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# Remembrance Day offers time for reflection

By DON FENNELL  
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Matthew McBride was 17 years old when he set sail for an "adventure."

He was three days shy of his 17th birthday, to be exact, when he joined the navy with which he eventually trained to become a diver.

"My teenage years were spent in the heart of the sea on a war ship," he explains. "It's when young people are just forming relationships and learning who they are. It's the reason the bonds are so strong they can never be erased."

It was at a similar age that many of his ancestors and their peers signed up for military service.

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— Matthew McBride

"They were boys," says McBride, reflecting. "My great grandfather fought in the trenches in the First World War, my uncle and father both served in the Korean war, and my older brother was briefly deployed as a peace keeper in Vietnam. So, I grew up with the occasion. I don't think I've ever missed a Remembrance Day service."

It's remembering the cost, the sacrifices made for the sake of peace, that he believes is the only thing that can prevent conflict from continuing.

This year, as he has been for the previous 14, McBride will be front and centre at Richmond's civic Remembrance Day ceremony. He's again organizing the local service which this year will be limited to only city council and a select few invitees at the cenotaph. It will be broadcast online starting at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 11.

"People have given up so much in this pandemic, and I heard non-stop that they didn't want to give up (Remembrance Day) too. In other words, do something, not nothing," he says.

As an amateur historian who has had some of his works published, McBride continues to devote considerable time and effort into researching the lives and histories of soldiers. He is also inspired by his grandfather who wrote by hand his memories of serving in the infantry. McBride is proud to have inherited those memoirs, which give a detailed, week-by-



Photo courtesy City of Richmond  
Matthew McBride (left) with Mayor Malcolm Brodie.

week account of the First World War.

"After four decades of being an avid student of history, it has always crossed my mind how the human spirit and courage is limitless if you want it to be," McBride says. "But that spirit and courage is only successful if it's used for the benefit of humanity."

He believes humans are all susceptible to the lure of power in all its manifestations, be it pride, lust or envy.

"We're driven by power and when it becomes nations it can be lethal. It never survives, but it certainly causes damage along the way," he says.

"The only way to prevent war so far, is to be so ready for it that nobody will take you on. That doesn't mean being a war monger or being belligerent, but it means strength. It might occur in a strong economy, culture, or strong sense of self and these make it very difficult to attack successfully. (Strength) is so far the only deterrence we have."

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# Observance not lost on sergeant

By HANNAH SCOTT

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Each year on Nov. 11, Canadians gather to mark Remembrance Day, a chance to remember war, loss and sacrifice.

"People use this as a time to reflect back on the losses and sacrifices over time in the various conflicts that have occurred," says Sgt. Patrick Madderom of the 39 Service Battalion at Richmond's Sherman Armoury.

But, he adds, it's important to continue to observe the occasion today.

"Nowadays war and conflict do continue, they're present, and it's important to recognize the sacrifices that continue to this day, and recognize the tragedies that exist on a global scale such as the First World War and the Second World War so we can strive to avoid them in the future."

Observed since 1919 in Commonwealth countries, Remembrance Day marks the end of hostilities in the First World War, which happened on that date the previous year. The day is traditionally marked by a ceremony that includes a one- or two-minute silence at 11 a.m., as well as the sounding of several traditional bugle tunes. Other countries outside the Commonwealth also recognize the day, although not al-



Photo submitted

**Sgt. Patrick Madderom hopes Richmondites watch the live-streamed Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11 to reflect on the significance of the day.**

ways on Nov. 11.

While the annual recognition falls on a day significant to the First World War, it has also evolved to recognize the Second World War and more recent conflicts including fighting in Afghanistan. Madderom says people's impression of the day has changed "as we become a little bit separated from the past and the original makings of the First World War and Armistice Day, and start focusing on things that are more current in people's minds."

And this year, despite the absence of a traditional in-person event outside Richmond city hall, people can still recognize the wars and sacrifices of the past, as well as more recent conflicts.

"Looking at the live stream would be a good start—taking that time out of your life to actually watch it as it (happens) live," says Madderom.

"Take the time to reflect at home, spend that time with your family and loved ones, just grasping the significance of the day and not treating it as a day off work and another holiday, but remembering the legacy of why you're celebrating it"

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## Wear a poppy, lest we forget



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Richmond Sentinel marketing director Wilson Miao (left) joined city Coun. Bill McNulty and veteran Jim Lamond at Ironwood Mall for the annual Royal Canadian Legion poppy campaign.

By DON FENNEL

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With every year that passes, the significance of the poppy grows for Jim Lamond.

At 91, the Richmond veteran, a longtime member of Branch 291 of the Royal Canadian Legion, continues to stand tall in honouring the untold individuals who have served our country in the ongoing fight for freedom. Distributing the poppies at Ironwood Mall, as part of the le-

gion's poppy fund campaign, is one of the way he endeavours to give back—and to remember.

Inspired by Canadian poet and physician Lt.-Col. John McCrae's haunting "In Flanders Fields," which he wrote during the First World War Battle of Ypres in Belgium, small, red-coloured artificial poppies are traditionally worn on clothing leading up to Remembrance Day to commemorate military personnel who have died in war.

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# McNair students create commemorative video

By HANNAH SCOTT  
Local Journalism Initiative reporter

Unable to observe Remembrance Day with the usual school-wide assembly because of COVID-19, leadership students at McNair secondary came up with a novel way to pay their respects: via a commemorative video.

Students brainstormed how they could get creative and mark the occasion while respecting COVID-19 protocols. Their video tells a story, beginning with a child who comes across a box of his grandfather's items from the war. The opening is used to link to the historical section of the video, which includes video clips, images and audio from the First World War.

The leadership students filmed a series of interviews with peers and staff about their thoughts on Remembrance Day, the soldiers who fought for Canada, and what our country means to them. They also worked on a video montage that shares more hopeful messages on how the country has responded and given back after the war.

Students said making the video was "a really

purposeful experience," although there were a few bumps in the road. One particular challenge was finding content with which to close

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– Jason Leslie

the video. The students said their goal was to leave viewers feeling informed and involved, as well as inspired to respond to the video.

"We, as a leadership class, are determined and working hard to convey our vital message

and have high hopes to do so," the students said.

They added that while it's important to educate, they didn't want their viewers to feel pen-sive. Instead, they wanted to install a sense of togetherness during a challenging time and promote hope for Canada's future.

"We think we (were) able to produce something very impactful and important, even though the delivery (had) to be different from other years," said McNair principal Jason Leslie.

In advance of Remembrance Day, the plan was to have teachers show the video in their classrooms around 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 10.

The leadership students said they may add a video project to future Remembrance Day celebrations, but they also recognize the power of live performances and hope to be able to plan in-person events again once able to. Mixing video and live performance is another option they may consider, and "as long as we have a team committed to putting the work in like ours this year, it is certainly an idea that we could utilize for the future."

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The Hamilton community came together to ensure the kids at its neighbourhood elementary school would have an enjoyable Halloween, and experience what it was like to visit a pumpkin patch—by delivering it to them.

## Parents chip in to make Halloween memorable in Hamilton

By **DON FENNELL**  
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In neighbourhoods like Hamilton, where agriculture continues to be a community identifier, one of the longstanding traditions is celebrating Halloween at the pumpkin patch. But in the age of the coronavirus, that simply wasn't deemed safe this year for students at the local elementary school.

So on Oct. 30—they day before trick or treating—the pumpkin patch was delivered to the kids.

In a strong display of camaraderie and co-operation that helps define a community, Hamilton residents, parents and local businesses teamed up to make this Halloween as memorable—and joyful—as any previous.

"This year has been very challenging from the start, especially for the kids," says Mark McCallum, entering his second year as principal at Hamilton elementary. "We thought it would be a fun thing to do, adding to (the kids) coming to school dressed up in their costumes."

McCallum reached out through his regular school newsletter to parents to thank them for their support.

"They're not allowed to come into the school right now because of COVID-19, and thus have had a to make a number of adjustments," he explains.

"But, they've really stepped up. A great example was this morning, when some parents showed to help staff unload the pumpkins when they arrived."

McCallum worked closely with the school's parent advisory council (PAC) chair Angie Liu, who fearing the project might not come to fruition, stepped up her efforts by seeking the support of local businesses.

"When it looked like we might have a shortage of pumpkins, I started phoning all the farms and sourced out 300 to be delivered to our school," Liu explains. "And when we need wheelbarrows, a local landscaper, RVS Landscaping, dropped them off for us. And parents stepped up to volunteer. We were determined to make it happen, and I (was) maybe more excited than the kids."

The Richmond location of Sweden-based appliance manufacturer Dometic also contributed funds to the project. The Richmond location is the Marine Division of Dometic, which manufactures steering parts for boats.

McCallum says enhancing community relations has been a focus of the school district for the last several years.

"We feel very strongly about the partnership between teachers and parents," he says. "We know how much it can benefit a child's success in school, so we absolutely emphasize trying to keep that



alive during this time of COVID-19. And our teachers have a done a great job reaching out to parents via Zoom or through phone calls, making sure they know what's going on."

For Liu, the collaborative effort to ensure her children and their friends had a special day was a reminder of what is truly important.

"I know a lot of kids were feeling down, or not old enough to understand, and people worried about COVID-19 and that Halloween wouldn't be the same," she says. "I feel really proud of our community. It's kind of like God slowing us down and taking note of what's important around us."

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*Photo courtesy City of Richmond*

Become a snow angel volunteer this winter by helping remove snow and ice around the homes of residents in need.

## City seeking snow angel volunteers this winter

Winter is almost here and the City of Richmond is looking for volunteers to become snow angels to help clear snow and ice from around the homes of residents that are elderly, ill or have mobility concerns. Families and local businesses are also encouraged to volunteer.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's expected the need to help qualified community members will be even higher this year," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "Snow angel volunteers not only provide an important service, but they also ensure that Richmond's community remains strong, safe and vibrant."

This volunteer-driven program is dependent on resources, severity of the storm and the priority needs of callers. An accumulation of three or more centimetres of snow is needed to activate the program. Although assistance is not guaranteed, participating volunteers will make every effort to help all qualified residents.

To learn more about being a snow angels volunteer or to register, visit [icanhelp.richmond.ca](http://icanhelp.richmond.ca), call 604-247-4453 or e-mail [parksprogram@richmond.ca](mailto:parksprogram@richmond.ca). Volunteers can select the geographic community they wish to serve, including their own neighbourhood, or choose to provide help city-wide.

In order to better serve the community during adverse weather, the city is requesting all residents in need of a snow angel to register for assistance by Dec. 1. All residents who register after this date will be added to a wait list. If you are a resident in need of the snow angel program, contact the program co-ordinator at 604-247-4453.

For more information on other snow removal services, to volunteer as a snow angel and for other winter preparedness information, visit [www.richmond.ca/winter](http://www.richmond.ca/winter).

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## FACE MASKS REQUIRED IN ALL CITY OF RICHMOND FACILITIES

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Along with the required wearing of masks, the City's safety plans and strict protocols will continue to be in place.

Some exceptions will be permitted.

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# Fire-Rescue urges COVID-19 symptom disclosure

By HANNAH SCOTT

Local Journalism Initiative reporter  
and LORRAINE GRAVES

Richmond Fire-Rescue is reminding members of the public to be transparent about any symptoms of COVID-19 they may have when being approached by medical personnel.

"When we approach a person having medical difficulty, we have questions we go through, one-on-one, so we don't have the entire crew potentially exposed," says chief Tim Wilkinson. "But during those conversations, (some) people are not being as forthcoming with information."

For example, Wilkinson said some people are having symptoms of COVID-19 or have been required to isolate, and attending Fire-Rescue officers are not dis-

covering this until well into their conversations. While people who are feeling symptoms of COVID-19 can still receive medical assistance from firefighters and other professionals, they should share all relevant health information immediately so staff can also remain safe.

"We are all here to provide a service, and happy to provide that service," says Wilkinson. "But we want to be sure we are safe. By providing the appropriate amount of info, we're able to make everyone safe around our services."

As a result of lack of disclosure, last month there were some "isolation-type situations" among Fire-Rescue staff, but nothing became serious. Wilkinson says staff have done very well at protecting themselves. And he adds that Richmond Fire-Rescue's public education remains virtual, and all fire halls are closed to the public except the No. 1 hall (at the corner of Gilbert Road and Granville Avenue), which is available via appointment.

## Richmond woman Set for Life

Dorothy Barnes thought she was going to the store for cat food and toilet paper. Instead, she came home \$675,000 richer from a Set for Life Scratch & Win ticket.

The Richmond resident, who claimed her prize recently using BCLC's alternate prize-claim process, stopped in at the Shoppers Drug Mart on Williams Road where she decided to purchase the ticket.

"When I realized I had uncovered three cash for life symbols, I dropped my ticket and quickly grabbed my iPad. I returned the next day to the Shoppers Drug Mart

and saw the clerk that sold me the ticket. I wanted to share the good news with him."

Barnes couldn't wait to tell her partner, who was in the garden dealing with a minor spider problem.


"I was yelling at him to come into the house, so at first he thought that I needed him to kill a spider, but when I told him I had won, he immediately got his phone to share the news with our family and close friends."

She plans to travel closer to home after purchasing a new motorhome with her prize, and also wants to "pay it forward" by setting her children up for the future.




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**Dorothy Barnes is \$675,000 richer from a Set for Life Scratch & Win ticket.**



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The City of Richmond has contracted All Road Construction to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond **from November 1 to December 15, 2020:**

### PROPOSED 2020 PAVING LOCATION DETAILS

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8000 Block Westminster Hwy	East Bound Lanes
Bridgeport Road and Viking Way	Intersection
6000 Block Cooney Road	Granville Avenue to Westminster Highway
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11000 Block No.5 Road	Steveston Highway to Rice Mill Road
12000 Block No.5 Road	Rice Mill Road to Dike Road
Horseshoe Way	No.5 Road to Coppersmith Way
Elmbridge Way	West Bound Lanes
Vibration Complaints	Spot repairs at various locations

Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. Night time work hours will be from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (typically).

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

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

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

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# Feds look to further assist businesses

Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland last week introduced Bill C-9 to amend the Income Tax Act (Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy), which would implement new, targeted support to help hard-hit businesses.

The government says these measures are designed to help businesses get through the second wave of the virus so they can protect jobs, continue to serve their communities, and be positioned for a strong recovery.

As previously announced, the business supports include:

- The new Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, which would provide direct and easy-to-access rent and mortgage interest support to tenants and property owners until June 2021 for qualifying organizations affected by COVID-19.
- The new Lockdown Support, which would provide an additional 25 per cent through the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy for qualifying organizations that are subject to a lockdown and must shut their doors or significantly limit their activities under a public health order issued under the laws of Canada, a province or territory (including orders made by a municipality or regional health authority under one of those laws).
- The extension of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy until June 2021, which would continue to protect jobs by helping employers keep employees on the payroll and re-hire their workers. The wage subsidy would remain at the current rate of up to 65 per cent of eligible wages until Dec. 19, 2020.

Last week's legislation is another step to ensure businesses of all sizes have the support they need to make it through this pandemic.

Also last week, Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade Minister Mary Ng delivered a keynote speech at the Montreal Council on For-



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**In a bid to support hard-hit businesses, the federal government last week introduced Bill C-9 to amend the Income Tax Act.**

eign Relations (widely known as CORIM) virtually about the value of international trade for an inclusive and resilient economic recovery for all Canadians, which was followed by a fireside chat with Monique Leroux, chair of the Industry Strategy Council.



Photo by Hannah Scott

**The deadline to apply for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) is Dec. 31.**

## CEBA available to assist commerce

The federal government recently announced that the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) will be available to businesses that have been operating out of a non-business banking account.

To be eligible, businesses must have been operating as a business as of March 1, 2020, must successfully open a business account at a Canadian financial institution that is participating in CEBA, and meet the other existing CEBA eligibility criteria. The deadline to apply for CEBA is Dec. 31.

CEBA is part of the government's economic response plan to help Canadians and Canadian businesses deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. The measures under this plan are helping businesses keep their doors open, keep their employees on payroll, protect the jobs that Canadians depend on, and recover quickly when the time comes.

For more details, go to: [ceba-cuec.ca](https://ceba-cuec.ca)

## Patio program helps companies stay afloat

By HANNAH SCOTT  
Local Journalism Initiative reporter

Richmond's temporary patio program—recently extended for another year—has been a big success for the businesses that implemented it.

"(It) was a tremendous help during a very tough time," says Sachi, manager of Shady Island Bar & Grill in Steveston, who asked that her surname not be used.

The temporary patio program was initially introduced by the city in May in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Shady Island opened its space in June, and it proved to be the restaurant's most popular area over the summer. Sachi adds the city was helpful if any questions arose, and staff "definitely was trying to assist struggling businesses the best they could."

Shady Island installed heaters last winter, but due to the restaurant's location it is unable to add coverings or more heaters, so usage will be weather permitting over the winter months.

"We (also) have some fantastic regulars who have helped us stay afloat—they are truly appreciated," says Sachi.

The staff at Lulu Island Winery in east Richmond are similarly enthused.

"The outdoor patio program is an excellent project, especially for us to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic," says chief operating officer Leo Liu. "(We) hope that this project can be extended post-pandemic."

Liu says customers enjoyed the sunshine and fresh air during the summer. The winery is now renovating its outdoor space to improve its use next summer.

"The patio will be the perfect place for our guests to do wine tastings and mingle," says Liu. "We have noticed that local community members have come to the winery regularly for wine tastings and tours, especially during the summer. We really appreciate the help and support."

City spokesperson Katie Ferland said of 11 patios in place now, only three want to 'winterize' their spaces. The city is currently working with those businesses, and also plans to ramp up communication and marketing of the program in the spring for additional businesses that might want to make use of it.

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## RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us

# Blossom blooming after rescue from neglect

Good Samaritans found Blossom running loose around No. 6 and Blundell roads one evening in September and brought her to the RAPS city shelter. The German shepherd-lab mix was in horrible condition and very underweight. She was suffering from terrible mange, most of her hair was missing except on her back, head and neck. She had scabs all over her body, she was bleeding in a number of places and she kept chewing her skin because she was so itchy. She had all sorts of fluids discharging from her skin. And she smelled horrible.

Blossom was taken to the RAPS Animal Hospital, where her treatment began immediately. This was unusual because animals that come to the shelter do not come into our legal custody unless they are unclaimed for seven days. Therefore, significant medical interventions are usually delayed until we can discuss treatment with the owner. But Blossom was suffering so severely and was so clearly a victim of neglect that we began treatment immediately.

Under BC law, the BC SPCA is responsible for investigating and recommending charges in cases of animal cruelty or neglect. Officials met with our team, spent time with Blossom and the matter is now in their hands. The owner admitted Blossom had not been to a veterinarian since she was a pup. She's now six years old.

But Blossom is blooming in our care. She has been undergoing a range of treatments, including hyperbaric oxygen therapy. This innovative modality, common for many years in human medicine, is especially effective in repairing tissue damage, among other conditions. RAPS Animal Hospital is home to Canada's only veterinary hyperbaric oxygen facility.

Blossom has been improving daily. Her skin is healing, her hair is growing in. She's on three meals a day to regain appropriate weight. More than that, she's really come out of her shell.

She's got a big, bold, sassy personality and she



Photos courtesy Michele Wright / Furry Friends Photography  
Blossom is blooming under the care of RAPS.

knows what she wants—and what she doesn't want. She doesn't like the rain and she slams on the brakes if it's time to go outside when it's raining. She's super sweet and quite a character. Eventually, she will find a forever home where she will be a delightful family member. She loves hugs and cuddles. That, too, took a while, though, because she has a sort of PTSD due to her condition. She assumes it will hurt to be touched, because it used to, so when we begin to pet or cuddle her, she whines as if in pain until she realizes it doesn't hurt anymore.

The RAPS Animal Hospital—and the hyperbaric oxygen therapy facility—allows us to deliver specialized veterinary care to animals that many other animal organizations would not be able to provide. As Blossom continues to improve, we'll be looking for a special home for this very special girl. For now, though, she's about to finally get spayed and vaccinated—procedures that have been delayed until her health permits.



We want to get her to a place where her fur is completely grown in, she's not itching and she's ready to take her place at the heart of a family. That will probably be a few more months.

In the meantime, we are asking people to be conscious of animals in the community and, if you notice any signs of neglect or abuse, please contact RAPS or your local animal shelter.

Shena Novotny is manager of the RAPS City of Richmond Animal Shelter.

## MY NAME IS BRUIN

Bruin is a big softy with a very silly side. Bruin requires a calm, confident owner who will help to build Bruin's confidence and continue his socialization through positive reinforcement. Due to being a bully breed mix, Bruin is required to wear a muzzle when out for walks in Richmond as per City bylaws. Wearing a muzzle makes him anxious, which leads to him to grind his teeth, therefore we are hoping for his forever home to be outside of Richmond.

**\*\*Due to COVID-19, all meet and greets will be by appointment only. Please call us at 604-275-2036 to set up an appointment.\*\***



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## Acknowledge your 2020 while continuing COVID-19 safety measures



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Councillor

It is that season when many cultural festivals occur to express gratitude for "the harvest", family, freedom and victory.

The Mid-Autumn Festival/Moon Festival, Thanksgiving and Diwali, the "festival of lights", are among those celebrations.

As I write this, Remembrance Day and National Indigenous Veterans Day are just a few days away, and Canada's Veterans' Week takes place November 5 to 11. May we all take time to remember and honour those who died in armed conflicts for our freedom.

Even though this year we are celebrating occasions differently, especially with the stringent and needed two-week public health orders announced on November 7, the spirit of these occasions is just as important, or even more so this year.

It's a great time for us to reflect on this extraordinary past year, and I urge you to do an inventory and acknowledge

the positive things you've experienced, goals you reached or are working on, observations and lessons learned during this unprecedented pandemic.

Some things I've noted in my inventory:

- The importance of checking in with people
- Relationships with family and friends, always considered most important, have become even more so
- New ways to socialize like Zoom and virtual hangouts is allowing me to "eat and be together" on special occasions or just "check in"
- I always enjoyed gardening and I started making succulent arrangements.

Safety and health should continue to be the priority for us all. I'm happy to be living and serving in Richmond, where the cases of COVID-19 have been among the lowest in the region. This is the time for all of us to continue following the important directions of the public health orders and guidelines. For that, I thank you.

Since the onset on COVID-19, Council's commitment to a safe and resilient city has placed a priority on future-proofing city services and property to keep the community and employees safe. Our latest measure, mandatory masks in all indoor City-operated facilities, began

November 1.

Wearing a mask in public spaces is not a replacement to physical distancing, frequently washing hands, staying home when sick, and other health and safety orders and guidelines.

We have safety plans in place for each facility to address COVID-19 protocols such as physical distancing markers and rules, regular disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, installation of physical barriers at customer service areas, hand disinfecting stations, and, of course, clear and constant employee communications. For more information, visit [Richmond.ca/covid-19](https://richmond.ca/covid-19).

Please follow the latest two-week public health orders and restrict gatherings, adhere to the suspension of indoor group classes and sports games, among other things.

As more City programs and services become available at opening facilities, our safety plans will be strictly followed to you enjoy them safely.

Although our holiday season won't be the same as we're used to, please take this time to count your small blessings. Many of us may experienced additional hardships in 2020. Please try to find the silver linings, lessons learned and reflections. I wish you all peaceful, fulfilling holiday season.

## City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

*City of Richmond Council has postponed most standing Committee meetings until at least the end of December 2020 to further strengthen existing physical distancing measures aimed at curtailing the spread of COVID-19. The exceptions will be General Purposes Committee, Finance Committee and Development Permit Panel. Council Meetings and Public Hearings will also proceed as scheduled.*

### General Purposes

4:00 pm | Monday, November 16  
Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

### Public Hearing

7:00 pm | Monday, November 16  
Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

### Special Finance Committee

Following the Public Hearing  
Monday, November 16  
Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

### Council Meeting

7:00 pm | Monday, November 23  
Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

### Development Permit Panel

3:30 pm | Wednesday, November 25  
Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

### General Purposes

4:00 pm | Monday, November 30  
Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

### Finance Committee

Following the General Purposes  
Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 30  
Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

### Council Meeting

7:00 pm | Monday, December 7  
Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

*Meeting schedule  
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# CanSkate succeeding under COVID restrictions

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Following the rules has allowed the Connaught Skating Club to flourish in challenging times.

With COVID-19 guidelines in place, including hand sanitizing stations, wearing masks, and social distancing both on and off the ice, the safety of its members has been ensured. And, as a result, its CanSkate classes have been an undisputed success.

Recently, each class was able to hold its own Halloween celebration, noted CanSkate and StarSkate co-ordinator Louise Kapeikis.

"Skaters were invited to wear costumes to class, and we celebrated with music and socially-distanced games," she explained. "It was great to see our skaters having fun in a safe environment."

CanSkate classes are currently offered four days per week, with two classes per day.

For Keegan Murphy, Connaught's director of skating programs, the success of the CanSkate program in early October reflects the biggest step in the club's re-opening process. But where there used to be up to 60 skaters on the ice, the number is now limited to just 16.

"It has been a success so far on the ice, and every session is sold out with a wait list," he noted. "Our co-ordinator, Louise, has done an amazing job keeping all the skaters and coaches space out on the ice. And, meanwhile, also communicating with the parents to answer all their questions. I think everyone is feeling safe and comfortable with our new procedures."

While the current classes are full, a new season will begin in January with 200 spots available. The program is open to anyone, of any age or skating level, wishing to learn to skate. Classes numbers were arrived at from a set of guidelines administered by Skate Canada, while also recognizing the maximum number set by the City of Richmond.

"Ultimately, we wanted to ensure we could offer quality coaching while keeping good distance between all the children on the ice," Murphy reiterated. "Health and safety first."

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Safety is a priority for the Connaught Skating Club coaches and skaters.



## Hockey World Cup now coming to Richmond in 2022

CARHA Hockey has announced that it will again be postponing the CARHA Hockey World Cup in Richmond.

The largest adult recreational hockey tournament in the world, hosted every four years by a Canadian city, was originally scheduled to be held in Richmond last spring. It was later postponed to April 2021, and subsequently postponed to 2022 following the global outbreak of COVID-19. The event will now be held from March 27 to April 3, 2022.

With so much uncertainty surrounding the immediate future of COVID-19 both in Canada and internationally, the decision has been made to protect players, partners, staff, volunteers, guests and the Richmond community. Although the decision was a difficult one, CARHA Hockey says the health and safety of those who are involved is of the utmost importance.

"While disappointed that the CARHA Hockey



Photo by Don Fennell

**CARHA Hockey has again postponed the CARHA Hockey World Cup in Richmond to late March 2022.**

World Cup is further postponed, we support the commitment to ensuring the health and safety of all involved during this challenging time," said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "Richmond looks forward to hosting this world-class event and welcoming the many athletes, visitors and spectators to our wonderful city in 2022."

CARHA Hockey has worked with its partners and is confident that 2022 will allow the full enjoyment and celebration of the CARHA Hockey World Cup the way it is intended, with camaraderie and togetherness, rather than precaution and uncertainty.

"The CARHA Hockey World Cup is a highly anticipated event on the adult recreational hockey calendar. With more than 145 teams from 15 countries relying on our association to deliver a week of on-ice games, off-ice socials, sponsor activations and much more, this all may not be possible had we hosted in April 2021. Our decision was not made lightly but in the end, we knew we would not be doing our participants, sponsors or the Richmond community justice had we continued as planned. You can be assured that 2022 will be an epic experience for all", says CARHA Hockey executive director Lori Lopez.



# Swimming community mourning Johns' passing

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She was perhaps best known as mom to two of BC's top swimmers, but left an indelible mark of her own on the sport and those fortunate enough to know her.

Barbara Johns, mother of Brian and Kevin and wife to Lawrie, passed away peacefully Oct. 24. She was 72.

Johns was a pillar of the swimming community. And that's an understatement. Conservatively, she officiated at some 300 meets, and spent another 600 days (the equivalent of two years) on deck—loving every minute.

Sports—swimming in particular—were a passion. Like family, she poured everything into sports.

Swim BC executive director Ken Radford remembered Johns fondly, and as “a valued member of the swimming family.”

“It is with great sadness that we inform the swimming community, and in particular the officiating fraternity and parents of national team members, of the passing,” he said.

From the 1980s onward, Johns supported her sons' love for swimming and their emerging talents in the pool, unconditionally. That extended through to Brian ultimately reaching the Olympics where he represented Canada proudly at multiple Games. But it was at the grassroots, where the efforts and dedication of volunteers perhaps mattered most, that Johns stood out. She mastered every position on deck, noted Radford, while particularly excelling at clerking and refereeing. And she enthusiastically shared her knowledge, presenting clinics for every officiating position

throughout her career.

As a result of Johns' commitment to officiating, she was able to follow her sons to their meets in the Lower Mainland, across the province, throughout the country and, eventually, at international level competitions such as the Pan Pacific Championships. She had a strong desire to do more at the international level, but unfortunately age restrictions placed by FINA at the time prevented her from doing so.

Johns was very proud of her sons' accomplishments in the water, as they both were medalists at the national level and have been inducted into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame. In 2003, Barbara served as the referee at the CIS (now USports) Nationals where Brian broke the 400 individual medley short course world record. As the referee, she signed the world record application for her son's performance, a very unique and proud moment for Barbara during her time as an official.

Johns was also a behind-the-scenes activist for C-SPOT (Canadian Swim Parents Organizing Themselves), an organization formed to help the parents of national team swimmers to attend the international meets that their children were competing at. Due to the success of this activism, Swimming Canada took over the many of the tasks started by C-SPOT in order to help parents more easily attend the international competitions of their children.

This helped Johns connect many swim parents together and help form lifelong friendships that stretched far beyond the pool deck.

Johns' family says the only thing that superseded her love for swimming and officiating was her love for her three, soon to be four, granddaughters; a full Johns relay team for her to continue her love for the sport.

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## Kajaks hoping 50/50 raffle will help sustain programs

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As the novel coronavirus continues to rear its ugly head around the globe, trying to stay one step ahead is an epic challenge.

But it's one we must endure in order to get through the pandemic and ultimately overcome the virus.

With the importance of maintaining a healthy immune system having never been greater, support for non-profit community-based athletic clubs like the Richmond Kajaks is also at a critical point. For these groups to maintain existing programs, and indeed to survive long term, they also need your financial assistance.

To help the club forward, the Kajaks are hosting a 50/50 online raffle that went live Nov. 2 at [kajaks-max50-50.rafflenexus.com](http://kajaks-max50-50.rafflenexus.com)

The raffle continues through Nov. 26. Draw date is Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.

The pandemic effectively cancelled one of the Kajaks' biggest annual fundraisers, the BC Elementary Track and Field Championships. And the loss of other revenue that the spring and summer provides the club, and the realization that next year's Steveston Icebreaker 8K may also be cancelled, is



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**Richmond Kajaks Track and Field Club is hosting a 50/50 online raffle this month.**

causing further concern.

“It is our hope that this event will help us get back to financial stability, and provide us with the means to upgrade our programs, provide athlete develop-

ment opportunities, and propel our club forward in 2021 and help build on the 60 years of history the Kajaks has led,” says head coach Garrett Collier.

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## Conservative style has Sockeyes soaring

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At the end of the season, when all the numbers are tallied, it's usually the best team that is left celebrating a championship.

Adhering to that belief, the Richmond Sockeyes are going about their affairs in a matter-of-fact, business-like fashion. And with six wins in as many games to start this complicated 2020-21 Pacific Junior Hockey League campaign, it's an approach that is working just fine.

Grouped with the Grandview Steelers and Port Moody Panthers in the Cohort 1 Division to start scheduled play, the Sockeyes enjoyed an eight-point lead over both the latter two clubs prior to games against Port Moody and Grandview slated for last Thursday and Sunday. Additional games are scheduled, on average, every three or four days from Nov. 12 to 28 to round out their schedule for this month.

Discipline is the name of the game for the Sockeyes.

Rather than relying on a single player for the bulk of their scoring, they're playing a truly team game. Only one Sockeye—veteran forward Michael Araki-Young—is in the top 20 in league scoring (he's 12th with four goals and three assists), while goaltenders Braedy Euerby and Marcus Cumberworth both sport unbeaten records at 3-0 and 5-0 respectively. Both also have goals-against averages below 1.50 in their six games this season, the Sockeyes have outscored their opponents 19-9.

So, as the numbers themselves show, there's no smoke and mirrors. This is clearly a team who can attribute its early-season success to simple hard-working hockey.

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## City offering more fitness options

The City of Richmond is continuing to offer more recreational sessions including skating lessons, public skates and registered fitness centre visits at five community centres. These opportunities allow for people to get active, get socially connected and have fun in safe, monitored environments.

Registration is now underway for skating lessons at Minoru Arenas. Lessons run Tuesdays to Saturdays through mid-December for those four years and older.

Public skating at Minoru Arenas will take place on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. One hour public skating sessions at Richmond Ice Centre continue to be offered Monday through Friday. Skate rentals for lessons and public skates at Minoru Arenas are available for an additional fee. Pre-registration for all public skating sessions is required; no drop-ins are permitted.

The fitness centres at West Richmond and City Centre Community Centres are the latest facilities to open with bookings now available. South Arm and Thompson community centres and the Minoru Centre for Active Living fitness centres continue to operate with increased safety measures and physical distancing in place for registered fitness visits. Those wishing to use any of the city's five fitness centres must pre-register for a 75-minute session.

Pre-registration for skating and fit-



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**Richmond is offering more recreational sessions, including skating lessons and public skates.**

ness centre visits is required and can be done online at [richmond.ca/register](http://richmond.ca/register) using your MyRichmond account. Anyone without an account can set one up at [myrichmond.richmond.ca](http://myrichmond.richmond.ca). People can also register by calling the registration call centre at 604-276-4300, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To browse and register for all programs on offer, including times and locations, visit [www.richmond.ca/register](http://www.richmond.ca/register).

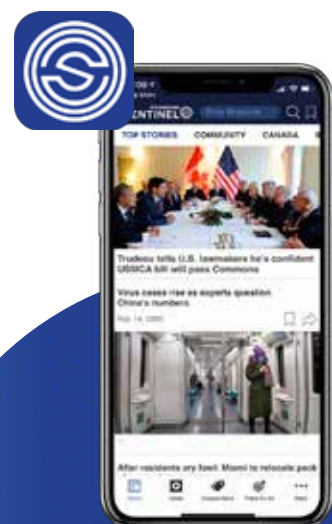
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## Auto West Group stepping up for Christmas Fund

With the challenging health and economic conditions affecting a large number of families this year, family-owned Auto West Group has enlisted with the Richmond Christmas Fund army to provide extra help for those in need, joining TD, Platinum Pro-Claim Restoration, Herbaland Naturals, Sage and Pacific Gateway Hotel as 'angel donors' on the march to bring joy this Christmas season.

"As a business that has been investing in our community since 1986, we aim to be involved with as many aspects of our neighbourhood as possible," says Auto West Group president Joachim Neumann.

"This year is one that brings unexpected difficulties to almost all organizations, and society at large," he continues. "Therefore, we feel a need to increase our commitments, and redirect extra funds to help bring additional measures of relief to those in more difficult situations. It is our hope as a company to make the holiday lights shine a little brighter this winter season for those who are struggling in our community."

The Richmond Christmas Fund has been servicing the city since 1932.

"Simply put, we have a large number of people who live on the margin in our city and province, and extras such as Christmas food and gift giving creates a vacuum in their life," says Richmond Christmas Fund co-chair Wayne Duzita. "They are not homeless, however they are working with only just enough money to make it from one pay or social welfare cheque to the other. These are families who have children in our school system that rely on community breakfast or lunch programs."

In addition to private and public auctions, *A Not So Isolated Night 2020* (scheduled for November) along with select fundraisers and toy drives will also take place with social distancing in mind.



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**Led by its president Joachim Neumann, a local, family-owned auto group is increasing commitments to help those in need this Christmas in Richmond.**

## School district earns green award

By DON FENNELL

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A possible wave of the future has earned the Richmond School District a green award.

Led by the enterprising work of Thi Nguyen, the district's energy specialist, Richmond schools are being recognized for their forward thinking.

The latest is the green award from FortisBC—the inaugural Innovation Award—that applauds the installing of two gas-fired absorption heat pumps at Richmond High and Cambie secondary, and the completion of a solar wall project at McMath secondary.

"Thi has worked hard from a very early stage to provide that innovative technology applications are key measures to save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the district," FortisBC said.

While it took almost two years from energy study, funding, procurement, installation and commissioning to complete the solar wall project, Nguyen's stewardship was also noted by FortisBC.

"Thi's stewarded this project at every step of the way and the prominent installation of the solar wall is the first thing students and parents see when they enter the school, keeping energy efficiency top of mind at McMath," FortisBC said.

The initiatives earned the school district more than \$300,000 in incentive and rebates.

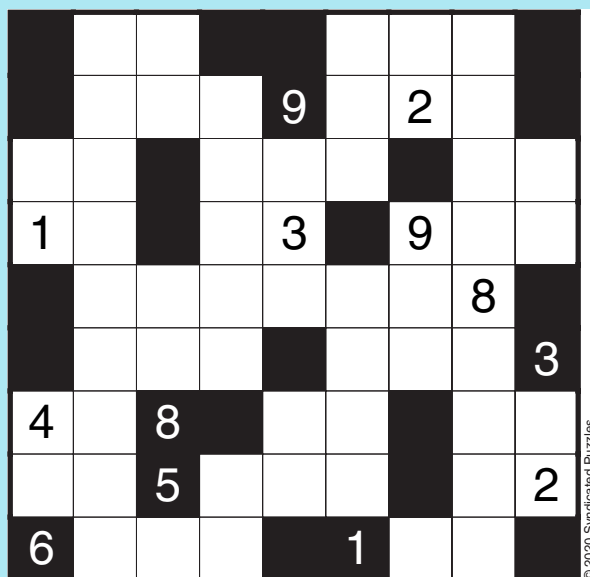


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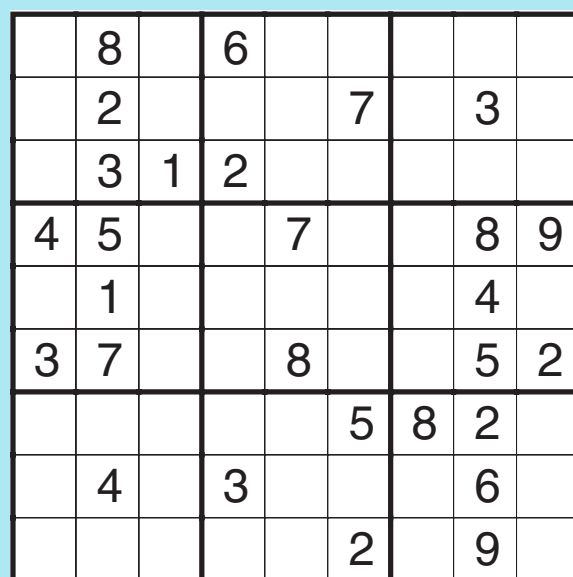
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