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### PETITE FASHION IS GRANDE AT KPU

**Kwantlen's Hannah Pascual has big plans for clothing for small and curvy women**

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Richmond's Hannah Pascual, left, and Chelsea Manansala, both KPU fashion graduates, model Pascual's work that will be on display at fashion shows at the Wilson School of Design in Richmond on April 19 and 20.

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# Powerful day at National Inquiry into Missing Women

By LORRAINE GRAVES  
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Sunday was a powerful final day of testimony in the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Richmond.

The morning's message was clear; too many Indigenous women and girls are being murdered and their murders ignored. It has to stop. Canada, and the men who run First Nations, need to step up with law enforcement. There must be more support for the Indigenous females of this land.

Speaking to a rapt audience was Bernie Williams, the Haida grandmother who went on seven long walks with other Indigenous women and who walked the Highway of Tears twice to raise awareness about the 4,000 women and girls who have gone missing or are known to have been murdered in Canada.

The large group of Indigenous women sat silent, absorbing Williams' every word, in the grand room of Richmond's Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel.

Williams' mother and three of her sisters each died violently, not a common statistic for non-Indigenous women but an all-too-common one for the women gathered at the inquiry. She spent 30 years advocating and helping the women

of the Downtown Eastside (DTES) of Vancouver.

Williams said all levels of government are spending \$1 million dollars per day there in what she called an industry of support that perpetuates itself but doesn't help the women substantially.

She demanded a health and wellness centre be established in the B.C. Interior so women and girls can go there the day they ask to leave their life on the DTES, so they can receive physical and spiritual healing, and learn to live healthier lives for their future and their families'.

The inquiry has crossed Canada, hearing testimony from those who have lost beloved family members to violence. The tears of those speaking and of those listening, absorbed by the tissues placed around the hearing rooms, were collected in paper bags and burned in the sacred fire with ceremony each day.

Speaking during a break, inquiry commissioner Michèle Odette said: "What I've learned is we all come from a place, a place where the violence existed and still exists, from a place where the violent try to normalize it as a part of our culture."

Speaking of just one of the practicalities to reduce the number of missing and murdered Indigenous women, Odette sighed and then



*The Canadian Press/Jonathan Hayward*  
**Trudy Smith, right, receives a hug following her testimony about her murdered sister Pauline Johnson during the National Inquiry of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Richmond, April 6, 2018.**

spoke of the need for good rural bus service so women and girls do not need to hitchhike to get to the city for doctors' appointments, grocery stores or hospital care.

Many of those who disappeared on B.C.'s Highway of Tears were hitchhiking because they had no car and there was no other way to get to town.

She talked of Saskatchewan's impending decision to cancel rural bus routes.

"It's where the inquiry is so important, to make sure that we bring light into those situations. I don't know why they are making those decisions about buses. They're economic decisions. What do we say to a family who loses a daughter or a son on those highways? The money? We don't are

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## Call for Nominations for the 2018 Richmond Heritage Awards



From left to right: the Municipal Hall (closest to the river), the Community and Agricultural Hall and the Methodist Church, ca. 1907 [City of Richmond Archives 1977-09-18]

Historic buildings, cultural and natural heritage landscapes, artifacts, and oral and written histories—all are rich resources that contribute to our shared community identity today. The Richmond Heritage Awards annually recognizes the accomplishments of individuals and organizations in the conservation of historic places, and education and awareness about Richmond's diverse heritage.

The City of Richmond Heritage Commission is encouraging the public to submit nominations for the 2018 Richmond Heritage Awards, to be presented on **Saturday, May 12, 2018** as part of the **Richmond Regional Heritage Fair's Closing Ceremony** in the Performance Hall of Richmond Cultural Centre.

Anyone can submit a nomination for an individual or an organization.

### Nominations

Complete a two-page nomination form available from **Minhee Park**, Planner, by email at [minhee.park@richmond.ca](mailto:minhee.park@richmond.ca), or **604-276-4188**

### Submission deadline

12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018.

### Submit via

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**Some of the ways an individual or organization may earn special recognition are:**

- preservation, restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive reuse of a historic place, such as a building or structure, or conservation of a cultural heritage landscape;
- promotion or awareness of local heritage through education, outreach or advocacy; or
- contributions to local knowledge of heritage in public history or interpretation projects.

The Awards Jury will include members of the Richmond Heritage Commission. All decisions of the jury are final.

**For more information**, please contact Minhee Park, Planner, Policy Planning, at **604-276-4188** or [minhee.park@richmond.ca](mailto:minhee.park@richmond.ca)

## MISSING WOMEN

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about the money. A life is worth more."

Odette an Inuk from Quebec, fluent in Inuktitut, English and French, spoke eloquently of what needs to be done. Asked where do we go from here, Odette replied: "What I see and I noticed is that women are taking back their power. I gave birth to three beautiful boys and two beautiful girls. They are part of the solution."

She said women, feminists like herself, need to understand that, "men are part of the solution."

Asked what non-Indigenous Canadians need to learn, Odette said: "Do not feel guilty about the past. But from the bottom of my heart, at least recognize the damage of hundreds of years of colonization and the impact, its effect, on Indigenous people. They deserve dignity, to be respected."

Were non-Indigenous women and girls at the same risk for being disappeared or murdered, five girls out of every high school could expect their lives to end violently. Many families would lose a mother to violence, or a sister, or two.

The message at the inquiry was clear; this is a big problem that non-Indigenous Canadians need to wake up to and need to take concrete steps to change the trend.

People in Europe in the 1930s and first half of the 1940s said they didn't know what was being done to Jews, Roma, the disabled, GBLT2Q people and political opponents who were being murdered and disappeared.

According to inquiry attendees, Canadians have turned a blind eye to the problem of Indigenous women dying in large numbers. Sometimes, these women and girls are listed as disappeared, usually because their bodies have never

been found. Sometimes, it is because their death by manual strangulation, by gunshot wound to the back of the head, or by drowning wrapped in a rug and weighted down, is listed as suicide.

For years, people have said these women didn't want to be found. It happened when a serial killer walked the streets of the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. Yet, women at the inquiry talked of their escapes from Willy Pickton's violence, of telling workers and police about him, to no avail.

A year ago, there was a radio documentary on the many suicides by drowning in Indigenous youth who left their rural communities to go to high school in Thunder Bay.

The parents were perplexed because their children didn't seem unhappy. When one teen survived being attacked and thrown into the river by non-Indigenous people, Thunder Bay police began to investigate.

Asked what non-Indigenous people can do to bridge the gap, Odette said that we should not be afraid to reach out, to ask questions, to learn about each other, to walk beside each other.

"It could be a small change but also a big one. Everyone is welcome to participate."

She suggested attending a pow wow, going to a public gathering like Aboriginal Veterans' Day where all will be welcomed.

Back in the inquiry, as Williams spoke her truth, the crowd was usually quiet. Occasionally, the crowd rose to their feet applauding at what she had to say, while other times, as Williams and Commissioner Odette hugged, the room fell silent.

"The work still goes on," Williams said. "I will never stop. I will never stop this work for these women, my mother and my three sisters and all the women of Canada and across the North."

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# Long-serving MLA Nielsen leaves lasting legacy

By **DON FENNELL**  
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One of the most prominent B.C. politicians during the Socred reign of the 1970s and 1980s has died.

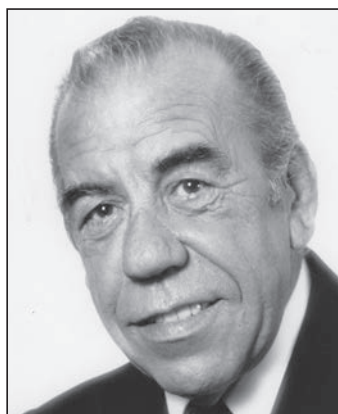
Jim Nielsen, who was Richmond's Member of the Legislative Assembly from December 1975 to October 1986, passed away suddenly Wednesday (April 4) at New Westminster's Royal Columbian Hospital. He was 79.

Affectionately referred to by then-Premier Bill Bennett as "The Fonz" (a reference to the character on the popular TV sitcom at the time, *Happy Days*) because of his hairdo and sideburns, Nielsen was considered tough, but fair by supporters and critics alike. Bennett had great faith in Nielsen, appointing him to several cabinet posts including the province's first environment minister in 1975 and later finance minister.

Nielsen and longtime Richmond city councillor Harold Steves attended Richmond High School at the same time. Nielsen, who lived on Sea Island, was a year younger.

But Steves remembers Nielsen best for following through on a recommendation to save Sturgeon Banks. Steves made the proposal while Richmond's MLA during Dave Barrett's NDP government which preceded Bennett's Socreds.

Ted Townsend, now the spokesperson for the City of Richmond, was editor at *The Richmond Review* during some of the period Nielsen was an MLA. He remembers Nielsen as some-



**JIM NIELSEN**

Photo courtesy City of Richmond Archives/  
*Richmond Review* Photograph

one who spoke bluntly and directly, perhaps a holdover from his days as a radio talk show host.

"He didn't mince words," Townsend said. "But he was seen as being a good representative for Richmond. He was a strong advocate for pushing things forward."

Townsend said Nielsen was a leading advocate for the opening of on and off ramps on the Arthur Laing Bridge, connecting Richmond and Vancouver with the airport.

"If you didn't live in Richmond back in those days, you might not realize they weren't always there. Before they were put in, it was a convoluted way

to get in and out of Richmond via that route. There was a lot of frustration for commuters for many, many years. Vancouver wasn't really supportive of opening the ramps, so it took a lot of work and years to get those open."

Born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Nielsen attended high school in Richmond before entering the world of broadcasting. He first worked at CJVI in Victoria in 1959 before moving to Vancouver's CJOR in 1960. He joined CFUN in 1962 as new director, and hosted a talk show with Roy Jacques.

Nielsen entered the political ring in the 1970s, defeating incumbent Harold Steves as Richmond MLA in the 1975 provincial election. He remained Richmond's MLA until 1986 when he left cabinet.

A devoted family man, he is survived by his wife, nine children, and 23 grandchildren.

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# Dressing the petite with panache at KPU

By LORRAINE GRAVES  
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Hannah Pascual has a big problem; she's small.

"When I go in to try on clothes, nothing fits perfectly. The sleeves are too long. Nothing hits right at the waste. The pants are too long."

Standing 145 centimetres (four-feet-nine) tall, Pascual set about solving that problem through designing her own clothing line.

Her interest in clothes started early. "I was always passionate about fashion when I was younger. I took textiles all through my five years at Richmond High. When I told my teacher there, Miss Waterman, she guided me to the right direction."

From there, Pascual entered the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Fashion Design and Technology four-year program in the Wilson School of

Design.

Now, in her final semester at KPU's Richmond campus, Pascual and her graduating classmates will feature their designs at the graduation fashion show, sponsored by Tamoda Apparel, over two days, with five fashion shows on April 19 and two more complete shows on April 20 at the Wilson School of Design, 5600 Kwantlen St.

"The students were expected to thoroughly research a market with a specific need and to design a collection that caters to that need," said Kwantlen spokesperson Tatiana Tomljanovic.

Pascual found the assignment perfect and found the unfilled market niche ideal.

"I wanted to create something that would be perfect for women who are under five-feet (152 centimetres) tall. With most companies, their petite sizes cater to women who are 5' 4"

or under. In Canada, that's a normal height. Current fashion doesn't cater to women who are shorter than that."

Pascual named her line Altura, which "means height in Spanish. I have Spanish blood so wanted to name it after that."

"I wanted to make my collection cater to a larger market, and get the proper petite size whether they are small or larger around, so I'm catering to petite women of all sizes. Especially with me, I'm a little bit curvy. Short women who are a little bit curvy—they can't fit into the (commonly available) petite sizes."

Pascual said there are challenges in creating highly fashionable clothes for shorter women.

"Getting the proper design lines to be sure. Making sure that someone five feet or shorter looks right, looks like a normal person, like a normal size but with fashion that makes them stand out. Making sure that a woman doesn't look too small in the garment she is wearing and accentuating her figure a little more to make her stand out in a room."

And Pascual purposely changed things up.

"Usually there are rules like short women can't wear horizontal stripes or anything that would make them look wider. I wanted to play with that bit, break those barriers so they're not limited to the design. I played with bigger sleeves and ruffles and

darts," she says.

But Pascual's good ideas weren't the end to the obstacles.

"The challenges I ran into was trying to get the design lines fitting properly on a smaller model. Five-feet-nine are the standard (dressmaker's) models and runway models are usually a little bit taller than that."

The teachers and classmates at the Wilson School of Design bonded and banded together to solve problems.

"Going into the course I didn't know how to pattern draft, and I was really very intimidated by everybody, even the teachers, and didn't want to ask because I thought I was behind. But as soon as I got some confidence, I was surprised how much support everybody has for each other and the love that has grown through us in the last four years. We are all a family, even the staff. And I'm very thankful for that," she says.

Just as KPU's industrial design course must address function and is more than just dreaming up ideas that look great, so too is the fashion design program.

"The course at KPU is amazing. It's basically four years of how to detect a design problem, to work with sewing design and production. We learn a lot about the industry, how everything works. We learn about the business

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Directors of Vancouver Airport Authority announces that the Annual Public Meeting will be held to present the Airport Authority's 2017 Annual & Sustainability Report and financial statements.

### THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018

East Concourse, Departures Level 3  
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A livestream of this meeting will be available on Vancouver International Airport's Facebook page.

The 2017 Annual & Sustainability Report will be available at [www.yvr.ca](http://www.yvr.ca) at the end of April.

Please submit advance questions to [Community\\_Relations@yvr.ca](mailto:Community_Relations@yvr.ca) by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 or via Twitter using #YVRAPM.

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Modelling their own student designs, Hannah Pascual, right, and Chelsea Manansala work at the cutting table at the Wilson School of Design at KPU.

## DRESSING

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as a whole. It's not just about designing to make sure it looks good on a runway. We learn a little bit of

every thing. We cater more to the business end of it," says Pascual.

With graduation on the calendar, what's next?

"I have thoughts of commercializing my line and have an Instagram account, @alturacollective,

right now. I want to start off slowly with my collection and see where it will go."

For information and tickets to the fashion show: [kpu.ca/2018fashionshow](http://kpu.ca/2018fashionshow)

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## Farmhouse size issue still unresolved

Richmond city council has referred a decision on the maximum size of houses permitted on farmland within the Agricultural Land Reserve back to city staff.

Coun. Harold Steves said he expects staff will come back with recommendations at the end of this month, or early next.

In May 2017, council adopted several bylaw amendments to preserve land for agriculture by providing new regulations for residential development. Those changes came in response to public outcry after many mega-mansions were built on local farmland.

Last year's bylaw amendment established a maximum floor area of about 900 square metres (10,000 square feet) including the principal dwelling unit and residential accessory buildings on agricultural properties a half acre or larger. —Staff Reporter

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Photo by Chung Chow

Ninety Richmond teens gathered for the LEGOman student leadership conference.

## Student conference builds leaders

By LORRAINE GRAVES  
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While most students were luxuriating in their first day of spring break, 90 students from around Richmond gathered together at the LEGOman conference. The leadership conference was wholly created by and for students to grow leadership skills in youth in high schools throughout city.

The March 16 conference saw a four-member panel plus four workshops throughout the day with the theme of building the next student leaders.

The brainchild of the Richmond Student District Council Organization (RSDCO), a new, independent

student-run group, LEGOman 2018 had the support of teachers and staff throughout the district and particularly at the host school, Matthew McNair Secondary, where staff members also gave up a day of their holidays to attend and mentor the students.

"This is a big event for RSDCO," says RSDCO student chair Kishoore Ramanathan, "We've had our ups and downs during planning, but the team is proud to be pushing through and hosting such an important initiative for the younger students. (RSDCO believes) strongly in providing opportunities for students to discover their own abilities and passions, because as the saying goes: 'you'll never know until you try.'"

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## Richmond Singers performing April 24

By DON FENNELL  
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The power of music will be at the forefront when Richmond Sings on April 24.

That's when a diverse group of guest choirs from all around the community, including The Richmond Singers, will come together in a benefit concert called Richmond Sings, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fraserview Mennonite Church, 11295 Mellis Dr.

Organized annually by the Richmond Chorus, the event features performers ranging in age from eight to 80.

Admission is by donation at the door.

One hundred per cent of proceeds will be donated to SUCCESS, a non-partisan, non-profit charitable organization providing social services in B.C.

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# Richmond celebrates Once Upon A Time Day

By DON FENNELL  
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Richmond celebrated Once Upon A Time Day on Thursday, March 29.

As the acclaimed TV fairytale drama series prepares to wrap up its seven-season run, the City of Richmond is paying tribute.

Mayor Malcolm Brodie said the show produced million of dollars of economic impact for the local and provincial economy.

"It (also) raised the international profile of Richmond," he said. "Tourists from around the world have visited historic Steveston Village to see the real-life setting of Storybrooke. We're pleased to offer our congratulations and thanks to the producers, cast and crew as they conclude the series' successful run."

It was back in 2011 that the streets of Steveston began to be transformed into Storybrooke, a fictitious small town in Maine. The show follows the lives of fairytale characters transported to the real world.

Many popular local businesses



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

**Mayor Malcolm Brodie declared March 29 Once Upon A Time Day, presenting the proclamation to producers, cast and crew.**

and tourism sites have regularly been transformed into Granny's Café, Storybrooke Post Office, Storybrooke Country Bread, Mr. Gold Pawnbroker and Antiquities Dealer and more. Some of the Storybrooke set signage will be left set up over the March 30 to April 1 long weekend for fans to enjoy.

An economic impact study completed for The Motion Picture Association of Canada this year found

that over its seven seasons *Once Upon A Time* production was responsible for 7,727 full time equivalent jobs and was responsible for \$382.4 million in direct production expenditure in British Columbia. The series was also a strong tourist attraction, with many visitors to Tourism Richmond's tourism information centre in Steveston Village, reporting they had come specifically to visit Storybrooke.

With series production recently returning to Steveston to shoot scenes for the series' final episodes, Brodie visited the set to declare March 29 as Once Upon A Time Day. Brodie, who was featured in the show's season 1 DVD bonus section as the "real Mayor of Storybrooke," thanked the producers, cast and crew for their contributions to the community.

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## Great musical skill bridges cultural divide

By LORRAINE GRAVES  
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Richmond's Geling Jiang's Chinese zither, the zheng, sang in a performance with few empty seats at Vancouver's Roundhouse community centre on Saturday.

The performance of her group, 21 Strings Plus, was part of the third biannual Sound of Dragon Festival produced by Lan Tung and sponsored by the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society.

The first half of the program featured Jiang's ensemble playing works by modern German compos-

er Robert Zollitsch, two British Columbian composers Ray Zhuo and Mark Armanini, and Korean composer Beak Dae Woong.

Armanini, a UBC School of Music graduate, expressed his admiration for the skills of the zheng players and his work towards greater appreciation of, and integration between, different musical traditions.

The evening's performers painted vivid pictures in the minds of the listeners, over one third of whom were non-Asian. The music, evoking feelings of spring, of dawn, of a summer day, and of clouds passing overhead.

The zheng is a chameleon of an instrument sounding like a harp while at other times cello tones emerge and at still other times, the different drum tones created with the instrument punctuated the concert.

The second half of the evening featured four solos by guest artist, Xian-Wen Hu, a star both on television and in the concert halls of China.

Playing three pieces in the modern Chinese idiom, each sounded like modern fusion food tastes, different but delicious, most accessible to western ears. The piece, "Black Horse" by Zollitsch with whom Hu collaborates, had the

rocking rhythm of a horse, or more than one horse, instilled in sophisticated music that bridged both world hemispheres.

Richmond's other participant in the Sound of Dragon Festival, erhu player Nicole Ge Li wasn't part of the Saturday evening concert.

Luckily, Richmondites who missed her at the festival have another opportunity to hear Li make her traditional two-stringed Chinese violin sing in a Vancouver Symphony Orchestra concert with her playing partner, pianist Corey Hamm, on April 14 at the Orpheum Annex.

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# New acute care hospital approved by province

By **DON FENNELL**  
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The provincial government announced its commitment to replace the long-awaited patient care tower at Richmond Hospital.

While actual construction won't begin until closer to 2020, Premier John Horgan told an eager crowd packed into the hospital atrium on March 29 that the business plan will proceed, and be completed, in the next 12 to 18 months.

"Richmond has been waiting for good news about replacing the original tower, which has served the community well since the 1960s, but is now out of date," Horgan said. "We are working to meet the needs of a rapidly growing community by moving forward with our partners to fund this redevelopment project. This new acute-care tower will modernize Richmond Hospital for the coming decades, and bring quality public health care to people who live and work here."

Richmond Hospital Foundation president and CEO Natalie Meixner was elated with the news.

"This is what our donors and our community have been waiting for. Today's news is re-energizing. It's a reflection of what's possible in this community, and we're optimistic about reaching our campaign goals. We look forward to greater engagement with philanthropists in the community."

The announcement to replace the aging hospital structure follows years of angst.

Opened in 1966, Richmond Hospital today has about 231 beds, serving Richmond, South Vancouver and Delta, as well as people using Vancouver International Airport, and BC Ferries. The hospital's original tower has six storeys and 108 beds. It is home to surgical suites, in-pa-



*Photo by Martin van den Hemel*

**Richmond is getting a new acute care tower, with construction beginning by 2020, the province announced March 29.**

tient units, a mammography clinic, cancer care, medical imaging and a pharmacy as well as administrative, academic and support services.

Meixner said there is a growing list of challenges associated with the aging structure which, built in 1966, is well past its lifespan and bursting at the seams. She said the tower's building envelope, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems are all failing and seismic capacity now meets only 17 per cent of current standards.

While it is safe for daily use — the hospital is showing its wear.

When elevators in the Richmond Hospital's acute care tower suddenly stopped working one day a couple of years ago, administrators were forced to think quickly. They turned to a unique source for help: the movie industry.

Recognizing the importance of getting the lifts back in working order as soon as possible, but unable to readily access replacement parts,

the hospital was fortunately able to turn to the film trade for suitable cables until the elevators could be permanently repaired.

"Our understanding is if there was an earthquake of 5.9 or greater (on the Richter scale), the building would be subject to collapse and also to liquefaction," she said.

Last year, the hospital foundation commissioned an independent public opinion poll to better understand what citizens of Richmond felt was the most important publicly-funded infrastructure needs. Eighty-five per cent of the general population placed a new hospital tower among the top two projects, and 52 per cent rated it as the No. 1 need. Following a substantial gift from Dr. Tony and Mrs. Nancy Yurkovich, along with more than 10 other families including the Greczmiels, and organizations, the foundation is on its way to contributing \$50 million to the construction of a new hospital tower.

Meixner said the deteriorating

conditions at Richmond Hospital are being aggravated by the city's dramatically increasing population which is now more than 218,000. The population growth, led by one of the fastest growing seniors populations in B.C. which she said is expected to double to 65,000 by 2030, is putting an additional squeeze on already minimal space. When Richmond Hospital opened in 1966 it had 132 beds for a city of 50,000 people. Today, it has 233 beds for 218,000 residents. Seventy per cent of hospital beds are used by seniors.

"During the winter season when people have the flu, and with so many people falling this past winter (amplified by the snow and cold temperatures), at times we had five patients to a room," she said. "For anyone who's been in hospital, that standard of care is not up to today's expectations."

Meixner said the risk of infection spreading is also an issue, noting the current standard in hospitals to help infection control is to have 80 per cent single occupancy rooms. At Richmond Hospital the majority of rooms are triple and quad occupancy, with only 10 per cent single rooms.

The upcoming business-plan phase will finalize details such as the scope of the new facility and budget.

Vancouver Coastal Health president and CEO Mary Ackenhurst said Richmond is blessed to have an "incredible" team of doctors, nurse and staff with outstanding expertise. She said it's important they have the right space, equipment and facilities to support that.

"We expect the new tower will not only increase the level of service we provide, but support new, robust models of care that reflect the diverse needs of the community."

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# Hitting the ball farther is closer than you think

By **KERI MOFFAT**  
Golf instructor

The concept of sequence, timing and how we use the ground can be difficult to understand ourselves, but it's easy to see in other players.

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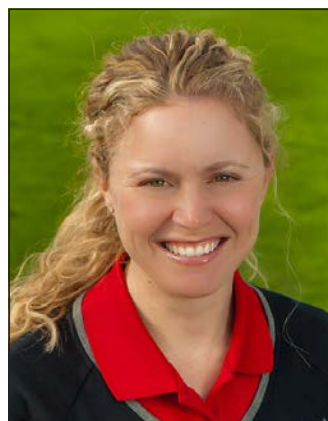
build pressure under their lead foot (left foot for right-handed players) as the backswing is ending.

This is something that I need to work on. The timing in the transition from my backswing to my down swing is a bit late and I'm not applying enough downward pressure into the ground and therefore losing distance.

## Shaft Vertical on Downswing

One of the most important positions in determining your ability to hit the ball far is when the lead arm is parallel to the ground on the downswing.

At this point in the swing players



KERI MOFFAT

should be pushing up from the ground with the lead foot at a fast speed.

Push down then up; the timing of this feeling is critical to club-head speed.

## Impact

Players should have most of their weight under their lead foot which will help to reach their maximum vertical pressure between the previous position and impact.

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•Keri Moffat is the 2011 PGA of BC teacher of the year and the University of British Columbia women's golf team assistant coach.



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# These tips will get you in the swing of things



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By JENNIFER WYATT  
Golf Instructor

It's golf season! Yay!  
Are you getting into the game for the first time, or back into the game after a winter's rest?  
Before you hit a ball, do a dynamic warm up to get the blood flowing.  
And here are a few things to get you going.

### Three Things About Set-Up

1) Grip: Please get someone to show you the grip, or to check your current grip. If you aren't holding the club correctly, your swing will take extra effort, maximum power won't be available to you and the direction of your shot could be off target. Feel the grip in the fingers more than the palms.

2) Stance and Balance: Have good posture, bent over from the hips. Feel like you're sticking your rear end out, not sitting. Arms are pushed downward, under your shoulders. Have a slight knee bend and your weight balanced toward the heels versus the balls of your feet.

I wish I had known this long before I learned it. For most people, it's a good place to be in the set-up.  
3) Alignment: This is something that is obvious at the driving range, but that can go off line on the golf course. When I observe students on the course, often



JENNIFER WYATT

their feet are aligned about 30 degrees to the right of the target (for a right-handed player).  
**Remedy:** Without hitting balls, practice aligning to different targets, take aim, and check the line of your feet by placing a club or alignment stick along your toes; after five repetitions, you will have improved.

### Three Things About The Swing

1) The wrists hinge (think badminton or squash) so the club can load and unload.  
2) The body turns (or twists) into

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the backswing and unwinds through the ball and into the follow through and finish.

3) Your posture remains the same (head in one place) while you do the first two things.

### Three Important Things About The Golf Experience

1) It should be fun! Whether you are having lessons, playing a game, or playing a tournament. And even if you're not having your best day, you can practice positive habits such as being patient and grateful.

2) It is a chance to slow down, be with friends, or meet new people.

3) We can use it as an opportunity to Un-Plug and be "present."

• **LPGA tournament winner and a member of the BC Golf Hall of Fame, Jennifer Wyatt** ([www.jenniferwyatt.ca](http://www.jenniferwyatt.ca)) has worked as a golf commentator and now teaches the game at Quilchena and Savage Creek.

## Chipping is about good contact

By **MATT DANIEL**  
Golf Instructor

The key to effective chipping is good contact.

If we can be confident we'll be able to do this, and then we will relax and actually enjoy this part of the game.

**Setup:** grip down on the club, hands toward lead side, stand closer to the ball than you think, ball position in middle of stance, weight 70 per cent to the lead side.

**Motion:** swing back with just enough power to swing through with acceleration, finish with club shaft in line with lead arm. This finish position will eliminate the classic (scooping) motion that is common in amateur players.

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# Richmond tennis star off to Yale University

By AHMAD ALI JAFFER  
Youth Reporter

Hugh McRoberts Grade 12 student Jessie Gong thinks the countless hours she's spent playing tennis has prepared her well for when she attends prestigious Yale University on a tennis scholarship this fall.

Gong began playing tennis for fun when she was three, following in her dad's footsteps while dabbling in many other sports. But when she was 11, she decided to pursue tennis seriously, and has continued with it ever since.

Throughout her career, she's represented Team BC at the Canada Summer Games, winning a silver medal, and has been a finalist multiple times at the Canadian Nationals.

She was a junior 'International Tennis Federation' singles champion, and most recently won the under-18 BC Indoor Provincials. When reflecting back on the time she's invested in the sport, Jessie said tennis has definitely prepared her for the future in so many different ways.

"I would not be who I am today without it"

It's helped her with time management, as she's maintained a training regimen, on top of a heavy course

load at school.

She trains six days a week, all year round when she's not playing in tournaments. This consists of about 12 to 14 hours per week on the court, and four to five hours in the gym for fitness.

Her coaches from the Richmond Country Club and Tennis Canada have been a regular source of support and motivation. When she was 13, Gong started travelling internationally for tournaments, with some trips lasting as long as a month. It was difficult at first to manage her schoolwork while travelling, however she made time to get her work done so she did not fall behind.

Gong obtained a scholarship to complete the NCAA Division 1 Women's Tennis' program and said she is excited to "represent the Bulldogs, and overall ecstatic at the opportunity to receive an education at an amazing school."

She's taking things one step at a time, but is interested in studying molecular, cellular, and developmental biology.

The road to where she is today hasn't always been smooth.

She's had issues with her knees, ankles, feet, back, and shoulders that require extra attention and physiotherapy. Injuries cause one

to feel a lack of energy, but Gong hasn't let them stop her from training hard to achieve her goals. Tennis has taught Jessie to never give up.

Playing in an individual sport, with no substitutions or time-outs if you're having a bad day, she's had to

persevere continuously.

She's come to realize that her successes or losses are on her shoulders, which motivates her to always push herself to do her best, no matter what the situation is.

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### Road Closure Advisory

#### Railway crossing maintenance on Steveston Highway – May 5 to May 6

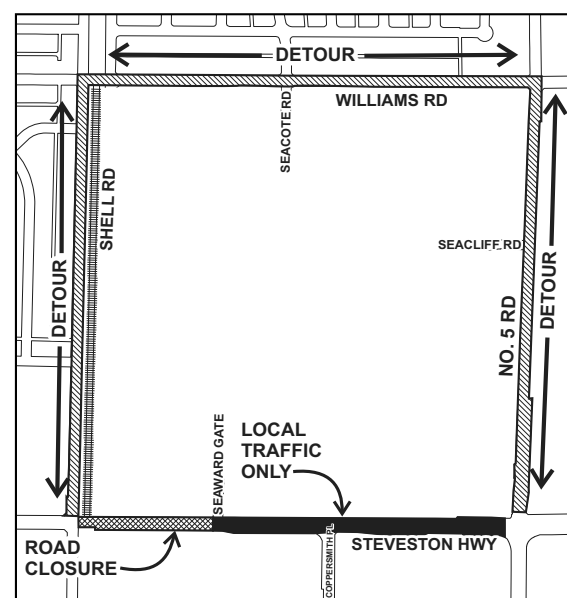
The City of Richmond's Engineering and Public Works Department, in partnership with the Canadian National (CN) Railway, have scheduled joint demand rail crossing maintenance and paving on Steveston Highway east of Shell Road.

To facilitate the work, a full 24 hour road closure is required at the rail crossing on Steveston Highway between Shell Road and Seaward Gate starting Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:00 p.m. Traffic will reopen on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 10:00 p.m.

Alternative vehicle and pedestrian routing will be in place. Every attempt will be made to minimize disruptions, however, delays may occur. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

The work will be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather.

For more information, please contact Patrick Lai, Engineering Design and Construction, at 604-247-4937 or visit the City's RoadWorks webpage at [www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/projects/advisories](http://www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/projects/advisories).



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Photo by Don Fennell

**Barry Riva** planted a love for baseball that he and his daughter Chelsea continue to cultivate on Richmond's softball diamonds.

## Pair share love of game

By **DON FENNEL**  
@DFSentinel

A self-described sports nut at heart, Barry Riva has passed on his love of the game to his daughter Chelsea. And today they share that affinity as co-coaches of a Richmond Islanders girls' softball team.

It's a unique extension on the father-daughter relationship, agrees Barry.

"We both have busy lives and it gives us that time together doing something we both enjoy. She relates to the girls so well, and they to her, and that makes her an invaluable associate."

Adds Chelsea: "I think that we have such a similar understanding of the game that we almost share a brain. Whenever something happens, we can share a look and I'll know what he's thinking."

Through the years, father and daughter have spent considerable time dissecting the game—often on their way home from the ball park. Or chatting over steeped tea at Tim Hortons. But foremost on their minds is that the players are having fun.

Coaching together since 2014, soon after Chelsea "aged-out of minor ball," the pair now feed off each other.

"My dad is very logical," suggests Chelsea. "He really calculates and thinks about how to approach every new situation. I'm definitely the 'good

cop' to his 'bad cop' sometimes. He has always stressed to me the importance of ethics and sportsmanship, which I believe we both value more than a winning score."

Chelsea says the game of softball is as much mental as physical. With every pitch, she enjoys anticipating what will happen next.

Of Chelsea, Barry says: "She still plays, and plays well, and the younger girls buy into what she says," he explains.

Captain of her Islander teams, because of that leadership, she is able to step up to whatever the task is.

Baseball was Barry's first love. He picked up his first bat and ball when he was six years old, playing on a team that was coached by his dad. But at the time, an after-game visit to the new McDonald's in Richmond was equal to the activity itself.

"Batting practice was in the backyard with a tennis ball, to save on windows," Barry laughs.

Father and daughter are also both fanatical followers of the Toronto Blue Jays. At any given time, one or both is wearing something Blue Jays.

Naturally, when Chelsea began playing t-ball (at the age of five) her dad was the coach and, of course, the team was called the Blue Jays.

So it's only fitting they would later join forces from the sidelines.

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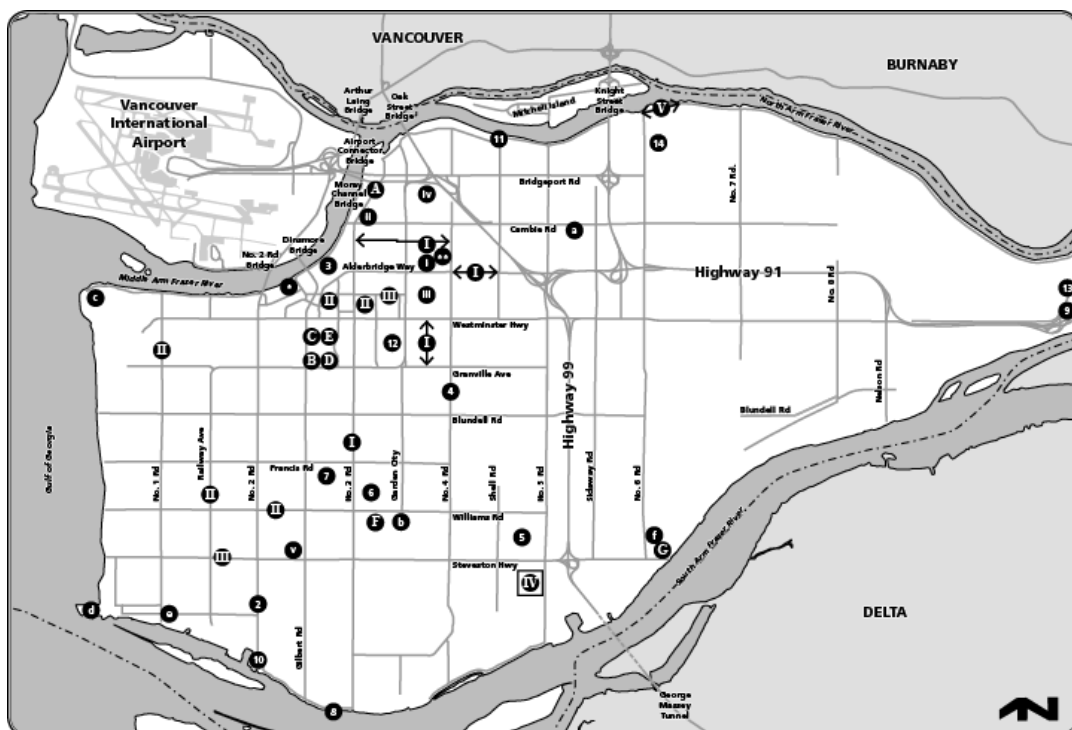
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# Sockeyes honoured to play for hometown team

By **DON FENNELL**  
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Growing up in Richmond, Brett Gelz and Arjun Badh have a special affinity for their hometown hockey club.

They were the kids who loved to hang out at Sockeyes' games. And now, on the eve of the Cyclone Taylor Cup which will cap their junior careers, the pair are filled with reflection.

"It was a really cool moment for me the first time I ever pulled on a Sockeye jersey," says Gelz, who has worked his way back from an ankle injury in the opening game of the Pacific Junior Hockey League play-offs to be ready for the provincial championship tournament Thursday through Sunday (April 12 to 15) at Minoru Arenas.

Completing his fourth year, Gelz is the longest-serving member of the Sockeyes.

"It is impossible for me to narrow down the countless great moments I've had in being a Sockeye. Some things that stand out the most are just the respect I am given when seen wearing a Sockeye jacket, and the amazing lifelong relationships I have created with my teammates over the years."

Remembers Badh: "We used to get in for free if we wore our minor hockey association jerseys, so a lot of my teammates would go too. Once I was old enough to try out for the Sockeyes I did, eventually making the team. It's been an unreal feeling being able to play for the team I grew up watching."

Gelz and Badh played their minor hockey in both the Richmond and Seafair programs. They also come from strong hockey backgrounds.

"I started skating at three-years-old and began playing organized hockey at five—basically the earliest that you can start," Gelz says.



**In his fourth season with the team, Brett Gelz is the longest-serving Sockeye.**

"I guess my parents made the decision for me that I was going to be a hockey player."

Says Badh: "I think my biggest influence in minor hockey was a coach I had, Glenn Wheeler. He coached me in Peewee, Bantam and Midget. He had a huge impact on my growth as a hockey player, but he also helped me grow as a person. Glenn taught us all values, commitment and respect on and off the ice. I credit a lot of the success I have had in my hockey career to Glenn for sure."

"I think one of the biggest challenges I had to face growing up playing hockey is wearing a turban. There was no one else playing at the level I played who wore a turban. Many of the other kids didn't know what it was or why I wore it. But explaining to them what the

significance behind wearing a turban is, people came to understand and respect my decision to follow my religion while playing the game that I love. I am most proud of being raised in a family where respect and pride is a huge part of who we are. My parents always taught me to respect others and treat them as you want to be treated."

He says if he could pass on any advice to his 10-year-old self it would be to train harder off the ice.

"I didn't start training off the ice until I was 15 or 16. By that time, it's too late...to be a dominant player."

Still, Badh has consistently contributed to the Sockeyes' success. Among his proudest moments was scoring the double overtime winner to eliminate the North Vancouver Wolf Pack in this season's first-round playoffs.

Describing the hockey player as being very different from the person off the ice, Gelz loves to get under the skin of his opponents.

"I believe I am strong two-way player and always give it everything I have when I am out on the ice," says Gelz. "As a person, I am definitely a lot more easy going, low key, and friendly. As soon as I'm on the ice playing it's almost like a switch goes off and that all changes."

Badh, who hails from a soccer family (he and four older siblings all played), was drawn to hockey watching his uncle. While he plays a similarly robust style as Gelz, Badh also produces points. He was the Sockeyes' leading scorer last season with 40 points in 43 games. This season he improved on that total with 49, and added 10 points in the league playoffs.

"I would hope that my teammates would see me as a player who would do anything to help the team succeed, whether it is on or off the ice," says Badh, who also keeps his skills sharp playing ball hockey. "I strive to be seen as a hardworking player. Being one of the older guys on my team this year, I try to lead by example."

Both natural athletes, Badh also tried out football and lacrosse and played for his high school basketball team. He's also into golf, and loves to go to the driving range whenever possible. Gelz, who started out as a defenceman, also played soccer and lacrosse and a high-level of baseball, but ultimately gave them up to focus on hockey.

"I am definitely a big-time sports nerd and love being up to date in everything sports whether it is NCAA college football all the way down to Bundesliga soccer," says Gelz, who is also extremely into music. "I am one of those people

# Humboldt Broncos to be recognized at Cyclone Taylor Cup

By **DON FENNELL**  
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It will be with heavy hearts that the Humboldt Broncos will be honoured at this week's Cyclone Taylor Cup.

There will be a moment of silence during Wednesday's banquet and Thursday's opening ceremonies at the 2018 provincial Junior B hockey championship April 12 to 15 at Minoru

Arenas. The tournament will feature the host Richmond Sockeyes, Pacific Junior Hockey League champion Delta Ice Hawks, Kootenay International Junior Hockey League champion Kimberley Dynamiters and Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League champion Campbell River Storm.

Fifteen Broncos players and staff were killed and 14 others injured when the team bus—on its way to a

playoff game—and a tractor-trailer collided near Tisdale, Sask.

"It was just so horrific and sad," said Sockeyes' president and Pacific Junior Hockey League chairman Doug Paterson.

Paterson said the Broncos will be further recognized during the Cyclone Taylor Cup with "special player engagement to show our support as a united front." He said

players will wear stickers on their helmets inscribed with the words "Our Thoughts, Our Prayers" with a Humboldt logo.

Proceeds from the 50/50 draws throughout the tournament will be given to the GoFundMe ([tinyurl.com/HumboldtStrong](http://tinyurl.com/HumboldtStrong)) campaign and matched by the PJHL, VIJHL and KIJHL leagues.

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Last season's leading scorer, Arjun Badh is completing his third year with the Sockeyes.

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that has 1,000 songs on their phone and knows every word to every one of them."

While he's still exploring potential college hockey opportunities, Gelz hopes to further his education. He also has an eye on becoming a firefighter. After finishing up a degree in criminology at Simon Fraser University, Badh hopes to one day become a lawyer.

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## Four vying for Junior B championship

By **DON FENNELL**  
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Three league champions and a host team will vie for the B.C. Junior B hockey title this week in Richmond.

The Pacific Junior Hockey League will be represented by tournament host Richmond Sockeyes and playoff champion Delta Ice Hawks; Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League by playoff champion Campbell River Storm; and Kootenay International Junior Hockey League champion Kimberley Dynamiters.

### Richmond Sockeyes

After defeating North Vancouver Wolf Pack in the opening round of the playoffs, the Sockeyes were themselves eliminated by the eventual post-season champion Delta Ice Hawks in five games. However, each of the games was close—three decided by a single goal.

The Sockeyes were led during the regular season by 20-year-old captain Tyler Andrews. He led the team with 34 goals and 71 points in 38 games, then added 11 points in 10 playoff games.

### Delta Ice Hawks

After winning 37 of 44 regular-season games, the Ice Hawks completed the PIJHL season by defeating

Ridge Meadows Flames in the playoff final.

Richmond's Gary Dhaliwal (also the Ice Hawks' captain) was second in team scoring during the regular season, netting 53 points in 42 games, and paced the club in the post-season with 19 points in 15 games.

### Campbell River Storm

The Storm dominated the Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League during the 2017-18 regular season with 78 points. They then added the playoff banner with a thrilling seven-game final series victory over the Saanich Braves.

Second in individual scoring during the season with 55 points, 18-year-old Dawson Frank averaged 1.9 points per game in the playoffs with 28 in 15 outings.

### Kimberley Dynamiters

Kimberley topped the regular-season standings with 38 wins and 78 points, then added the playoff title by defeating Revelstoke Grizzlies in a six-game final.

Rookie Brock Palmer, 18, who was the club's leading scorer during the regular season with 58 points, continued his fine play in the post-season by leading the Dynamiters with 26 points in 22 games.

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## Tournament Schedule

### Thursday, April 12

3:30 p.m.—Delta vs. Kimberley  
7:30 p.m.—Campbell River vs. Richmond

### Friday, April 13

3:30 p.m.—Delta vs. Campbell River  
7:30 p.m.—Kimberley vs. Richmond

### Saturday, April 14

3:30 p.m.—Campbell River vs. Kimberley  
7:30 p.m.—Richmond vs. Delta

### Sunday, April 15

10 a.m.—Bronze medal game  
1 p.m.—Gold medal game

(All games at Minoru Arenas)

Tickets for the 2018 Cyclone Taylor Cup round-robin games Thursday through Saturday are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students and \$8 for children. Tickets for Sunday's bronze and gold medal games are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students and \$10 for children. Tournament passes are \$50. All games will also be available on webcast. Log on to [cyclonetaylorcup.ca](http://cyclonetaylorcup.ca) for details.



*In their own words...*

# Affordable Housing Strategy is working, but need remains high



**Chak Au**  
City Councillor

Richmond City Council has recently renewed its Affordable Housing Strategy. It has been 10 years since the Strategy was adopted in 2007. The original strategy was adopted with a long term vision to meet the housing needs of people with different levels of income in our community.

A lot of progress has been achieved in the past 10 years and Richmond has been recognized as a leader in affordable housing policy. This includes securing over 1,560 affordable homes for local residents, of which 477 are non-market/social housing, 429 are low-end market rentals, 411 are market rentals, 19 are entry level home ownership, and 229 secondary suites/coach houses.

However, we realize that the challenge of meeting the housing needs of Richmond residents is far from over. Given the continuous growth of our population, the increase of the number of seniors and a high percentage of low income residents, there is still a huge task in front of us. For instance, it is projected that by 2026 Richmond will need 2,000 homes for low and very low income families. While the City continues to secure affordable housing contributions

locally through various policies, additional funding support from the federal and provincial governments will be required to fulfil the housing demands.

An effective tool the City has used to increase the supply of affordable housing is to require developers to make contributions in cash or housing units in exchange for a density bonus—a common practice for many municipalities. What has been implemented since July 2017 as part of the renewed Affordable Housing Strategy is increasing the built unit requirement from five per cent to 10 per cent of the total residential area to be secured as low-end market rental (LEMR) units. At the same time, the threshold in developments where these units are required was lowered from 80 to 60 units. It has been estimated that these measures will add 50 additional low-end market rental units in Richmond each year.

In development projects where contributions of housing units are not applicable, the amount of cash contributions have also increased and the City has set a goal of collecting \$1.5 million to support partnerships to create additional non-market



*The Storeys project is an example of how the City of Richmond's Affordable Housing Strategy is meeting community needs.*

units or other innovative projects for low-income or vulnerable households. A few exceptionally successful projects include Kiwanis Towers, Cadence, and the Storeys, where partnerships with senior levels of government, developers and the non-profit housing sector have led to an increased number of affordable housing units and opportunities to house low-income seniors, lone-parent families and vulnerable individuals.

The renewed Affordable Housing Strategy includes many other initiatives which will be implemented at different times over a 10-year period. In Richmond we recognize that everyone is entitled to have a place that can be called home and this is a goal that we can achieve only when we work together.

## City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

## Council Meeting Live Streaming

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| <b>Development Permit Panel</b><br>3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11<br>Council Chambers<br>Richmond City Hall | <b>Public Hearing</b><br>7:00 p.m. Monday, April 16<br>Council Chambers<br>Richmond City Hall   | <b>Public Works &amp; Transportation Committee</b><br>4:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 18<br>Anderson Room<br>Richmond City Hall | <b>Parks, Recreation &amp; Cultural Services Committee</b><br>4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 24<br>Anderson Room<br>Richmond City Hall |
| <b>General Purposes Committee</b><br>4:00 p.m. Monday, April 16<br>Anderson Room<br>Richmond City Hall     | <b>Planning Committee</b><br>4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 17<br>Anderson Room<br>Richmond City Hall | <b>Council Meeting</b><br>7:00 p.m. Monday, April 23<br>Council Chambers<br>Richmond City Hall                             | <b>Development Permit Panel</b><br>3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25<br>Council Chambers<br>Richmond City Hall                       |

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# Western title final chapter in Seafair story

By DON FENNELL  
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The final chapter in the 54-year history of the Seafair Minor Hockey is an inspiring narrative of camaraderie.

With the newly-merged Richmond Seafair Minor Hockey Association set to begin play next season, the Islanders capped the story of best friends uniting for a common goal recently in Kamloops, seizing the moment to capture the 2018 Western Canadian Bantam AAA Championship.

Thomas Tien's third goal and sixth tournament point earned the Islanders a dramatic 2-1 double overtime victory over the Airdrie Xtreme, a pre-event favourite that ranked among the top 15 clubs in the country.

"I can honestly say it was probably our best game of the season, and to do it on that stage (with television cameras rolling and 400-plus fans in the stands)

I was blown away," said coach Steve Robinson.

Though underdogs, the heart of the Islanders consistently came to the forefront. That heart, combined with obvious athletic talent, explains how they were able to not only finish best among six elite teams, but also defeat the Xtreme twice—the first a 3-1 win in pool play.

Robinson recognized the difficulty in beating such a team twice in a row, let alone in such short order. But he said this Islander team, that a few weeks earlier won the provincial championship to qualify for the Westerns, was clearly special.

He said they believed early in the season such heights were attainable. As the season wore on, that belief only grew.

Now, a team that few knew much about, is well known in hockey circles. And Robinson expects at least three



Photo courtesy Steve Robinson

**The Seafair Islanders won the Western Canadian Bantam AAA Hockey Championship April 1 in Kamloops.**

or four players will likely be selected in the upcoming Western Hockey League Bantam Draft on May 3.

The Islanders' run to the Western championship was also inspired by their former strength and conditioning coach Scott Hebert. They learned he had passed away just 48 hours after their fi-

nal session with him before leaving for Nanaimo to play for the provincial title.

The Islanders purchased Superman tape and attached stickers to their helmets and sticks as a way to honour Hebert, with whom they trained each week.

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**FINN SLOUGH ART SHOW AT CULTURAL CENTRE.** The 18th annual Art about Finn Slough show starts noon Thur. April 12 at Richmond Cultural Centre. Images on display until noon on Sun. April 15. Author Lenore Newman to talk about historic slough and wetlands on April 13 at 7 p.m. Cultural centre rotunda to display Finn Slough wildlife images and boat images until April 20.

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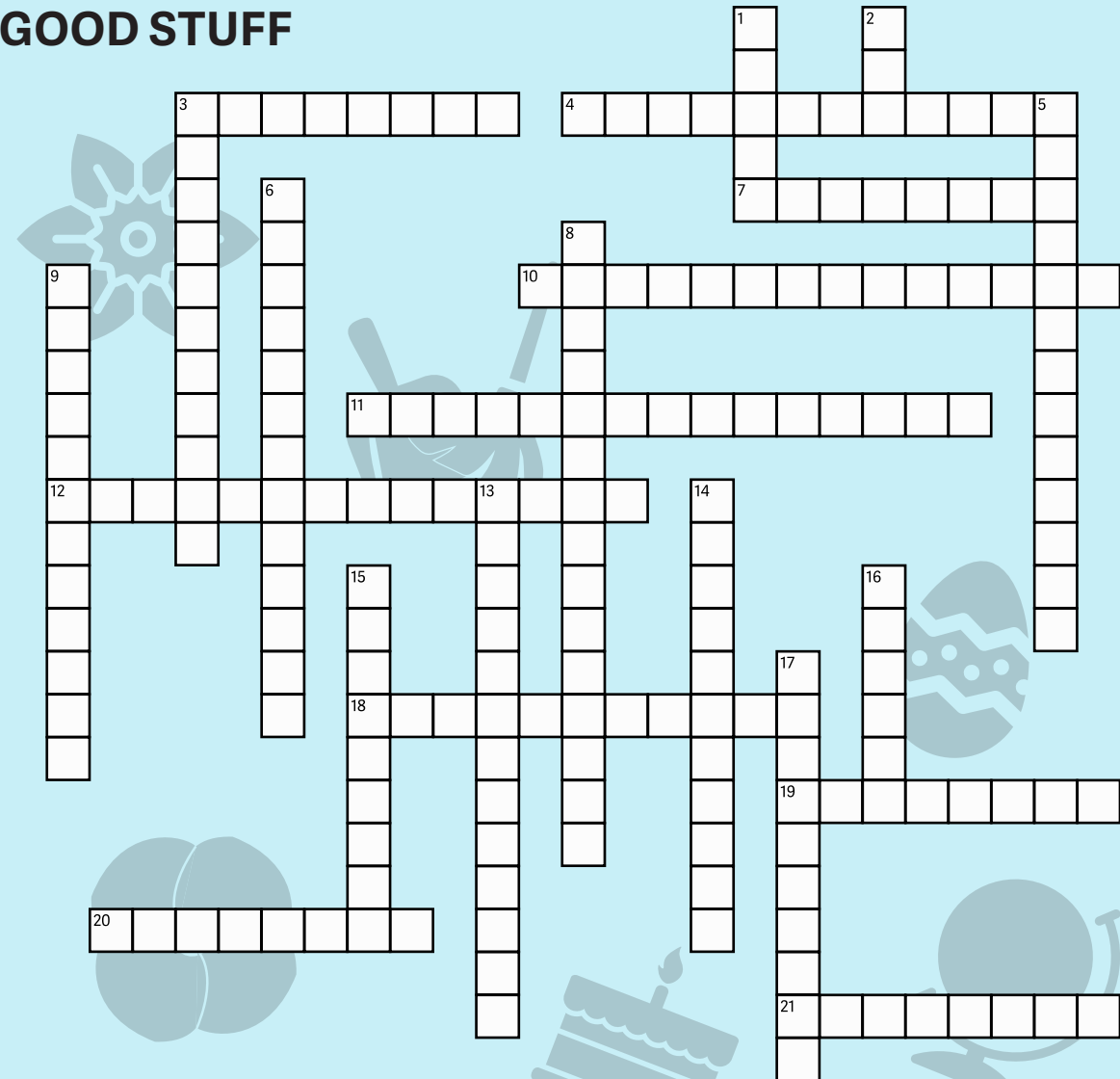
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# Fun & Games



## GOOD STUFF



### ACROSS

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Yellow spring flower
- 4

What brings May flowers?
- 7

Jewish festival just finished
- 10

Household seasonal ritual
- 11

Cornus mas blooming now
- 12

1922 novel by Elizabeth von Arnim
- 18

April 2018, Friday the 13th, Songkran
- 19

Sunday, April 22
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Remembrance April 25
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What you get when the puddle's too deep?

## SUDOKU

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

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### DOWN

- 1

April flower blooming in Holland 's fields
- 2

How many equinox per year?
- 3

What is equal on the equinox?
- 5

Official start to season
- 6

TV series, last episode shot in Steveston
- 8

Birthday of Guru Angad Dev
- 9

Pulsatilla vulgaris
- 13

Anemone patens
- 14

Orthodox Easter
- 15

National Historic site, \_\_\_ Shipyard
- 16

Recentmoveable feast
- 17

Cycle causing cracks to become potholes

Answers will be posted in the next issue in May.

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