a list of useful resources for those who are familiarizing themselves with the City of Richmond. These resources include a newcomers' guide, information on available support services, and a quick guide to getting around the city using public transit.

Richmond has a long and rich history. The city of Richmond was officially incorporated as a city on December 3, 1990 but prior to this, was initially incorporated as the Municipality of the Township of Richmond on November 10, 1879. Indigenous Peoples have lived on the islands that make up Richmond for thousands of years, relying on the Fraser River's abundant salmon runs and natural resources. The first European settlers arrived in the 1860s, where agriculture quickly became a major industry. The salmon runs attracted Japanese fishermen in the 1880s. As the fishing industry grew, it attracted more people to the area like the Indigenous Peoples and Chinese railroad workers who had originally come to British Columbia to build the nation's railway. Today, Richmond continues to welcome newcomers from across Canada and around the world, creating the culturally diverse and vibrant city.

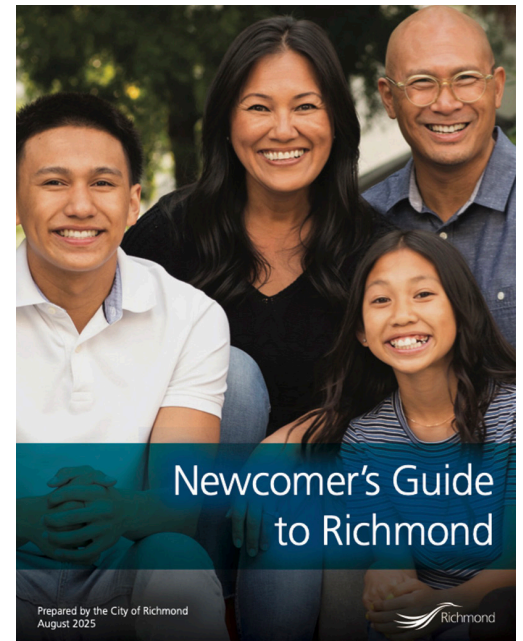
The city of Richmond provides a number of free resources available for newcomers to learn more about their new community and the services available to help them settle into their new life in Richmond.

A great place to start is the "Newcomer's Guide to Richmond" which can be accessed on the City of Richmond's website www.richmond.ca - This guide provides a checklist that covers the necessary things to do right away upon arrival, especially if you are new to Canada. You must:

- **Contact a settlement agency.** Settlement agencies are organizations specialized in providing services for newcomers to Canada, including refugees and asylum seekers.
- **Apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN)** to work or access government programs and benefits. A SIN is required to work in Richmond or anywhere in Canada. To apply, visit a local Service Canada Centre.
- **Register for the Medical Services Plan (MSP)** to access healthcare services. BC's

MSP is a public health insurance that pays for most medical care, allowing residents to see a doctor or visit a hospital. It is available to BC residents who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents (including government-assisted refugees). Temporary foreign workers with a work permit valid for six months or more and international students may access MSP after a waiting period of up to 3 to 6 months.

- **Open a bank account.** A variety of financial institutions, including traditional banks, online banks, and credit unions, are available in Richmond. They offer different types of bank accounts like everyday banking, savings, and investment accounts. Transferring money to someone in another country is also known as sending a remittance. Remittances can be sent to other countries through a variety of businesses and financial institutions.
- **Find a place to live.** Richmond's diverse and welcoming neighbourhoods have a variety of housing options that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums, apartments, suites and an emergency shelter.
- **Register children for school (if applicable).** Richmond has an excellent school system made up of public and independent (private) schools. Public schools are fully funded by the government. Parents are not required to pay fees for their children to attend public schools. Independent schools are only partially funded by the government.
- **Apply for a BC Services card.** A BC Services Card is used to access health care services through MSP and other services that require a photo ID, like opening a bank account.
- **Register for English classes.** The Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) program provides basic and intermediate level English training for adult newcomers to Canada. These free English classes will improve the learners' English reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, while providing them with information about their local community.
- **Find a family doctor.** Most family doctors work in family practice clinics outside of hospitals and help patients manage their health long term.
- **Find employment.** Settlement agencies can help job seekers look for jobs, connect with people in their field of work or inform them about job fairs. Job postings are also available online on job search sites. Many



large companies post their job openings on their websites so these would also be a good place to look for employment.

Each section of the official guide includes more in-depth information on the subject so that you can become completely informed throughout the process.

Other important information is included in the full guide as well, such as: garbage and recycling collection schedules, information on taxes, continuing education for adults, resources for child care, information on transportation and how to get around the city, programs and services, community safety, recreational programs, and more.

The City of Richmond also offers a newcomers video series featuring stories of newcomers who have settled in Richmond and the resources provided to them to access services in the community. These videos can provide you with firsthand experience on what to expect when moving to Richmond!

The Richmond Public Library is another helpful resource for newcomers. They provide a range of services and events to help you adjust, settle in, and become a part of the community.

Among their offerings are the Public Computer Labs which provide a range of free computer and internet services for those who may have limited or no access to those utilities. Given how essential internet access is today, this service can be especially useful for those without reliable access to online resources and services. They also provide low-cost printing options for leisure or to print out documents, forms, and resumes.

The library also offers a variety of free-to-attend events like Conversations in the Library which is a safe and welcoming environment to

practice speaking English and doubles as an opportunity to meet new people who are also learning the language with you. For this event, drop-ins are welcome and usually take place on Tuesdays. However, be sure to check the event schedule for the exact times and locations.

Other useful resources from the library include the “Resume Clinic” where you can meet one-on-one with experts to improve your resume to help you on your job search. Plenty more resources can be found at your local public library or on their website, not to mention that the library is a wonderful space that’s free and accessible for everyone.



Getting around

The province of British Columbia’s WelcomeBC webpage also provides a broad list of resources for those in need of any support services. These services aim to help with: child care, children and youth, driving, education, employment, healthcare, housing, hunger, legal issues, mental health crises and addiction, safety and security, senior, and settlement. Going through a crisis in a new country can be extremely challenging, so be sure to reach out for the help that is available to you.

Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives (RCRG) is another fantastic resource for not just newcomers, but for everyone in the community in need. RCRG connects volunteers with opportunities to support their community. Additionally, RCRG specializes in information and referral with a comprehensive online Community Services Directory while also offering clients one-on-one assistance in accessing community resources. Amongst some of these resources are senior community support services, child care resource and referral (CCRR), Richmond family and friend caregiver hub, neighbourhood small grants, the Richmond Christmas fund, and more. For more detailed information, visit the RCRG website or call their office at 604-279-7020.

If you need to get around the city, you might want to familiarize yourself with how to travel via transit if you don’t have access to a car.

Luckily, TransLink—the authority that plans and manages the region’s transportation system— provides bus and train routes that can take you pretty much anywhere you want to go (with a little bit of walking of course)! There are a couple things you can do to make your trip as smooth as possible.

Plan your trip using tools such as TransLink’s Trip Planner which can be found on their website. It allows you to type in where you want to start and end your journey, and it’ll provide you with a few options for the commute. Alternatively, you can use Google Maps which provides you with detailed routes as well as directions for the walking portion of your trip.

ticket at the Compass Vending Machine. There are often many travellers during peak hours, so be sure to take courteous actions while sharing space on transit, like giving priority to seats to those who need it and removing backpacks and large bags to make room for other passengers as they board and exit.

Richmond has plenty of accessible free and fun places to check out. The city has nine community centres: Cambie, City Centre, Hamilton, Sea Island, Seniors Centre at Minoru Centre for Active Living, South Arm, Steveston, Thompson, and West Richmond. There’s Minoru Park, the green heart of Richmond’s City Centre, fea-



Photo courtesy richmond.ca

A little tip for when you’re waiting for your bus: you can text the 5-digit bus stop number found on the sign or the route number to, 33333 for TransLink real-time arrival times. You will receive the next two departure times for your specific stop or route within seconds.

You’ll also want to familiarize yourself with the cost of your trip and how to pay. TransLink routes and fares operate based on a three-zone system. Zone 1 is the city of Vancouver. Zone 2 is North Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond, and New Westminster. Zone 3 includes the remaining municipalities like Surrey, Coquitlam, and Langley. Per TransLink’s website: “All bus, community shuttle, and HandyDART trips are a 1-Zone fare at all times. Skytrain and SeaBus fares can vary between a 1 and 3-Zone fare, depending on the number of boundaries you cross. The SeaBus alone requires a 2-Zone-fare. The exceptions to these zone fare rules are: after 6:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, and anytime on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, all journeys across the system are a 1-Zone fare.”

To pay, you can buy a reloadable compass card which gives you a discount on your adult fare. You can also use contactless payment cards like Interac debit, American Express, Mastercard, Visa credit, or mobile wallets like Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay. Alternatively, you can also opt for a single-use Compass

turing huge variety of things to do from walking routes to their premier sports facilities which host major sporting events from soccer to baseball to track and field. There’s also Garry Point Park, which is a large waterfront park located at the southwest tip of Richmond, close to historic Steveston Village. The park provides spectacular vistas across the Salish Sea and beyond to Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Garry Point Park is considered by many to be one of the best places to watch a sunset in Richmond. Another suggestion is Iona Beach Regional Park, which is located north and west of Vancouver International Airport. It has an excellent viewing of land and sea, where you can observe a surprising mix of wilderness and commercial air and river traffic.

If you need to visit Richmond City Hall, it can be found at 6911 Number 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1. Elected officials and staff manage municipal government operations, including council meetings, public hearings, permitting, and tax payments. It also acts as a customer service centre for residents, handling services like program registration and waste management.

Richmond is among the most diverse and fast-growing cities in Canada. It is a great place not only to live, but also to learn, work, and to play. We hope these resources help newcomers settle in smoothly. Welcome to Richmond!

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Richmond

NEWS UPDATE
BY FLORENCE GORDON

Everglade celebrates 10th Anniversary & 3 Georgie Awards in 2026



The Georgie Awards, owned by the Canadian Home Builders' Association of B.C. (CHBA BC) is considered Canada's premier housing awards program, highlighting and celebrating excellence in luxury home building. The Awards are provincial in scope and aim to showcase the commitment and dedication to the high standards that CHBA BC member companies strive to uphold. A Georgie Award is recognized as an industry stamp of quality, Vancouver's best in custom home building.

The awards provide an opportunity to stand out among the best in B.C.'s residential construction sector – celebrate one's achievements, earn industry recognition, and elevate the professional profile. B.C.'s

premier housing awards program, the Georgie Awards continue to raise the bar for the residential construction industry across the province.

As a developer in Richmond, as well as Metro Vancouver Everglade Development is the recipient of not one award, they walked away with three awards at the recent 2026 Georgie Awards night in Vancouver in the category of:

- Best Website
- Best Advertising Campaign
- Grand Georgie Award for Best Marketing Campaign of 2026

In a chat with Jack Ma, the Managing Director he shared the following: "What made the evening especially meaningful was receiving one of only five Grand Georgie Awards presented across more than 900 project submissions from around the province.

"While the awards were in the marketing categories, we see them as recognition of the overall strength of the project itself — from the product design and community vision, to the market response we've received from homebuyers. Since launching, Satori has become one of the strongest-performing townhome communities in the metro-Vancouver area, and it's rewarding to see the project recognized by the industry." *Photos courtesy Everglade*

Steveston Salmon Festival Returns

The Steveston Salmon Festival began on July 1, 1944, as a community "Sports Day" themed event. It was originally organized to celebrate Dominion Day and raise funds for a new playground in Steveston Park. It has since evolved into "Canada's biggest little birthday party," attracting tens of thousands of visitors as one of the country's largest non-profit Canada Day events.

Over the years, the event has undergone some changes such as the parade, and more notably, a name change from the Richmond Salmon Queen Carnival to Steveston Salmon Festival. While the se-

lection of a Salmon Queen ended in 1986, other elements such as the salmon bake have remained. The Steveston Salmon Festival pays homage to the community's salmon fishing heritage, and the dedication of the citizens of Steveston.

The festival continues to be a massive, volunteer-driven effort co-presented by the Steveston Community Society and the City of Richmond.

This year's festival is all about community. Visitors will be treated to a parade, live music, family-friendly activities and much more.



Foodies will want to try the iconic Salmon bake—a savoury, barbecued salmon fillet that has become a Steveston favourite—a bowl of tasty chow mein, or fluffy stacks of pancakes for early rising parade-goers.

To learn more about all the activities being offered, visit stevestonsalmonfest.ca

Find the Steveston Salmon Festival across from Steveston Village and join us for some community building fun!



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Focusing on securing B.C.'s future in spring session

Billions in new investments, help with costs for families, more people connected to family doctors



During the spring legislative session, the Government of British Columbia focused on securing B.C.'s future in uncertain times by strengthening the economy, protecting public services and bringing down costs for the people of British Columbia.



"Canadians have been through a lot in recent years, but here in B.C. we have everything we need to secure a stronger future: from abundant resources to hardworking and skilled people. There's a lot more to do, but we're making real progress, building an economy that can stand on its own two feet, helping people get ahead with higher wages and more opportunity," said

- BC Premier David Eby

This spring, B.C. has seen billions of dollars in new private-sector investments, rent prices dropping and more people connected to a family doctor.



"This session was about standing up for all British Columbians and delivering results that will make a difference in their daily lives," said Mike Farnworth, Government House Leader. **"We focused on what matters most to people by passing important legislation to protect the services they rely on and keeping major projects moving. Together, this work supports good jobs, strong communities and a more independent future for British Columbia."**

- BC Minister Transportation & Transit Mark Farnworth

Summary

- More than \$88 billion in proposed major projects coming, 5,000 trades training seats
- Rent prices continuing to drop, action to help lower families' hydro bills
- Hundreds of U.S. health-care professionals hired; tens of thousands of people matched to primary care

Growing the economy and creating good jobs

In 2025, British Columbia had the second fastest-growing economy in Canada. Over the past year, B.C. approved new mine permits that will generate over \$3 billion in private investment and thousands of jobs.

These include the Highland Valley Copper, Mount Milligan and Copper Mountain mine extensions, and the Eskay Creek mine. More than \$88 billion in potential investments through B.C.'s Look West plan are nearing final investment decisions within three years, including progress on LNG Canada Phase 2, and the North Coast Transmission Line in 2026. New skilled trades funding – a doubling of existing training funding – will allow more than 5,000 more people to train for highly paid, in-demand jobs located close to home.

Protecting and improving public services

Since 2023, more than half a million people have been connected to a family doctor or nurse practitioner in British Columbia, with hundreds of additional health professionals arriving from the United States to support care in communities this year.

Major infrastructure projects moved forward, including the Surrey Langley SkyTrain and a new hospital in Surrey, helping improve access to care and reduce congestion in fast-growing areas.

Support for kids in schools and their families is also continuing, with new and expanded schools continuing construction and opening throughout B.C., funding for new playgrounds and a commitment with the federal government to build a new high school in Tumbler Ridge, following the tragic shooting there.

Helping people reduce costs

B.C. continued taking action to reduce costs and help people get ahead this spring.

Through B.C.'s country-leading Homes for People plan, rental asking prices are dropping faster in British Columbia than anywhere else in Canada, with decreases for 29 months in a row, and housing prices are stabilizing.

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Joe Biz

BY JOE LEARY

'The Littlest Hobo, Keeps Movin On'

For millions of Canadians, the first few notes of "Maybe Tomorrow" are enough to unlock a flood of memories. Written and performed by Terry Bush for the TV series 'The Littlest Hobo', it became much more than just a TV theme song; it evoked a feeling: hopeful, lonely, adventurous and strangely comforting - all at once. Even decades after 'Hobo' ended in 1985, audiences still sing along instinctively whenever they hear the opening lines.



Photo courtesy Terry Bush

Terry Bush

Canadian-accomplished musician

Terry Bush was an accomplished musician and jingle writer when he teamed up with lyricist John Crossen to create the iconic song. Together, they crafted "Maybe Tomorrow" as the emotional heartbeat of a television series about a wandering German shepherd who travelled from town to town helping strangers before quietly moving on. Each week presented a new adventure.

'The Littlest Hobo' premiered in 1979 and while the show's premise was simple, its wistful theme music elevated it into something unforgettable. Every episode ended with Hobo trotting down an empty road while Bush's warm voice carried viewers into the closing credits. The song left the audience with a feeling of optimism about what may lie ahead.

"I knew the dog would and should be lovable, as the song indicates," says Bush of his original vision of what the show's music should entail, adding, "Notice I said 'song' not 'theme'? It needed to be a singable tune; down to earth and catchy and needed to musically have a good hook, which it does in the chorus."

Unlike flashy TV show themes of that era, "Maybe Tomorrow" sounded deeply human. It borrowed from folk music traditions, with gentle acoustic instrumentation and lyrics about freedom, restlessness and belonging. For children the song became almost philosophical. Hobo never stayed long enough to build a permanent home, yet he always seemed certain about where he was going.

Music writers have often pointed out that viewers remember the theme song more vividly than the actual plots of the individual episodes. But 'Maybe Tomorrow' developed a life beyond television. It's one of Canada's most recognizable songs and a lasting symbol of Canadian pop culture nostalgia. "I never, NEVER, expected the response and emotion 'Maybe Tomorrow' has generated over the years, worldwide," he says.

"I knew John had nailed it with his terrific lyrics and musically, I thought I'd done a good job. But, as I said before, WOW!"

Part of the song's staying power comes from its universality. The lyrics speak to anyone who has ever felt caught between adventure and stability, freedom and loneliness. Although the series may have centered on a dog, the emotions inside the music were unmistakably human.

Bush himself credits Crossen's lyrics for capturing the spirit of the character so perfectly. The TV series itself became a uniquely Canadian institution.

Originally revived in 1979 after an earlier 1960s

version 'The Littlest Hobo' followed the traveling dog as he wandered across small towns, helping people in trouble before eventually disappearing again down the highway. The formula rarely changed, but audiences loved it precisely because of that predictability. There was comfort in knowing that kindness would arrive; solve a problem and then quietly move on.

As the years passed, "Maybe Tomorrow" continued resurfacing in unexpected places. The tune appeared in television commercials across Canada and in the United Kingdom, introducing it to entirely new audiences.

"The song has been used in numerous commercial ventures worldwide," adds Bush. "Dulux Paints in the U.K. Co-Op Federated in Canada, National Westminster Bank, to name a few and numerous cover recordings, in other languages to boot - Japanese and Spanish, for example." Online, clips of the opening sequence regularly trigger waves of nostalgia, with listener comments recalling childhood afternoons spent watching that wandering German shepherd roam across the countryside. Fans still describe the 'The Hobo' theme as emotionally overwhelming and capable of bringing back memories instantly. And there's more to come!

"I've just been informed there's to be a whole new Hobo series coming out", says Bush. Word has surfaced that 'The Littlest Hobo' is to be revisited and reimagined in a new production involving Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg. It'll be 'Hobo of the 21st Century, to which the singer asserts, "It's amazing, and humbling."

It's the song that made the series but what made Bush's performance remarkable is its simplicity and sincerity. There is no irony in the delivery; no theatrical exaggeration as he sings with the calm certainty of someone who understands the strange freedom of life on the road. That authenticity helped the song survive long after the series faded from television schedules. Today, younger audiences discovering the theme on social media are often surprised by how emotionally effective it remains.

In an era dominated by fast-paced entertainment and cynical humour, the gentle optimism of 'Maybe Tomorrow' feels almost radical. The song reminds listeners that there can still be dignity in kindness, movement and quiet independence. For Canadians especially, the tune has become shorthand for an entire era of television. Few TV theme songs achieve that kind of immortality.

Fewer still become woven into national identity. Yet Terry Bush's voice continues to echo across generations, still calling listeners "down the road".



Fashion for Men

BY DOUGLAS
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SCAMMELL

5 Summer Essentials for Men

Now that Summer has finally arrived, it's that time of the year to put the heavier fabrics and dark coloured clothing away until next Fall. The key to a summer wardrobe is to choose protective fabrics from the sun while staying cool and fashionable at the same time. By acquiring the most versatile pieces that you can wear for multiple occasions, you can help get the most value from your summer clothing and accessories. I have broken down my top 5 essentials for the gentlemen for summer 2026 below:

1. Shorts that are tailored above the knee

Throw away your shorts that are cut way below the knees. They look extremely dated in 2026, and elevate yourself to wearing a classic pair of shorts and have them cut above the knees. They create much cleaner visual lines and help balance your body's natural proportions. Shorts that are cut above the knees will help create an illusion that will help make you look taller and leaner. Shorts that are cut below the knee will cut the look of your legs in half, making you



look much shorter. Shorts that are cut above the knee follow the natural taper of your thigh and will help provide a much more polished and contemporary look rather than something that is ultimately outdated in the fashion world.

2. Leather or Suede Loafer Shoes

Loafer shoes are perfect for summer because they offer a breathable, slip-on design that

bridges the gap between casual and polished. They are lightweight, extremely comfortable with or without the no-show socks, and can be worn today with your suits and also look great with a pair of shorts. The lace-less design makes them easy to slip on and off, which is ideal for everything from a summer day at the office to airport travel. I recommend wearing leather loafers on days when you might think it will rain, and on clear days with no moisture in the weather forecast, go with suede loafer shoes. For whatever style and fabric you choose, they will help elevate all of your casual and dressy summer outfits.



3. Polo Shirt

They are again perfect for summer fashion because they also bridge the gap between a casual t-shirt and a more formal button-down shirt. They deliver lightweight breathability and moisture-wicking comfort on hot summer days, while the structured collar instantly elevates your look for both casual and more dressy casual settings. They are perfect for the golf course, tennis court, beach vacations, or warm weather nights. You can dress them down with shorts and dress them up with a pair of chino trousers. And even pair them with a blazer for a dressy casual evening.



4. Classic Sunglasses

I have said this before, and I will say it again. You cannot lose by wearing a pair of classic sunglasses in the summertime or on any sunny day on any day of the year. They will protect your eyesight and help reduce sun glare when you are driving on the road. The key thing is to make sure you go for a classic pair of sunglasses that has stood the test of time. Because you do not



want to follow the latest fashion trends for eye-wear, in my past experience, that was a bad idea because in any old picture I had wearing them, the sunglasses always looked so dated. Go for a classic pair and a shape that matches your face. If your face is more rounded, go with a rounded aviator style like the Persol 649 or 714 model, and if your face is more squared, go with a more squared shape of sunglasses like a pair of Ray-Ban Wayfarers. These styles of sunglasses I have mentioned have all been around for many decades and have looked great on the style icons that made them all popular, like Steve McQueen and Tom Cruise.



5. Linen short-sleeve dress shirts

These are essential in summer because they provide unmatched breathability and moisture-wicking comfort in the heat. The natural flax fibers allow air to circulate freely, keeping you cool while offering structured, sharp aesthetics that transition seamlessly from wearing them on the beach to the boardroom. The only thing I need to warn is this linen fabric gets very wrinkly, so make sure you either steam or iron it to get fewer wrinkles. These shirts are perfect to wear if you are attending a warm summer wedding and need to be dressed in something more formal. This will help you feel much more comfortable and relaxed while the others who were not prepared for the heat are dying of heat, wearing their cotton long-sleeve dress shirts.

I hope that these 5 essentials I have laid out will be useful by helping provide some ideas for what to wear over the summer months, and most importantly, make you love and look forward to what you are wearing out daily. Is important to love what you wear because it helps you feel good and happy when you are out in the world and in the sun. *Photo courtesy DJ Scammell*

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THE SIP #1

Basilico Pesca Spritz

We continue our spotlight on cocktails for the summer season that you can enjoy while dining out or at home. In this edition, we turn to a couple of our “cocktail experts”, Tolga Acar, the bar manager, and Michael Wienmeyer, the bartender, at Italian Kitchen. Up first for us to try is the Basilico Pesca Spritz. As we sample this delicious cocktail, Tolga offers his thoughts: “This cocktail is really nice for the summertime because it’s more fruit-forward and has a less bitter sweetness, and when you taste it, it’s still nice and herbaceous, like a classic Italian Aperol Spritz.” Michael agrees, he sees that Aperol appeals to customers trying this cocktail. “We’ve infused the Aperol with Thai basil specifically,” he tells us, “which gives it nice basil notes and just a little bit more elevated flavour profile to the drink, making it great for sipping on a patio: bright, fresh, effervescent, with nice notes of basil, orange, and apple.” If you’re making this at home, additional ingredients include peach schnapps, prosecco, and soda: www.globalgroup.com



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THE SIP #2

Tiramisu Martini

For our second cocktail, Michael and Tolga offer something that, at first glance, might seem like an odd choice for summertime, but trust us, the *Tiramisu Martini* – when offered at the right time – is a perfect choice and a creative take on a classic. “The *Tiramisu Martini* is a perfect after-dinner cocktail at the end of the evening,” Mike tells us. He and Tolga know that customers are familiar with a lot of after-dinner drinks, the pick-me-ups, but this cocktail is at another level and one you can also serve your guests at home. The ingredients: Dhillon’s Vodka, Kahlua, Zacapa Dark Rum, Frangelico (the hazelnut liqueur), egg yolk, espresso, mascarpone cheese, and a little bit of demerara syrup (that’s a brown sugar syrup). “The mascarpone and the egg yolk used in it give it just a little bit of texture; it’s a little light and fluffy,” Tolga tells us, “but you get those dark rum coffee flavours for sure.” As we finish this wonderful cocktail, Mike tells us one of the key selling points to this cocktail: “Tolga has done a fantastic job of basically recreating a tiramisu cake in a glass.” www.globalgroup.com



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THE VIEW *Kangaroo Island*

One of the things we enjoy doing in this column and on *Our City Tonight* is introducing our readers and viewers to film and TV from other parts of the world. In this case, our spotlight turns to a superb film from Australia called *Kangaroo Island*. It’s the story of Lou, a young, once promising actress in Hollywood who has fallen on hard times. Broke and out of options, she reluctantly accepts a plane ticket from her father to return home to Australia and the family base on Kangaroo Island. Further from the Hollywood life you could not get. Lou knows what awaits her: guilt, embarrassment over her failing career, and unresolved issues with her sister as well as her brother-in-law. This comedy-drama is intriguing, as well as entertaining, and it analyzes that age-old question about going home again, and that the struggles from home often dig the deepest into who we are. Rebecca Breeds is wonderful as Lou, and she is surrounded by a solid cast including Erik Thomson as the father and Adelaide Clemens as Lou’s sister, Freya. As for the island setting, it acts as one of the characters and only enhances the film. This breakout Australian hit film is available for home viewing.

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“The Art of Adventure” two famous Canadians journey the world

Canadian director and producer Alison Reid (AR) has built a reputation for creating compelling documentaries that blend adventure, science, and human stories. Her latest film, “The Art of Adventure” follows two beloved Canadian naturalists, Robert Bateman and Bristol Foster. While Bateman is internationally renowned for his wildlife art, Foster is a respected biologist and conservationist. Together, they embarked on an extraordinary journey around the world in the late 1950s, a story brought vividly to life through remarkable archival footage and personal reflections.



Alison Reid

Director, Producer

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OCT: Your film is amazing, and the footage is mesmerizing.

AR: Robert and Bristol are truly lovable, and that is exactly why I made this documentary. You can't help but fall in love with both of them.

OCT: Besides their charming personalities, what inspired you to tell this story?

AR: I actually met them through the subject of my previous film, “The Woman Who Loves Giraffes”, which was about a pioneering giraffe scientist often referred to as the Jane Goodall of giraffes. Her name was Anne Innis Dagg. Anne was part of the same friendship circle as Robert Bateman and Bristol Foster at the University of Toronto in the 1950s.

OCT: When audiences watch this remarkable film and see this historical adventure unfold

through archival footage, what do you hope they take away from the experience?

AR: Bristol gave us an incredible gift. When he and Robert travelled around the world in their twenties, Bristol filmed much of the journey on a Bolex camera. That footage provides a genuine time capsule into what the world looked like before so much of it became commercialized.

This was also before Robert became a famous artist. Yet he was sketching and painting throughout the entire trip, so the film includes artwork that had rarely, if ever, been seen publicly. I think what both Robert and Bristol—and all of us involved in the film—hope people take away is inspiration to connect with nature.

That connection has guided both of them throughout their lives and is ultimately why they became so passionate about protecting the natural world. Robert expressed that through his artwork, while Bristol did it through science and conservation. Their message is simple: get outside, explore this amazing planet, and appreciate its beauty.

OCT: Their adventure was extraordinary. They visited 19 countries and travelled approximately 50,000 miles between May 1957 and November 1958. When you spent time with Robert and Bristol, what did you learn personally from their experiences?

AR: There is so much that I learned from them. Generally speaking, they are both incredibly optimistic people. They don't dwell on the past or focus on what they lack. Instead, they ask, “What can we do with what we have?” As Robert says in the film, he has never lost a single night's sleep worrying about the state of the planet. He believes worrying is useless, but taking action is useful. I think both men have demonstrated through example that you should follow what comes naturally to you. Whether your passion is painting, science, conservation, or something entirely different, there is a way to contribute positively and live in harmony with this beautiful world.

OCT: Today they both live on Salt Spring Island, not far from one another, remaining close friends after all these years. That alone is remarkable. If you could revisit one scene from the documentary, is there one that impacted you most?

AR: I honestly can't choose just one, but I can tell you about two. During the interviews, I always tried to place Robert and Bristol in natural settings because that's where they feel most at home. What struck me was how often they would stop mid-conversation to point something out in nature. They would suddenly say, “Did you hear that tree frog?” or “Did you hear that bird?” They were so deeply attuned to the environment around them. There is one scene in the film where we're discussing the state of the planet and a raven can be heard calling overhead. Bristol pauses and says, “The raven is giving us advice right now.” It's a funny and genuinely heartfelt moment, and it remains one of my favourites. The second scene comes near the end of the film. Robert and Bristol are both in their nineties now, and they speak very candidly about aging and mortality. In this sequence, they walk together down a hillside path toward a beautiful bench overlooking the landscape. Most people don't realize that the location is on Salt Spring Island, overlooking Robert's property and Ford Lake below. What makes the scene so powerful is the contrast it creates. Throughout the documentary, we see them as adventurous twenty-year-olds travelling the globe, full of youthful energy and curiosity. Then we see them decades later, walking with canes as older men. Physically, they have changed, but their spirit has not. That scene reminds us that while time alters our bodies, it doesn't have to diminish our sense of wonder. They remain the same adventurous souls they were all those years ago, and that realization always moves me.

The Art of Adventure is a moving celebration of friendship, curiosity, conservation, and the enduring power of connecting with the natural world. Through rare archival footage and the wisdom of two remarkable Canadians, the film reminds us that adventure is not simply about where we travel—it is about how we experience the world around us.



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