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Virus is highly contagious,
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fatal to pet rabbits

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Dr. Michael Schaufele hopes that these two foundling babies, quarantined at Richmond Animal Hospital, will survive.

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Killer bunny virus has 90 per cent mortality rate

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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This is serious.

Normally, when one reads of a plague in the news, it turns out to be hyperbole.

Not this time.

The rabbit hemorrhagic disease (RHD) accidentally introduced into the Richmond rabbit population is devastating with a 90+ per cent mortality rate for both feral rabbits and for those who love their house rabbits.

The illness is also excruciatingly painful for the dying rabbits.

Eyal Lichtmann is the executive director and CEO of Regional Animal Protection Society.

"We're devastated. Some of the rabbits have been with us for five years. They're our pets."

Lichtman says they found two dead baby feral rabbits, pet rabbits that have been left to go wild, a few metres from RAPS's rabbit enclosure. They were immediately sent for testing.

"While we were getting testing done, rabbits started dying. It took a week to get the testing back. During that test period we were experiencing rabbits starting to die on us."

Rabbits are normally very quiet animals.

"During this death the rabbit is screaming at the top of its lungs. It's horrific. They're in incredible pain," says Lichtmann.

Dr. Vikram Masri, a virologist at both



Photo by Chung Chow

Richmond's pet rabbit population is being devastated by a highly contagious virus.

the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, said this disease spreads rapidly, making rabbits ill within two to three days of being exposed to the virus.

Asked about the devastation to British pig, sheep and cattle herds in 2001, Masri, a virus expert says: "It's worse than foot-and-mouth disease, because it is more resistant."

Veterinarian Dr. Michael Schaufele says the death rate from this disease is at least 90 per cent.

"I have never seen a potential out-

break as serious as this could be," he says.

Schaufele is worried. It hits close to home for him and all at the Richmond Animal Hospital. Two baby bunnies, accidentally caught in a rat trap, were brought into his animal hospital on No. 3 Road. The babies are in strict quarantine.

"Baby rabbits can have the virus in their system but for some reason, even though they can infect other rabbits, they don't get sick until they are at least 8 weeks old," Dr. Schaufele says.

It's a waiting game. The baby bun-

nies are in a room of their own. No one who owns rabbits goes into the babies' room or does the laundry at the clinic.

Dr. Schaufele changed his shirt and washed his hands thoroughly after he handled the bunny babies for The Sentinel photo shoot.

Dr. Masri says they aren't being over-cautious.

"(This disease) spreads readily. It's an amazingly resistant virus once it's in the environment. It doesn't get destroyed. Contaminated material stays contaminated for a long time. It can be spread by direct contact as well."

Are other pets or people in harm's way?

"Everything suggests it's specific to rabbits," Dr. Masri says. "I don't know that it can affect other animals."

Dr. Schaufele says the disease is exceptionally specific: "It is only a rabbit disease and not hares, the real wild rabbits, or cotton tails. It only infects the kind we keep for pets, European rabbits."

He says the problem is that so many pet rabbits have been let go. The pets that have gone wild, but who are not genetically wild rabbits, feral rabbits, are still European and can spread the disease so well.

"There can be transmission by flies. It can be on clothes. It's super contagious," Dr. Schaufele says.

Dr. Masri explains, "Because it's such a hardy virus, if there are rabbits

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Richmond Mounties searching for Dr. Poltergeist

By **MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL**
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Call it the Creepy Case of Dr. Poltergeist.

It's one that's proven baffling, unusual and perplexing to Richmond Mounties who are now seeking the public's help in tracking down the suspect.

It all started in early January, according to police, when a home was repeatedly targeted in unusual fashion in the 7000 block of Belair Drive, south of Francis Road, between Gilbert and No. 3 Road.

But nothing was ever reported either stolen or missing.

However, objects in the home were "meticulously moved and re-configured in a new location."

When the homeowner upgraded their security system, the intruder or intruders seem to have stopped cold in their tracks by mid-February.

If it wasn't for security footage, RCMP Cpl. Dennis Hwang said investigators "might have been inclined to consider that the intrusions were the work of some type of poltergeist."

On Friday, investigators released an image of the suspect,



Photo courtesy Richmond RCMP

This suspect is wanted for a series of bizarre trespassing incidents at a home on Belair Drive in January.

who was wearing a surgical mask over his face.

While investigators have followed up on a number of leads, they've been unable to identify the suspect.

This case isn't similar to any other police cases, and no new incidents have surfaced, Hwang said.

The suspect is male, possibly of Asian decent, with a thin build, and was wearing a black three-quarters length dark-coloured coat, dark pants and white athletic sneakers.

"This case is a highly unusual

case from the standpoint of our investigators," Hwang said. "There have not been any losses reported but some property has been damaged, and in one instance, items within the residence were meticulously moved and re-configured in a new location."

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call RCMP Cpl. Kyle Simpson at 604-278-1212 or email them at Richmond_Tips@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Anonymous tips can left with Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Artist Tiaré Jung
illustrates public
input at the
Richmond Public
Library's April 25
open house.



Public feedback shaping library's future

By **DON FENNELL**
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They form one of the most important sectors of the population, yet also one of the hardest to reach. So seeing the number of teens engaged in the Richmond Public Library's open house April 25 was a huge victory in the eyes of staff.

"We wanted to reach everyone, but I was particularly pleased to see a lot of teens rolling up their sleeves and being part of (the

public consultation)," said library co-ordinator Stephanie Vokey.

"I noticed that while they may have mostly been coming in to study, they were drawn in to check out the stations," she told *The Richmond Sentinel*. "There was a lot of energy, and I noticed a lot of the teens working together. One example was an exercise in which people were asked to rank the different library services in order of what was most important to them."

Last week's open house was

one of several public consultations the library has planned over the next two months. A number of focus groups are planned this month, and in June the library will use the city's platform Let's Talk Richmond for a discussion survey. All of the feedback will be collected to form a strategic plan expected to be released this fall.

Visit rpl.yourlibrary.ca and click on Public Consultation 2018 to learn more or share your ideas.

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Prolific offender caught by RCMP

By **MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL**
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A local prolific offender, who for a year sat at the top of the RCMP's Most Wanted list, is facing 28 criminal charges after being nabbed two weeks ago in Surrey.

Mitchell William Coubrough, 30, was arrested on April 12 by the Richmond RCMP's prolific offender suppression team.

According to Richmond RCMP Cpl. Dennis Hwang, Coubrough was the most wanted suspect in Richmond for more than a year,

and sat second on the regional bait car/auto crime team's top 10.

Coubrough had eight outstanding warrants for his arrest at the time he was taken into custody, six from Richmond, and one each from White Rock and Surrey.

Coubrough was slated to appear in Richmond provincial court on April 27.

The Richmond Crown has approved 28 criminal charges and three Motor Vehicle Act charges against Coubrough, including six counts of breaking and entering, seven counts of possession of stolen property, three counts

of driving while prohibited, two counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of fraud.

"The sheer number of charges that were approved strongly illustrates just how active this individual was in our community and surrounding areas," Hwang said.

Hwang said officers from the property crime unit, prolific suppression team and patrol units put in the work and painstakingly sifted through evidence to build a strong case against the perpetrator.

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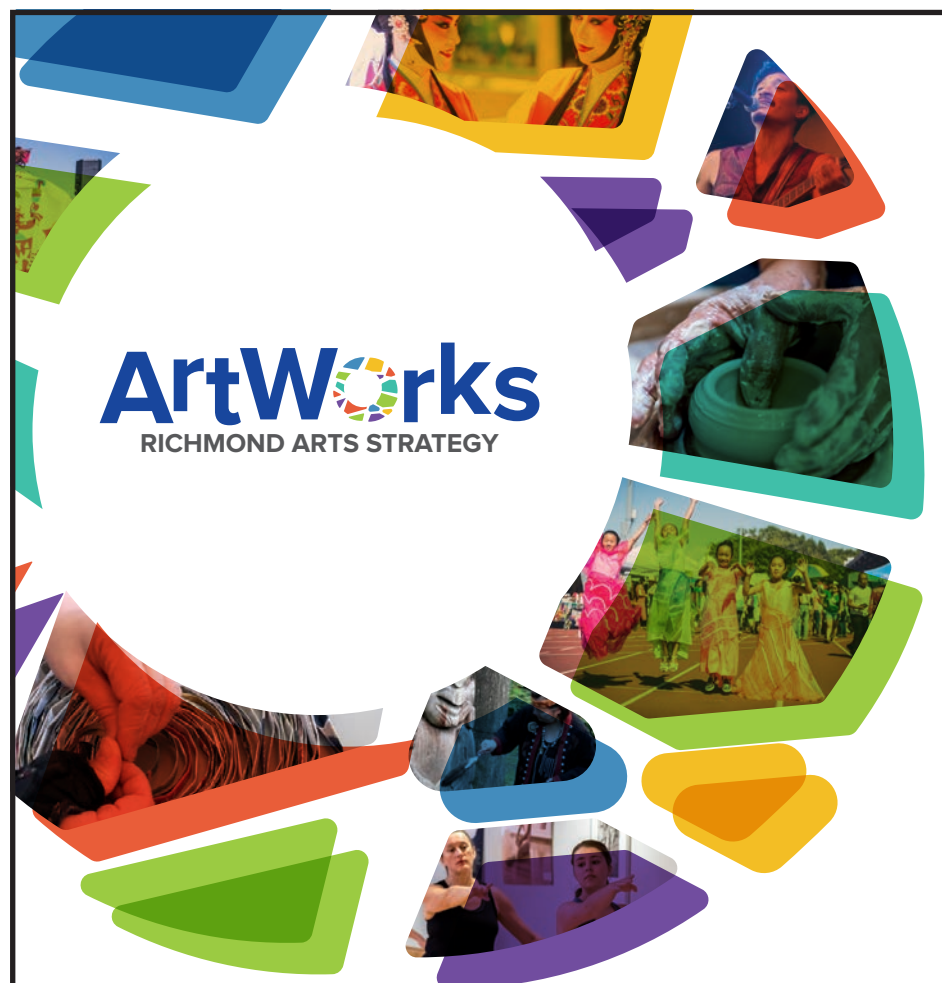
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Navigating arthritis/pregnancy

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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As a teenager, Jessica Oates started having trouble with her joints and her breathing.

"I had sore joints, and carpal tunnel. I thought that was kind of weird."

She was also having chest pains.

"You kind of think about how the rest of your life is going to look and are you going to have a normal young adult life?" she says.

On May 17, ARthritis Soiree 2018 will be held at Hotel Vancouver to support arthritis research.

Oates was diagnosed with SLE, often just called Lupus. She remembers the date all too well: "Aug. 20, 2008. I was 17 when I was diagnosed. I turned 18 in the hospital. It affects my lungs as well. It is called shrinking lung syndrome."

It means everything's a little harder. So walking is a little harder. Walking

up stairs is a little harder. You deal with a lot of chest pain. It pushes on the inside," she says.

Oates' rheumatologist finally settled on Benlysta, the only biologic approved for use in Lupus. It worked the best of all meds Oates tried. It doesn't get rid of her Lupus but keeps it in check the best of anything she has used.

Part of the normal adult life Oates wanted was children: "I always knew I wanted a family. I knew I wanted to be a mommy."

But, her disease offered challenges.

"My doctors were very concerned about me getting pregnant. There's a higher miscarriage rate with women who have lupus because when you get pregnant your lupus can go after the embryo and cause a miscarriage," says Oates.

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Print a gift at the Richmond Public Library

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Looking for an interesting and definitely unique gift for mom this Mother's Day?

According to Cindy Ho, head of digital services at the Richmond Public Library, you can use one of their 3D printers and print your mom's present.

3D, or three dimensional, printers work much like standard printers but they build up layers in a computerized pattern to create an object.

"We've had the printers for three years already," says Ho. "And we've been teaching people how to do 3D modelling and do their own projects."

There is a nominal charge for the cost of maintenance and materials.

"We have some items predesigned and those range from \$2 to \$4. We're trying to keep costs quite low," Ho says.

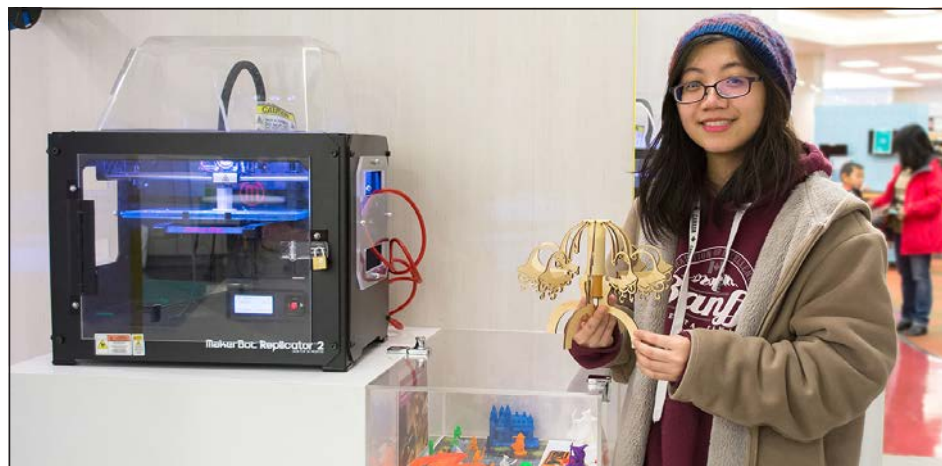


Photo courtesy Richmond Public Library

A student stands by a 3D printer with her creation and a few of the options available.

Users don't really need to know how to work the printer or how to design 3D objects: "It's kind of interesting. If they want to see the printer in action for Mother's Day, there will be some special pre-designed items as well."

That means kids can pick from a menu, decide on size and colour, then work with the staff to print up their gift for mom.

Children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. "So it's very nice actually for them to do it togeth-

er and learn how 3D printers work," said Ho.

Users can become certified to use the equipment.

"They they can come in and use the 3D printers just like the scanners and other regular printers we have here at the library."

If you want to do an orientation course to become certified on the library's 3D printers so you can create and print your own designs, the next offering is Thursday May 3 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Ho says they will have some special Mother's Day designs in the menu of options.

Whether you bring mom in to help her pick out her gift or bring a different adult so you can create a surprise, Ho wants everyone to feel welcome to pop in to the main branch of the library to watch the process.

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Property taxes, heritage preservation discussed at City Hall

By **DON FENNELL**
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Council has approved Richmond's property tax rates for 2018. The overall tax increase will be 3.30 per cent.

A city staff report presented to Richmond City Council April 23 shows that while total market value increased by about \$8.4 billion or 9.41 per cent from 2017 to 2018, the residential market values increased by \$5.2 billion or an average of 7.18 per cent; a much smaller increase compared to

2017 when residential market values increased by an average of 34.9 per cent over 2016.

But strata residential properties enjoyed a healthy increase; an average increase in market value of 18.75 per cent, while single-family detached properties averaged an increase of just 1.29 per cent. In 2017 single-family homes, on average, had significant tax increases while most strata properties had tax decreases. The staff report suggests that in 2018, stratas will face tax increases while single-family homes will

have minimal increases or, in many cases, tax decreases.

For the City of Richmond report on this issue, and those below, visit: tinyurl.com/SentinelCity0423

Phoenix net loft preservation

Council has approved \$11.5 million to restore the Phoenix net loft as part of the city's 2018 capital program.

One of the last surviving structures associated with the Phoenix Cannery, featuring a 956-square-metre (10,300 square feet) lower floor and 641-square-metre (6,900 square feet) upper floor, it operated as a net storage and repair facility until the early 2000s when the city acquired the building from BC Packers as part of rezoning considerations.

The net loft is located at the Britannia Shipyard on a water lot leased from the province for 30 years, effective as of 2017.

"Being able to access a bit of our past has significance to us, and will allow people in the future to see what Richmond was like," Coun. Derek Dang said.

River Road safety measures

Council is embracing efforts to improve traffic safety along River Road between No. 6 Road and Westminster Highway.

Coun. Ken Johnston, who has a business in the area, said "it's always a nightmare in terms of speeding and large trucks."

"I'm happy the RCMP is monitoring and increasing enforcement," he said. "It would (also) be nice to see a widening (of River road) somehow. When you have employees walking down the railway tracks because they can't walk on River Road, something's wrong. And there are a lot of businesses with no bus service."

Initiatives are generated through the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee established in 1997. It is a partnership between city staff, community groups and other agencies to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety in Richmond.

Managing rainwater resources

Council has approved an integrated rainwater resource management strategy for Richmond.

Coun. Carol Day has lauded staff's efforts, and notes that rain barrels are available at the city works yard for \$30.

"They will allow you to collect and have water when there is a watering ban," she said.

Coun. Derek Dang added that the Richmond Olympic Oval is a great example of managing rainwater resources. He said water is funneled into a pool on the east side of the building and then reused in the oval.

Steveston Hotel gets permit

Council has approved a heritage alteration permit at the Steveston Hotel.

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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS



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New smoking regulations effective May 1, 2018

Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989

Richmond City Council has approved new regulations that will further limit smoking and vaping in public spaces and around City properties.

Effective May 1, 2018, new regulations in Public Health Protection Bylaw No. 6989 will include:

- No smoking at public parks and school grounds (e.g. beaches, trails, playgrounds, playing fields, golf courses, docks, piers, heritage sites, public recreation centres, arenas, swimming pools, City Hall plaza, and other City properties that are open to the public)
- No smoking within 9 metres of transit shelters, transit signs, customer service areas (patios), doors, windows and air intakes (previously 3 metres for transit shelters and 6 metres for all other areas)
- Definition of "smoking" or "smoke" to include cannabis and all vapour products such as e-cigarettes

The new regulations support the recommendations of local health authorities to improve the current level of public health protection in the community. The regulations will also increase protection of public spaces and infrastructure from the threat of smoking-related fires.

For more information, visit www.richmond.ca/cityhall/bylaws.

Support for British Columbia residents who want to quit smoking is provided 24 hours a day, free-of-charge through QuitNow. Call 1-877-455-2233 or visit www.quitnow.ca to learn more.

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CITY HALL

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The permit allows for the removal of decorative shutters and the replacing of all the upper-storey windows of the protected heritage property at 12111 Third Ave.

The proposal to replace all 41 upper-level windows with black vinyl-framed, double-pane windows is for energy efficiency and noise mitigation within the hotel.

All the larger windows and the eight small windows in the south and north facades will be frosted glass to add privacy.

The Steveston Hotel is one of the identified heritage resources in the Steveston Village Heritage Conservation Area.

Coun. Bill McNulty noted that the hotel, originally named the Sockeye Hotel, dates back to 1896 and was located across the street from the present site.

Dike master plan

Council has endorsed the second phase of the dike master plan. It generally recommends that the city maintain the existing dike alignments in the study area, while identifying medium and long-term dike improvements along part of the West Dike (Williams Road to Terra Nova Rural Park) and part of the North Dike (Terra Nova Rural Park to No. 6 Road) that will be required to address climate change induced by rising sea levels.

Coun. Harold Steves said Richmond is fortunate to have the “best” dike system from here to Hope.

“(Longtime former city councillor) Archie Blair was continually talking about dikes and drainage, but he was absolutely right,” Steves said. “Now, no other community is up to the grade we have. Staff are to be complimented for keeping up with the environmental changes. Our future has been planned for us for well into the next 50 to 100 years.”

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Shooting leaves two dead

By **MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL**
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Two people are dead following an overnight shooting in downtown Richmond that police investigators believe is not random.

Around 2:30 a.m. Monday, police responded to a report of gunfire at a home at 6631 Eckersley Rd., near Granville Avenue and Cooney Road, Richmond RCMP Cpl. Dennis Hwang said. Two victims were found inside.

An area resident, who wished to remain anonymous, told *The Sentinel* that half of Eckersley Road was bought by developers and those homes have for some time been rented out.

The older, yellow, two-storey home where the shooting occurred

was occupied by a couple. On Monday morning, a minivan was parked out front, the driver’s door still ajar.

He said he last saw the couple some time ago, and described activity on the property as “sketchy” and noted there was marijuana being smoked there.

The home sits directly across from the field used by students at Cook elementary school.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team is now in charge of the investigation.

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Richmond First unveils slate

Richmond First has unveiled its slate of candidates for the next municipal election Oct. 20.

Seeking seats on city council will be incumbents Bill McNulty, Linda McPhail and Derek Dang. They will be joined on the Richmond First slate by Andy Hobbs, Sunny Ho and Peter Liu.

A retired Vancouver police officer, Hobbs previously served two terms as a Richmond school trustee between 2002 to 2008.

Donna Sargent and Eric Yung are seeking re-election on school board. Norman Goldstein, Jason Li and Elsa Wong are also on the slate.



Screen grab from Google
A new City Centre policing office will open next year on Granville Avenue.

New policing office coming next year

By DON FENNELL
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Police will be moving into new downtown digs in 2019.

The new City Centre Community Policing Office is expected to significantly enhance community safety in the downtown core.

The 929-square-metre (10,000 square feet) station will be located in the city-owned building at 6931 Granville Ave. (at Gilbert and Granville). It will replace the existing City Centre Community Policing Office at Lansdowne Road and No. 3 Road, which, at 418 square metres (4,500 square feet) lacks the size and facilities necessary to provide the full range of police services required.

"As our community grows, there is an increasing demand for police services across Richmond, but particularly within our rapidly evolving city centre," said Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "Council has already approved funding for 40 additional police officers during the current term to meet emerging community needs." Brodie said an expanded City Centre community police office will permanently station officers in the heart of Richmond, improving response times and increasing street level presence. It will also provide enhanced, easily accessible storefront crime prevention services and other community programs."

The City Centre area currently generates just over 1,000 police calls a month, which is 28.6 per cent of all calls, according to the city. With tens of thousands of new residents expected to move into Richmond's downtown over the next few decades, the area is anticipated to comprise as much as 41 per cent of the total service calls by 2030.

The new space will allow for on-site processing of offenders and storage of critical emergency response and other supplies to ensure quicker deployment when required.

The project cost will be \$5.1 million, to be funded from voluntary developer amenity contributions.

About 37 cents from every tax dollar goes towards police and fire-rescue services, as well as emergency programs.

The building at 6931 Granville is currently the temporary location for Richmond Fire-Rescue's Brighthouse No. 1 Fire Hall. Richmond Fire-Rescue will be moving into its new fire hall across the street at 6960 Gilbert Road within the next month. Once that move is complete, renovations will begin at the Granville Avenue building. The new City Centre Community Policing Office is anticipated to open in the fall of 2019.

The imminent opening of the new fire hall marks the conclusion of an ambitious 15-year building program.

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Road Closure Advisory

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

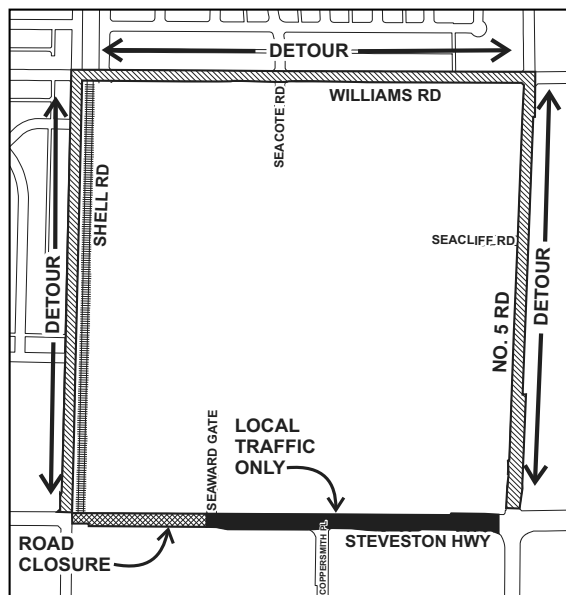
The City of Richmond's Engineering and Public Works Department, in partnership with the Canadian National (CN) Railway, have scheduled joint demand rail crossing maintenance and paving on Steveston Highway east of Shell Road.

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.



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Steveston Interurban tram dream alive again

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL
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Could an operational tram be in the cards for Steveston in the not-too-distant future?

It's certainly now more than a pipe dream after the City of Richmond on March 22 issued a request for proposals to "engage the services of a team of transportation professionals" to prep a feasibility study. The deadline for submissions was April 23.

According to the request for proposal, the Steveston Interurban Tram would run from its current location at 4011 Moncton St. to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery on Fourth Avenue.

The City of Richmond wants to connect with interested parties who are capable of carrying out the work, including making submissions that

form the basis for evaluation, the potential interview and selection.

City of Richmond spokesperson Ted Townsend said the feasibility study will look at the costs and larger implications of putting the tram car into service.

"Council passed a motion last September allocating funding to undertake a feasibility study that includes a transportation and engineering analysis of the operation of the tram..." he said. \$50,000 was set aside for the study, which would also look at the capital and operating costs of the tram itself, as well as a business case analysis that would include a cost versus benefits analysis.

The fact the tram's restoration is now "substantially complete" has prompted council to revisit the issue.

Putting the tram into service was last considered in 2005, and was met

with some opposition, including from condo residents who were, among other things, concerned about the noise the tram would create if built along certain routes.

At the time, council considered a few options, including running the tram between Steveston Village and London Farm, between Britannia Heritage Shipyard and London Landing, and between Britannia Heritage Shipyard and Steveston Village.

The cost of laying the track, providing stations, road crossings, crossing protections and power were estimated at between \$1.9 million and \$2.9 million depending on the route.

"These estimates did not include costs of any land acquisition required."

But council passed a resolution to "abandon any tram routing options in Steveston" on Jan. 24, 2005.

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The Steveston Interurban has largely been restored.

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RABBITS

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around outside, flies can transmit it. It's so hard to kill that flies will alight on a carcass or feces containing virus, and carry it over. (The virus) does survive. It's hard to kill."

Through a special government release program, there is a vaccine from France available through some veterinarians. Citing confidentiality request from vets, the list won't be released by the BC Ministry of Agriculture but they suggest phoning your usual vet. If they do not have the RHD vaccine, they may know who does.

When it comes to safety, all involved say making sure your rabbits stay indoors, at all times, is a good first step.

If anyone has been near other pet or feral rabbits, you can ask them not to visit until your rabbit's vaccination takes effect 30 days after their shot. Taking shoes off at the door, using window screens, and washing hands well when you come in from outside, are all good starts.

"All of those common sense things are good, whether all of them will completely protect an animal, I'm a skeptic," says a cautious Masri though he offers hope, "If your rabbit is in isolation and if your neighbours don't have any, if there are no feral rabbits nearby, then your rabbit will probably be ok."

ARTHRITIS

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a baby, Oates said she was, "More determined than scared."

Dr. Mary De Vera of Arthritis Research Canada (ARC) and the University of British Columbia (UBC) studies the safety of life-saving arthritis drugs in pregnant women. Because some types of untreated arthritis actually shorten a patient's life, continued effective medication is vital to living a long life, not just for pain relief and joint health.

De Vera stresses that arthritis is not just an old person's disease.

Just as with the 2001 foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in the UK, where millions of heads of livestock were destroyed, after the first two rabbits in RAPS's care died, they made the saddest and most responsible decision.

"That means euthanizing the rabbits, ripping out the cages, ripping out the infrastructure and incinerating everything," Lichtmann says.

While no one suggests a home with a few indoor rabbits should consider this option, for those with large numbers of rabbits exposed to the disease, "It's one of the ways you try to curtail the spread," says Dr. Schaufele.

In spite of RAPS' best efforts to keep their animals safe, RHD snuck in, spreading to their rabbits.

"All 66 rabbits were culled. As an organization, this is not what we signed up for. These animals trust you. They're in your care and I don't think anybody wants the power of life and death over any other living being. This is devastating."

It is going to be a long time before rabbit owners can breathe easy. Dr. Masri says it will be at least a year before we can stop worrying about this disease.

At last report, the baby bunnies at the Richmond Animal hospital were doing "awesome."

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Children live with it as do women of child-bearing age.

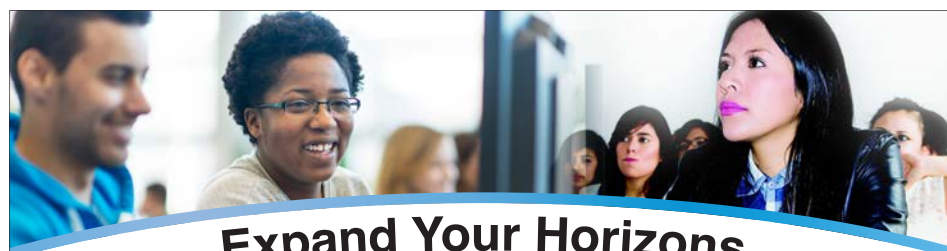
Babies born to women with arthritis have lower birth weight compared to women without arthritis."

De Vera's list of risks continues, "Small for gestational age babies. Data also says having arthritis is associated with a risk of congenital malformations in the babies."

Oates, now 28 and a new mom with four month-old twins says of parenthood, "It's the best feeling in the world. It truly is."

De Vera says: "Pregnant moms and babies are the most wonderful things. I love babies."

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RMA setbacks, established in 2006 will soon be added to the City's zoning bylaw in accordance with the Provincial Riparian Area Regulation. This zoning bylaw update is procedural in nature and does not introduce any additional land development requirements at this time.

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Photo courtesy City of Richmond

A ukulele course is one of the typical adult education programs accessible in Richmond.

Tune in to adult education

By **DON FENNELL**
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Learn to swim. Take taiko drumming lessons. Prepare and sample flavourful and healthy yogurt. Or stay fit with zumba.

From A to Z, it's all possible in Richmond, where the learning opportunities are as numerous as one's imagination.

Take, for example, programs designed specifically for adults.

With Richmond able to boast of many modern recreation facilities, and programs that contribute to a healthy, active lifestyle, it's not surprising local residents enjoy the longest life expectancy (85.7 years) in Canada.

"We have such a broad spectrum (of seniors), and it's growing" enthuses Melanie Burner, community facilities co-ordinator at Minoru Place Activity Centre. "Our oldest member is 105 and

going strong."

With the Minoru Centre for Active Living set to open later this year, Richmondites will have even more opportunities to remain on the go. The new multipurpose complex, now under construction in Minoru Park, will include an aquatic centre, seniors centre and other recreation and sports amenities. It will replace the outdated Minoru Aquatic Centre and Minoru Place Activity Centre as well as the former Minoru Pavilion.

The seniors centre will be located on two floors, with a lounge, a full-service cafe, a range of activity rooms. A 7,300-square-foot fitness centre will also be part of the facility.

Burner says the expanded space will help accommodate both current and future programs specifically for older adults. She says the programs range from

visual arts to painting and targeted programs like the brain health series, which helps seniors understand how the brain changes as you age.

"We have such a big spectrum of what we think of a senior, so having a greater range of options (with expanded space at the new facility) for people is something we're looking forward to," she says.

Burner adds that the new Minoru Centre for Active Living will also allow new strategies to be realized, including more space to just sit and talk. She says studies have shown the importance of socializing, and that isolation can be worse than smoking.

David Ince, manager of community recreation services for the City of Richmond, says programming that reflects this type

EDUCATION

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of thinking is increasing. Both the City Centre and Thompson community centres have dedicated space for simply socializing.

In the past, Ince says, programs were much more focused on a direct benefit. Today, the thinking is much broader.

"People are more open to exploring a new interest, while also continuing their activities instead of thinking there is a hard stop," he says. "(Programming) has expanded to certainly be more about livability. When programmers sit down they're thinking about the side benefits besides taking an exercise class. And people are asking for new and innovative things."

Carol Lepine, community facilities co-ordinator at Thompson Community Centre, says bringing people together is at the core of what programming is all about. She says the wide range of opportunities, including volunteering, not only helps provides people learn new skills, but fosters a feeling of belonging.

"One important aspect is to also look at the benefits of recreation, and the outcome of the programs which is a vital way of connecting people," she says. "Activating people through volunteering is a really great way to share, learn new skills, and feel a part of things."

Many unique, and free, education opportunities for adults are offered through Richmond's parks programs. Area co-ordinator Tricia Buemann notes that the city is working with Emily Carr University on a project around pollination, and having "a bit of an outdoor classroom in Terra Nova."

"There'll be a workshop series around that too," she explains.

"The David Suzuki foundation started the Butterfly Rangers, and when our children are getting more involved I think it builds a momentum and the parents can get out and enjoy the outdoor activities with them," adds Buemann.

City arts co-ordinator Camyar Chichian says community groups are increasingly being recognized as partners. Eleven are currently housed at the Richmond Cultural Centre and run the gamut of arts offerings.

"Partly, we have to be sensitive that if we do a lot of classes are we competing with those groups we are actually housing?," he asks. "So a lot of what we do is to complement what they do. And if we have more arts studios open that's good. It means more opportunities for people."

Chichian also noted the City of Richmond has invested heavily in events that recognize the family dynamic, and are well-received by the public. He said the events represent another form of programming.

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Smoking regs updated

The City of Richmond has updated its smoking regulations, a move Coun. Bill McNulty, for one, hopes will result in a more harmonious relationship between smokers and non-smokers.

"The bylaws are intended to protect the rights of individuals. I'm not going to pass judgement on smoking, just don't infringe on the rights of others who do not," he says.

Effective May 1, new regulations

approved recently by city council will include:

*No smoking at public parks, school grounds and city properties and buildings

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Policy aims to keep all students safe in Richmond schools

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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The school district held an information session at RC Palmer Senior Secondary on April 24 for its proposed Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity policy (SOGI).

"My family is not as accepting," one participant, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Richmond Sentinel. "They are more on the conservative side which means issues and topics like this are controversial. It's a very hush hush topic. It is hard."

Thirty-three per cent of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, two-spirited (LGBT2Q+) youth in Canada attempt suicide.

Just seven per cent of straight youth attempt suicide.

The number of assaults and mur-

ders of LGBT2Q+ Canadians outstrips the general public as well.

Living life in the shadows, hiding who you are, has a cost.

The Richmond School District wants to keep our students alive and safe, all of Richmond's students. To that end, the trustees proposed the new policy, which comprises five sentences and calls for a "safe, respectful and caring environment."

The policy adds: "It is our collective responsibility to ensure that every individual is treated with fairness, respect and dignity and is included fully in the life of the community."

Said one information session participant: "It matters to me because as a member of the queer community I'd like to see myself represented as well as letting other people know and spreading awareness."

Another added: "I haven't heard

anything directly but have heard slurs being passed around the halls quite regularly."

When asked who stops it when they hear students slinging homophobic names about the school, one student said, "No one." While another said, "I do." Neither could recall another student or teacher stepping in to stop the homophobic bullying.

They both cited the disfigurement of posters at school promoting acceptance of GBLT2Q+ students.

The new SOGI policy aims at changing attitudes. This will make it safer for youth who are not heterosexual.

At the information session many misconceptions were dispelled. SOGI is not about teaching students specific materials as only the BC Ministry of Education can set curriculum. Rather, SOGI is about

attitudes of acceptance and support of all students within the public schools of Richmond, regardless of sexual orientation.

The information session featured large posters outlining the suggested district policy and the rationale for the school board's philosophy.

This change would bring it in line with provincial ministry of education policy. The displays meant parents, students and concerned citizens were able to talk one-on-one with district staff, elected trustees, staff and students.

The next SOGI information session, also at Palmer, is May 5 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. All are welcome.

The board votes on the adoption of the SOGI policy June 27.

For more information on this proposed policy, visit tinyurl.com/SOGRichmond

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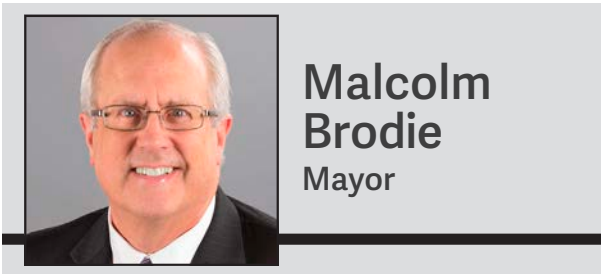
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In their own words...

Investments in community safety buildings keep Richmond safe



Malcolm Brodie
Mayor

Very soon, Richmond Fire-Rescue will move into the impressive new Brighthouse Fire Hall at Granville and Gilbert. This represents an important milestone for our City as we complete an ambitious program to modernize all of Richmond’s public safety buildings.

This iconic fire hall is an important cornerstone for future community safety. It hosts both the primary fire-rescue service for our rapidly-growing City Centre as well as the department’s administrative support offices. It also joins the recently-opened Cambie Fire Hall as an integral part of a series of seven new or upgraded public safety facilities completed within the last 15 years. City Council has worked hard to deliver this critical program to ensure that Richmond remains one of Canada’s safest cities.

This building program is a significant component of our community’s safety. Years ago, Council recognized our public safety buildings could not fully meet the needs of our rapidly-growing and evolving community. Importantly, the aging buildings had not

been built to meet modern seismic standards making them an operational risk in the event of a major earthquake. This could challenge the effectiveness of our first responders when needed the most.

The two oldest and most out-of-date buildings, the Sea Island and Hamilton Fire Halls, were replaced first. Replacement of the Steveston Fire Hall and a major retrofit of the Shellmont Fire Hall soon followed.

In 2010, City Council acquired the facility used as security headquarters for the Olympic Winter Games. It then became the new home for our RCMP detachment at a saving of tens of millions of dollars compared to building an entirely new headquarters.

All of these facilities will now withstand a major earthquake and serve our community through any response and recovery stage. In keeping with Council’s commitment to sustainability, each is designed and constructed to meet LEED Gold standards, one of the highest ratings for sustainable construction and design.

In addition, partnership and innovation are always important. The new Cambie Fire Hall is the first facility in an urban BC community to co-house fire and ambulance services. Connections from the fire hall were also made to our award-winning Alexandra District Energy Utility.

Few cities could have affordably undertaken this public safety building program over such a short time. However, Council’s careful approach

to financial management enabled the City to finance these projects with minimal impact on property taxes.

However, we are not finished. Council has just approved creation of a new City Centre Community Police Office to better serve our rapidly-growing downtown area. The new 10,000 square foot facility will be nearly double the size of the existing City Centre policing office. A designated complement of police officers will be permanently based in the new facility, which will reduce response times and increase in-service time. The expanded facility will also support improved community policing and crime prevention services. Located in an existing City building at Gilbert and Granville, it will open next year.

The safety of people and property is always a top priority for us. This year, City Council has directed about 37 cents from every tax dollar towards police and fire-rescue services as well as emergency programs. The current budget features funding for an additional 16 police officers and three municipal police employees. Altogether, Council approved the hiring of 40 additional police officers and six municipal police support employees during the current term.

The City of Richmond remains committed to further investments in people, programs and equipment to ensure we sustainably maintain the highest standards of public safety.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

General Purposes Committee 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 7 Anderson Room Richmond City Hall	Planning Committee 4:00 p.m. Tuesday May 8 Anderson Room Richmond City Hall	Community Safety Committee 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 Anderson Room Richmond City Hall
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Richmond set to bid on 2020 55+ BC Games

By **DON FENNELL**
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Plans are afoot for the possible return of the 55+ BC Games (formerly known as the B.C. Seniors Games) to Richmond.

Coun. Bill McNulty tabled a motion at a recent city Parks and Recreation meeting. The Games were last held here in 2009.

McNulty and Richmond Sports Council chair Jim Lamond, both longtime supporters of sport locally, are prepared to lead a bid for the 2020 Games.

The Games would be held in either late August or early September of that year.

"Richmond Sports Council and the Richmond Games Society would be co-hosts of the Games," said McNulty, who along with Lamond are working on a presentation to formally request city council's support.

A bid package, expressing Richmond's wish to host the Games, must be submitted to the B.C. Games Society president by June 28, 2018.

McNulty said the Games would be run entirely by volunteers, with the support of city staff.

"The Games will mobilize our volunteer force," he said. "We'll have 2,000 volunteers. Most communities don't have that opportunity. We'll have young and old working side by side, representing a nice blend of intergenerational co-operation."

The 2009 Games turned a profit, from which a legacy fund of about \$69,000 was established. The largest Games ever, they attracted 3,800 athletes

aged 55 and older from throughout the province.

"In 2009 we got our seniors moving," McNulty said. "We have everything from darts, whist and bridge to pickle ball, swimming and track and field. That's what I like about these Games, you don't have to be a star athlete or in the prime of fitness. I may go in and throw the javelin."

McNulty is envisioning an even bigger, more successful Games in 2020.



COUN. BILL MCNULTY



Courtesy 55+ BC Games

Cribbage is among the events held at the 55+ BC Games.

"In five years, 50 per cent of our population is going to be over 50, so we're an aging community as well," he said. "I think hosting the B.C. Seniors Games fits in with our goals of being the longest living and healthiest people. We'll even have events for 80-year-olds, accentuating the masters programs.

Those athletes are already going beyond where people used to stop competing."

McNulty said the potential economic spinoff from four days of activities could generate in excess of \$4 million.

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Basketball star signs with Division 1 school

By **DON FENNELL**
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Fardaws Aimaq is in rare company. The 2017 Steveston-London secondary grad has become the first high school basketball player from Richmond in 17 years to sign with a Division 1 program. He made it official April 9, putting pen to paper to join the Mercer (Georgia) University Bears starting next season.

Appropriately, the low-key occasion was held in the "Shark Tank" where the big man (6-foot-11, 250 pounds) honed his skills while nearly leading high school senior boys'

team to a provincial championship his Grade 11 season.

"Obviously the process was stressful, but I think we did everything the right way," said Aimaq, who played this past season at Maine's Bridgton Academy. The New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) named him a AAA first team all-star.

"I wanted to play with the best players in the world and the NEPSAC had that. I looked at the league as the



FARDAWS AIMAQ

best in America, and the little things I did to get ready for next year helped a lot," he said. "I had a rough start and struggled at first, but once I went back in December and January I had a great (rest of the) year."

Aimaq said the rigorous training that is commonplace at Bridgton proved invaluable.

"Putting myself around those kind of people was best for me. The guys love to compete every single day and

our practices were crazy. They were more intense than games I'd say. Nobody wanted to lose, and the guys eat, breathe and sleep basketball. Those are the kind of people I like playing with."

Aimaq's parents are naturally elated for their son.

"He fell in love with basketball and it's nice to see him get a full scholarship. I want him to one day play for Canada," said his dad Faramarz, who is even prouder of the way his son carries himself as a person.

Said his mom Shahnaz: "I'm proud

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Richmond pioneer Lamond honoured

By DON FENNELL
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One of Richmond's best-known pioneers has been honoured with a provincial award.

On Wednesday, Jim Lamond was recognized by B.C. Premier John Horgan with a B.C. Community Achievement Award. Scott McIntyre, chair of the foundation, also made the presentation in Victoria.

"The dedication and generosity of British Columbians like these make our communities great places to live," Horgan said.

Lamond has made many significant contributions to Richmond's sports community, and continues to chair the Richmond Sports Council



JIM LAMOND

of which he was a founding member. He is also co-founder of Kid-Sport-Richmond which ensures that finances do not prevent children the opportunity to participate in sport.

Active in the sports community for 45-plus years, Lamond has also dedicated countless volunteer hours to the BC Forester Games for disabled athletes as well as the BC Summer Games and BC Seniors Games. He is currently working on a possible Richmond bid to host the 2020 Seniors Games

with city councillor Bill McNulty, another longtime Richmond sports contributor who received a B.C. Community achievement Award in 2005 during the second year the awards were presented.

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BASKETBALL

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that he went after his dream."

Mike Stoneburgh, who coached Aimaq at Steveston-London, said this a "huge day" for the Steveston-London basketball program.

"There hasn't been a kid from Richmond (Kyle Russell in 2001) to join a Division 1 program in 17 years. It's also nice to see that Canadian players are able to go down and compete in a sport that was dominated by American kids for a long time."

Aimaq will become the sixth high school basketball player from Richmond to make the Division 1 ranks joining Russell, Pasha Bains in 1998, Andrew Mavis in 1994 and Ron Putzi and Brian Tait in 1988. All are former

Richmond Colts.

Having graduated from Steveston-London as the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder, Aimaq also sits fourth in scoring provincial AAA boys' tournament history. But it isn't only his obvious athletic talent that stands out.

"He's a funny kid who likes to joke around," said Stoneburgh. "He's serious when it's game time, but his great sense of humour will be appreciated. He'll lighten the room when that's needed."

Aimaq was selected to play in the All-Canadian Showcase all-star game April 23 at Toronto's Hershey Centre. The game featured elite players from throughout Canada, many of whom will also play on NCAA teams next season.

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MacNeill VP set to climb for BC Children's Hospital

By **DON FENNELL**
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A Richmond school administrator hopes to reach new heights this summer in support of BC Children's Hospital.

Sarah Garr, vice-principal at AR MacNeill secondary, will be making her first climb this summer in Peru with Summits of Hope, a local not-for-profit association.

She heard about the opportunity through a fellow administrator and friend in West Vancouver, who has previously climbed with the group.

"Ultimately it's a way to combine two of my passions: hiking and supporting kids," she says.

While Garr has personally been raising funds for several months to cover expenses (all climbers pay their own airfare and accommodations), MacNeill students began supporting her cause through school-based fundraising efforts this month.

With climbers paying their own way,



Students at MacNeill Secondary are supporting their vice-principal Sarah Garr's Summits of Hope climb this summer in Peru.

100 per cent of all donations go directly to BC Children's Hospital.

"I have committed to raising \$5,000," says Garr, whose efforts so far have been mostly through word of mouth and social media. She is also planning a pub night at the Landing in Ladner on June 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. Individuals can purchase a burger and drink for \$15, with \$10 of that going to BC Children's Hospital.

Photo courtesy MacNeill Secondary

At MacNeill, student council is still planning additional fundraisers, considering such activities as raffling gift cards and selling donuts and bubble tea.

None of the students will accompany Garr on the trek (all of the climbers are adults), but will, along with patients at BC Children's Hospital, be able to track her progress via live updates on the Summits of Hope web-

site tinyurl.com/summits2018. She said the climbers will also have a satellite phone with them and take turns calling in updates.

In her third year in the Richmond School District, after working in Surrey for 17 years, Garr says she is always trying to expand students' perspectives beyond the school community "to the larger local and global community."

"In addition to raising money for BC Children's Hospital, the Summits of Hope team will be bringing school supplies, clothing and other items to a village in Peru. This way we are able to support children both locally and globally," she says.

Garr begins her actual journey to Peru Aug. 12, with the trek to Machu Picchu along the Inca Trail taking place over four days from Aug. 16 to 19.

Garr is blogging about the project at tinyurl.com/summitsblog

She has also set up a donation page at tinyurl.com/summitssarah

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Baseball pitchers play the mind game

By **DON FENNELL**
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After a quick nod to the catcher, the pitcher sets, winds up, and throws. As the batter swings, the ball finds a small corner of the plate. Strike one.

Re-adjusting, the second pitch, a fastball, is low and outside. The batter doesn't bite.

Ball one.

With the count now even, the pitcher must decide what to select next; a breaking ball that the batter fouls off.

Strike two.

The mind game that defines every showdown between the pitcher and batter is now well underway.

"On top of all the mechanics and

development of velocity, accuracy and pitch selection is the head game," says Matt Winograd, pitching coach of the U18 Midget AAA Richmond Chuckers. "I believe the No. 1 component of a successful pitcher is the mind. Although a pitcher is surrounded by a team, the pitcher stands alone most of the game."

"One of the hardest parts of pitching is recognizing your motion and redirecting your focus to correct these areas," he continues. "Pitchers often get caught in a mind game that they need to get this player out. In reality, a pitcher needs to trust one's mechanics and make the next pitch. What happens after that pitch is related to how prepared the pitcher's mind is prior to that pitch."

Pitching is unique, says Winograd, and as such there is no single blueprint though he accepts there are mechanics that will help develop one's pitching ability.

"But everyone has a unique body and power set up," he says. "Look at players in the Major Leagues. Tim Lincecum, Gregg Maddux, Clayton Kershaw, Jamie Moyer, Aroldis Chapman. All of these players have dominated with such unique deliveries. At the root of each delivery is a very consistent checklist of mechanical steps that I teach, to provide players with an opportunity to succeed."

In addition to developing mechanics, Winograd focuses heavily on teaching his young pitchers to understand their application.

He says once they can recognize where they deviate from a checklist, they can make the necessary tweaks and enjoy more opportunities to succeed.

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As former New York Yankees' manager Yogi Berra is famous for saying: "90 per cent of the game is half mental."

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Richmond Sports Awards recognizes excellence

He's long been one of the city's MVPs. But **Sammy Morizawa** would rather just go about his business than take time out to be recognized.

However last Thursday (April 26) at the annual Richmond Sports Awards, held at R.A. McMath Secondary School, a standing ovation reaffirmed just how highly thought of, and appreciated, by the sports community the longtime city parks co-ordinator is.

"What can you say about him? He's an unsung hero. He's got people smarts and is a pleasure to work with," says Richmond Sports Council chair Jim Lamond, who presented the Sports Council Award of Distinction to the modest Morizawa.

Arjan Bhullar, who won gold as a wrestler for Canada at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and is now competing as a mixed martial artist in the

UFC, was named the Richmond News Sports person of the Year.

Longtime Richmond educator **Mike Charlton** received the Don Fennell Award of Distinction for his many years of contributing to school sports. Early in his teaching career, Charlton encouraged students at H.J.

Cambie Secondary School to become involved in track and field, and later focused his attention on advancing the sport of badminton. More recently, while a teacher and administrator at R.A. McMath, he guided the school's rugby team. In each



Longtime city parks co-ordinator **Sammy Morizawa** was honoured.

sport, Charlton's teams enjoyed considerable success.

Others recognized at the annual Richmond Sports Awards were: **Reid Scally** (Special Olympics); longtime coach **Jim Brady**, administrator **Matt Mercer**, official **Prem Gundarah**, U18 **United Metro**

team and **Old Blacks** masters team (soccer); high school sports athletes **Dakota Chan** (multiple sports) and **Carson Bradley** (track and field); thrower **Camryn Rogers**, coach **Garrett Collier** and administrator **Karen Fisher Hagel** (Kajaks track

and field); athletes **Cameron Lewis**, and **Brayden Carpenter**, coach **Raul Verde Rios** and official **Ethan Wong** (Richmond City Baseball); athlete **Nancy Yijia Liu** and coach **Kara Kalin Zader** (swimming); athlete **Alisha Lau** (golf); **Ian Ryder** (judo); **Bill Wong** (tennis); **Nam Nguyen** (Rockets speed skating); **Commanders** and **Generals** (Panther Cheer); **Ryan Reid** (bowling); coach **Keegan Murphy** (Connaught Skating Club); and coach/administrator **Rob Parmar** and the provincial champion **Bantam** team (Richmond Raiders football).

Part of the proceeds from the annual Richmond Sports Awards dinner, which is hosted in part by the leadership class at McMath, goes to KidSport Richmond which was established in 2008 to provide grant to in-need Richmond families so their children can participate in sport.

—Staff reporter

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Sockeyes hoist Cyclone Taylor Cup

By DON FENNELL
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Home ice has its advantages. As hosts of the 2018 Cyclone Taylor Cup, the Richmond Sockeyes were given a second chance. They made the most of it.

Turning the table on the Delta Ice Hawks, the team that eliminated them from the Pacific Junior Hockey League playoffs just over a month ago, the Sockeyes posted back-to-back wins over their league rivals in less than 24 hours.

First, just to reach the final, they came up with a gut check 5-3 win over the Ice Hawks April 14.

Then on the afternoon of April 15, with 800 fans squeezed into venerable Minoru Arena, they again defied the odds. Down 1-0 midway through the first period, the Sockeyes turned to their captain for guidance. And as he did consistently throughout the season, Tyler Andrews delivered.

In his final junior game, Andrews scored twice and set up another to lead the Sockeyes to an emphatic 5-1 win. He was the obvious choice as winner of the tournament MVP award.

Kootenay league champions Kimberley Dynamiters defeated Vancouver Island champions Campbell River Storm in the bronze medal game.

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50th B.C. elementary track meet on tap

By **DON FENNELL**
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Fifty years ago, a group of local track and field enthusiasts decided elementary school-aged kids should have their own provincial meet. Their vision has become one of the largest meets on the continent.

From May 25 to 27, some 1,600 kids will gather at Richmond's Minoru Park to partake in the golden anniversary of the annual B.C. Elementary School Track and Field Championships.

"We are hoping a new and festive atmosphere will contribute to the excitement around the event," says event head Garrett Collier.

Head coach of the Richmond Kajaks Track and Field Club which is co-ordinating the meet, Collier himself has fond memories of participating as an athlete.

"What I remember most vivid-

ly is realizing I wasn't going to be a 100-metre sprinter anymore," he told The Richmond Sentinel at last year's meet. "Coming in third, I understood I wasn't the fastest guy, but it was a great learning process because it taught me there was always going to be someone faster."

That inspired Collier to instead try his hand at throwing. He didn't just become a proficient hammer thrower, but under the guidance of his late father Richard one of Canada's best. He went on to win many provincial and junior awards, and earned a scholarship to the University of California-Berkeley. He later coached at the University of Hawaii, before returning to his Richmond roots.

Volunteers have always been at the core of the elementary championships, and this year is no exception.

"Without our volunteers, none of this would be possible," stresses



Photo by Chung Chow

A Dixon Dragon competed in the high jump at the 49th annual BC Elementary Track and Field Championships at Minoru Park.

Collier.

The meet traditionally features a large presence from Richmond schools, but organizers hope to build on this for 2018.

The event was created to provide young track and field athletes with a fun and safe competitive experience. All elementary school-aged athletes are welcome to participate, regardless if they are new or experienced in

the sport. And they do not have to represent their school to enter the meet. Kajaks is offering an early-bird entry fee of \$7.50 per event. For more, visit <http://www.kajaks.ca/bcec/>

"The kids can expect music, limited edition official merchandise, a new medal design and a great environment to compete and have a great time," says Collier.

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Free event

STEVESTON'S NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, Gulf of Georgia Cannery, offers a free family event Sat. May 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The multicultural event features dancers, displays, activities and food of the diverse communities shaping Canada's West Coast fishing industry. Special screening of *All Our Fathers Relations* at noon.

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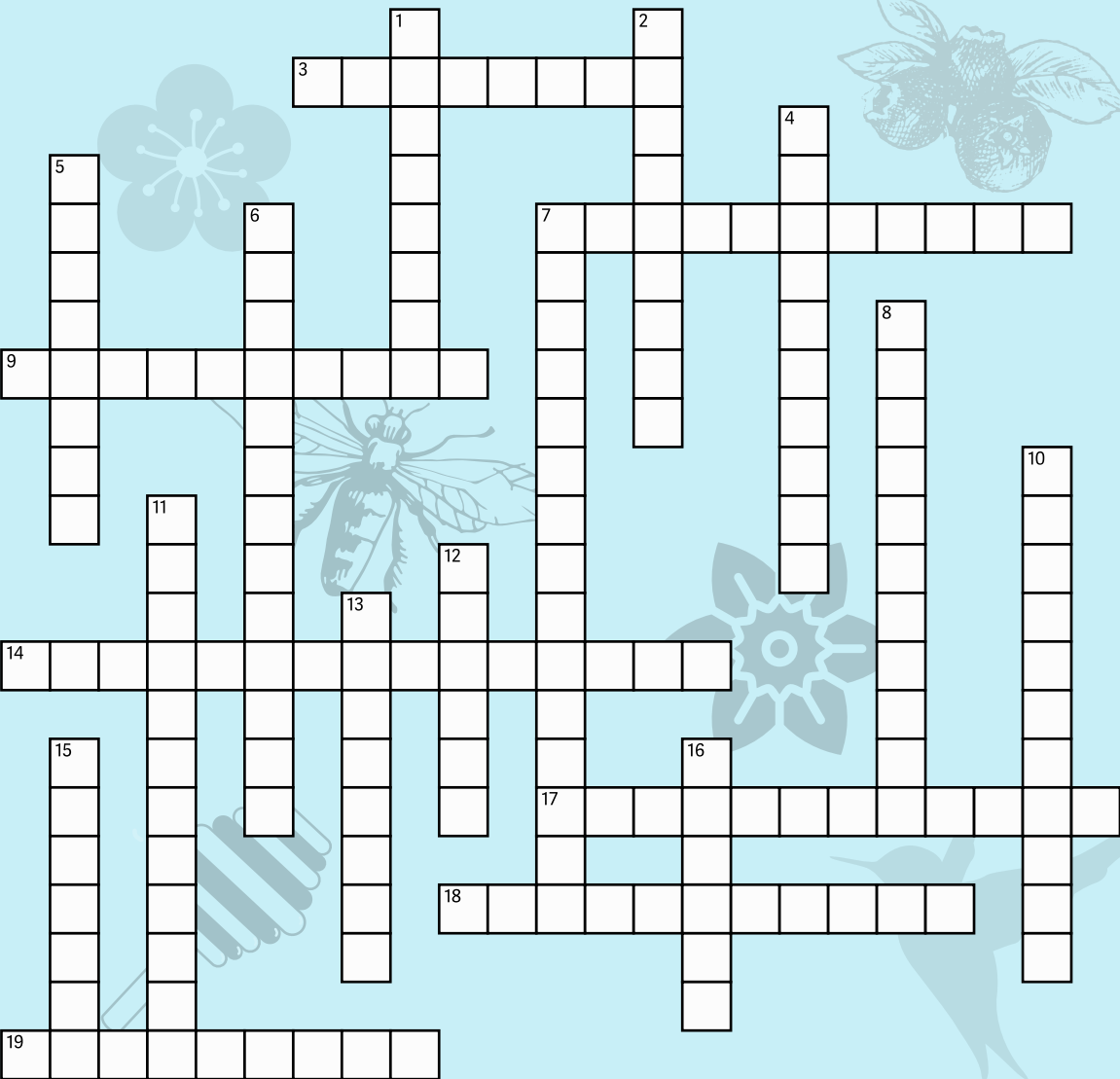
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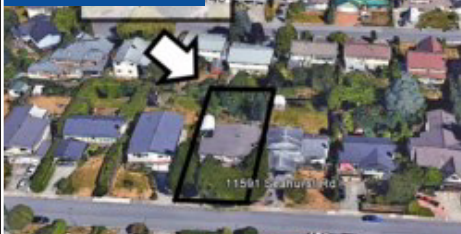
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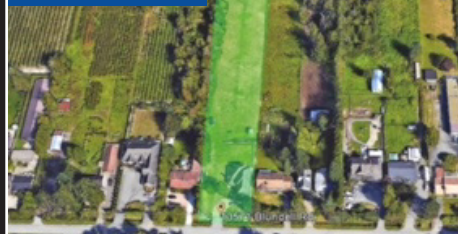
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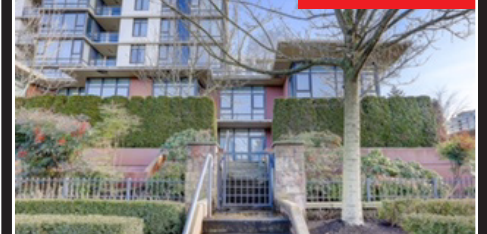
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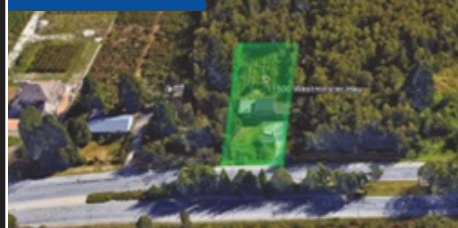
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