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The Richmond Sentinel Media Division is overseen by Florence Gordon. She brings experience in public relations, marketing, finance and the film industry as producer of two national weekly TV shows. The Sentinel has introduced an additional entity by adding a videographer, animator, graphic artist and social media members to the team not to mention several guest writers. "We are proud of our filmed interviews whether covering an election giving equal opportunity, or discovering new businesses or uncovering true stories like *The Lost Canadians*. We do our best to bring stories of interest, promote city events, local and national news while supporting the many non-profit associations. In 2026 as we celebrate our 10th anniversary our vision is to bring live reporting to the stage for those who rely on digital and for our loyal readers, the print copy will still be available."

OUR CITY *Richmond* THE VOICE



Jim Gordon, Executive Producer, Director, TV Host and Interviewer

As the creator of two national TV shows airing several times a week, Jim's network of colleagues in the film, music, literary, fashion, food and wine industry has introduced the *Sentinel's* viewers to a variety of entertainment. In addition to the print version he's added filmed interviews by the Sentinel and from his TV show *Our City Tonight* posted on richmondsentinel.ca/videos



Rika Mansingh a Certified Dietician and an Award-Winning Author

Rika has been an inspiration to all of us who work with her and to the Sentinel viewers in print and on video. The value she offers is not just her knowledge on health and well-ness but the ease that she presents the information in a language that is understandable. Rika contributes valuable time to the senior community.



Douglas James Scammell Men's Fashion

When he walks into a room you immediately know who he is. He is not a fashion model, he simply loves men's fashion and the history behind everything he chooses. I believe that's what makes his articles so interesting as he brings to life the story behind his wardrobe sprinkled with names of movie stars from the golden era who helped make these items popular.



Joe Leary, Veteran Broadcaster, Freelance Writer, Events MC/Host

Joe's career in radio broadcast has taken him from Vancouver to Toronto. He's known to many in Richmond for his radio show at CISL Radio and the greater Vancouver area at CityTV, UTV, Global and CKVU. He's a widely-published freelance writer with numerous local and national publications covering music, travel, food, wine, beer, sports and entertainment. Joe's network of clients interviewed is a wealth of interesting stories.



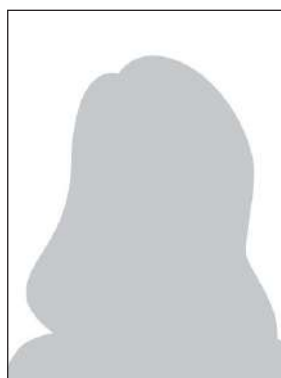
Richard Goodine is man with decades of experience in the service and the wine industries. He moved to Vancouver in 1988 after working in Alberta for the Olympics. He still remembers sampling a 1985 Grgich Hills Chardonnay and was hooked. "I started studying, traveling and researching to learn more about this craft. I managed to make an amazing life which has taken me all over the world because of my fascination for this great industry. I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to drink a \$50,000 a bottle of wine at somebody else's expense.



Steve Erikson is the owner and operator of Sportswave Productions. He has a long-standing career within the broadcasting and refereeing for minor league sports in BC and across Canada. Through the Sentinel's sponsorship with the Richmond Sockeyes Steve has come on board as a sports writer reporting the highlights of the Sockeye's JR. A hockey games.



The Richmond Sentinel partnered with *Our City Tonight*, a national television show that airs twice weekly on CHEKTV and their national partners and also airs three times a day on NOVUS Entertainment. They have shared their filmed interviews with: authors, singers, actors, film makers, wine and food industry, entrepreneurs, travel, fashion, charities, sports, the arts, movies, health and wellness as seen on the Richmond Sentinel's YouTube channel.



Student Contributors

The Richmond Sentinel mentored several student this past summer which brought a new perspective on what's happening in the community.

Richmond emergency numbers



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

Who to Call in an Emergency—Dial 9-1-1

Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency situation when you require the immediate assistance of the **police, the fire department or an ambulance**. For more information on calling 911, visit: **the Richmond Fire-Rescue website** at firerescue.richmond.ca/ or **When to call police** infocentre.richmond.ca/app/answers/detail/a_id/105

For other urgent matters such as serious water and sewer problems, road obstructions, traffic signal malfunctions, downed trees, icy roads or other problems of this nature, please call the **24 hour City Emergency Line at 604-270-8721**.

Richmond RCMP—604-278-1212

For All NON-Emergency Incidents
Main RCMP Detachment, 11411 No. 5 Road

Richmond Fire-Rescue—604-278-5131

NON-Emergency Inquiries

Reporting child abuse—1-800-663-9122

After hours call 604-660-4927

Anyone who has reason to believe that a child has been or is suspected to have been abused or neglected, or is in need of protection has a legal duty to report it to the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Discarded needles—604-270-8721

If a needle is found in a public space, please call the city's Public Works Department with as much information as possible as to where the needles are and where city staff should look. This is a 24-hour service and staff treat discarded needles in public spaces as a priority.

REMINDER: do not touch or pick up discarded needles.

City of Richmond—604-276-4000

Public Works 24 Hour Call Centre at 604-270-8721 to report:

- Potholes, cracks, and other problems with street surfaces, sidewalks, and curbs
- Missing or damaged signs on city property
- Missing, damaged or blocked traffic signs
- Watermain leaks or water quality (dirty water)
- Burned out street lights or damaged light poles

Transportation

Call 604-247-4616 for traffic signal problems.

Call 604-204-8707 to report traffic safety and parking-related matters

Animal protection services

BC SPCA

Phone: 604-709-4668

Community Bylaws—604-276-4345

- Property use violations
- Boulevard maintenance issues
- Signs placed on city property

Parking—604-276-4345

To report parking violations or to inquire about parking tickets.

Emergency programs—604-233-3333

Staff work with the community to increase Richmond's level of preparedness in the event of a major emergency.

For more information at richmond.ca

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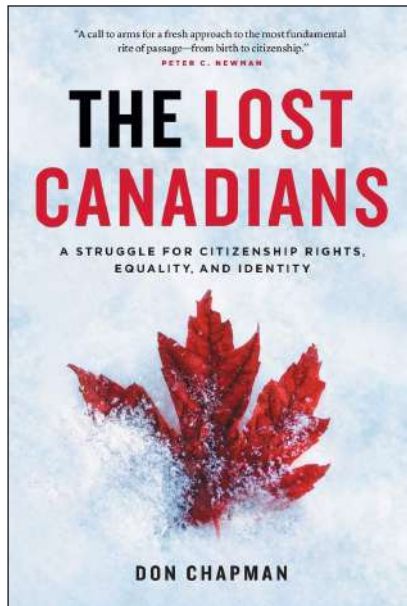
2026

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Memories from 2025 Journey



Story of Inspiration

In September 2025, we published a compelling story as told by two local Vancouver citizens one of which is the author of *Lost Canadians*. He became the voice for hundreds of thousands of others like himself, collectively known as the "Lost Canadians". After a long battle the results are in.

On November 19, 2025, The "Lost Canadians" legislation, which aims to fix Canada's unconstitutional citizenship, received royal assent after being approved by the Senate. The journey is such a valuable lesson in Canadian history as it impacted thousands of Canadians or those who thought they were Canadians dating back to 1947.

It was the children (of Canadian soldiers who brought their war bride back to Canada) that discovered they were not officially a Canadian, even though they were raised in Canada by a Canadian father. One Vancouver citizen decided to take her case to a Federal Court in Vancouver and launched a legal fight for Canadian citizenship that could set a precedent for those with similar stories, if she won. The Judge was prepared to rule in her favour but his decision would not help others in her situation, so she decided she couldn't do this just for herself, that the decision had to be for everyone in her position. The Richmond Sentinel was proud to publish the story and the inspirational outcome.



Humanitarian Business Story

Helijet International, Richmond BC donated a fully operational, medically equipped helicopter from its fleet to be used for missions of mercy in Ukraine. Helijet signed an agreement with a consortium of Canadian and Ukrainian non-governmental organizations Maple Hope Foundation, the Ukrainian World Congress, and Initiative E+ to accept the delivery and title of a Sikorsky S-76A air ambulance helicopter. Ukrainian engineers were trained by Helijet in the aircraft's service and maintenance procedures.

Danny Sitnam, President of Helijet International, flew to Ukraine himself to personally oversee the handover of the aircraft, and get a first-hand sense of conditions on the ground in Ukraine. "Once you're here, what the war has done to the Ukrainian people and their villages and cities suddenly becomes real in a way that just can't be fully conveyed in the reports we see on the news," Sitnam says. "I'd like to encourage all companies in the Canadian aviation industry to join in and look at what they can spare from their fleets, and match or beat our contribution. The people here will appreciate any help more than you can know."

Two Self-Made Richmond Businessmen

It's a pleasure to discover unique businesses in Richmond.



The *Richmond Sentinel* went on location to film an interview with the owner of Viva Java here in Richmond. The coffee shop may not be big in size but they're huge in love for their craft and that comes from over 30 years of buying coffee beans from 15 different countries and searching every day for the ultimate flavour. If you like coffee you'll love coffee after you meet Arti. Full interview on line richmond-sentinel.ca/videos.



The *Richmond Sentinel* is constantly uncovering special stories about small businesses in our community and after discovering this young "wood turning" artist at an art show we went on location to his work shop here in Richmond to film Matthew Lo creating this amazing art that he's very passionate about which you can view on line richmond-sentinel.ca/videos.

Memories from 2025 Journey

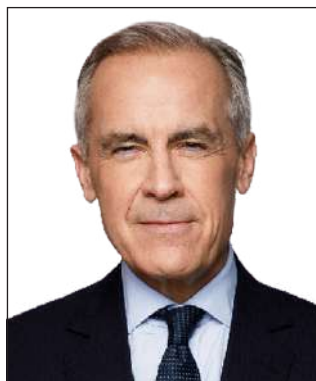


NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

2025 brought change to the Riding's map adding Marpole to Richmond Centre. 10 Candidates registered to run in this Federal election.

The Richmond Sentinel sent an Invitation to every candidate to be interviewed on film for on line and print publications so the candidates would have equal opportunity to address key questions and the voters could select who they felt was the best choice. Richmond results 1 Liberal MP Parm Bains and 1 Conservative MP Chak Au.

The country is watching in anticipation that the new Prime Minister will lead with strength through these turbulent times.



Prime Minister Mark Carney

With Tariffs being front and centre during the latter part of 2025, Canada and the US were/are still at odds. In the meantime, Prime Minister Carney is knocking on the doors of international countries to secure new trade agreements one of which is with the United Arab Emirates to expand trade and attract new investment into Canada

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is a **federally established** Canada Port Authority, Canada's gateway to diverse markets, enabling trade of approximately \$350 billion every year with 170 countries. In 2025, with the centralized scheduling system now fully deployed, supply chain partners, operators, and more than 450 registered users have the tools needed to plan, coordinate, and move cargo and people more effectively across Canada's largest and most diversified port.



Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie stepping down 2026

"After 25 years as Mayor of Richmond, I have made the decision not to seek another term of office in the next election set for October 2026. Over the years, it has been an immense honour and a privilege to have served the city through times of growth, opportunity and challenge. Since 1996 and 2001 when first elected as a Richmond City Councillor and Mayor respectively, I have been honoured to work with our City Councils and staff as well as our residents and businesses on issues of importance to all."

Mayor Malcolm Brodie

Richmond holds information session on land rights

On Oct. 28, 2025 an information session was held by the City of Richmond. Hundreds of affected landowners, concerned citizens plus the media attended. The meeting was designed to inform certain property owners after the B.C. Supreme Court granted the Quw'utsun Nation, title over a 732 acres of land along the Fraser River. The day after the information session CBC reported it is a parcel of 1,853 acres of which 732 acres are involved in the court ruling.



Premier Eby leads trade mission to Asia

Premier David Eby's trade mission to Asia is bringing back new opportunities to grow a stronger, more diversified economy and create good jobs throughout the province. The 10-day economic tour promoted British Columbia's strengths as a reliable trade partner that has what the world needs—from critical minerals and clean energy, to forestry and agriculture products, and the ports to deliver them. "This mission was about supporting B.C. jobs and building a British Columbia that will be the economic engine of a more independent Canada," said Eby.

Premier David Eby

A YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

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WINTER WONDERLAND

Celebrate the Holiday Season

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Your Richmond City Hall lobby and outside display of Winter Wonderland presented by Valley Club of Richmond Sentinel.
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23 GAMES - 21 WINS

Join RS Fan Club

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At the time of print, this is the winning record of this all new Richmond Sockeyes Jr. A hockey team
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Helijet signs a partner participation agreement with Air Canada's Aeroplan.
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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Let's not forget
11th NOVEMBER

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On the eleventh hour, at the eleventh day, of the eleventh month we honour those who gave their lives.
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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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Check out the many family friendly activities in our city richmond.ca/halloween
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MATTHEW LO

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Matthew Lo tried many career options then he found his passion.
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Mayor Brodie's official announcement
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New season starts
Season 2024-2025 opens in an September 1st at 7pm, at Whistler Arena.
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BACK TO SCHOOL

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Friends re-unite
Richmond returns to school in September after working at a summer job, going to day camp or just hanging out with friends.
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LAVENDERLAND

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A place of magic
Accord attraction built by a family with love.
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Happy BRITISH COLUMBIA Day

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SOCCER STARS

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Nations Cup returns to Richmond
Richmond hosts the 4th Nations Cup, a celebration of soccer where players are grouped based on their ethnic background or country of origin.
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MEET ARTURO 'ARTI' HAGOP

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Viva Java — the art of coffee
Arti has spent over 30 years of researching and creating that ultimate cup of coffee.
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Happy CANADA DAY 2025

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The Richmond Sentinel wishes everyone a safe Canada Day holiday.
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CANADA WINS GOLD

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Richmond's 17 year-old Ryan Lin a stellar hockey season
Lin selected to play in the International Hockey Federation World Cup.
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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARK CARNEY

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Prime Minister of Canada
Prime Minister Carney announced new meeting with five British Columbia MPs.
Photo courtesy Prime Minister's Office

Thank you!

A Special Thank You For Your Support From The Richmond Sentinel Staff

The memories we made together...

By FLORENCE GORDON
Print & Media Division

As we close the chapter to 2025, thank you to everyone who supported The Richmond Sentinel with your stories, your suggestions, community events and last but not least our advertisers that helped make this journey possible.

It's interesting to review 2025's publications and filming and equally rewarding walk down memory lane reviewing the many stories and interesting people that came into our lives.

As we completed one publication the next edition brought new ideas, surprises and noteworthy stories as shown here in our 2025 covers.



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RCMP

Crime Map

Dec. 12, 2025 - Jan. 9, 2026

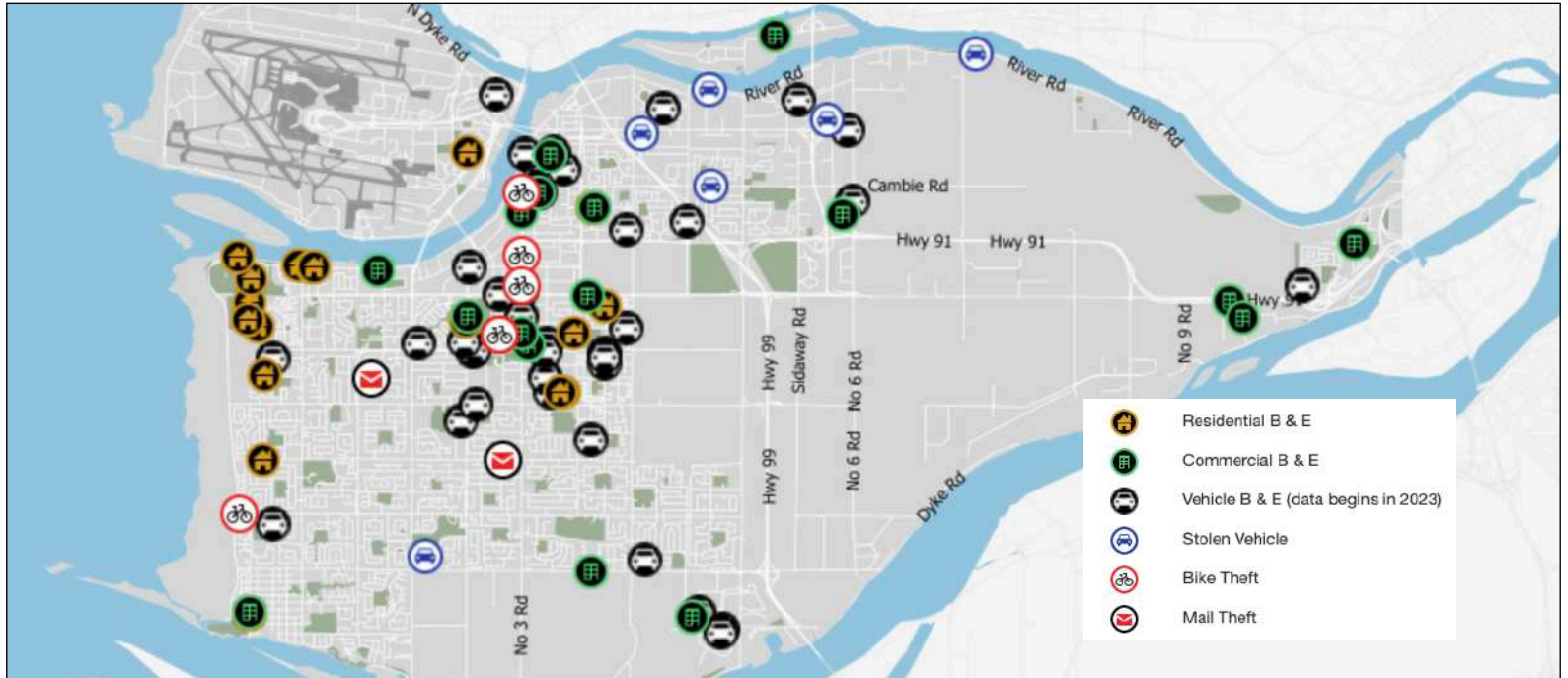


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The Richmond RCMP Detachment proudly provides policing service to the City of Richmond, British Columbia



Richmond RCMP targets illegal ride-hailing operators in joint enforcement effort

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On January 2, 2026, Richmond RCMP's Road Safety Unit partnered with Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement (CVSE) to conduct a joint-force operation targeting illegal ride hailing operators. Those stopped during the operation faced a combined total of \$10,615.00 in fines and penalty points. Repeat offenders also had their vehicles towed.

Illegal ride-hailing is both unlawful and dangerous to the public. Drivers working for licensed ride-hailing companies must meet provincial regulatory requirements, including criminal record checks, driving history reviews,

and proper commercial insurance. Unlicensed operators do not undergo these checks and are not properly insured, placing passengers at significant risk.

It's important for the public to know that drivers who operate unlicensed ride-hailing vehicles typically do so because they would be ineligible to work for a licensed taxi or ride-hailing company. In one instance during this operation, the driver stopped had been convicted of five violent criminal offenses since 2024, which would have prevented lawful employment in the passenger transportation industry. Another driver

January 7, 2026 - Richmond, British Columbia

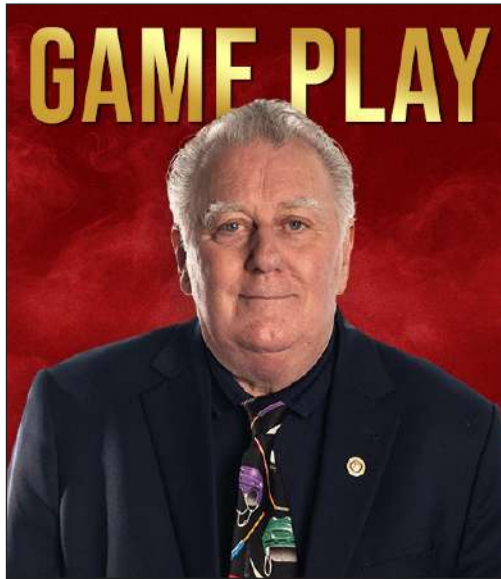
had his driver's license cancelled two months earlier following an impaired driving offence.

"Illegal ride-hailing creates a real safety risk for unsuspecting members of the public who believe they are getting into a legitimate service," says Cst. Frank Tarape, Richmond RCMP Road Safety Unit. "People need to know that if anything happens on a ride with a driver on one of these unlicensed platforms, there is no central office or customer service to help law enforcement locate the driver or the vehicle."

Richmond RCMP encourages the public to protect themselves by familiarizing themselves with the lawful and reputable taxi and ride-hailing services in their area. Drivers working for licensed companies undergo mandatory criminal record checks prior to employment and at regular intervals.

For more information and a list of approved ride-hailing services and operators, **visit the Passenger Transportation Registry: Approved Ride-Hail Companies.**

Road safety remains an ongoing priority for Richmond RCMP. The detachment continues to advance a comprehensive road safety strategy built on intelligence-led analysis, the engagement of community policing volunteers, public education campaigns, and ongoing proactive enforcement. This operation aligns with that strategic priority.



Steve Erickson
Media Relations Broadcaster

Season 2025 Wrap Up

December started off with the Sockeyes continuing to dominate the Tom Shaw Conference in the PJHL pulling out another win over last year's league champions on home ice with the month starting out with an impressive 5-1 win.

December for the Sockeyes was also about giving back to the community with the fans bringing canned goods or cash donations to the games which were donated to the Richmond Food Bank. December started out with back to back games against the Trail Blazers with the first going to O/T with David Yoon getting the winning goal at 3:53. The return match-up was played the following week with the Sockeyes winning by the same 4-3 win while Po.Coq managed two PP goals with the Sockeyes finishing with one while the Sockeyes outshot the Trail Blazers 43-36.

With little rest next up for the Sockeyes saw Ridge Meadows come to "The Fish Tank" in hopes of igniting their offense, pulling closer in the standings to get back to the top in the standings on a night where the game was dominated by the home squad. Sockeyes Dylan Nazareth (21) opened the scoring at 5:59 in the first period after taking a stretch pass from speedster David Yoon who got his 37th assist of the season for the early lead. Ridge played aggressive with Jacob Douglan getting them even at 9:49 until Quinn Orr (7) got the go-ahead marker at 19:57 with assists to Australia's Brody Lindal and Richmond's Bryce Strandt.

The first saw the Sockeyes outshoot the Flames by a 15-9 margin coming out with a fast start in the second at 1:57 with David Yoon turning on the red light with Dylan Nazareth and Gavin Dacpano setting him up for a 3-1 lead. While the Flames pressed, the Sockeyes continued to dominate shots on goal setting up Dylan Nazareth getting

a PP marker followed by the second of the game from Brody Lindal set up by Strandt and Mytton taking a 5-1 lead after forty minutes.

The third period was scoreless in a game that saw Flames Matthew Candusso and Sockeyes Massimo Urbani turn aside quality shots that were clearly labeled to turn on the light in a contest that saw both tenders play exceptionally.

In this contest both "tenders" could have been named game stars in a game that saw Dylan Nazareth (2G/1A) named first star, David Yoon (1G/1A) second and Brody Lindal third with 1 goal and 1 assist. The Sockeyes continued to control shots outshooting the Flames 39-28 that saw a penalty filled third period with the Flames assessed seven while the Sockeyes finished with eight penalties.

Given the schedule change this season next up saw the Trail Blazers return to Minoru wanting nothing more than wanting two points heading home with a win, but this contest the Sockeyes wanted to finish with a "W" heading into the Christmas break. Given the time of the season having a couple of days off can be a game changer as they enter the holiday season and for the Sockeyes it allowed them to get players who were out of the line-up back in.

The Sockeyes hosted the Trail Blazers but wanted different results without going to O/T in hopes of keeping their winning streak alive in a contest that saw them dominate all areas of the ice. Sockeye's Nathan Van Hoeke opened the scoring with his first of the season at 13:21 after getting a cross-ice pass from Brody Lindal (32) and Bryce Strand (7) taking a 1-0 lead after dominating the shot department by a 17-8 tally. Keelan Wyke got his 6th of the season at 3:06 with Nathan Van Hoeke and Brody Lindal getting helpers on the play while managing to control all areas of the ice shutting down any attack Po.Coq had. They continued their strong attack with their third of the contest at 10:43 with David Yoon getting his 28th following a strong breakout on the left side jumping on a set up from Dylan Nazareth and Quinn Orr. The Sockeyes continued to press peppering shots from all areas of the ice as Po.Coq were becoming extremely frustrated with the lack of offense they were able to throw at Massimo Urbani. Clearly the frustration got the better of



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Po.Coq after a low cheap hit sparked a "tilt" that saw Dawson Sucke "answer the bell" at 12:57 taking on Nick Ferraro-Howling bringing fans to their feet.

After a lengthy discussion between the officials it was determined that the hit warranted a Major penalty to Ferra-

ro-Howling on the low cheap hit which could have been a far more serious hit causing a long time injury. Some called it a draw while others felt they were sending a message that they weren't tolerating any cheap hit on any of their players which obviously sent a strong message with both players assessed Majors plus an automatic Game Misconduct.

The ensuing power play allowed Dylan Nazareth to get his 23rd of the season following a set-up from both Kai Adanon (10) and William Huo (33) taking a 4-0 lead to the dressing room after forty minutes.

Given the Sockeyes explosive fire-power they literally dominated the shots in the second period by a commanding 29-2 tally from all areas of the ice to the delight of their solid fan base. The third period saw them again control areas of the ice, opening the scoring at 4:52 with Quinn Orr (8th) all starting from deep in the zone from Brody Lindal (34) and Beaudy Beaudin (7) with Dylan Nazareth getting his 24th a short 50 seconds later. The final goal of the game saw Beaudy Beaudin get his 14th with helpers going to Keelan Wyke (19) and Rowan Duke (5) that allowed them to pull out an impressive 7-0 win outshooting the struggling visitors by a commanding 63-20.

The win at the Christmas holidays has them with a record of 28 wins, 4 losses, 173 goals, 68 against and sitting in first place in the Tom Shaw Conference with 56 points a commanding 20 points ahead of second place Ridge Meadows who they dominated the following night by a 10-4 margin. The Sockeyes "Congratulate" Mattias Uyeda following an impressive three year career with the Sockeyes finishing this season with a record of 10 goals, 38 assist, 5 power play goals and a three year career with 133 points through 108 games played - being signed by the WHLEverett Silvertips.

The Sockeyes congratulate both Bryce Strandt and Keelan Wyke who were named as Alternate Captains working alongside Captain Teo Lin. The Richmond Sockeyes wish you "Peace and Joy" and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



Douglas James Scammell

FASHION FOR MEN

Suits Influenced by Movies

When it comes to men's suit fashion I personally like to get ideas from the classic movies that I love. These suits are timeless and iconic. Here are my favorite top 4 movie suits listed in order below along with the reason why I have chosen them.

NUMBER 1: North By Northwest (1959)



In this Alfred Hitchcock classic movie starring Cary Grant, he wears a very sharp grey almost light blue glen plaid 2 piece suit paired with a white shirt and grey tie and oxblood shoes. This was a suit that Cary Grant actually owned and wearing it in the movie further showcased his personal elegant taste in suit fashion.

This suit is very basic but that is what helps this suit look even better because there is nothing bold about it and Grant looks incredibly dapper as usual wearing it in this movie. The jacket had three buttons (though only the middle was fastened, typical for the style) and patch pockets, making it slightly less formal and more suited for a summer holiday, while the ventless design and wide-cut trousers maintained a clean, unbroken vertical line. The other key point about this iconic suit is that Cary

Grant wears this suit for about 98% of the entire movie. He even rolls around in the dirt in it during the famous crop dusting scene when they tried to kill him and then when he survives Grants character gets it dry cleaned in less than 20 minutes when he takes a shower at the hotel. If you have seen this classic movie you will know exactly what I am talking about. Many critics also agree this is the greatest movie suit of all time.

NUMBER 2: Goldfinger (1964)



The grey glen check prince of wales 3-piece suit worn by Sean Connery playing James Bond is beyond iconic. Out of all of the suits worn by James Bond played by all of the different actors spanning 6 decades this is still the suit that is remembered the most. Sean Connery wears this suit later in the movie when he is held prisoner at Goldfinger's horse farm in Kentucky. This suit is perfect for 007. The suit was made in London on Savile Row by the custom bespoke suit company Anthony Sinclair. This 3-piece suit featured the conduit cut which is designer Anthony Sinclair's signature style which is a natural shoulder, nipped waist and a shorter jacket perfectly complementing Connery's physique. The lapelled single breasted waistcoat elevated the suit beyond standard wear adding to the suit more sophistication. The suit had all of the English tailoring details of the time such as double pleated trousers with side adjusters, The jacket was a 2-button single breasted featuring notched lapels and my favorite detail the ticket pocket.

NUMBER 3: The Thomas Crown Affair (1968)



Another grey glen check prince of wales 3-piece suit but unlike the one worn by James Bond in Goldfinger this one worn by Steve McQueen has some light blue in it and looks incredible paired with his persol sunglasses with blue

lenses. This suit was made by legendary London tailor Doug Hayward who also designed a series of sharp 3-piece suits for McQueen in this movie. This glen check suit however is considered iconic by many critics due to its perfect blend of masculine tailoring (strong shoulders, roped sleeves), subtle yet sophisticated details (straight-cut waistcoat, single-button cuffs), and how it embodied the "King of Cool" persona exuding effortless control, understated luxury, and timeless style that was both bold and flawlessly integrated with his accessories, making it a benchmark for a power suiting. I personally get the cuts of my own suits made to look like the ones Steve McQueen wore in this movie. I think they look timeless.

NUMBER 4: Get Carter (1971)



The navy blue suit worn by Michael Caine in this British gangster classic is considered one of the best in cinema history because of its impeccable tailoring, its use as a powerful symbol of character and status, and its lasting influence on British men's style. The suit was custom-made by legendary Mayfair tailor Douglas Hayward. Hayward was renowned for creating suits that fit the wearer's form perfectly while allowing for ease of movement—essential for the film's action sequences. This made the suit look and act like a "second skin" for Michael Caine's tough but cool character, Jack Carter. The suit's material, a dark blue three-ply Dormeuil "Tonik" mohair, is a key element. The fabric has a unique sheen and strength that catches the light in different settings, from the gritty northern England to the London scenes, adding to its visual impact and separating it from typical wool suits. While incorporating some contemporary details like slightly boot-cut trousers and a high-notched lapel, the suit largely made "few concessions to the fashions of the time," resulting in a "timeless style" that remains impressive decades later.

All of these suits are just as classic as the actors wearing them and as classic and great as the movies they wore them in. Yes some of the cuts of these suits would need some minor alterations to bring them up to date by the standards of today. But I would bet any anyone wearing any one of these suits that I listed above in similar forms would easily be the best dressed gentleman in the room. If you want a great looking suit but have no ideas just look to your classic movie heroes in the movies for inspiration to get the perfect suit.

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THE VIEW #1 – RUN AWAY

From the novel by best selling author, Harlan Coben, comes this engrossing, 8 episode mini-series from Britain about a desperate father named Simon Greene trying to find his daughter. Once a promising university student, she is now a drug addict and in a physically abusive relationship. She is also missing. The situation is made worse when the daughter's boyfriend is brutally murdered. Not content to sit back and let the police lead the search for his daughter – and despite being the leading suspect in the boyfriend's murder – Greene begins his own investigation. The less said here, the better in terms of what he finds as he digs deeper (not to mention those individuals he comes across). If you're a fan of Harlan Coben books, *Run Away* will not disappoint. For us, the cast is as strong as the plot, starting with James Nesbitt as the father. We've been fans of his since his late 90's dramedy, *Cold Feet*, and powerful films like 2002's *Bloody Sunday*. Other standouts include Ruth Jones, Amy Gledhill and Minnie Driver as Greene's wife, Ingrid. *Run Away* is streaming now on Netflix. www.netflix.com

THE SIP – COASTAL MIST

He was one of the first cocktail experts we turned to when *Spotlight* column began back in 2021. Andrew MacDonald is a Certified Spirit Specialist and Bar Manager at Homer Street Café. He has made cocktails as far away as Japan, and also introduced *Our City Tonight* TV and this column to cocktails made from the popular Japanese brand, CHOYA. With that in mind, we headed to Homer Street Café, keen to sample one of MacDonald's a warm and cozy cocktail. His choice, the *Coastal Mist*. "It's made with Sheringham Seaside Gin," he says as we take that first sip, "along with Esquimalt Bitter Red aperitif, and a honey liqueur from Wayward Distillery called Krupnik." It is an exquisite cocktail, perfect for this time of year. "What's also attractive is that all three of these ingredients are from Vancouver Island," MacDonald tells us, "with an added bit of Okanagan Cabernet Franc, which acts like the acid; like a holiday festive cocktail garnished with a touch of Anise." As we continue to enjoy the *Coastal Mist*, MacDonald goes on to say that part of what makes this cocktail so delicious is its nicely spiced finish. "Ideally, this cocktail is made to enjoy while curled up around the fire place," he says. If you don't have a fire place, trust us, you'll still love the *Coastal Mist*! www.homerstreetcafebar.com



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THE GEM – HIDDEN

Another pick for home viewing also comes from Britain. It's called *Hidden*. First released in 2011, this powerful drama centres around a small-time lawyer named Harry Venn. He's smart, tough, street-wise, but with a past that's murky at best. His life and career are thrown into turmoil and danger when he is hired by a lawyer named Gina Hawkes. She's searching for a missing alibi witness for her client. That client is connected to Venn's past and his brother who died 20 years ago. This is the kind of police/detective drama we like: a story that starts small and continues to build and build while also involving more and more powerful people, including in this case, the British government. Another strong cast keeps this maze of a storyline moving, including Philip Glenister as Harry Venn, Thekla Reuten as Gina Hawkes, and longtime character actors David Suchet and Anna Chancellor. If you missed this 15 years ago, take our word for it, *Hidden* is a gem that deserves to be discovered! Streaming now on BritBox Canada. www.britbox.com

Everything Electric's Imogen Bhogal making sustainability easier to understand

One of the interesting people that we met last year at the "Everything Electric Convention" was Imogen Bhogal, who was one of the hosts and presenters at the convention. She is also the co-host and Chief Content Officer for *Everything Electric* YouTube channel with 1.2 million subscribers as well as the co-host for the sustainability lifestyle podcast *Green Queens*.

Imogen has a background in engineering having studied at Oxford University, and she began her career as an aerodynamics engineer at Jaguar Land Rover where she later led technology and innovation communications with a focus on autonomous vehicles.

OCT: Imogen, how did you go from that area of study to becoming one of the most worldwide known hosts of the very popular YouTube channel *Everything Electric*?

IB: That is probably the single most frequently asked questions that I get. I've always been fascinated by engineering and specifically the automotive industry. I don't think there are many industries where you can do something that impacts thousands of people's jobs, skills, geopolitics, supply chains, and more. At the end of all this is a consumer product that is created and people feel very emotional about it. For instance, you can feature an electric vehicle in a film, and you can tell so much about the character in a movie depending on what car they drive. The fact that they can bridge those two things is astonishing. Obviously, I have a very technical background and that's what led me to be an automotive engineer. I think what I swiftly discovered is that I am much more interested and have much more fun talking about all this stuff then perhaps optimizing a rear bumper by 1 mm or so. I'll leave that to the experts. I have found myself being very busy talking about and showcasing the latest and greatest things that are happening across the world for sustainability in cars and clean energy.

OCT: We talked to your *Everything Electric* co-host Jack Scarlett last summer and we made reference to the fact that both of you have the qualifications and the deep background on this topic, but you also managed to make it a lot of fun. I believe this is what appeals to so many different people rather than just getting too technical about the subject.



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Imogen Bhogal loves what she does

IB: Thank you for saying this because I think you know while there are complete car fanatics out there and these people can have an encyclopedic knowledge on specific model variance, but I equally think that everyone is impacted by cars. Even if you are one of those people that think you don't really like cars, you probably still are going to use one or get in one at some point in your life. I think it's important that we make this topic as accessible and inclusive as possible.

OCT: Let's talk a little bit more about your background in the advocacy category. You emphasize human centric design and clean technology, which is aiming to make complex topics accessible and debunk the information surrounding electric vehicles. What is the number one question that you get when you are at conventions or when you are contacted through email regarding electric vehicles?

IB: Well that depends, if the question is coming from someone who's never gotten into an electric car in their life, they normally state something like they're too expensive or they don't have very good range. I think there's misinformation out there, so

I always suggest to those people that they simply get in one for a test drive and then we can have another discussion. For people who are in the industry, there are a lot of questions around who is really going to lead this transition and what the future is like for some of these legacy automotive brands. How are these brands going to influence the global market? Those are probably the two types of conversation that end up happening for me.

OCT: Our government has stated that there will be no electric cars coming into our country from China. I was fascinated by what you mentioned about one car company, particularly BYD (Build Your Dreams), based out of China and the very interesting things they are doing. I heard it said on one of the shows that if these cars got here, the rest of the manufacturers are truly finished. Would you say this is accurate?

IB: They are astonishing and they are an astounding organization. The huge work that they've been doing has been happening in plain sight and I believe they have been around since 2008. Warren Buffett invested in them so let's fast forward to today. They are producing millions of cars in every area from the very basic models up to the luxury brands. They have incredible cars that can go through water and climb up boulders but then they have everything that fits in between that. They are trying to serve as many customers as possible with a huge range and they have fantastic technologies, and the products look good. I would say if they entered those markets where the EV's are a little more expensive and there's less choice, then of course they're going to capture a huge part of that market. But I think at the same time when someone chooses their car, they're not just choosing it based on the technology or the price.

There are all these other emotional factors that come into play as well. And that's where some of the older legacy brands must recognize in this new landscape that they need to remain competitive. They need to think about how they can use their history to their advantage, without necessarily resting on their laurels, purely because they have the legacy and history. If we just look at the stats, then I would have to say there would be a lot to be worried about but equally this is still a very emotional market that there's more to discover at this point.



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