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What's On!

BY **ISABELLA RODRIGUES**

November 21

Annual Richmond RCMP Toy Drive

5300 Number 3 Rd, Richmond, BC
9:00am - 2:00pm



Photo courtesy rcrg.org

Come to the 12th annual toy drive. Like in previous years, when you bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Richmond Christmas Fund, or make a minimum $10 donation, you'll receive a bag of Santa's favourite mini donuts. Every toy and every dollar stays right here in Richmond, helping local families wake up to something under the tree on Christmas morning.

November 25

London Farm Walk

6511 Dyke Rd, Richmond, BC
10:00am - 11:00am


Photo courtesy Walk Richmond

Come to this free guided walk through from the historic London Farm House. During the one-hour activity, you will do a warm-up, a walk, and a cool-down and stretch so you are able to continue on with your day. Be sure to bring appropriate clothing to walk in, because this event is rain or shine.

November 28

Steveston Christmas Craft Fair

4111 Moncton St, Richmond, BC
10:00am - 4:00pm


Photo courtesy Steveston Community Centre

The 43rd annual Steveston Christmas Craft Fair is back. Shop early for the holidays with 125 vendors, plus a raffle and more. Cash is recommended, as not every booth may accept debit or credit cards. Come early for the best selection, since popular booths tend to sell out fast.

Nov. 29 – Dec. 31

Winter in Steveston Village

12138 Fourth Ave, Richmond, BC
12:00pm - 4:00pm



Photo courtesy Tourism Richmond

Come to historic Steveston Village to kick off the holiday season, with Santa Claus arriving and taking photos inside the Cannery. In addition, there will be a tree lighting, as well as horse carriage rides every day by donation. Bundle up and bring your family, and experience Steveston village with all of the lights and festivities this winter.

September – December

Seniors Activities, Guides & Passes – Fall 2026

In-person and online


Photo courtesy City of Richmond

The City and partners are proud to offer high-quality social programs and services for adults aged 55+ at eight community facilities, including the Seniors Centre at the Minoru Centre for Active Living. Register in person at any community facility, call 604-276-4300, or online at richmond.ca/parks-recreation/about/seniors

May 5 – December 22

Kwantlen Farmers' Market

Richmond Library and Cultural Centre
7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC
Every Tuesday 11:00am - 4:00pm


Photo courtesy BC Farmers' Market Trail

Come by this vibrant farmers' market hosted by the students of Kwantlen Polytechnic University! Spend the day enjoying live music, delicious local food, fresh produce, handmade goods, and an amazing community atmosphere. It's the perfect place to support student entrepreneurs and local vendors.



Richmond Christmas Fund

12th ANNUAL RICHMOND RCMP TOY DRIVE

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LANSDOWNE CENTRE (NEXT TO THE CANADA LINE)

Bring a new, unwrapped toy for the **Richmond Christmas Fund**, or make a minimum $10 donation, and you'll receive a bag of Santa's favourite mini donuts. Just don't let him eat them all first!

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Premier-designate calls for government to preserve options on George Massey crossing

For Immediate Release
November 12, 2026

Victoria, BC - Premier-Designate Lorne Doerkson is calling on the outgoing government to confirm that, during the transition period, only work that can support the bridge replacement option for the George Massey crossing continues.

The direction is intended to prevent additional public funds from being committed specifically to the tunnel option while the incoming government conducts a review of the project and its alternatives.

> **"We're not looking to stop work that will be needed either way and we will respect existing contracts. What we want to avoid is spending more taxpayers' money on work that moves only the tunnel option forward," says Doerkson.**
>
> **"This is about being responsible with taxpayers' money while preserving our ability to make the best long-term decision. There is no reason to incur additional sunk costs toward one option before our review is completed."**

"British Columbians have elected a new government with a mandate to take a hard look at major infrastructure priorities and make sure taxpayers are getting the best possible value and we believe that is a new bridge," said Lorne Doerkson, Premier-Designate of British Columbia.

"We are not asking for all work to stop. Work that is necessary should continue until cabinet is in a position to finalize the project's direction. We should not be spending more money or making new commitments that lock British Columbians into the tunnel option before the incoming government has completed its review."

The Fraser River crossing is one of the largest and most consequential infrastructure projects in British Columbia, with long-term implications for transportation, trade, land use and provincial finances. The Premier-Designate has asked that no new contracts, amendments, change orders, procurement decisions, approvals or other commitments proceed during the transition if they would commit additional funds specifically to the tunnel option, materially advance that option, or limit the choices available to the incoming government.

The incoming government intends to conduct the review in an orderly and timely manner while providing as much certainty as possible for workers, contractors, local governments, Indigenous communities and others with an interest in the future of the corridor.

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Premier-designate Lorne Doerkson: B.C. is headed in a new direction for jobs and growth

For Immediate Release
November 6, 2026

VICTORIA - Premier-designate Lorne Doerkson issued the following statement on Statistics Canada's October Labour Force Survey:

"While B.C. added 12,300 jobs in October, the gain was entirely in part-time work and the province lost 1,700 full-time jobs.

"After years of economic malaise in British Columbia, the province has a lot of ground to make up. The challenges haven't disappeared and rebuilding confidence won't happen overnight. But I believe there are better days ahead. There is a renewed sense of optimism and an opportunity to restore confidence in our economy, attract investment and make B.C. a place where businesses grow and families prosper.

"In the years ahead, the Conservative Party of B.C.'s incoming government will be focused on unlocking private-sector growth, getting major projects built to supercharge the economy and create good-paying, full-time jobs. We want to grow the tax base, not raise tax rates.

"Make no mistake: under the new Conservative government, B.C. is open for business."



LORNE DOERKSON
Premier Designate of British Columbia

Premier-designate Lorne Doerkson welcomes federal budget, says B.C. ready to build

For Immediate Release
November 5, 2026

Victoria, BC - Premier-designate Lorne Doerkson issued the following statement in response to the federal government's Budget 2026:

"British Columbia is open for business and ready to build. Today's federal budget is an encouraging and ambitious statement about Canada's economic future and British Columbia's place in it. I want to recognize Prime Minister Mark Carney and Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne for their commitment to growing our economy and creating opportunities for Canadians.

"Across energy, ports, mining, forestry and trade, this budget recognizes the tremendous potential we have here in British Columbia. The federal focus on projects such as Roberts Bank Terminal 2, LNG Canada Phase 2, the North Coast Transmission Line and Red Chris, alongside Pacific Link and support for the George Massey Crossing, presents significant opportunities for investment and good-paying jobs.

"Our incoming government is ready to work closely with Ottawa, First Nations, communities and industry to advance these opportunities responsibly and ensure British Columbians share in the benefits. We also welcome federal support for forestry, businesses affected by tariffs, new investment and measures to make life more affordable.

"As I said following my recent conversation with the Prime Minister, when British Columbia succeeds, Canada succeeds. No single budget can address every priority, but this is a very positive foundation for our partnership. I am genuinely excited about what we can accomplish together to supercharge British Columbia's economy and build prosperity for all Canadians."

CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER
Working Together to Prevent Crime

Theft from Auto: Secure More Than What's Inside
Theft from auto does not only happen inside your vehicles. It can also involve items on the exterior, such as roof cargo, catalytic converters and license plates. These items can be valuable on their own or be used for other crimes. For example, winter sporting equipment stored on the roof rack and catalytic converters can be resold for a high price. Stolen license plates can be used for fraud or other crimes. Below, we highlight ways to secure exterior items and help prevent theft from auto.

Rooftop Cargo
There are several ways to store equipment on the roof of your vehicle. If you have your sports equipment strapped directly on the rack, avoid leaving your car unattended. An opportunistic thief can easily steal items by sliding the items out or cutting the straps. If you need to step away, have someone you trust stay with the vehicle. Roof cargo bags are another option for storing items that is more secure than strapping equipment directly to your vehicle. You can put padlocks on the zipper pulls, but anyone with a knife can still cut open the bag and steal items. Cargo boxes offer better protection, especially robust models with high quality locks. Ensure that it is locked properly when you put items in the box. If thieves are not able to break into the box, they may try to steal the box itself. Ensure that it is secured properly to your vehicle. You can also mark or decorate your box so that it can easily be recognized uniquely.


Photo courtesy City of Richmond

License Plates
A stolen license plate can lead to unwanted fines, speeding tickets, or even calls from the police. Drivers may not realize their plates are missing because it is not something they regularly check. Removing a license plate can take only a few seconds with a screwdriver. We recommend installing license plate fasteners or special security screws which require a special wrench to remove. This makes it very hard for someone to remove the plate quickly. License plate theft can happen anywhere, including at the mall or in your driveway. When out, park in busy, high traffic areas where your vehicle is visible to others. At home, consider parking inside your garage. If you do not have a garage, park your vehicle within the range of your security cameras and exterior lights. This can help deter thieves and alert you when someone approaches your vehicle.

Catalytic Converter
A catalytic converter is part of a vehicle's exhaust system. They are targeted because they contain precious metals that have high resale value. To protect it, install secondary products designed to prevent theft such as protective cages, alarms, or straps. In addition, Richmond RCMP has partnered with several shops and garages in Richmond to etch the last eight digits of your vehicle's VIN onto the converter. The VIN can be used by police to identify and determine if the catalytic converter has been stolen.

Don't Let Theft Crash the Party
As we head into the festive season, gatherings and celebrations often mean more people coming and going from homes and neighbourhoods. Whether you are hosting or attending a gathering, taking a few precautions can help prevent opportunistic theft and keep your home safe. By staying aware and taking a few extra steps before, during, and after a gathering, both hosts and guests can help reduce opportunities for theft and contribute to a safer community.

To Start a Block Watch Group
Interested in starting a Block Watch group? Let us tell you a little about Block Watch! Block Watch is a program that brings the police and the community together. This program helps you build connections and relationships with people in your neighbourhood and the police while striving for the common goal of crime prevention.

Select a Group Lead
Each group lead has to submit an application and will be contacted for a suitability interview. Candidates will then need to complete a free Police Information Check.

If you are interested in creating a Block Watch group in your area, email us your name and address at blockwatch@richmond.ca or call 604-207-4829.

British Columbia RCMP News Release | October 28, 2026

Distraction thief sentenced to 54 months for targeting vulnerable senior

A man responsible for targeting a vulnerable senior in a distraction theft has been sentenced to 54 months in custody following a Richmond RCMP investigation that relied on intelligence-sharing and collaboration among police agencies across British Columbia. On December 27, 2025, Richmond RCMP responded to a report of a theft involving an elderly woman who had answered her door and was approached by a man posing as a utility worker. After gaining entry to the residence under the pretense of conducting an inspection, the suspect entered the victim's bedroom. Shortly after he left, it was discovered that the victim's purse had been stolen.

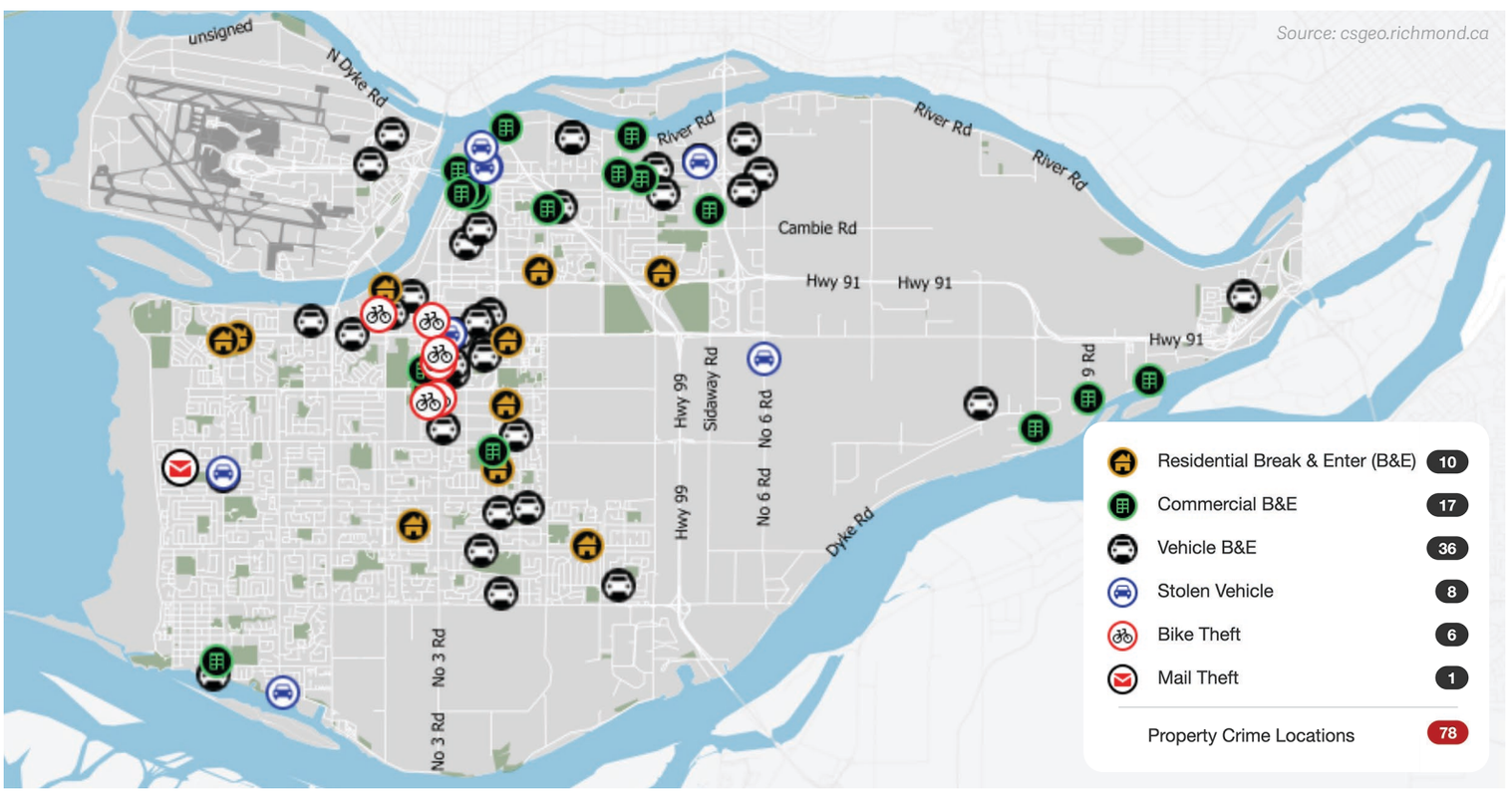
Richmond RCMP investigators obtained surveillance footage of the suspect and worked with policing partners throughout the Lower Mainland. As the investigation progressed, officers identified similarities between this incident and other theft and fraud investigations in the region. Through the collaborative efforts of multiple police agencies, the suspect was identified as Donald Quinnell. As a result of the Richmond RCMP investigation, along with related investigations in other jurisdictions, Mr. Quinnell was charged and convicted of offences including break and enter and fraud.

On October 14, 2026, Mr. Quinnell was sentenced to 54 months' imprisonment. "This sentence reflects the serious impact these crimes have on vulnerable members of our community," said Inspector Vaz Kassam of the Richmond RCMP. "This investigation is a testament to the strong partnerships between police agencies across British Columbia and their shared commitment to holding repeat offenders accountable." Richmond RCMP reminds residents to remain vigilant when unknown individuals request access to their homes. If someone claims to represent a utility company or service provider, residents should ask for identification and independently verify the person's credentials before allowing entry.


Photo courtesy rcmp.ca

RCMP Crime Map

Oct. 16 – Nov. 13, 2026



Prime Minister Carney announces Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Strong Fund



"The Canada Strong Fund will put Canadian capital to work in the projects and companies building our country's future. Ms. Karniol-Tambour brings the experience and ambition to lead this mission – making investments that strengthen our economy and build lasting wealth for Canadians. As we build a stronger, more independent Canada, we are ensuring Canadians have a direct stake in its success."

– The Rt. Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada

Budget 2026 is the next major step in our plan to make Canadians masters of our own destiny – with a direct stake in our country's growth and long-term prosperity.

At the core of this new strategy are nation-building projects – new ports, mines, and trade and energy corridors that will unlock our vast resources, secure our domestic supply chains, and enable us to sell to new markets across Canada and around the world. As the private sector and international partners invest in these projects, all Canadians should have a stake and the opportunity to benefit.

To that end, today, Prime Minister Carney **announced the Canada Strong Fund – Canada's first national sovereign wealth fund**. Through an initial federal contribution of $25 billion, the Fund will strategically invest, alongside the private sector, in Canadian projects and companies driving our economic transformation. This includes projects in clean and conventional energy, critical minerals, agriculture, and infrastructure.

As a key part of this plan, Prime Minister Mark Carney is announcing that Karen Karniol-Tambour will serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Strong Fund – Canada's first national sovereign wealth fund. The Fund will invest in major Canadian projects and companies on a commercial basis, ensuring that when Canada succeeds in attracting investment, developing strategic industries, and building nationally significant projects, Canadians can share in the financial returns.

As Co-Chief Investment Officer at Bridgewater Associates, Ms. Karniol-Tambour returns to Canada as a leading figure in global finance. Since joining the firm in 2006, Ms. Karniol-Tambour has advanced investment research and developed new approaches to understanding global markets. She expanded Bridgewater's investment offerings, including strategic portfolios that integrated environmental and sustainability considerations. A graduate of Princeton University, she is a Life Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader. Barron's has named Ms. Karniol-Tambour to its list of the 100 Most Influential Women in U.S. Finance for the last seven years.

Under Ms. Karniol-Tambour's leadership, the Canada Strong Fund will be professionally managed, operating at arm's length from the government, with its own Board of Directors. With an initial capital commitment of $25 billion, the Canada Strong Fund will invest on commercial terms through two main streams. First, the Canada Strong Fund will work closely with federal entities providing support to projects to establish co-investment opportunities, including in nation-building projects. Second, the Canada Strong Fund will independently pursue strategic investments in other high-potential Canadian projects and companies to secure long-term returns and support Canada's economic strength and resilience.

A distinctive feature of the Fund is that it will also provide Canadians with an opportunity to participate directly through a retail investment product. This will open access to investment opportunities that have traditionally been available mainly to institutional investors, allowing Canadians to invest in and benefit from the growth of the country's most important projects and companies. Together, the Fund and its retail offering will create a new model of Canadian ownership, helping build national wealth while ensuring more Canadians share in the benefits of economic growth.

MASTERS OF OUR DESTINY

Prime Minister Carney launches plan to end homelessness within 10 years in Budget 2026, starting with a landmark partnership in Manitoba

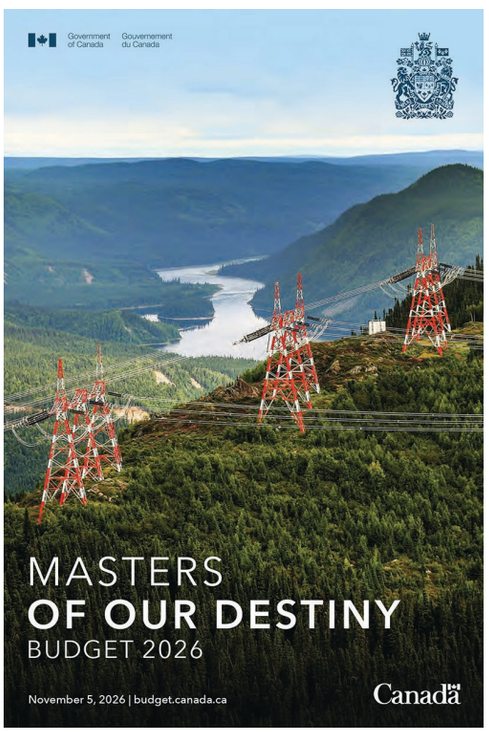


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Budget 2026 is the next major step of our ambitious, pragmatic, generational plan to make Canadians *maîtres chez nous* – masters of our destiny – building our sovereignty and giving us the freedom to live our lives as we choose. And being maîtres chez nous begins with a place to call your own. Canadians always care for each other. The crisis of homelessness that has deepened since the pandemic strikes at the heart of Canadian values of fairness, solidarity, and human dignity. That is why **Budget 2026 sets Canada on a path to end homelessness within 10 years**. Backed by nearly **$30 billion, this is an unprecedented federal initiative to tackle homelessness and ensure all Canadians can live in dignity and community**.

Today, the Prime Minister Mark Carney, was joined by the Premier of Manitoba, Wab Kinew, and the Mayor of Winnipeg, Scott Gillingham, to announce the first step in delivering that plan: **a landmark partnership with Manitoba, backed by over $1 billion in new federal funding**. This partnership will help build more than 2,000 new supportive and transitional homes and a new Winnipeg Centre for Mental Health and Addictions.

A national plan built on what works

For decades, governments, communities, and front-line organisations have grappled with homelessness, and their experience has shown what makes the biggest difference.

Homelessness is about more than a roof over one's head. It is about the help people rely on every day, the stability of a safe and affordable home, and the health care many need, including for mental health and addictions. For too long, these systems have operated apart, and not at the scale this crisis demands. Budget 2026 brings them together around what we have learned works: **help, housing, and health**.

Help: reaching people early, and staying with them until they find a home

- **$6.5 billion to renew and strengthen the Reaching Home Initiative and support for veteran homelessness.** This funding supports community-led efforts to prevent homelessness, connect people with shelter and essential services, and help them find employment support and a permanent home. Communities will be expected to provide more consistent and timely data to measure the scale of homelessness and track progress in reducing it.
- **$5.5 billion to renew the Canada Housing Benefit** to provide direct monthly rental assistance to low-income Canadians, including survivors of gender-based violence, so they can pay their rent, keep their homes, and avoid becoming homeless.

Housing: a safe place to go, from transitional homes to deeply affordable ones

- **$10 billion through Build Canada Homes to support the delivery of about 25,000 supportive and transitional homes across Canada.** The federal government will fund construction, while provinces and territories fund operations and the services residents need to stay housed.
- **This investment will grow as more partners step forward.**
- **Health: care and a home, together under one roof**
- **$5 billion for a new Integrated Supports Fund**, delivered through Build Canada Homes, to build facilities that bring housing, health care, mental health and addictions treatment, and other social services together, with public, private and philanthropic partners. The model builds on the success of Toronto's Dunn House, where residents' emergency room visits have been cut in half.
- **$2 billion for the Build Communities Strong Fund's Health Infrastructure Fund** to build new community mental health and addictions treatment facilities and refurbish existing ones.

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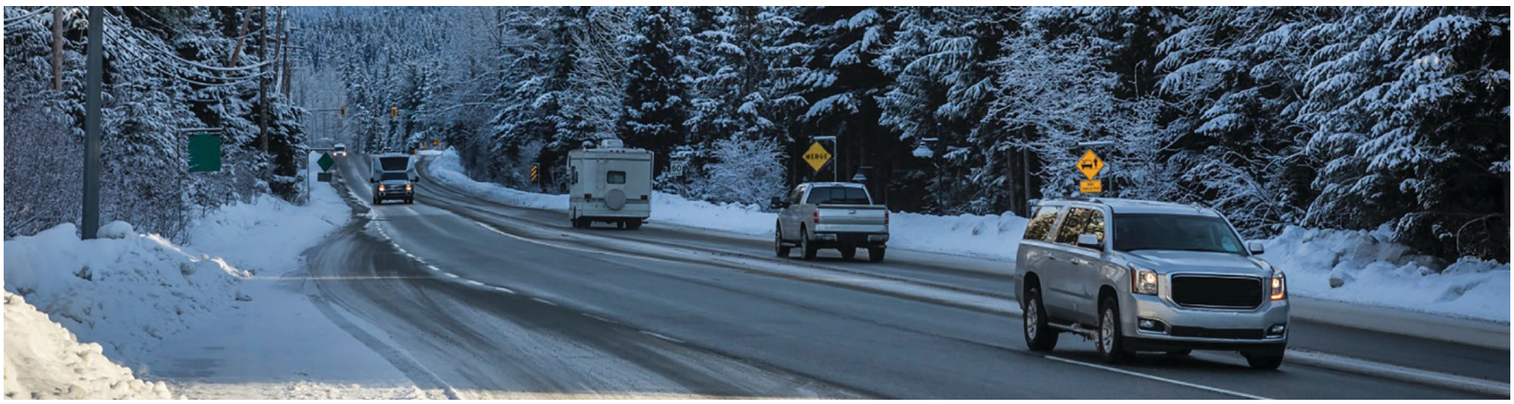
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Road Safety At Work

The Richmond Sentinel is bringing to our readers a series for safe winter driving, whether pleasure or work, as provided by Road Safety at Work.

BY **FLORENCE GORDON**

Our Story

Road Safety at Work is a WorkSafeBC-funded Injury Reduction Initiative managed by the Justice Institute of British Columbia. We were established in late 2009 by WorkSafeBC and the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation to address road safety issues affecting BC workplaces. We were originally known as an Occupational Road Safety Partnership. The Justice Institute of BC became the Road Safety at Work delivery partner in April 2013.

Heavy rain creates dangerous conditions for Metro Vancouver drivers

Slowing down and leaving more space can help reduce the risk of a collision. Forecast heavy rain will create hazardous driving conditions in Metro Vancouver, reducing visibility and making it harder for drivers to maintain control and stop safely.

"When it's raining hard, driving conditions can change very quickly," says Trace Acres, spokesperson for Road Safety at Work's Winter Driving Safety campaign. "You may not be able to see as far ahead, your tires have less grip, and you need more time and distance to stop safely."

Heavy rain can cause water to collect on roads, increasing the risk of hydroplaning. When this happens, tires lose contact with the road, and drivers can lose control of their vehicles. Rainfall can also make lane markings, pedestrians, cyclists, and other vehicles more difficult to see. Standing water may conceal potholes or other road hazards.

Driving too fast for the conditions adds to those risks. Posted speed limits are set for ideal conditions, not heavy rain. "Slowing down is one of the most important things you can do," Acres says. "Leave more space between you and the vehicle ahead. The heavier the rain, the more time and distance you may need to stop safely."

Consider delaying your trip until conditions improve. If you must drive, check current road conditions on DriveBC and look at the weather forecast before leaving. Be prepared to change your route or plans along the way.

Heavy rain can change work driving plans

Employers and supervisors are responsible for managing the risks of work-related driving, including those caused by changing road and weather conditions. That can mean changing a route, adjusting an appointment or delivery time, delaying a trip, or cancelling it altogether. Employers should also make sure workers know when to stop driving, how to report unsafe conditions, and who to contact if plans need to change. "If you're driving for work, getting there on time should never take priority over getting there safely," Acres says. "Workers need to know they can change their plans and contact their supervisor when conditions become unsafe." Whether you drive occasionally, part time or full time as part of your job, you must follow your organization's driving procedures.

Adjust your driving to the conditions

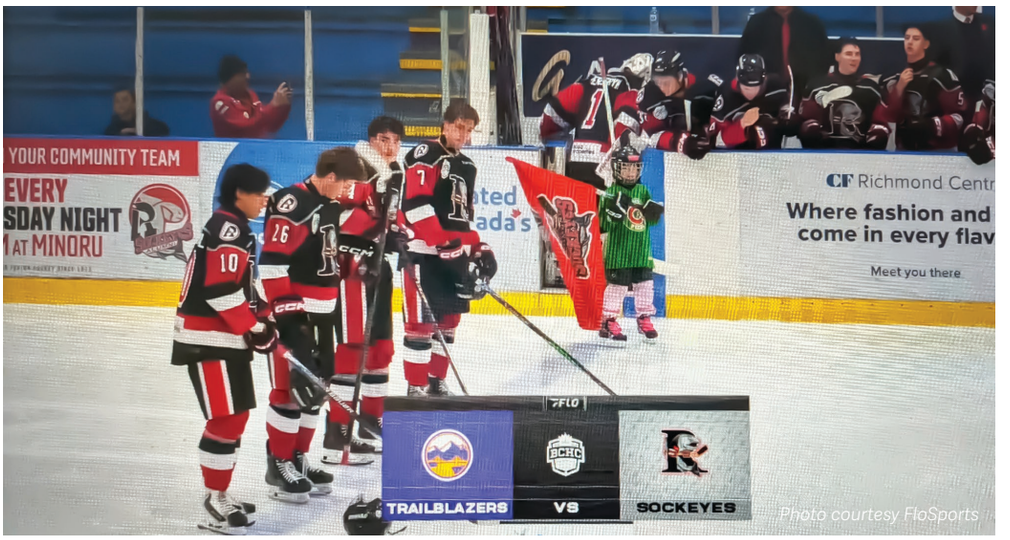
Road Safety at Work offers some additional tips for driving safely in heavy rain:

- See and be seen. Manually turn on your headlights to make sure both your headlights and tail lights are fully on. Your "auto" headlight setting may not activate your tail lights during daylight hours.
- Check wiper blades. Replace them if they're worn or they don't clear your windshield effectively.
- Watch for standing water. Don't drive through it when you can't tell how deep it is or whether the road beneath is safe.
- Avoid cruise control. On wet or slippery roads, control your speed directly so you can respond to changing conditions.
- Stay focused. Heavy rain demands your full attention. Put away your phone and avoid other distractions.
- Road Safety at Work offers more tips through its Winter Driving Safety campaign at RoadSafetyAtWork.ca/winter.



STEVE ERICKSON
Broadcaster/Media Relations Richmond Sockeyes

Sockeyes Strong November Start



The slow start has paid dividends as the team sets its sights on moving up to the top spot in the Mainland Division of the newly formed BCHC, which comprises six teams all located in the Lower Mainland. The league (BCHC) officially launched in September and while the slow start for the Sockeyes seemed inevitable given the graduating players, the onus was clearly on ownership, management and coaching staff. Some might think or feel that attracting players is an easy task; it's not as easy as one might think with players looking at their options that are often presented to them from other Junior Clubs in various areas.

Entering November, the Sockeyes are in a three-way race with the Ice Hawks and the Flames who are one-two and three in that order. The Sockeyes have played eighteen games sporting a record of 10 wins, 7 losses, 1 shootout loss managing 67 goals while relinquishing 57 to the visitors.

The puck officially drops for November with a match-up against the TrailBlazers who enter the game off a 4-2 loss against the Tsunami who pulled out the win with two goals in the third. Both teams are looking to advance in the standings as they get close to the mid-season break which are not hosting a winter classic as in the past, played at the Minoru Arena in Richmond. Entering the game the Sockeyes are currently sitting in third spot knowing that a win would put them tied with the Ice Hawks who they would play two nights later at Delta's Sungod Arena. In keeping with embracing the community, this game is sponsored by Ecowaste with the Anthem sung by Amelia Leung as we welcome Chloe Wang from the Richmond Jets Richmond Dragons U9 C7 carrying the Sockeyes flag during the pre-game warm-up.
In addition, the Sockeyes welcomed three Scout Troops with Scout Leaders to the game from Richmond 10th (Michael Stewart), 7th (Mary Haffey) and Akber Dhanjee from the 27th for the ceremonial face-off.

A win would put the Sockeyes tied in first place with the Ice Hawks setting up a first place match-up a short two nights later which would all depend on Friday's Ridge Meadows game. Richmond enters the game with a record of 10 wins, 7 losses, 1 shootout loss sitting with 21 points, two behind Delta while the Trailblazers were sitting with a record of 8 wins, 8 losses, 2 O/T losses.

The game started like a chess match with each team trying to get the early marker but it wasn't until 18:20 that Nathan Van Hoke (2) gave the home squad the lead with the only assist to Teetawat Pataramasakul (2). The Sockeyes peppered shots toward the net that were turned aside that allowed Po. Coq to take an 11-8 lead in the shots after one that set up a fast paced second period that saw Dylan Heer (6) give them a 2-0 lead. Assists on the goal went to Griffin Brown (4) and Liam O'Neill (9) with Richmond playing a more aggressive second with Liam O'Neill giving them a 3-0 lead at 15:52 set up by Devon Mahill (9) and Andrew Strand (3) while on the power play. One could sense the frustration that saw the Sockeyes handed a bench minor at the end of the second period giving Po. Coq a power play opportunity to start the third along with the stellar play of Po. Coq "tender" Shay McVicker who turned quality shots aside keeping the game in reach.

It wasn't until 4:07 of the third that Josh Kelly (6) got them on the board on the power play pulling within two. Sockeye's Mark Lee (5) gave them a three goal cushion at 11:17 after a long stretch pass from Nathan Van Hoeke (11) and Jonathan Zhang with his 14th assist of the season that would set up an exciting finish.
Given the frustration one could sense the officials had their hands full controlling the aggressive play that eventually exploded that saw Sockeyes'0 Jurzy Allard and Po. Coq's Adam Lenarduzzi entertain the fans with the "tilt" they were expecting. Both received a Major and Game Misconduct's at 17:11 in the third (which are automatic) with any Major penalty under the Hockey Canada Rules which neither team plays short-handed which is different if each team gets a Minor Penalty.

The game finished up with Liam O'Neill (4) putting the finish on the game with assists to Ronan Coopman (6) and Rowan Duke (4) giving the Sockeyes a 5-1 win, outshooting Po. Coq 41-32 that pulls Richmond even with Delta. The Sockeyes skated away with all three stars with Liam O'Neill (2G/1A) named first star, Nathan Van Hoeke (1G/1A) and Haiden Heide (32SA/31SV) setting up a first place match-up against the Ice Hawks Saturday night.

Entering Saturday's game Delta has two games in hand. Both teams are having a rough time understanding the importance of discipline. Richmond holds a comfortable first place lead knowing that it could change depending on weekend games but as of press time the Sockeyes sit in first with a comfortable 25 points, two ahead of the Flames, Tsunami and Delta who sit with 23 all with games in hand.

The Sockeyes host the Burnaby Steelers Thursday, November 12th with a 7:00 pm face-off looking to maintain the stranglehold on first place in the Mainland Division as they approach the mid-part of November. The Sockeyes congratulate both Ermolai Yarygin and Jonathan Zhang on being named to the first ever BCHC 2026 Prospects Game played Tuesday November 22nd at Delta's Sungod Arena. The game will have 40 players selected consisting of two coaching staffs where each drafted 12 forwards, six defencemen and two goaltenders from a shared players from all four BCHC divisions.

The Sockeyes congratulate Melody Davidson, Todd Nicholson and Hayley Wickenheiser on being the newest Distinguished Honourees of the Order of Hockey in Canada.



Fashion for Men

BY **DOUGLAS J. SCAMMELL**

Fall Fashion Showcases Balance

As the crisp autumn air moves in, it brings the most anticipated season for men's wear. Fall fashion offers a unique opportunity for the modern gentleman to showcase sophistication through a harmonious balance of warmth, functionality, and tailored elegance. Moving away from the lightweight, minimalist choices of summer, the cooler weather invites a return to structured silhouettes, rich colour palettes, and classic layering techniques. Embracing this seasonal shift requires a deliberate approach to selecting pieces that are both practical for fluctuating temperatures and visually appealing.

The cornerstone of any refined autumn wardrobe is the mastery of intentional layering. Rather than simply piling on garments, true style lies in combining varying weights and cuts to create a cohesive silhouette that complements each other. Begin with a high-quality base layer, such as a lightweight cotton T-shirt or a fine-knit merino wool turtleneck. From there, introduce mid-layers like textured cardigans, flannel button-downs, or unstructured blazers. The ensemble is anchored by a strong outer layer; timeless options such as tailored overcoats, rugged waxed field jackets, or classic leather bombers add immediate presence while serving as a shield against the elements.

Texture plays an equally vital role in defining the character of fall clothing, transforming monochrome or simple outfits into complex visual statements. This season welcomes back heavyweight, tactile fabrics that look as comfortable as they feel. Incorporating pieces made from rich corduroy, smooth suede, brushed flannel, and chunky cable-knits introduces depth and an air of effortless luxury. Complementing these physical textures is the autumn colour palette, which draws direct inspiration from nature. Swapping out bright summer tones for deep burgundy, earthy olive greens, warm rust, espresso browns, and muted charcoal creates an instantly timeless, grounded aesthetic.



Corduroy



Cable Knit



Flannel







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No gentleman's outfit is truly complete without the proper footwear to anchor his look. Autumn requires a transition toward sturdier, weather-resistant choices that do not compromise on style. Classic leather Chelsea or dress boots bridge the gap between rugged utility and sharp tailoring, pairing effortlessly with denim or wool trousers alike. For more relaxed, transitional days, suede penny loafers or chunkier lug-sole shoes offer an elegant alternative. My personal favourite, are the chukka suede boot on days that do not have moisture offer an elegant alternative that keeps the look grounded yet refined. By paying equal attention to outerwear, texture, and footwear, the modern gentleman can navigate the autumn season with absolute sartorial confidence.

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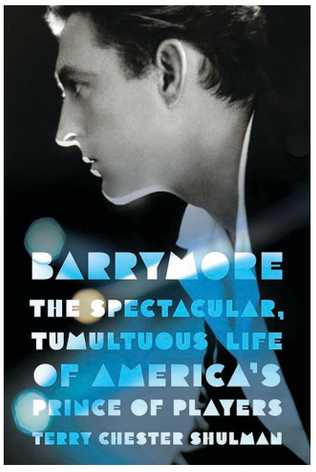


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THE READ – *Barrymore: The Spectacular, Tumultuous Life of America's Prince of Players* *by Terry Chester Shulman*

For many of us, the Barrymore name brings one person to mind: Drew. She's been in the public eye since 1982's *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* and now hosts her own daytime talk show. What's remarkable is that her family's show-business roots go back more than 150 years. In his new, in-depth book, acclaimed film biographer Terry Chester Shulman turns his attention to Drew's grandfather, John Barrymore. A stage veteran by the early 1920s, his 1922 Broadway turn as Hamlet drew such praise that a reviewer for *Brooklyn Life* said he had earned the right to be called "the greatest living American tragedian." Barrymore brought that same magnetism to Hollywood, showing his range in the silent era in *Dr. Jekyll* and *Mr. Hyde* and in *Beau Brummel*. He carried that matinee-idol charm (and versatility) into "talkies" in films like the all-star drama *Grand Hotel* and the screwball comedy *Twentieth Century*. Drawing on letters, journals and firsthand accounts, Shulman takes us inside the acting dynasty that shaped John and his siblings, fellow acting legends Ethel and Lionel Barrymore and explores the toll that fame and a long struggle with alcohol took on John's professional and private life. www.kentuckypress.com



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THE VIEW #1 – *The Fox*

One of the most unusual films we've seen in 2026 is *The Fox*, a dark Australian fantasy-comedy with an outrageous premise. In a nutshell, Nick (Jai Courtney) discovers his fiancée, Kori (Emily Browning), is cheating on him. When he traps a talking fox, she offers him a deal: spare her life and she'll show him how to turn Kori into his idea of the perfect, loving partner. Of course Nick agrees. What could possibly go wrong? Well, lots! Writer-director Dario Russo's feature debut has a lot of fun with that setup while taking a sly look at relationships, family and what happens when you try to change someone to suit yourself. Emily Browning, whom we wrote about last year in the funny and touching film, *One More Shot*, and Jai Courtney lead a terrific cast that includes Damon Herriman, Claudia Doumit and Miranda Otto, with Oscar winner Olivia Colman voicing the fox and the late Sam Neill, in his last role, voicing a magpie. *The Fox* is in theatres starting December 3, 2026 and available for home viewing January 12, 2027. www.vortexmedia.com



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THE VIEW #2 – *The Salisbury Poisoning: A Spy Next Door*

It sounded like something out of a spy novel. Poison, Russian agents and an assassination plot. Except it was all real. In March 2018, former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, were found unconscious on a public bench in Salisbury, a quiet cathedral city in Wiltshire, England. It was a horrifying incident, made all the more unsettling by where it happened. Both had been poisoned with Novichok, a military-grade nerve agent, and both survived. Four months later, Dawn Sturgess, a mother of three, died after being exposed to Novichok from what appeared to be a bottle of perfume. Her story is heartbreaking. In this feature-length CNN Films documentary, BAFTA-winning director Dan Vernon draws on firsthand accounts to follow the race to identify the attackers and contain the threat. The details that stay with you are the everyday ones: a front-door handle, a bench and a bottle of perfume all became part of an international spy case. Available for home viewing. www.cnn.com

Illeana Douglas: Jungle Red! The Making of MGM's The Women

A groundbreaking film that was the first of its kind

Our City Tonight sat down with long-time actress Illeana Douglas, whose diverse career has taken her from Martin Scorsese's *Cape Fear* to a classic episode of Seinfeld. An accomplished actress, producer, podcaster and author, Douglas has a passion for Hollywood history and the remarkable women who helped shape the film industry. Her latest book, *Jungle Red! The Making of MGM's The Women*, takes readers behind the scenes of one of Hollywood's most fascinating and ground-breaking productions. It is a story filled with larger-than-life personalities, Hollywood rivalries, unexpected twists and the making of a film that continues to captivate audiences decades later.



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OCT: Let's get right into the book, because there is so much to talk about. One of the things we love is that the women—and the movie itself—are right there in the title. There is so much to unpack, and you do a wonderful job telling this story. Let's start at the beginning with the remarkable, independent woman who wrote the original stage play. Her name was Clare Boothe Luce, a Park Avenue socialite. Tell us about her.

ID: I'm so excited even just to say her name. She started out writing for *Vanity Fair* and showed tremendous promise as a writer. But she was one of those women who got a bad rap because she was writing about her own society. Nobody had really spilled the beans about these Park Avenue women before. Although the play was a huge hit, she also received scathing criticism from people like Eleanor Roosevelt, of all people. That damaged her prospects as a playwright, and eventually she went into politics and became associated with the Republican Party. Then, as she moved into the 1970s and the rise of feminism, she fell completely out of favour. But the popularity of her play, *The Women*, has never faded.

OCT: You reach a point in the book where you feel it is finally ready to start filming and the fun is about to begin. We're going to get all these great actresses in one room, where they get to play their parts—and, hopefully, play nice! The director, George Cukor, was sometimes described as a "woman's director." We would simply call him a great director, but he also had to keep everyone sane during the making of this landmark movie.

ID: Yes. Going back to 1936, when MGM first purchased the property, it went through various writers, producers and directors. Then the big turning point came when George Cukor was fired from *Gone with the Wind*, largely because he was gay. David O. Selznick made a secret phone call to L.B. Mayer and said, "I want to fire George Cukor. Do you have anything at MGM we can put him on?" And they said, "Perfect. We have a movie called *The Women*." I thought that was a story in itself: he was fired for being gay and then hired, in part, for being gay. The personalities behind the production are a fascinating part of Douglas' research. Hollywood in the 1930s was a world of powerful studio executives, ambitious actresses and carefully managed public images. Bringing together so many celebrated women for one production was an extraordinary undertaking. The film also offered something audiences rarely saw at the time: a story centred entirely on women, their relationships, ambitions and rivalries, without a single male character appearing on screen.

OCT: For people who may not recognize all the names we're talking about, or who haven't seen the film, we hope that words like "trail-blazing" and "ground-breaking"—and some of the wonderful lines in your book—will encourage them to find the film or watch it again with fresh eyes. One of our favourite lines comes from a male critic. We had to think about it because we'd never heard a movie described quite this way. He says, "The Women has no ancestors."

ID: That is true. The film was an unexpected hit, and it became one of the major successes of 1939—the year of *Gone with the Wind* and *The Wizard of Oz*. It was just as successful, with 15,000 people attending the premiere. Yet when people talk today about the great movies of 1939, they often forget *The Women* and how ground-breaking it was. This was the first—and, in many ways, only—time a film featured an all-female cast of 135 women, with no men appearing on screen. The entire story is told from a female point of view and perspective. In the 1930s, audiences also looked to actresses as role models and based aspects of their lives on the characters they saw on screen. Joan Crawford, for example, had a deeply devoted fan base that followed every film she made and every character she played. Crawford had never played an outright "B" before, as she did in this movie, and she relished the role. Audiences loved it. And then there was Rosalind Russell and Paulette Goddard, along with the famous catfight—something that had never been called a "catfight" before this movie.

OCT: The book is called* Jungle Red! The Making of MGM's The Women*, and the author is Illeana Douglas. It's a terrific book and available now at all major bookstores.

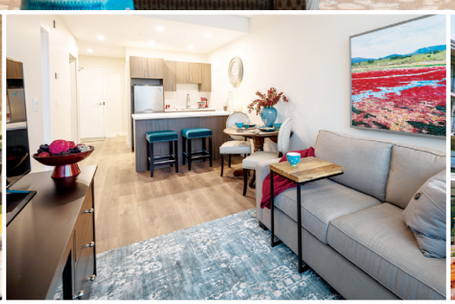
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