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## FESTIVAL FUN



Dragon boat,  
maritime festivals return



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The Steveston Dragon Boat Festival (top) and the Richmond Maritime Festival (bottom) will both return this weekend for the first time since 2019.



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# Electric vehicle stations charging up Richmond's future

By SAMUEL CHENG  
Reporter

More and more electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are springing up in Richmond.

With people becoming more environmentally conscious, electric vehicles have taken the world of cars by storm.

"The transition to zero-emission vehicles is a key strategy under the city's Community Energy and Emissions Plan," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "Greenhouse gases from cars and trucks accounted for over 50 per cent of Richmond's total emissions in 2017, and almost 85 per cent of residents told us that reducing this level was important to them."

Currently, there are about 67 EV stations across Richmond, comprising 228 charging ports. Of the 67 stations, 17 are owned by the city.

"Council has supported ready access to electric vehicle charging through investing in public EV chargers, with 51 charge points to date across the city, including four Level 3 fast chargers," says Brodie.

The number of plugs varies from station to station. Some locations may only have one stall, while other stations may have 20 to 30 charging ports.

There are three different levels of EV charging stations, differentiated by the cost and the time that it takes to charge a vehicle.

Level 1 is the slowest and cheapest out of the three. It uses alternating current and can output 1.3 to 2.4 kilowatts of power. It uses a 120-volt socket, which is the same outlet used for household appliances like refrigerators and microwaves.

The Level 1 charging station is ideal for residential usage as the installation process is as simple as plugging the station in and using it. The charging station is portable, meaning it can be



Photo by Florence Gordon

**There are more than 50 city-owned electric vehicle charge points across Richmond, including this one in the city hall parking lot.**

used anywhere with a 120-volt electrical outlet.

An hour of charging at a Level 1 charging station provides five to eight kilometres of driving. It would take more than 24 hours to fully charge an empty battery.

The Level 2 charging station uses a 240-volt outlet and it is capable of delivering three to 19 kilowatts of power. An hour of charging provides 30 to 45 kilometres of driving. It can typically charge a car fully in about eight hours.

Level 2 charging stations are the most popular option for public and commercial purposes, since they charge faster than Level 1 stations and are cheaper to install than Level 3 stations. Level 2 charging stations can also be installed in one's home with the help of an electrician.

"(Council) has also taken steps to ensure new developments provide charging options for residents and supports actions to encourage retro-fitting existing multi-unit residential buildings with chargers," says Brodie. "Providing easy access to charging stations in such locations and elsewhere is a key factor in EV acceptance, as over 80 per cent of charging occurs at home."

The Level 3 charging station, or direct current

fast charging, uses direct current rather than alternating current used in Level 1 and Level 2 charging stations. It uses a 480-volt electrical outlet, which pumps out 20 to 50 kilowatts of power, making it possible to charge a car from empty to 80 per cent full in 30 minutes.

Level 3 charging stations are more time-efficient for drivers, but they are also expensive to install and maintain, as well as only being compatible with certain EV models.

The cost of charging can vary from station to station depending on factors including the charging level used, similar to different gas stations and grades of gas.

The city's Level 2 charging stations cost two dollars per hour for the first two hours and five dollars per hour after the initial two hours. Level 3 charging stations cost eight dollars per hour for an output of 25 kilowatts of power and 16 dollars per hour for 50 kilowatts of power.

Each charging stall is designated for the sole purpose of charging. Non-electric vehicles cannot park there, nor can electric vehicles that have finished charging.

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— Malcolm Brodie

# Maritime Festival returns to Steveston

By HANNAH SCOTT  
Reporter

The Richmond Maritime Festival is returning to in-person festivities following a two-year hiatus.

It will take place on Aug. 20 and 21 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is free and open to the public with no advance bookings required.

"With the hybrid format of the Richmond Maritime Festival in 2021, we have been easing back into 'testing the waters' for returning to an in-person event," says Mimi Horita, the city's destination development coordinator of Steveston heritage sites and museum and heritage services. "While we are returning to a fully in-person event this year, most of the performances, activities, and demonstrations are in outdoor or wide open heritage spaces, so it may look and feel slightly different, but just as much fun and interactive."

The festival takes place at the Britannia Heritage Shipyards, an eight-acre national historic site. New this year are five themed areas incorporating different aspects of maritime culture: Octopus' Garden, Under the Deep Blue Sea, All Hands on Deck, Port of Call, and Captain's Quarters.

"We have Tsatsu Stalqayu (Coastal Wolf Pack) leading off the event on Saturday, with other live performances by The Irish Wakers, The Seabillies, Norine Braun, and many more artists over the two-day festival," says Horita. "Visitors can also board some of our wooden heritage boats—no tickets



File photos by Chung Chow

The Richmond Maritime Festival returns this weekend (Aug. 20 and 21).

required this year—including the SS Master and Providence. Also not to miss is the international food truck galley, and watching three mural artists in action at various locations around the site."

All of the heritage buildings and exhibits at Britannia Shipyards will remain open during the weekend, and heritage interpreters will share the history of Steveston's fishing and canning communities.

"Visitors will be able to fill their senses and experience how the nautical past lives on today through rich storytelling and exhibitions, and through the passion of our community groups who help to preserve the arts and craftsmanship of our maritime history," says Horita.

Activities for families include interactive performances by festival favourites Rikki the Rat and his crew, hands-on workshops, fun water features, heritage games, and a family portrait sketch artist.

"The Richmond Maritime Festival has long been a highlight on Richmond's cultural calendar," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "We are thrilled to share this year's festivities in-person once more, providing new and returning visitors with a chance to learn about this region's maritime history."

For more festival details, visit [richmondmaritimefestival.ca](http://richmondmaritimefestival.ca)

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The Cannery Mermaids will return to serenade visitors again at this year's Richmond Maritime Festival.

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# Richmond Centre for Disability hosting job fair

By HANNAH SCOTT  
Reporter

Richmond Centre for Disability (RCD) is hoping to bring its annual job fair to a broader audience through a partnership with Lansdowne Centre.

This year's event is taking place on Friday (Aug. 19) from noon to 5 p.m.

"RCD reached out to Lansdowne Centre and inquired about its annual job fair to see if we can partner with them to reach a broader audience, including youth with barriers and people with disabilities," says Vincent Kwok, RCD's employment support manager.

Both RCD and Lansdowne reached out to employers, academic institutions, and other organizations to be part of the event, which is free to attend.

"Attendees can expect to network with potential employers, hand out resumes, and/or do one-on-one interviews," says Kwok. "They can also explore educational opportunities and connect with agencies that can assist with job search or volunteer opportunities."

The event allows employees living with a disability or another barrier to employment to connect with employers. People can also get help from RCD's job assistance services like the Supports for Independent Living and the Employment and Empowerment Project.

"We at RCD advocate for an equitable and inclusive workplace," says Kwok. "If you are a job seeker, come out to this event and take advantage of the networking opportunities that the variety of employers and organizations have. As an ongoing service, employers can also reach out to RCD if they have vacancies that they are looking to fill."

RCD staff can help employers connect with participants, as well as keeping people informed of future events where possible employees can be found.

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Photos courtesy Richmond Centre for Disability  
Richmond Centre for Disability's annual job fair returns this Friday (Aug. 19).



## A Great Place To Live A Great Way To Live

Len was the first Resident to move into The Maples in May of 2012 and he loved it here right from the beginning. He had a lovely corner suite with a view of the river, which he spent many hours watching the goings on in our Village.

His first dinner at the Maples was a table for 5 in our dining room. Being the first Resident he watched everyone else move to their new home. Day by day there was someone new to talk to and before long we had 160 Residents.

The entertainment was his favourite, especially if there was a Band, Singer, Piano or Performer. But most of all...there was dancing. HE LOVED TO DANCE.

Another highlight: his meals were prepared by a Chef! He never missed a meal.



Having his own garden to tend at the Maples as Len could plant and care for his much loved roses.

Most importantly, family and friends were close by. They could drop by for a visit, sit on the balcony and enjoy the lovely view from his balcony overlooking Steveston.

Len Passed away on August 11, 2018 at 101 years old. His family credits his longevity to his 6 ½ years at Maples and the many friends he made here.

# Singh speaks on cancer journey, political challenges

By MATTHEW CHEUNG  
Reporter

A former civil and human rights lawyer, Aman Singh became the Richmond–Queensborough MLA in 2020. Singh recently sat down with host Jim Gordon and shared stories about his life and career.

**Jim Gordon: What are your thoughts on John Horgan's announcement (that he is stepping down) and how he has been as a premier?**

Aman Singh: He's done an incredible job leading us. What a time to be premier, through the pandemic, heat domes, multiple floods—we've had emergency after emergency. With his guidance and team approach, we've done British Columbia proud. He's been a great mentor to me and many others. He really is a team player.

**JG: How big of a part do you think the (cancer) news and treatments played on his decision to step down?**

AS: I think going through the radiation and the treatment really does take a toll on your body. (Horgan) really thinks about others before he thinks about himself, and I think he thought: "What is the best thing, not for me, but for British Columbia—what does British Columbia need?"

**JG: Watching the premier talk about his health and what you've gone through, (has it) been challenging?**

AS: I was diagnosed last year with colon cancer. It's been a year of radiation, chemotherapy, and (I) finally had my surgery (recently and) removed whatever was left. (I) got the pathology results back and there was no cancer left. The chemotherapy frankly sucked. I kept working as much as I could, (because) I thought it was important, plus having something to do and keeping your mind off it really does help a lot. But it does take a toll on your body.

**JG: Given the challenges for the government over the last two years, (having) to take a step back and rethink things, where do you go now?**

AS: We still have summer to go through, we're in the middle of fire season, (and) there are some flood watches already in place. That's really our focus right now—not only the future this summer, (but also) what's coming, and (making) sure we have enough cooling centres (in case) there is another (heat wave).

On top of that, (we're) making sure we're still able to provide services for the people who were affected by the flooding and the heat dome last year, (and those in) Lytton.

At the same time, we have thousands of healthcare workers calling in sick. We are in the middle of a pandemic; COVID is not gone, it's still out there. The strains that (we) have right now, they're fairly contagious.

We do have some pressure on the healthcare system. We've taken some steps making it easier for foreign trained nurses to start getting into the system. There (are) a lot of foreign trained doctors out here, we're actively looking at that as well as working with medical professionals to try and see how we can get more doctors here.

**JG: Being a family man, what is important to you and how do you balance home life, recovering from (cancer treatments), your job, and listening to constituents?**

AS: It's a tough challenge. When I first got diagnosed with colon cancer, it



Photo courtesy Aman Singh  
MLA Aman Singh (centre) with his daughter Leni, Premier John Horgan (left), and Legislative Assembly of B.C. clerk Kate Ryan Lloyd (right).

was stage three. The first thing that comes to your mind is "I'm going to die." This is a serious disease. All I could think of was (that) I have a two-year-old daughter, (and) I can't leave her. She has been my guiding light this whole time, and I am grateful to her for my recovery because she was really my motivation, my north star for getting better.

In terms of balancing, it's hard. Usually the hardest period (is) when we have to be in Victoria. Generally, I'll leave on a Sunday and I won't come back (until) Thursday. I'm also expected to be in the community over the weekend.

It's a tough job and that's one of the things we're trying to change. We are actively looking at childcare at the legislature not only for MLAs but (also) for staff. It discourages women from entering politics, and people who want to have their families around. We're actively trying to change that so we can encourage more people to come in (and) more families to be there.

**JG: There was a report that said the NDP (is) mulling over (a) rent cap for 2023. Can you explain how you are approaching that for next year in terms of inflation and its relation to rent?**

AS: Affordability is one of the key issues that we tackled. We got rid of tolls, MSP (premiums), cleaned up ICBC, and got money back into people's pockets. We had put a rent cap that was capped at inflation. What we didn't expect coming out of the pandemic was the early stages of inflation recession that we're seeing now. We also didn't expect the war in Ukraine—that hiked up prices.

In terms of the affordability crisis, we've been trying to tackle it. We originally capped rental increase at inflation, but inflation is historically under two per cent. Now it's up to eight per cent in British Columbia, (the) worst in 40 years. The housing minister is looking at all the options including a rent cap at inflation, and we will come to some sort of solution, but it's a difficult time.

To watch the full video interview, visit [richmondsentinel.ca/videos](https://richmondsentinel.ca/videos)

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# Richmond street names: Comstock Road

By ISSAC ZHAO  
High school intern

Comstock Road is one of a number of Richmond Streets named after soldiers who lost their lives in military service. Those street signs are marked with poppies.

David Gordon Comstock was born in Vancouver in 1918. Comstock graduated from Richmond High School and studied at the Technical School in Vancouver.

Comstock moved to California to live with his aunt. He began going by the

name Dave, but his Richmond friends knew him as Gordon.

He worked as a tool designer at a factory. His employer deferred his enlistment several times, as he was considered a valuable member of the work force.

In 1943 Comstock joined the United States Navy, serving in the South Pacific for 19 months. He returned to California to get married in January 1945.

On May 21, 1945, Comstock's mother Elizabeth received a telegram saying he was missing in action. His death was confirmed by July. He had died on April 29, when his ship was attacked by kamikaze pilots, although his body was never recovered.



*Photos courtesy City of Richmond*

Comstock Road in 1954 (left, file number 1977 1 128) versus 2012 (right, file number 2012 53 1).

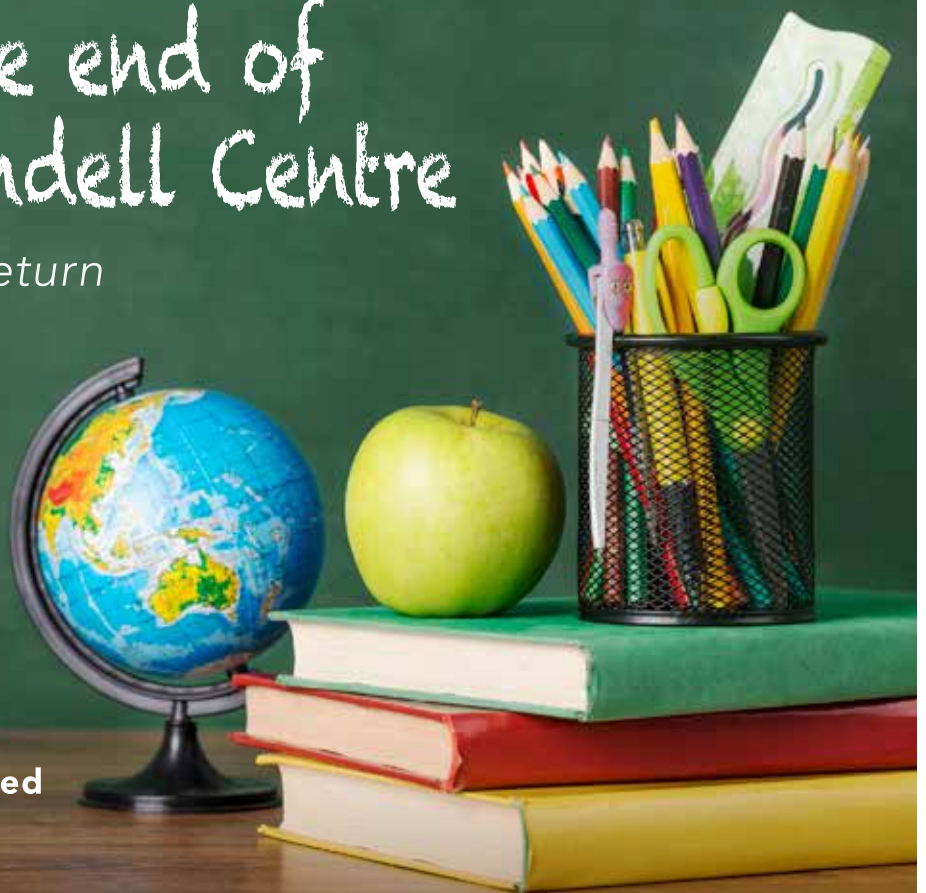
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The Steveston  
Dragon Boat  
Festival will take  
place on Aug. 20.

# Steveston Dragon Boat Festival rows on

By MATTHEW CHEUNG  
Reporter

The Steveston Dragon Boat Festival has returned to help people celebrate the end of summer through dragon boat races. "We're very happy to be able to welcome racers back to one of the prov-

ince's largest dragon boat races for the first time since 2019," says Dominic Lai, development, marketing, and operations director for Dragon Boat BC. "The Steveston Dragon Boat Festival is a unique event that provides a unique race environment for communities in the southern part of the Lower Mainland, and we're ready to return to celebrate the end of summer on the Fraser River."

Steveston will host many competitors from the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, the interior of B.C., Washington state, and Oregon. The event will take place on Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Spectators can watch the race around the Britannia Heritage Shipyards area along Westwater Drive and Railway Avenue. Spectators are recommended to walk or bike to the venue. For those travelling by car, parking will be available at Homma elementary for a minimum donation of \$5, with proceeds going to the Richmond Food bank.

Dragon boating teams are made up of a total of 22 people: 20 paddlers, one drummer, and a steer person. Dragon boating combines Chinese culture and sport; traditionally, races will not start due without the ceremonial summoning of the spirit of the dragons from their high perches in the remote mountains and clouds.

The sport initially started in mainland China and slowly spread to its surrounding regions. When it reached Hong Kong, the sport became a local tradition celebrated by fishers and Taoist temples.

Due to British influences, dragon boat racing became a community sport, and eventually the sport reached Canada in the 1980s and 1990s. Six dragon boats were gifted to Vancouver by the Hong Kong government to participate in exhibition races during Expo 86, which led to the sport gaining rapid popularity across Canada.

Participants can choose to race in either in the mixed or women's division, where they will race at least three times during the day. After competing in a race, medals will be presented in the beverage garden one hour after the race has ended.

The event will feature many attractions such as a marketplace for fans of the sport or aspiring racers who will be able to purchase paddles and merchandise, among other products. There will also be food trucks and a beverage garden at the event, including food service providers like Chatime, Red Truck Beer, and Fries and Things. Red Truck Beer will also perform live music.

For more information about the festival, visit [dragonboatbc.ca](http://dragonboatbc.ca)

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# 2022 Richmond Election

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, eligible voters in Richmond will be electing one Mayor, eight Councillors and seven Richmond School Board Trustees.

Those elected in 2022 will serve in office for four years.

Since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic, elections and by-elections have safely taken place in British Columbia in order to serve the democratic interests of communities. For the Richmond 2022 Election, the safety of voters, candidates, candidate representatives and election staff will continue to be paramount. Detailed safety plans will be made available at [richmond.ca/elections](http://richmond.ca/elections).

## Candidate Nominations

Nomination documents and candidate information packages for the office of Mayor, Councillor and School Trustee are now available at [richmond.ca/elections](http://richmond.ca/elections), and at the Richmond Elections Office by appointment only. Please contact the Richmond Elections Office for more information.

**The Candidate Nomination period begins on Tuesday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m. and ends on Friday, September 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

The Chief Election Officer will be receiving candidate nominations at City Hall only during the nomination period. To file your nomination, you are required to make an appointment.

Campaign Financing Expense limits during the campaign period (September 17, 2022 to October 15, 2022) for the 2022 Richmond Election are:

For	Expense Limit
Mayoral Candidates .....	\$138,932.00
Councillor Candidates .....	\$69,809.60
Trustee Candidates .....	\$69,743.72

## The third party directed advertising expense limits for Richmond are:

Mayor and Councillor	
Candidates .....	\$6,946.60
Trustee Candidates .....	\$3,486.74

Please contact Elections BC for information about expense limits and other campaign financing rules by calling 1-800-661-8683.

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### Are you ready to vote? Find out:

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- If you are already registered to vote (use the **Am I on the Voters List?** search tool on the Election website)
- How to register to vote
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- How to contact the Richmond Elections Office

Advance voter registration closes on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. However, please don't worry if you're not registered in advance. If you are an eligible voter, you can also register when you vote.

## Inspect the Voters List

The City of Richmond uses the Province of BC's Voters List for Elections. The Voters List will be available for public inspection at the Richmond Elections Office starting

on Tuesday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m. until Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. You are required to make an appointment if you intend to inspect the Voters List. You must sign a statement that you will only inspect the list for the purposes of the election.

For personal privacy purposes, you have the right to request that your name and/or address be omitted from or obscured on the Voters List. Please contact the Richmond Elections Office to make an appointment to complete this request by Tuesday, August 23, at 5:00 p.m.

You can only object to the registration of a person on the Voters List if the person is deceased, or not qualified to vote in Richmond. To make your objection, contact the Richmond Elections Office to make an appointment by Tuesday, August 23 at 4:00 p.m.

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# TransLink investing in nine more Richmond projects

As part of a \$130 million investment, TransLink is helping further transportation in Richmond and other Metro Vancouver cities.

Locally, nine projects have been given the green light this year, totalling more than \$4.5 million in funding.

"TransLink is committed to ensuring transportation throughout the region is as convenient and seamless as possible, regardless of how you primarily travel," says TransLink's chief executive officer Kevin Quinn. "Investing in cycling paths, walkways, and bus speed upgrades is just one of the ways we help to combat climate change by encouraging green transportation throughout Metro Vancouver."

This year's Richmond projects:

- Cambie Road at No. 4 Road intersection upgrade: provide safety upgrades to Cambie Road and No. 4 Road, including left-turn lanes and traffic signs (\$425,000)
- Garden City Road Bike Route Upgrade - addition of protection: provide buffer zone between existing bike lane and vehicle lanes on Garden City Road from Granville Avenue to Sea Island Way (\$275,000)
- Garden City Road multi-use path: construct three-metre wide multi-use path on Garden City Road between Francis Road and Williams Road (\$500,000)
- Great Canadian Way southbound bus only left-turn lane (capital project): construct new bus-only left-turn lane on Great Canadian Way and a centre median on Bridgeport Road east of Great Canadian Way (\$750,000)
- No. 2 Road multi-use path: extend existing multi-use path to No. 2 Road between Steveston Highway and Williams Road (\$727,500)
- River Road multi-use path: construct four-metre wide multi-use path on River Road between McCallan Road and No. 2 Road (\$800,000)
- Sexsmith Road-Brown Road protected bike route: provide protected bike lane on Sexsmith Road from Beckwith Road to Brown Road and on



Photos courtesy TransLink

**TransLink is investing more than \$4.5 million in nine Richmond projects aimed at improving transportation.**

Brown Road from Sexsmith Road to Browngate Road (\$562,500)

- Westminster Highway at No. 2 Road: modify Westminster Highway and No. 2 Road intersection geometry and signal operations (\$300,000)
- Westminster Hwy at No. 5 Road intersection upgrade: modify Westminster Highway and No. 5 Road intersection geometry and signal operations (\$381,500)

Across the region, TransLink is funding 107 new or improved greenways, cycling paths, walkways, multi-use paths, intersections, and roads. This year's investment is delivered through the Municipal Funding Program, which supports maintaining, upgrading, and building new transportation infrastructure throughout Metro Vancouver.

"Building well-connected, accessible, and safe active transportation and transit infrastructure is an important part of our CleanBC plan to lower emissions, improve communities, and reduce congestion," says George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. "These investments will give people in Metro Vancouver more choices to get around their communities using clean and healthy transportation options."

Through the Municipal Funding Program, TransLink contributes up to 75 per cent of funding

for upgrades benefitting local government throughout Metro Vancouver. For projects improving the efficiency of bus operations or some priority cycling infrastructure, TransLink funds up to 100 per cent of the project costs. This program is part of the 2022 Investment Plan, with funding from TransLink and the provincial government.

"Walkable, bikeable, and accessible communities that are well-connected by public transit help provide people and families with more choices for how they travel in their day-to-day lives," says Bowinn Ma, Minister of State for Infrastructure. "These investments improve quality of life and deliver a more livable region for everyone."

Twenty projects in Richmond have been completed through the program since 2017:

- Collision-prone intersections on major road network - short-term improvements (\$104,000)
- Bridgeport station access - re-routing of regional bus routes (\$17,900)
- No. 2 Road multi-use path (\$620,000)
- No. 2 Road walkway (\$200,000)
- Sexsmith Road multi-use path (\$248,000)
- Great Canadian multi-use path (\$150,000)
- Westminster Highway multi-use path (\$200,000)
- Odlin Road bike route (\$140,000)
- Off-Gilbert bike route - Phase 1 (\$75,000)
- River Parkway - protected bike lanes (\$2,266,000)
- Westminster Highway multi-use path upgrade (\$360,000)
- Crosstown neighbourhood bike route - Phase 3 (\$80,000)
- Parkside neighbourhood bike route - northern extension (\$50,000)
- Riverside Industrial Park - pedestrian connections to transit (\$272,000)
- Cambie Road multi-use path (\$288,750)
- No. 6 Road multi-use path (\$250,000)
- Cambie Road overpass over Knight Street rehabilitation (\$677,500)
- Bridgeport station access/egress study (\$30,000)
- Steveston Highway/Highway 99 study (\$30,000)
- Garden City Road-Westminster Highway study (\$15,000)



**The multi-use path on No. 6 Road is one of the recently completed TransLink projects in Richmond.**

# The history of Steveston

By HARVEY NG  
High school intern

Steveston is rich with history. The land known as Steveston, located beside the Fraser River producing an abundance of salmon, was purchased by W. H. Steves in 1886.

Word spread far and wide, bringing fishermen and their families to settle in Steveston. They contributed to a prosperous community that included canneries, shops, farmland, and homes. The first bank in Richmond was built in Steveston and today is the home of a museum and visitor centre.

Steveston was a thriving community until 1913, but it also experienced a number of tragic events. First was the Hells Gate Landslide in 1914.

During the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway line, workers blasted heavy rock with explosives, sending debris into the Fraser River at Hells Gate. After the crew had left, 100,000 cubic yards of loose granite fell into the river and effectively formed a dam, restricting salmon from swimming upstream. Salmon were crucial for many cannery businesses and Indigenous peoples.

Indigenous men were hired to move the fish to the other side of the blockage. This process was unsuccessful and within a year, the food supply for nearby First Nations people was affected and the canneries in Steveston were forced to shut down. In 1945 the government built a giant concrete fishway to transport salmon around the blockade, but it wasn't until 1990 that the salmon numbers recovered.

Then in 1918, a fire broke out in the village, supposedly caused by a Chinese cookhouse. The fire spread quickly, destroying property and leaving hundreds homeless.

Many of the buildings from the past still exist today and have been renovated to showcase elements of the community's history. For instance, the



Steveston's fishing industry continues to thrive today.

Photo by Hannah Scott

Gulf of Georgia Cannery was once the biggest and busiest of all the canneries in British Columbia. It was nicknamed "Monster Cannery" or "Salmonopolis." In the beginning, it had only Indigenous workers, but as time went on, others also became involved.

During the Great Depression between 1929 and 1939, salmon demand fell, which caused production rates to drop. Nine years later, because of the Second World War, the demand for herring fish grew because of Allied soldiers overseas. Business was booming once again until 1979 when production was forced to shut down due to the aging equipment.

Another interesting historical site in Steveston is the tram building that protects the well-known

Tram Car 1220. In 1958, 28 tram cars made by a St. Louis company were sent to B.C.'s Lower Mainland from Missouri.

On Feb. 28, 1958, the Steveston Tram Car rolled into the heart of the village. Unfortunately, 23 of the other trains were destroyed due to post-war prosperity. The ones that survived are located in different parts of Canada. One is at Burnaby Village Museum, two are in Surrey, and one is in eastern Canada.

Steveston today is a popular tourist attraction with freshly-caught fish sold on the dock, whale watching tours, and the quaintness of the preserved village. It has also been the location of many film sets.

## Aberdeen Centre offers shops, food, entertainment

By ISSAC ZHAO  
High school intern

When Aberdeen Centre was built in 1989, the objective was to create the first truly Asian shopping experience in the Lower Mainland. It embraces the best of Eastern and Western culture, celebrating the multiculturalism within Richmond.

The large shopping centre was originally built as an alternative to Chinatown in Vancouver. The mall was designed as a one-stop shopping destination with Asian-themed retail stores, herbal tea shops, restaurants, a cinema, and a bowling alley, as well as continuous weekend entertainment.

The mall was named after Hong Kong's renowned tourist harbour, Aberdeen. When it was built, Aberdeen Centre was the largest Asian retail centre in North America.

One of Aberdeen's trademarks is its food court. With a multitude of vendors, some of the best Asian cuisines can be found here, and cravings for authentic Asian food can be fulfilled. The food court offers Chinese dim sum, Japanese ramen, and Korean BBQ, among other cuisines.

A well-known store in Aberdeen Centre is Oomomo Japan Living, formerly known as Daiso. It specializes in a wide range of Japanese household supplies, kitchenware, beauty products, and Japanese-style ceramics. Everything at Oomomo is also budget-friendly.

Aberdeen Centre also has a one-of-a-kind attraction. The 18-metre (60-foot) musical water fountain illuminates the central atrium every hour.

Aberdeen Centre celebrates Chinese New Year around January and February each year. The mall is filled with decorations, red lanterns, and lucky zodiac signs, as people visit to take pictures, feel the ambience, and receive fortune while celebrating Chinese New Year.

# Airport hosting gala and golf tournament for kids

By MATTHEW CHEUNG  
Reporter

For many years, Vancouver International Airport (YVR) has been raising funds for children's charities. This year will be the 31st annual YVR for Kids gala and golf tournament. The gala is supported by the Vancouver International Airport Authority, Canuck Place Children's Hospice, and Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. "This year we are expecting over 300 guests for the gala and 130 golfers," says Nigel Newsome, president of YVR for Kids. The gala aims to help support children's charities across the Lower Main-

land, Newsome says. Charities are chosen every November. In the 30 years the event has been running, over three million dollars has been donated to Canuck Place Children's Hospice and two million dollars to many other charities. The annual gala will take place tomorrow (Aug. 17) at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, starting at 5 p.m. A single ticket for the gala can be purchased online for \$262.50, or 10 tickets for \$2,520. Attendees can participate in a raffle for a chance to win a pair of Air Canada tickets to any destination on the airline's route map. The gala will also feature a Fund-in-Need program where the YVR for Kids organization will choose a program at Canuck Place to fund. This year, the Enhanced Community Care outreach program has been selected.

There will also be an online silent auction containing 200 items which will be on display at the hotel on the night of the gala. The silent auction will open a week before the gala and will close at 8 p.m. on the night of the gala.

The golf tournament will take place the next day, Aug. 18, at Quilchena Golf and Country Club. It will begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a small reception. Those interested in participating in the golf tournament can choose between four different options.

Two people can golf for \$630, or four people for \$1,260. Groups of four people can also buy a package that includes dinner for \$2,152.50. And for \$3,675, groups can buy a table for 10 people that also includes golf for four.

"The golf (tournament) features a putting contest, longest and straightest drive, and lots of fun with friends, colleagues, and new friends," says Newsome.

Despite the pandemic, the organization has still been able to hold modified versions of its golf tournament, although the dinner has been cancelled.

"Normally we raise and are able to donate about \$300,000 (per year), but during COVID this fell to \$90,000 each of the (last) two years," says Newsome.

For more information, visit [yvrforkids.org](http://yvrforkids.org)

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## Asphalt Paving Advisory

**February 1st to November 30th, 2022**

The City of Richmond has contracted Lafarge Canada Inc. to grind and pave the following locations in Richmond from **February 1st to November 30th, 2022:**

PROPOSED 2021 PAVING LOCATION DETAILS	
Bridgeport Road to Knight Street	East north loop
Bridgeport Road to Knight Street	East south loop
Knight Street East South	50 m north of bridge deck
Knight Street to Bridgeport Road	Northeast off ramp
12000 - 13000 block Steveston Highway	Hwy 99 off Ramp – Palmberg Road
11000 block Bridgeport Road	Shell Road – No. 5 Road
No. 6 Road	Hwy 91 underpass – Maycrest Way
9000 block Cambie Road	Garden City Road – No. 4 Road
Great Canadian Way	Sea Island Way – Bridgeport Road
4151 Williams Road	100 m section
9000 block Francis Road	Garden City Road – No. 4 Road
Fraserwood Place	Westminster Hwy – Gordon Way
Vickers Way	Bridgeport Road – Sweden Way
Westminster Hwy	No. 8 Road – Nelson Road
Ferguson Road	Shannon Road – McDonald Road
Kwantlen Street	Alderbridge Way – Alexandra Road
Finlayson Drive	Gagnon Place – McLennan Avenue
5000 - 6000 block Granville Avenue	Railway Avenue – Gilbert Road emergency repairs
Burkeville subdivision	Roads impacted by Capital Projects only
No. 5 Road / North of Cambie Road	Mitchel Elementary School frontage
7411 No. 1 Road	South bound lanes only
Garden City Road – Cook Road	Intersection
No. 3 Road	Bridgeport Road – River Road
6000 block No. 1 Road	Westminster Hwy – Granville Avenue
3000 block Blundell Road	No. 1 Road – Seafair Drive

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 a single lane and there may be temporary lane closures. Delays may occur. The use of an alternate route is strongly encouraged.

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

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

Questions may be directed to Wasim Memon, Supervisor, Engineering Inspections, at 604-276-4189, or visit the City's paving program webpage at [www.richmond.ca](http://www.richmond.ca) (City Services > Roads, Dykes, Water & Sewers > Construction Projects > 2021 Paving Program).

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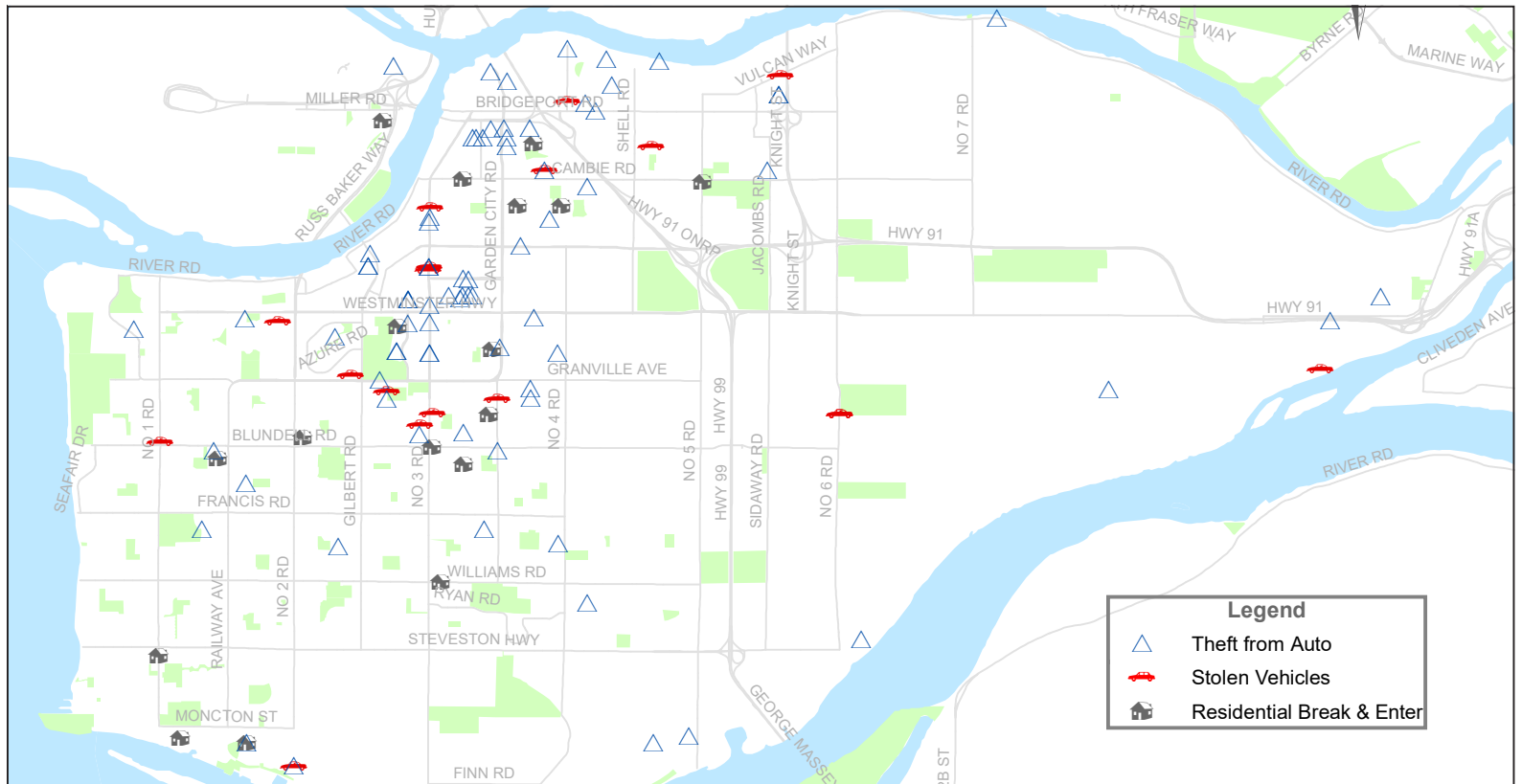


Photo by Tammy Brimmer  
A golfer chips the ball out of the bunker at the 2021 YVR for Kids event.



# RCMP

## Crime Map July 1 - 31, 2022



## Places to visit in Richmond

By **HARVEY NG**  
High school intern

Richmond is a city built on an island, five minutes from an international airport and 30 minutes from the United States border.

The city has been given multiple awards for its environmental achievements, architecture, and community and facility excellence.

Fifty per cent of the island is agricultural land, and Richmond is widely known for its cranberry and blueberry production. The island is protected by dikes which also act as walking trails.

The city offers plenty of parks, restaurants, hotels, sports, and entertainment. A multi-cultural city, Richmond is home to restaurants that feature many different cuisines.

The Golden Village neighbourhood, located near Aberdeen Canada Line station, is a commercial district with a high concentration of Asian-themed malls and restaurants. Close by is the popular Richmond Night Market, well-known for its food court.

Richmond hosted speed skating events during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and the state-of-the-art Richmond Olympic Oval continues to host sport programs and tournaments.

Steveston is a fishing village and tourist attraction located on the Fraser River (the third-largest river in Canada), with restaurants providing out-



Photo by Hannah Scott

**Lavenderland has four varieties of lavender in fields that people can walk through.**

door dining along the boardwalk where people can watch cargo ships, tour boats, fishing vessels, and speed boats pass by.

Also in Steveston is Garry Point Park, which features a picnic-worthy meadow, a beach on the water's edge, and a breeze suitable for the popular hobby of kite flying.

Kuno Japanese Garden, located in Garry Point Park, was built to celebrate the arrival of the Japanese immigrants in Richmond. The Steveston Fishermen's Memorial, which is also located near the water, is a large stone sculpture of a fishing net needle engraved with names of local fishermen who were lost at sea.

Terra Nova Park has a 10-metre-tall metal slide that provides a stunning view of the park's surroundings above the trees. The park also contains a 35-metre zip line.

Lavenderland, located on Steveston Highway, is seven acres of land completely filled with lavender flowers and open to the public. Varieties include Superblue, Melissa, Grosso, and French.

There are also many events held at this farm including the Rabbits Easter Bunnyfest and Mid-Autumn Festival, although the flowers only bloom during warmer seasons.

Richmond is home to a variety of other attractions for locals and tourists alike.



*Photos submitted*  
Evan Dunfee and Camryn Rogers both won gold medals at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

## Richmond athletes get gold at Commonwealth Games

Two Richmond-raised athletes won gold medals last month at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England.

Evan Dunfee finished the men's 10,000-metre race walk with a Commonwealth Games record and personal best time of 38:36.37 minutes.

Camryn Rogers finished the women's hammer throw with a best throw of 74.08 metres, topping the second-place finisher by more than four metres.

## Richmond FC's Roevde honoured by Hope and Health



MARIUS ROEVDE

Richmond FC executive director Marius Roevde was honoured during a recent celebration at BC Place as part of the fifth annual Hope and Health Community Camp, which was held late last month.

Hope and Health is an organization that aims to bring Indigenous children and youth together in a positive way. The organization's founders Deana and Ed Georgica built a relationship with the Vancouver Whitecaps to develop new soccer fields in rural communities. Hope and Health Community Camp coaches and staff

are mainly former participants of prior camps, helping to create a network of support for multiple generations of youth.

Roevde, a former Vancouver Whitecaps FC goaltending coach, was gifted a blanket during a traditional blanketing ceremony. Over 200 Indigenous children and invited guests were at the ceremony. Roevde was acknowledged by artist, designer, and knowledge keeper Debra Sparrow, the sister of Musqueam Chief Wayne Sparrow.

"It's one of the proudest moments in my life," said Roevde. "It meant a lot to receive this honour, and that this happened in front of my children. Every dad wants to be a good role model for their kids."

Roevde has volunteered with Hope and Health since 2012, and partnered with the organization when restructuring Richmond FC. Community outreach and giving back have become huge priorities for Richmond FC, and partnerships with local organizations like Columbia Chrysler, Coho Commissary, and various grants have enabled the club to develop more community initiatives.

## Kajaks finish on podium at BC Summer Games

Late last month, Richmond Kajaks athletes took part in the 2022 BC Summer Games, which were held in Prince George.

Several Kajaks had podium finishes, representing a variety of track and field events. Athletes can only participate if they are 14 or 15 years old.

Among the Kajaks athletes were the following medal finishers:

- Natalie Franke, shot put (third place)
- Katherine Kennedy, 3x3 basketball (second place)
- Merina Lau, triathlon (second place)
- Chase Longley, hammer throw (third place) and discus (second place)
- Lawrence Man, hammer throw (first place)
- Sofia Varma-Vitug, triple jump (first place) and 4x400 mixed relay (second place)
- Besty Ye, triple jump (second place)

Varma-Vitug also received the BC Athletics Leadership Bursary Award, which recognizes her achievement in athletics, academics, leadership, and volunteer activities. This is one of two awards per zone. Varma-Vitug plans to make a donation to KidSport Richmond in honour of longtime Kajaks coach Moseley Jack, who passed away last year, with her funds from the award.

The BC Summer Games are normally held every two years, but the 2020 event was cancelled due to the pandemic. This year marked a return to competition, with over 2,200 athletes in total.

"Having athletes from every corner of B.C. gather again in Prince George is a dream come true for competitors, coaches, volunteers, and organizers. This is an exciting opportunity for our province's top young athletes to



*Photo courtesy Richmond Kajaks*

Richmond Kajaks athlete Sofia Varma-Vitug came in first place in triple jump at the recent BC Summer Games.

demonstrate their hard work and determination," said Melanie Mark, Hli Haykwhl Wii Xsgaak, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sport.

# Actor talks about career and move to producing

By JIM GORDON & LEETA LIEPINS  
Contributors

Daniel Hall is an actor and producer with a long list of credits in TV and film.

Hall has appeared in *Mad Men*, was a regular cast member of the award-winning soap opera *The Young and the Restless*, has appeared in *Law and Order*, just wrapped up a show with Seth Rogen, and is currently filming another TV show. His latest film is called *Dangerous Cheaters*.

Our City Tonight last spoke to Hall in 2018 when he was in Vancouver, and recently caught up with him again over Zoom.

**Our City Tonight: After many successful years as an actor, you are now putting on the producer's hat. Tell us a little bit about your newest project.**

Daniel Hall: I was delivered a script about 10 years ago by a director; he had approached me as an actor to play a role in this film. The project just didn't happen (and as) time went by he felt that he had aged out of the director's role and asked if I would like to help find a director and produce this (project). I found a really great production company in Ireland called Dunsany Productions and if all goes to plan, we should start shooting in late September.

**OCT: It goes without saying that we were all confronted with challenges during COVID. How is your town of Hollywood and (Los Angeles) feeling now?**

DH: The feeling is things are back (to being) opened, but when we are on set, we are holding our breath because each time one person gets COVID on a set then you really have to shut down the whole thing. Protocol is super strict, and actors wear a shield and a mask right up until they say "action" and then we

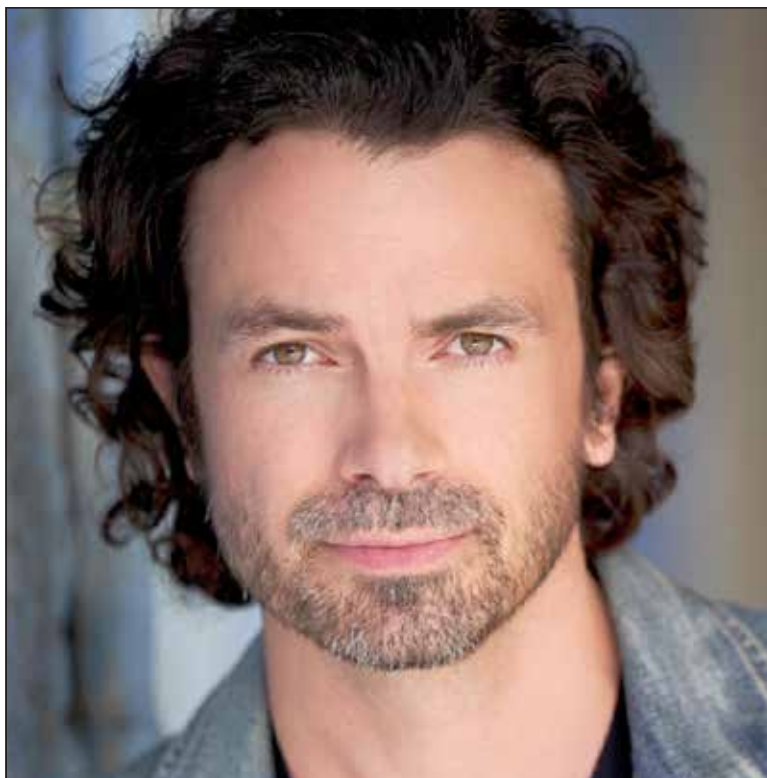


Photo courtesy Jonathan LaVallee

Daniel Hall is an actor and producer.

take (them) off. It's interesting and things have reopened but you still feel that there's this sort of unease and that it could all go awry again.

**OCT: Besides being busy with acting as well as your new project, you also have a wonderful organization that you are an ambassador for called KindTraveler. Tell us a little bit about that.**

DH: KindTraveler is one of a kind, it's a give and get platform for a hotel booking site. When you travel you give a minimum of \$10, and you get up to 20 per cent off your stay. The \$10 goes to a local charity of your choice. For example, if you want to support music in that community you can choose for your money to go towards a program that supports community music plans. If you're interested in helping the ocean you can find those charities that positively impact ocean welfare. You get a 20 per cent discount on your stay while giving back to the community that you're visiting.

**OCT: This is a great system in place to help the communities that you are travelling to. So often, the money that you give isn't always guaranteed to make a difference.**

DH: You do get an opportunity to see the difference, almost like a report card, after you've given to the charity. The report reveals how you've actually made an impact on the community and shows how you're shrinking your carbon footprint while you're traveling.

For the full video interview, visit [richmondsentinel.ca/videos](https://richmondsentinel.ca/videos)

Jim Gordon and Leeta Liepins are contributing writers to the Richmond Sentinel.

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