

Man well known to police arrested and charged in Surrey homicide of Baljinder Singh Garcha

THE Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) on Tuesday announced that 32-year-old Brian Kiraly-Miller of the Lower Mainland area has been arrested and charged in the homicide of 46-year-old Baljinder “Binder” Singh Garcha of Surrey.

On January 13, at approximately 11:50 a.m., Surrey Police Service (SPS) officers responded to reports of a man lying near the street in the 3500-block of 176 Street. Police located a man suffering from gunshot wounds. Surrey Fire Services and BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) attended, and the man was subsequently pronounced deceased at the scene. Earlier that day at 11:17 a.m., SPS responded to a report of a vehicle fire near the 18900-block of 40 Avenue which investigators believed was linked to the homicide. IHIT deployed to Surrey and continued to work in close partnership with SPS to advance the investigation. Over the past months, IHIT investigators continuously followed the evidence trail embarking on a number of investigative avenues to further their investigation into the murder of Garcha. As a result, IHIT investigators identified Kiraly-Miller as a suspect.

On May 28, Kiraly-Miller was located and arrested without incident in Kamloops. He was subsequently charged with one count of first-degree murder, and his next court appearance is on June 5.



Baljinder “Binder” Singh Garcha
 Photo: IHIT

“First-degree murder is the most serious offence, and the laying of this charge reflects our ongoing commitment to these complex homicide investigations,” says Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT. “This case has had a huge impact on Mr. Garcha’s family, friends and the broader community. While

She also told the media that Garcha “had no criminal history and no links to organized crime and no previous extortion attempts.” She said Kiraly-Miller had a history of violence and weapons offences and was known to police.

As this matter is now before the courts, no further information will be released, police said.

BACK on October 16, 2019, Vancouver Police announced that they had “arrested three alleged gang members and disrupted a murder conspiracy, as part of the VPD’s ongoing efforts to stem the tide of gang violence in the Downtown Eastside.” One of the three was Kiraly-Miller.



Brian Kiraly-Miller
 Photo: CrimeStoppers

members of the Redd Alert and Independent Soldiers – organized crime groups that are active in drugs, weapons, and violence in the Downtown Eastside.” Kiraly-Miller was charged with conspiracy to commit murder. In 2021, he was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder.

BUSINESSMAN Garcha was also a wedding videographer and photographer, and owner of Studio-12. “The shooting occurred near the gate of his farm. His residence, however, is located in the city,” well-known Punjabi journalist Gurpreet Singh Sahota said at the time.

Sahota wrote that he “was known as a professional, warm, friendly and approachable person.” He added: “Binder Garcha immigrated to Canada from Punjab and, with years of hard work, became the co-owner of [a banquet hall] and owned Studio-12 Limousine. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, and his parents.”



The murder scene Photo: Ashiana Khan's X

details about the motive and circumstances cannot be shared due to the ongoing court proceedings, investigators can confirm this was a targeted shooting.”

Vancouver Police said they had learned “of a plot to target a known Downtown Eastside drug trafficker by rival gang members.” They added: “The alleged conspiracy involved

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Gaurav Deol, 18, is Sunday's homicide victim in gang-related shooting in Surrey

THE Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) has identified the victim of the Sunday, May 31 Surrey shooting as 18-year-old Gaurav Deol of Surrey in an effort to advance the investigation.

While the motivation behind the shooting is still under investigation, preliminary information indicates that this was a targeted incident related to gang activity.

On May 31 at approximately 12:22

a.m., Surrey Police Service (SPS) responded to reports of a shooting in the area of 138 Street and 62 Avenue. Officers located a man suffering from gunshot wounds inside a vehicle that had struck a power pole. Despite life-saving efforts by first responders, the man died at the scene.

Approximately 25 minutes later, RCMP Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit (SPOSU) received a report of a car fire in the 10600-block of Salisbury Drive. A burnt white



Gaurav Deol Photo: IHIT

Toyota SUV was recovered and is believed to have been used in the shooting. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called in and assumed conduct of the investigation. IHIT continues to work in close partnership with SPS, SPOSU, the Integrated Forensic Identification Services (IFIS) and the BC Coroners Service.

"This is a tremendously difficult time for the victim's family, and IHIT investigators are working with them to understand his lifestyle and activities leading up to the shooting," says Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT. "A lot of work is underway as we continue an extended canvass for witnesses and video at both the shooting and arson scenes."

was in the area of either scenes, between 10 p.m. on May 30 and 1 a.m. on May 31.

Anyone with information is urged to contact IHIT at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Sandeep Singh and Amandeep Mallhi arrested and charged in Calgary extortion



Calgary Police Superintendent Jeff Bell

CALGARY Police announced on Monday that its Organized Crime and Offender Management (OCOM) Section continues to make significant progress in investigating a series of extortions targeting the South Asian community and two more men are now facing charges.

On Tuesday, May 5, a business located in the northeast community of Saddle Ridge received demands for money from an unknown person, who claimed the business owner, and their friends and family members would be shot if the victim did not comply. The victim contacted police, and members of the OCOM Section immediately began investigating. On Thursday, May 28, investigators took four men into custody while officers also executed a search warrant on a residence located in the 0 to 100 block of Saddlestone Way N.E.

Two of the men have now been charged. Sandeep Singh, 30, and Amandeep Mallhi, 39, both of Calgary, are charged with one count each of extortion and possession of proceeds of crime.

"We are making meaningful progress in this complex series of extortions, and these latest charges are a direct result of focused, coordinated and proactive police work. Each arrest reinforces our commitment to protecting Calgarians and sends a clear message to those involved in these crimes. Extortion will not be tolerated in our city and those responsible will be pursued, arrested and held accountable for their actions," said Superintendent Jeff Bell of the CPS Criminal Operations and Intelligence Division.

Police said that since this series began in April 2025, there have been 46 extortion-related incidents in Calgary. Nineteen involved shootings at homes, businesses, or vehicles. To date, 14 individuals have been charged with 54 criminal offences in relation to the Calgary series.

The CPS continues to work closely with the Canada Border Services Agency and other law enforcement partners to address these incidents.

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Sharnjit Singh Gill recognized in CMP's Top 75 Brokers Report for 2026

SHARNJIT Singh Gill, President of VERICO Superior Mortgage, has been named one of Canada's leading professionals in the CMP Top 75 Brokers 2026 report, a prestigious annual ranking published by Canadian Mortgage Professional (CMP). The CMP Top 75 Brokers report recognises the country's highest-performing residential mortgage brokers based on verified

funded volume. In 2025, this elite group collectively funded over \$10.66 billion in residential mortgages amid a challenging market shaped by rising rates, intense competition, and a historic wave of renewals. Gill's inclusion underscores his sustained excellence and client-first philosophy in a rapidly evolving industry. Since arriving in Canada in 1995, Gill has built a remarkable career grounded

in perseverance, trust, and relationship-building. Starting at a bank branch in Surrey, he transitioned to independent brokering in 2001, relying on his ability to connect with clients and guide them through critical financial decisions. Over the years, Gill has earned multiple accolades, including repeated recognition as a top producer and membership in Scotiabank's President's Club from 2021 to 2024. Gill's professional approach reflects the broader qualities highlighted in the CMP report: prioritising long-term client relationships, offering strategic financial advice, and maintaining consistency regardless of market conditions. His leadership



Sharnjit Singh Gill Photo submitted

continues to drive Verico Superior Mortgage's success, supported by a dedicated team focused on delivering personalised mortgage solutions.

"I am honoured to be recognised among Canada's top mortgage brokers," said Gill. "This achievement reflects the trust of our clients and the hard work of our team. We remain committed to helping Canadians navigate their mortgage journey with confidence." Gill has also been consistently ranked among CMP's Top 75 Brokers since 2009, further demonstrating his enduring impact and leadership in the Canadian mortgage industry. Gill has offices in Surrey in Payal Business Centre (Sharnjit S Gill: 604-507-1000) and Vancouver at 6330 Fraser Street (Raj Gill: 604-564-1000). For more information, visit quickapproval.ca

Damanjeet Singh, Pardaman Singh now charged with extortion in April 22 shooting

ADDITIONAL Criminal Code charges have been approved for two men that had been arrested and charged following a Surrey Police Service

and Pardaman Singh were originally charged with one count each of:

- * Reckless discharge of a firearm, and
- * Possession of



Photos: SPS

(SPS) investigation into an alleged shots fired incident at a residence where the resident had allegedly been the victim of extortion threats.

On April 22 at approximately 12:40 a.m., SPS Frontline officers responded to calls of shots fired at a home in the 13400-block of 87A Avenue. Police confirmed damage to the residence and a vehicle. Although the residence was occupied at the time of the shooting, no one was injured.

Surrey Police Service's Extortion Response Team (ExRT) took over the lead on the investigation, a suspect vehicle was identified, and a search warrant was obtained. SPS ExRT members executed the warrant on a residence in Surrey with the assistance of the Lower Mainland District Emergency Response Team, Canada Border Services Agency, and other SPS teams. Two men were arrested during the execution of the warrant and were charged with multiple firearms related Criminal Code offences. Both Damanjeet Singh

a restricted or prohibited firearm without a licence.

On May 29, the following additional Criminal Code charges were approved by the BC Prosecution Service against both accused:

- * Two counts of extortion

* One count of possession of a loaded prohibited or restricted firearm without the required authorization

- * One count of unauthorized possession of a firearm, and

* One count of occupying a vehicle knowing there was a prohibited or restricted firearm present.

Both Damanjeet Singh and Pardaman Singh have been remanded in custody. Damanjeet Singh's next scheduled court date is June 16, and Pardaman Singh's is June 2.

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Chief Constable Norm Lipinski "has left" Surrey Police Service

THE Surrey Police Board on Tuesday announced that Chief Constable Norm Lipinski has left Surrey Police Service (SPS), and Deputy Chief Constable Todd Matsumoto has been appointed Interim Chief Constable.

"We want to assure our partners and all community members that we remain focused on protecting public safety and providing uninterrupted service delivery to the community. We are confident in the leadership team of SPS, and in the continued professionalism of all SPS personnel," Hanne Madsen, Leadership Transition Committee, said in a press statement on behalf of the Surrey Police Board.

The Board will shortly initiate a recruitment process for a new permanent Chief Constable and will share further information regarding that process in the coming weeks.

"We appreciate the ongoing support and collaboration of all partners and community members. Your support is invaluable towards helping make SPS make the most modern, trusted, and responsive police service in the country," the statement added.

SURREY Mayor Brenda Locke said in a statement: "I want to thank Chief Lipinski for his service to the City and the Surrey Police Service over the last five years. As mayor, my focus remains public safety, and I look forward to working with Interim Chief Todd Matsumoto during this transition period." She added: "I am confident that the Surrey Police Board has a plan in place that will continue to prioritize keeping our neighbourhoods safe, while supporting the SPS to become a Canadian leader in trusted, modern, and responsive policing."

SURREY Police's Interim Chief Constable Todd Matsumoto said in a statement: "Following the Surrey Police Board's announcement of a leadership transition for Surrey Police Service (SPS), I would like to formally acknowledge and thank Norm Lipinski for his leadership and guidance of SPS over the past five and a half years, and for his 47 years of service in policing.

"The milestones and accomplishments achieved by SPS are a reflection of his commitment to the Service, the community,

and the city.

"I am committed to serving as Interim Chief Constable while the Board begins its search for the next Chief of SPS, and I look forward to working with the Surrey Police Board to maintain momentum on the work that matters most for Surrey.

"Throughout this leadership transition, our focus remains unchanged: keeping people in Surrey safe. The dedication and professionalism of our 685 police officers and 513



Norm Lipinski

civilian staff will continue.

Our work addressing issues such as extortion,



Todd Matsumoto

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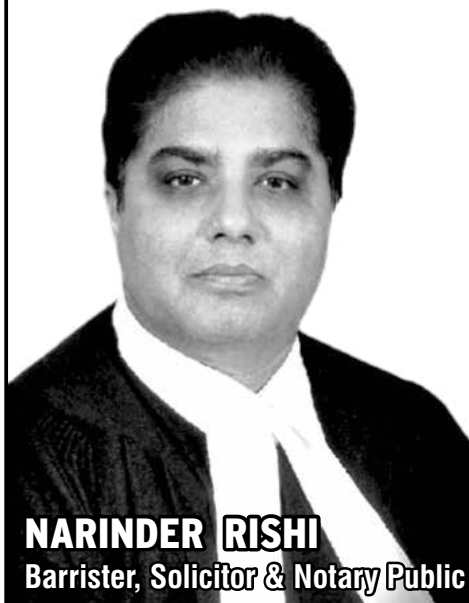
organized crime, gangs and violence will continue without interruption.

"We will also continue to recruit, hire and deploy new and experienced officers, while advancing the largest policing transition in Canadian history.

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Randhawa says Elections BC buried the real question in Surrey-Guildford

Randhawa has made a formal request to Elections BC for supplemental written reasons and the investigation record

HONVEER Singh Randhawa, former Conservative Party of BC candidate for Surrey-Guildford, is strongly responding to Elections BC's public summary regarding its investigation into potential Election Act violations in Surrey-Guildford.

Randhawa says Elections BC's response is deeply troubling because it undermines the complaint, avoids the real issue, and leaves the public without a clear answer to the most basic question: was the Election Act violated, the number of violations and under which sections?

"My complaint asked for specific questions to be answered," said Randhawa on Wednesday. "I asked Elections BC to determine whether offences and/or contraventions of the Election Act occurred in relation to the Lodge voters. For the contraventions that occurred, I asked Elections BC to identify them, state how many there were, and outline the specific sections of the Election Act under which those contraventions occurred. Instead, Elections BC gave the public a broad



Honveer Singh Randhawa
Photo: BC Conservatives

conclusion about deliberate intent, which does not answer the complaint I asked them to address."

Randhawa said Elections BC's public response has the effect of neutralizing the complaint without properly answering it.

A major part of the complaint involved mail-in ballot violations connected to

Lodge voters, including concerns about how mail-in ballot packages were requested, handled, assisted, completed, and certified. Randhawa says Elections BC's public summary does not clearly tell the public whether those mail-in ballot concerns amounted to contraventions of the Election Act, how many such violations were identified, or which sections of the Act were engaged.

"This is not a minor wording issue," said Randhawa. "The public deserves to know whether the Act was violated, how many violations were identified, which rules were breached, and what Elections BC is doing about it. Instead, Elections BC produced a conclusion that, in my view, appears designed to close the file while avoiding the actual violations raised in the complaint."

Randhawa said the response is damaging not only to him as the complainant, but also to public confidence in the complaint process. "I spent significant time, money, and effort bringing these concerns forward because election integrity

matters," said Randhawa. "If a person brings a serious complaint to Elections BC, identifies alleged violations, provides supporting material, and asks for answers, but receives a public response that does not answer the complaint, why would ordinary people trust the process?"

In light of these concerns, Randhawa has made a formal request to Elections BC for supplemental written reasons and the investigation record. He is asking Elections BC to explain whether any offences or contraventions were found, how many were identified, which sections of the Election Act were involved, what findings were made regarding mail-in ballot handling, and why the complaint was concluded without meaningful communication with him during the investigation process.

Randhawa is demanding that Elections BC provide a direct supplemental answer to five basic questions:

1. Did Elections BC find any offences or contraventions of the Election Act in relation to the Lodge voters?
2. If yes, which provisions were contravened?
3. How many violations or incidents of non-compliance were identified?

4. If no violations were found, why were the concerns regarding mail-in ballots, voter assistance, certification envelopes, and alleged improper assistance rejected?

5. What steps will Elections BC take going forward to protect seniors and disabled adults in similar facilities?

Randhawa is inviting media outlets to contact him for a copy of the complaint materials so they can compare the seriousness of the allegations with Elections BC's public response.

"British Columbians deserve a direct answer," said Randhawa. "Was the Election Act violated or not? Elections BC should not undermine a serious complaint by giving the public a broad conclusion about deliberate intent when that was not the complaint I asked them to answer."

Cricket Canada President's Surrey residence targeted again by extortion-related shooting

SURREY Police Service (SPS) is investigating an early morning shooting outside a South Newton residence.

On Thursday, June 4 at approximately 4:02 a.m., SPS frontline officers responded to reports of a shooting outside a residence in the area of 57 Avenue and 148 Street.

Police noted evidence of shots fired. The residence was occupied at the time of the shooting and fortunately, no one was injured.

The investigation is in its early stages; however, it is believed to be extortion-related due to previous threats and a shots fired incident outside the residence on May 20.

It is the residence of Arvind Khosa, the newly elected president of Canada Cricket that has been shrouded in controversy.

SPS's Extortion Response



Arvinder Khosa
Photo: Cricket Canada

Team (ExRT) has taken over the lead on the investigation, and the Integrated Forensic Identification Services (IFIS) will be in the area processing physical and digital evidence.

Anyone with information about this incident, including CCTV or dashcam footage, or who may know the identities of the suspects is asked to contact SPS's non-emergency line at 604-599-0502, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca and quote file number 26-56002 (SP).

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Premier David Eby and NDP MLAs honour Nepali Heritage Day



ON Saturday, May 30, members of the Nepali community from across British Columbia gathered at a banquet hall in Surrey to celebrate the first ever Nepali Heritage Day event, a vibrant night that showcased the rich cultural traditions and contributions of Nepali Canadians.

The celebration featured authentic Nepali cuisine, traditional music, and captivating cultural performances that highlighted Nepal's diverse heritage. With over 700 in attendance, community members, families, and guests came together to recognize the achievements and ongoing contributions of the Nepali community while strengthening connections across cultures.

The event was attended by Premier David Eby and MLAs Amna Shah, Jagrup Brar, Garry Begg, and Sunita Dhir, who joined community leaders and residents in celebrating the occasion. A highlight of the event was the formal presentation of British Columbia's official Nepali Heritage Day proclamation to members of the Nepali community. Eby and the attending MLAs presented the proclamation in recognition of the significant cultural, social, and community contributions that Nepali Canadians have made across the province.

This year's celebration carried special significance as the Province of British Columbia officially proclaimed May 29, 2026, as Nepali Heritage Day. The proclamation acknowledges the important role Nepali Canadians play in strengthening communities throughout British Columbia and celebrates the rich traditions, values, and heritage they continue to share with future generations. The date also commemorates a historic achievement in world history, the first successful ascent of Mount Everest on May 29, 1953, by Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of Nepal and Sir Edmund Hillary. Their accomplishment remains a powerful symbol of courage, determination, resilience, and the enduring spirit of the Himalayan people.

The presentation of the proclamation served as a meaningful moment during the celebration, recognizing both the history and ongoing contributions of the Nepali community while reaffirming British Columbia's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and multiculturalism. Nepali Heritage Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the traditions, language, arts, and achievements of Nepali Canadians while fostering greater understanding and appreciation among all communities. As the Nepali community continues to grow and thrive throughout the province, events like these help strengthen the

multicultural fabric that makes British Columbia such a vibrant and welcoming place to call home. The celebration in Surrey reflected both pride in cultural heritage and optimism for the future, bringing together people of all backgrounds to honour the remarkable contributions of Nepali Canadians and the enduring legacy of Nepal's history, culture, and community spirit.

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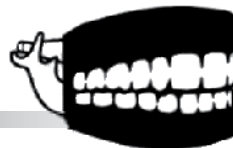
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Five Vancouver Whitecaps FC alumni selected to represent Canada in FIFA World Cup 2026

Jeevan Badwal has been named to the provisional roster

VANCOUVER Whitecaps FC on Friday said that Canada Soccer have confirmed that five of their alumni will represent Canada on home soil at the FIFA World Cup 2026. The 26-player roster includes former 'Caps first team players Ali Ahmed, Derek Cornelius, Maxime Crépeau, Alphonso Davies, and Richie Laryea.

Additionally, current Whitecaps FC players Sam Adekugbe, Jeevan Badwal, and Ralph Priso were all named to the provisional roster, and are still eligible to be called in as an injury replacement up until 24 hours before the first match. Priso was part of the pre-World Cup training camp in Charlotte, and will remain with the squad through the upcoming pre-World Cup friendlies against Uzbekistan on June 1 on Play Alberta Field at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, Alberta and then against Republic of Ireland on June 5 at Stade Saputo in Montréal, Quebec. Both matches will be presented by BMO and air live nationally on TSN, RDS, and OneSoccer.

Davies is also one of two players who were part of the Whitecaps FC BMO Academy program, alongside Burnaby's Niko Sigur. In total, 23% of Canada's roster spent time with Whitecaps FC. The group will be returning to familiar surroundings, training at the Whitecaps FC National Soccer Development Centre and playing two matches at BC Place.

As a host nation, Canada was placed in Group B of the 2026 World Cup and will play each of their



Jeevan Badwal

Photo: whitecapsfc.com

Group Stage matches in the Great White North. Canada kicks off their World Cup tournament on Friday, June 12 in Toronto against Bosnia and Herzegovina. Then, Vancouverites will be treated to Canada's remaining group matches at BC Place against Qatar on Thursday, June 18 and Switzerland on Wednesday, June 24. All matches will be broadcast live on TSN, CTV, Crave and RDS in Canada.

Six Whitecaps FC first team players have been called up during this FIFA international window, including Priso (Canada pre-World Cup camp), Sebastian Berhalter (United States), Rayan Eloumi (Tunisia), Bruno Caicedo (Ecuador pre-World Cup camp), Liam Mackenzie (Canada U-20), and Kenji Cabrera (Peru).

CANMNT's World Cup Squad:

Canada's three goalkeepers will be Maxime Crépeau, Owen Goodman and Dayne St. Clair.

Defenders named to the squad are: Moise Bombito, Derek Cornelius, Alphonso Davies, Luc de Fougerolles, Alistair Johnston, Alfie Jones, Richie Laryea, Niko Sigur and Joel Waterman. Midfielders taking part are: Ali Ahmed, Tajon Buchanan, Mathieu Choiniere, Stephen Eustaquio, Marcelo Flores, Ismael Koné, Liam Millar, Jonathan Osorio, Nathan Saliba and Jacob Shaffelburg.

The rest of the squad will feature forwards: Jonathan David, Promise David, Cyle Larin and Tani Oluwaseyi.

Science, culture, technology for sustainable health is focus of CINS global conference

CANADA India Network Society (CINS) is hosting its 6th global conference in Surrey from June 5-7. The conference, a fusion of modern science, cultural wisdom and technology, is also a midyear joint meeting of Global Association of Physicians of India (www.gapio.in).

The theme of the conference is South Asian Health - A global perspective: Integrative thinking on the synergy of science, culture and technology.

Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke will open the three-day thought leadership event. CINS has been a partner with City of Surrey since its founding to build a healthy civil society. The keynote speech following the opening ceremonies on June 5 will be delivered by renowned researcher, Dr Sonia Anand of McMaster University on knowledge translation of research in lowering diabetes.

Other speakers include some of the leading experts on integrative thinking: Chinmaya Pandey, H. R. Nagendra and Manjunath Sharma of India, and Dr. Victoria Lee, former president of Fraser Health, and international indigenous humanitarian and educator Chief Phil Lane.

A thought provoking and solutions seeking panel discussion on barriers and

opportunities in use of integrative medicine will be featured in the Saturday morning session.

The conference also has eminent clinicians from India sharing successful health programs in a village in Punjab along with kindness in health care, eradication of blindness and insights into integrative health.

A unique feature of the conference is a session cohosted with Surrey Board of Trade titled Art, Artist and Health. The afternoon session on Saturday will have reports from partners and collaborators from previous conferences and results of the projects.

A special session of patient experience to highlight engagement and empowerment cohosted by BC Support Unit of the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and Fraser Health will be added feature. The conference closing session will have recommendations which guide future projects for sustainable health care.

The signature banquet on June 6 at Empress Banquet Hall is a celebration of Canada-India collaboration, 50 years' legacy of South Asian health fund at Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation. The conference and banquet are open to the public. Registration required at www.thecins.org.

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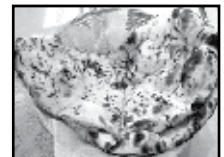
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Vancouver Canucks name Manny Malhotra head coach

VANCOUVER Canucks General Manager Ryan Johnson announced on Monday that the team has hired Manny Malhotra as the 23rd Head Coach in franchise history.

"Manny and I have been in the battle together before, so I know firsthand what a good teacher, leader, and quality person he is," said Johnson. "Connection, consistency and putting in place the proper foundation will be key for our group moving forward. Manny is a great coach who has the right skillset and mentality to help players develop and get better each day. We both believe that pressure is a privilege, and learning to become a good pro takes patience, dedication, and a 'be better than yesterday' mindset. He loves the game and getting to know what makes his players tick and I am very confident Manny will help us ice a competitive and hard-working team that our fans will be proud of moving forward." Malhotra joins Vancouver after serving as the Head Coach of the Abbotsford Canucks for the past two seasons. During his time with Abbotsford, the team posted a record of 72-61-6-5, which included a franchise-best 44 wins and 92 points in 2024.25, en route to the franchise's first Calder Cup Championship. He also oversaw the development of many Canucks prospects that contributed to the NHL club this season, including forwards Max Sasson, Aatu Rätty, and Linus Karlsson, as well as defencemen Victor Mancini and Elias Pettersson, amongst others.



Manny Malhotra

Photo: Vancouver Canucks

Prior to his arrival in Abbotsford, Malhotra spent four seasons with the Toronto Maple Leafs, serving as an Assistant Coach. In Toronto, he helped the Maple Leafs power play operate at 25.0%, which ranked second in the NHL from 2020.21 to 2022.23. Malhotra then transitioned to an 'eye in the sky' role and worked with the team's centremen on faceoffs, which saw Toronto rank tied for third in the NHL in 2023.24 at 53.5%. Malhotra began his coaching career in 2016.17 as a Development Coach for Vancouver, before being named an Assistant Coach from 2017.18 to 2019.20. The Canucks made the playoffs in 2019.20, advancing to

the Second Round after defeating the St. Louis Blues in the Play-In Round and the Minnesota Wild in the First Round, before pushing the Vegas Golden Knights to Game 7 of the Second Round.

Before his coaching career, the Mississauga, ON native spent parts of 16 seasons in the NHL after being selected seventh overall by the New York Rangers in the 1998 NHL Entry Draft. He skated in 991 games for seven teams, recording 295 points (116-179-295) and 451 penalty minutes. He also appeared in 35 career Stanley Cup Playoff games, scoring two goals. Malhotra spent three seasons in Vancouver during his playing career, registering 48 points (18-30-48) and 36 penalty minutes across 159 games, while also playing in 11 playoff games, helping the Canucks reach the Stanley Cup Final in 2010-11.

Cricket Canada suspended by ICC Board

THE International Cricket Council's Board on Monday "resolved to suspend Cricket Canada from ICC membership with immediate effect due to serious breaches of its membership obligations."

In a press release, the ICC Board said: "In taking this decision, the ICC Board was mindful of the importance of protecting the interests of Canadian players and ensuring they are not disadvantaged by the governance issues affecting the national governing body. Accordingly, Canadian national representative teams will continue to be eligible to participate in ICC events during the period of suspension."

"To support the continued participation

and development of the national teams, Cricket Canada will be permitted to access ICC funding through a controlled funding mechanism, under the oversight of ICC management, solely for approved national team programmes.

"The ICC will also provide Cricket Canada with a set of reinstatement conditions aimed at addressing the governance and administrative issues identified by the Board. The progress against these conditions will be monitored by the ICC Normalisation Committee, supported by ICC management, with reinstatement of membership subject to the Board being satisfied that the conditions have been fully met."

Elections BC: Expense limits for 2026 general local elections

EXPENSE limits for candidates and third party advertising sponsors for the 2026 General Local Elections are available on the Elections BC website:

elections.bc.ca/local-elections/candidate-expense-limits

elections.bc.ca/local-elections/third-party-expense-limits

Some examples:

* The expense limit for a Mayor of Surrey candidate is \$251,962.07

* The expense limit for a Mayor of Vancouver candidate is \$257,500.52

* The expense limit for a candidate for the Surrey City Council is \$137,511.79

* The expense limit for a candidate for the Vancouver City Council is \$141,152.04

Pre-campaign period begins: July 20

* Deadline to apply to register an elector organization: July 31

* Deadline for voter registration with Elections BC

(Voters may still register with their local government): August 18

* Nomination period begins: September 1

* Close of nominations: September 11

* Campaign period begins: September 19

* General Voting Day: October 17

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Every extortion suspect “a temporary foreign worker or on a student visa and relatively new to Canada”

EDMONTON Police Constable Kevin St. Louis told an Immigration and Refugee Board member overseeing a hearing for a suspected member of the gang that every individual that police identified during this investigation “is a temporary foreign worker or on a student visa and relatively new to Canada.”

He said the people carrying out violent acts in Canada are at the bottom of a pyramid that sees them paid a very small financial gain. “I think a lot of them look at it as being part of an organization or group,” he added.

St. Louis, giving evidence at an admissibility hearing for Jashandeep Singh, an Indian national, said India’s Lawrence Bishnoi gang purportedly wrote to Abbotsford Police last summer that they had more than 1,000



Lawrence Bishnoi

people in Canada to carry out extortions. CBC’s Jason Proctor reported that St. Louis testified that as the investigation continued, Edmonton Police believe there was a fracture in the group that resulted in several different groups carrying out the same type of crime. St. Louis said three names of leaders emerged through

WhatsApp texts and phone calls: Lawrence Bishnoi; Bishnoi’s former ally and now his enemy, Goldy Brar; and a person identified as Jora Sidhu.

“According to Indian media reports, a close Bishnoi associate by the same name, also known as Sipra, had his throat slit in Dubai in December in a killing credited to a rival gangster,” Proctor reported.

Multiple weapons seized in sexual exploitation investigation by New Westminster Police



Photo: New Westminster Police

ON March 21 a concerned citizen reported seeing what they believed to be an adult male acting in an inappropriate manner with a female youth in a public place. The male and female left the

area; however, the concerned citizen obtained the license plate of their vehicle and called police.

New Westminster Police officers responded and located the male, although he was not in the presence of the female youth. Officers established that this male has conditions not to be in the presence of anyone under the age of 16, and although the female he had been seen with was a youth, he was not in breach of his conditions.

The Street Crime Unit assumed conduct of the investigation, and after a detailed investigation, the male was arrested for sexual exploitation. At the time of the arrest, the male was wearing a cross-body bag that was found to contain a bear scare fire pistol. Further investigation led officers to believe the male may be in possession of other weapons.

The Street Crime Unit obtained a search warrant for the male’s home, and subsequently located an SKS rifle, a pistol-gripped compact shot gun, a 22 caliber semi-automatic rifle, ammunition, replica firearms, holsters, 3D printed firearm parts, and a number of other prohibited devices.

“The presence of weapons in relation to a sexual exploitation investigation is extremely concerning,” said Sgt. Andrew Leaver on Friday. “We are thankful to the concerned citizen who called us and allowed us to uncover not only a multitude of weapons, but to also remove a vulnerable female from a dangerous situation”.

On May 26, Jorge Reyes Alfaro of New Westminster was charged with: sexual exploitation; unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon or restricted weapon; possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose; carrying a concealed weapon; weapons trafficking; unauthorized possession of a firearm; possession of computer data; and contravention of storage regulations.

Reyes Alfaro remains in custody as police continue to process the evidence.

Boat crashes into train bridge pillar in Maple Ridge

MAPLE Ridge RCMP said on Wednesday that they are currently investigating an overnight boat crash.

On Tuesday, June 2 at approximately 8:15 p.m., RCMP attended Kanaka Creek Park in the 23200-block of River Road for a report of a boat that crashed into a train bridge pillar on Kanaka Creek.

Officers on scene learned that four male occupants of the boat were on board when it crashed. Three of the occupants were transported to hospital, one with more serious injuries. All injuries are believed to be non-life-threatening.

Officers secured the scene and spoke with numerous individuals including the operator of the boat. Police also liaised with several agencies including CPKC and Transport Canada.

The cause of the crash is still being investigated.



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Charges laid in relation to targeted fatal Langley shooting

ON Tuesday, May 26 at approximately 11:34 p.m., Langley RCMP responded to a report of shots being fired in the 5400-block of Brydon Crescent in Langley.

Upon arrival, first responders located a man in medical distress. Despite life-saving efforts, the man died at the scene.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) assumed conduct of the investigation and continued to work in partnership with the Langley RCMP Serious Crime Unit and the Integrated Forensic Identification Services (IFIS) to advance the investigation.

Over several days, IHIT investigators worked tirelessly to speak with witnesses and examine the shooting scene. Following the evidence trail, investigators were able to piece together the events leading up to the shooting.

As a result, a suspect was identified and arrested



Sgt. Freda Fong Photo: IHIT

were able to quickly identify and locate the accused," says Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT. "This was made possible by the witnesses who came forward with information and the strong collaboration between IHIT and its policing partners across the Lower Mainland."

As this matter is now before the courts, no further information will be released, police said.

on Saturday, May 30 in relation to the murder.

On Sunday, May 31, 37-year-old Justin Hopkins-Jones was charged with the second-degree murder of the victim, a 47-year-old man.

Investigators believe this to be an isolated incident where the accused and victim were known to each other. Hopkins-Jones has been detained by the court and is next scheduled to appear on June 5.

"Despite the complexity of investigation, IHIT investigators were able to quickly identify and locate the accused," says Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT. "This was made possible by the witnesses who came forward with information and the strong collaboration between IHIT and its policing partners across the Lower Mainland."

As this matter is now before the courts, no further information will be released, police said.

Abbotsford Police seize drugs, arrest a man and a woman in two incidents



Photos: Abbotsford Police

ON Friday, May 29 just after 10 a.m., Abbotsford Police officers conducting proactive patrols in the 2300-block of McCallum Road located a man known to police. The individual was arrested for drug trafficking.

A search incident to arrest revealed the man was in possession of more than 120 grams of fentanyl, cocaine, and methamphetamine. Officers also seized a scale, a baton and cash.

Two days earlier, on May 27

just before 3 p.m., Abbotsford Police officers were conducting proactive patrols when they observed suspected drug activity in the 32400-block of South Fraser Way. A 48-year-old Abbotsford woman was arrested in connection with the incident.

A search of the suspect resulted in the seizure of over 100 grams of packaged drugs, including fentanyl, along with a small amount of cash. The investigation remains ongoing.

IHIT deployed to Maple Ridge following fatal altercation

THE Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) has deployed to Maple Ridge following an altercation that left one man dead.

On Saturday, May 30 at approximately 6:51 p.m., Maple Ridge RCMP responded to a fight in progress in the 22300-block of River Road. Police located a 28-year-old man with life-threatening injuries. Despite life-saving efforts by first responders, the man died at scene.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called in and assumed conduct of the investigation.

IHIT continues to work in close partnership with the Maple Ridge RCMP Serious Crime Unit, the

Integrated Forensic Identification Services (IFIS) and the BC Coroners Service to advance the investigation.

Investigators believe this was an isolated and targeted incident, where the parties involved were known to each other. The investigation is ongoing; however, the incident is not believed to be related to gang activity.

"Thanks to the quick actions taken by Maple Ridge RCMP officers, the scene was contained quickly which allowed investigators to preserve critical evidence," says Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT. "A number of witness interviews are underway as investigators piece together the events leading up to the altercation."

Our thoughts are with the victim's family during this very difficult time."

Anyone with further information regarding this investigation is asked to contact IHIT at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or email ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

IHIT investigating Surrey stabbing that left one dead, another injured; suspect shot dead by police

THE Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) said on Monday that while the motivation behind the May 29 stabbings in Surrey is still under investigation, investigators believe that the alleged suspect, who was shot by police, was responsible for both stabbings, and that there are no outstanding suspects.

The deceased stabbing victim was a 55-year-old man who lived in the same building as the alleged suspect, a 65-year-old man.

The surviving stabbing victim is a 35-year-old woman who was in the vicinity of the building.

IHIT continues to work in close partnership with SPS, the Integrated Forensic Identification Service (IFIS) and the BC Coroners Service to advance the investigation.

On Friday, May 29, at

approximately 1 p.m., Surrey Police Service (SPS) responded to a report of an assault near Old Yale Road and University Drive. Police arrived on scene and located an initial victim suffering from stab wounds. Further investigation led them to locate a second victim inside a building who had also been stabbed.

Despite life-saving efforts, one person died at scene and a second victim was transported to hospital for treatment.

SPS officers located a male suspect a short distance away. An interaction occurred and shots were fired by police. The suspect was transported to hospital where he later died from his injuries.

The Independent Investigations Office (IIO) was notified and are investigating the police actions in this incident.

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Kerry-Lynne Findlay is the next leader of BC Conservatives

KERRY-LYNNE Findlay is the next leader of the BC Conservative Party, winning 51 per cent of the total votes in the fourth and final round on May 30.

* Round 1: Peter Milobar was out in the B.C. Conservative leadership race as he came last. Kerry-Lynne Findlay led, followed by Caroline Elliott, Iain Black and Yuri Fulmer.

* Round 2 :Fulmer was out after coming last.

* Round 3: Black was out of the race as he came third. Findlay was first with 38.6 per cent of the total votes, while Elliott got 31.3 per cent.

ON Monday, June 1, Findlay said in a post on X:

"As your newly elected Leader of

the BC Conservative Party, I bring senior-level experience that will serve every family in our province.

"I served as a Cabinet Minister in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government, where I helped deliver lower taxes, cut red tape, and return the country to a surplus after the worst recession in decades. That experience taught me how to manage government responsibly and put people first.

"I was appointed Chief Opposition



Kerry-Lynne Findlay Photo: Findlay's X

Whip by Pierre Poilievre, the first woman to hold the position. In that role I was responsible for

uniting and leading a large national caucus with discipline and focus.

"I am also a King's Counsel, an honour that reflects decades of legal expertise and a deep commitment to the rule of law and property rights.

"As a senior lawyer I have spent decades defending the rule of law and property rights. In the late 1990s, as a young widow with small children, I bought a leasehold property on Musqueam land in South Vancouver. When the Musqueam

First Nation sued the homeowners, I helped lead our legal team through a long and

costly battle that went all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada. We won that case in 2000 and protected the property rights and equity of those families. That experience taught me firsthand how critical it is to defend fee-simple ownership and certainty for every British Columbian.

"These roles have prepared me to lead with seriousness, competence, and results. While the NDP under David Eby has delivered economic vandalism, growing debt, failing services, and chaos, I am ready to restore competent, principled government that works for British Columbians.

"Together we will unite our party and build a stronger, more prosperous British Columbia."

NDP: Findlay's racist campaign hands control of B.C. Conservatives to pro-Trump faction

THE NDP says that the pro-Trump wing of the B.C. Conservatives has seized control of the party with Kerry-Lynne Findlay's win, thanks in part to her racist attacks on her leadership opponents.

"Kerry-Lynne Findlay and her supporters in caucus have more in common with Donald Trump's Republicans than they do with Canadian Conservatives," said Jennifer Whiteside, MLA for New Westminster-Coquitlam. "Even B.C. Conservative MLAs say British

Columbians should think twice before voting for her."

Her campaign included a direct racist attack on Peter Milobar, claiming he was in a conflict of interest on DRIPA because his wife and children are Indigenous.

Milobar described her attack as "the worst side of politics possible" and said her victory would "give a lot of British Columbians pause for thought of whether they would actually vote for a party like this."

Asked directly if he would stay in caucus under leadership, Milobar said: "That will give me pause for thought. I'm not going to lie about that."

Iain Black called her out: "This is now a clear pattern of behaviour. We lost the election in 2024 in part due to the racist comments made by our candidate in Surrey South, who happens to be the husband of Kerry-Lynne Findlay. She did not then, and has not since, denounced those comments as reprehensible."

Findlay was backed by four of the five MLAs who voted in the legislature against condemning Trump's tariffs, including Chapman.

"In this campaign, she's shown that she'll use the politics of Donald Trump,



Jennifer Whiteside

Photo: NDP

like targeting her opponents for their race," said Whiteside. "She's the most extreme and divisive leader of a major political party in B.C. history, and British Columbians won't stand for it."

Three-year trial will evaluate B.C. liquor licensee-to-licensee sales

AS British Columbia prepares to host the FIFA World Cup 2026, government is launching a three-year trial to give bars, pubs and restaurants more flexibility to meet surges in demand and deliver the best possible customer experience.

Through the trial, licensed establishments will be able to buy alcohol directly from private and public liquor stores, providing the hospitality sector with greater flexibility, especially in situations where there is an immediate need to restock or source a specialty product.

"This targeted trial will help B.C.'s bars and restaurants respond quickly to customer demand, especially during major special events, supporting exceptional experiences for locals and tourists alike," said Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food. "We're finding ways to support hospitality businesses, while protecting the good jobs and public revenue from B.C.'s public retail and distribution system."

The BC Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) remains the central wholesaler and collects the same markup, whether hospitality customers buy from a BCLQUOR store or private retailer. No government revenue impacts are expected as the LDB and BCLQUOR stores will continue to sell product to private retailers at wholesale price.



Lana Popham

BCLQUOR stores will also maintain their existing service to hospitality licensees where restaurants, bars and pubs can submit orders for stocked and specialty products, or shop directly off the shelves. This trial is not expected to impact public revenues or permanent jobs. Any revenue or labour impacts as a result of a change in hospitality-purchasing behaviour will be monitored during the trial period. Findings will be shared with labour and industry partners and will inform any future decisions about making changes permanent.

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Civil forfeiture grants support organizations at risk of hate-based crime

PEOPLE in British Columbia will have safer access to places of worship and other community centres as organizations receive \$242,000 in anti-hate grants to improve security and address property damage.

"A thriving province is one where all people feel safe and supported, particularly in the spaces that celebrate cultural diversity and identity," said Nina Krieger, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, on Monday. "With antisemitism, Islamophobia and other forms of hatred on the rise in B.C. and across Canada, it's important that people feel secure in synagogues, mosques and all the spaces where communities come together."

Through the Civil Forfeiture Grant Program's anti-hate stream, eligible places of worship, cultural community centres and other at-risk groups, such as 2SLGBTQIA+ organizations can receive grants to prevent and recover from hate-motivated crimes. This year, 24 grants are being provided to 20 organizations for safety measures, including:

- * enhanced security equipment
- * graffiti removal
- * repairs of damaged property

These grants are part of government's ongoing work to stop hate-based crime and build a safer, more-inclusive province for all people in British Columbia.

Funding for this program is made available through the Civil Forfeiture Office, which was established in 2006 with the purpose of removing the tools and proceeds of unlawful activity and redirecting them back into programs that support community safety and crime prevention.

The Civil Forfeiture Office continues to evolve by implementing innovative new tools to identify and forfeit the proceeds of crime, such as unexplained wealth orders. By turning unlawful proceeds into supports for those most at risk, government is addressing the root causes of crime, while disrupting the profit motive for criminal organizations.

MLA Amna Shah said that people in Surrey will benefit from provincial funding for community safety projects led by local organizations.

"I'm proud to see Civil Forfeiture Grant funding supporting programs that strengthen safety and wellbeing for young people and families in Surrey," said Shah, MLA for Surrey City Centre. "These grants reflect our commitment to investing in frontline organizations that protect, empower, and uplift everyone."

In Surrey, projects include:



Nina Krieger
Photo: Krieger's X

* The Centre for Child Development of the Lower Mainland — Sophie's Place Child and Youth Advocacy Centre
This project provides funding to support service delivery for the Sophie's Place Child and Youth Advocacy Centre.

Amount: \$200,000

* BC Lions Football Limited Partnership — Lions Pride

This project will mentor at-risk youth (ages 13–16) by introducing them to Flag Football and highlighting the importance of making positive choices and choosing alternative activities to gang involvement. Amount: \$75,000

* Surrey Women's Centre — Interview Room Technology

This project supports technology improvements to the Interview Room. Amount: \$43,843

The BC New Democrat government is providing \$8.23 million through the Civil Forfeiture Grant Program, supporting 173 community-led projects across the province. The funding comes from the seized proceeds of unlawful activity, which are redirected back into making our communities safer.

Langley RCMP impound six vehicles in two hours for excessive speed

ON Tuesday, June 2, the Langley RCMP Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted a high-visibility targeted enforcement in the area of 256 Street and 0 Avenue. Recognizing the hot weather conditions and the significant volume of cyclists on this roadway, the unit prioritized enforcement efforts to ensure cyclist

safety and reduce risk. Within two hours, six drivers were ticketed for excessive speed and had their vehicles impounded for seven days. Each of these drivers were travelling more than 41km/h above the posted speed limit.

"Excessive speeding continues to pose a serious risk to public safety," said Constable Meghan Marsden,



One of the vehicles that was impounded.
Photo: Langley RCMP

Media Relations Officer for Langley RCMP. "We focused enforcement efforts in this area due to the high number of cyclists and the increased danger that speeding creates, especially in warmer weather. Drivers need to slow down and be mindful of others. We will continue targeted enforcement to help

keep our community safe." Langley RCMP say they remain dedicated to maintaining safe roadways and reminding all motorists and cyclists to obey posted speed limits. "We encourage the public to report any high-risk driving behaviours to police so we can continue working together to keep our community safe," they say.



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Independent review on North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant

METRO Vancouver is moving forward with an independent review of the North Shore Wastewater Treatment Plant Program by re-confirming the selection of Randal Kaardal, K.C., a senior litigator at Hunter Litigation Chambers, to finalize updated terms of engagement with an independent review team. Once confirmed, the independent review team will operate at arm's length from Metro Vancouver and provide a fulsome independent review. The

team will have full access to Metro Vancouver's documents related to the program's history, finances, governance, and delivery. The review is intended to provide recommendations and findings relative to their review of the project. Metro Vancouver's Board initiated the process to explore an independent review in June 2024. The review process had been paused while litigation was before the courts. The litigation has been settled.

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New BCBC analysis finds youth employment has deteriorated most in B.C.

NEW analysis from the Business Council of British Columbia (BCBC) finds that young people looking for work this summer are entering one of the worst youth labour markets the province has seen in more than two decades.

According to the analysis, there are 51,000 fewer young people working in B.C. today than in January 2019. The province's youth unemployment rate has climbed to a level not seen outside the 2020-21 pandemic period or the aftermath of the 2008 global financial crisis.

Worse yet, the analysis suggests the severity of the problem may actually be understated by the youth unemployment rate itself. The share of young people either working or actively looking for work has fallen to its lowest level in more than two decades — a pattern consistent with what economists refer to as the “discouraged worker effect,” where people stop searching for jobs altogether because they no longer believe work is available.

“What we’re seeing in B.C. is not a normal downturn for young workers”, said Jairo Yunis, BCBC’s Director of Policy. “Weak private sector hiring, a surge in the supply of entry-level workers, and rising employer costs have combined to squeeze young people out of the labour market. The result is a growing number of discouraged



Jairo Yunis
Photo: BCBC

lowest.

* The youth unemployment rate has risen to 14 per cent, matching the peak reached during the global financial crisis.

“Jobs for young people are incredibly important because they provide early work experience, build confidence, and help get a foot in the door,” said Yunis. “When tens of thousands of young British Columbians can’t get that start, the province loses future workers, taxpayers, and economic growth. Changing that starts with creating a business environment where it is less costly and less complicated for employers to hire young workers.”

young people who have looked at the job market and concluded there is no point in trying.”

Key findings include:

* Youth employment in B.C. has declined 14 per cent since January 2019, the worst of any province.

* Employment losses are concentrated in retail and accommodation, and food services, which together shed 30,200 young workers, a decline of 17 per cent

* The youth labour force participation rate (i.e., the share of young people who are either working or actively looking for a job) has fallen 10 percentage points since January 2019, from the third highest in Canada to the

Planting 125 million more trees in B.C.

THE Province is investing \$155 million toward reforestation programs to plant more than 125 million trees throughout British Columbia.

The funding, which also includes investments from the federal government, will deliver both large-scale reforestation and targeted projects that restore critical habitats, conserve biodiversity and support wildfire recovery. “Since 2017, we’ve invested in planting 400 million trees in B.C. Now, we’re adding 125 million more,” said Ravi Parmar, B.C. Minister of Forests. The Province’s reforestation investments will support:

* more than \$56 million for reforestation that supports habitat restoration through the

BC Aggregation 2 Billion Trees Project

* more than \$1 million for B.C.’s Riparian Recovery Project

* more than \$99 million for large-scale reforestation through the BC Forest Investment Program

The funding builds on the \$95 million the Province invests annually via the Forest Investment Program, targeted toward long-term sustainability and forest health.

B.C. has secured more than \$200 million in federal funding for reforestation and habitat restoration initiatives in British Columbia, including:

* dedicating \$97.6 million to B.C.’s 2 Billion Trees aggregation project

* more than \$99 million supporting the B.C. Forest Investment Program

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Name: LAMBERT, Doree, Age: 39
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Name: GIRITEKA, Alex, Age: 35
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CRIME OF THE WEEK

SPS Investigating Shots Fired in Cloverdale

Location: Surrey, BC



SURREY Police Service (SPS) is investigating shots fired outside a business in Cloverdale in the mid-afternoon of May 21, 2026. On May 21, 2026, at approximately 2:24 pm, SPS officers responded to a report of gunshots near 58 Avenue and 176 Street, Surrey. Upon arrival, police located at least one business damaged by the gunshots. There have been no reported injuries. At 2:47 pm, SPS officers responded to a report of a vehicle on fire near 20 Avenue and 174 Street, Surrey. The investigation is in its early stages and the motive for the shots fired is unknown. It is not, however, believed to be extortion related. Investigators will be examining whether the vehicle fire is connected to the shots fired. SPS's Major Crime Section (MCS) has taken over the lead on the investigation, and the Integrated Forensic Identification Services (IFIS) will be in the area processing physical and digital evidence. Anyone with information about this incident, including CCTV or dashcam footage, or who may know the identities of the suspects is asked to contact SPS' non-emergency line at 604-599-0502 and quote file number 26-50217 (SP).

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COMMON SENSE HEALTH – DIANA GIFFORD-JONES

Will Getting Active Make Aching Joints Worse?



Diana MacKay is Special Advisor with The Aga Khan University. She worked for ten years in the Human Development sectors at the World Bank, including health policy and economics, nutrition, and population health.

most effective non-drug treatments for osteoarthritis.

Of course, use your common sense too. People with severe joint damage should consult their physician. And in all cases, when beginning a new exercise program, start slowly. A ten-minute walk may be enough at first. Increase activity gradually as strength and endurance improve.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is doing too much too soon. A sore muscle after exercise may be expected. Sharp or worsening joint pain is not.

For those who find walking difficult, swimming and water exercises can be excellent alternatives. Water supports body weight while allowing joints to move through a comfortable range of motion.

There is another important point that deserves emphasis. Many people spend their time and money on gym memberships



or physiotherapy appointments while ignoring one of the most effective treatments available. For those carrying extra pounds, weight loss is an excellent objective. Excess body weight places tremendous

stress on hips, knees, and ankles. Experts estimate that losing just one pound removes roughly four pounds of pressure from the knee joint with every step. Imagine the benefit of losing ten or twenty pounds. As said many times before, the bathroom scale can solve a surprising number of health problems.

The bottom line? If you suffer from osteoarthritis, don't assume that sitting in a chair is protecting your joints. Benjamin Franklin was right when he said, "Motion is the best medicine." Unfortunately, it doesn't come in a pill bottle, which may be why so many people overlook it.

This column offers health and wellness, not medical advice. Visit www.docgiff.com to learn more. For comments, diana@docgiff.com. Follow on Instagram @diana_gifford_jones.

FEW health problems are more discouraging than the pain of osteoarthritis. Day after day, aching knees, hips, or ankles can make simple tasks seem like major obstacles. Suffering people ask, "Should I start exercising to help my joints, or will it simply make the pain worse?"

For years, there has been a common belief that walking on an arthritic joint is like driving a worn-out car on a rough road. The fear is that every step causes more damage. Fortunately, research suggests the opposite.

One large study followed older adults who had knee osteoarthritis and found that those who walked regularly for exercise were less likely to develop new episodes of frequent knee pain than those who remained inactive. Researchers also found no evidence that walking accelerated damage to the knee joint. This is important news because osteoarthritis is already one of the leading causes of disability among older adults.

Osteoarthritis is the wear-and-tear type of arthritis. It develops when cartilage, the smooth cushion between bones, gradually deteriorates with age. As the cushioning disappears, joints become stiff, painful, and inflamed. Understandably, many sufferers feel that resting painful joints is the safest course of action.

But our bodies were designed for movement. Just as a ship tied up too long in port develops barnacles, joints that are not used become stiffer, weaker, and less functional. Muscles lose strength, balance deteriorates, and everyday activities become more difficult.

The objective of exercise for osteoarthritis treatment is not simply to reduce pain today. It is to preserve the ability to enjoy life for years to come. It's not about training for a marathon. The goal is to remain independent. Can you climb the stairs? Carry groceries? Visit friends? Travel? Enjoy a walk around the neighbourhood? These are the activities that determine quality of life as we age.

Researchers have repeatedly shown that regular physical activity helps older adults maintain mobility and independence. Walking, combined with exercises that improve strength and balance, remains one of the

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Randhawa pledges to help, not crush, Surrey homeowners as he announces his 'Compassionate Compliance Plan'

CONSERVATIVE Surrey mayoral candidate Honveer Singh Randhawa says Surrey homeowners need a City Hall that helps them fix problems, not one that punishes families already struggling through an affordability crisis.

Randhawa announced on Friday that, when elected as mayor, he will introduce a Compassionate Compliance Plan focused on helping homeowners bring their properties into compliance through guidance, safety checks, faster permits, fair treatment, and the forgiveness of outstanding fines and penalties for residents who work with the City to address safety hazards and compliance concerns.

"City Hall's job should be to help residents navigate tough times, not crush them with fines when they are already struggling," said Randhawa. "Families are dealing with rising property taxes, utility bills, insurance costs, and the overall cost of living. A compassionate city government should work with people, not against them."



Honveer Singh Randhawa

Randhawa said many Surrey homeowners are not trying to break the rules. Some purchased homes without knowing there were unauthorized suites or additions. Others made changes to their homes without fully understanding the permit process. Many families created secondary suites because they were trying to survive financially in one of the most expensive regions in Canada.

"There is a major difference between

dangerous, reckless violations and ordinary homeowners who made a mistake or inherited a problem they did not create," Randhawa said. "A fair City Hall must know the difference that the current City Hall lacked during their entire term."

Randhawa emphasized that public safety, fire safety, structural safety, and proper compliance must remain priorities. However, he said the City's approach should begin with guidance and cooperation, not immediate punishment.

"Compliance matters. Safety matters. But compassion matters too," said Randhawa. "We can protect safety without treating every homeowner like a criminal."

Under Randhawa's Compassionate Compliance Plan, a future Conservative Party of Surrey administration would move forward with:

- Forgiveness of outstanding excessive fines and penalties for homeowners who work with the City to address safety hazards.

- A dedicated homeowner assistance team at City Hall to guide residents step-by-step through permits, inspections, fire safety requirements, and legalization processes.

- Faster permit processing and coordinated inspections focused on fixing issues instead of dragging families through delays.

- A practical safety-first approach focused on fire safety, electrical safety, structural safety, and occupancy concerns.

- Partnerships with Surrey-based licensed contractors, electricians, plumbers, engineers, and fire safety professionals to help residents complete required work quickly and affordably.

- A clear distinction between serious unsafe violations and homeowners who made honest mistakes or inherited non-compliant work from prior owners.

Randhawa said excessive fines and penalties have placed unfair pressure on families during an affordability crisis. "Homeowners should not be gouged just to increase City revenue," he said. "When someone is willing to cooperate, fix the problem, and meet safety standards, the City should help them get there. It should not bury them in penalties first."

Randhawa said his plan would also support Surrey's local economy by encouraging homeowners to hire Surrey-based trades and contractors for required upgrades.

"When Surrey homeowners hire Surrey contractors, Surrey electricians, Surrey plumbers, and Surrey tradespeople, that money stays in our community," he said. "We can improve safety, support local jobs, and help families at the same time."

Randhawa said, "Not every homeowner deserves to be treated like a bad actor. Many are simply trying to keep up with bills, support their families, and do the right thing." He said Surrey needs a mayor who understands both compliance and compassion.

"As a lawyer, I understand the importance of rules, safety, and accountability," he said. "But I also understand fairness, proportionality, and common sense. City Hall exists to serve residents, not make their lives harder."

Randhawa said his administration would replace fear-based enforcement with a practical roadmap for residents. "We will help residents navigate the system. We will guide them every step of the way. We will focus on safety, compliance, and practical solutions instead of fear, confusion, and financial punishment," he added.

Randhawa asserted: "Surrey families deserve respect. They deserve fairness. And they deserve a City Hall that understands what real people are going through."

Holy Family Hospital expands clean energy with major solar installation

WITH support from BC Hydro's Power Smart program, Providence Health Care has completed a major rooftop solar expansion at Holy Family Hospital, marking the largest solar installations on a health-care facility in British Columbia.

"Providence Health Care is showing what's possible when large organizations and government embrace clean energy, electrification and conservation," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions. "Through BC Hydro's Power Smart 2.0 energy-efficiency plan, we're prioritizing conservation as the most cost-effective way to meet growing demand. Projects like the Holy Family Hospital solar installation and additional energy-efficiency projects bring this work to life, helping reduce emissions, improve resilience, save energy and lower operating costs."

Through the BC Hydro Power Smart program Providence Health Care was provided nearly \$120,000 to support its energy-efficiency transition, including:

- * installation of 370 solar panels, expected to generate 273 megawatt hours annually, which is enough to power nearly 30 homes

- * lighting upgrade across the facility that delivers about 50,000 kilowatt hours in annual energy savings

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THE BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced on Thursday that on February 9, Gail Barnes was appointed as a special prosecutor involving an investigation being conducted by the North District Prince George RCMP into allegations against Jordan Kealy, the MLA for Peace

River North.

The appointment of a special prosecutor is intended to avoid any potential for real or perceived improper influence in the administration of justice considering the nature of the allegations and the identity of the accused as an elected public official, the BCPS said.

Barnes is a senior Vancouver lawyer in private practice. Her mandate includes providing legal advice to investigators as may be necessary, conducting any related charge assessment, and assuming conduct of the prosecution if any charge was approved.

Kealy was elected as a B.C. Conservative. He left the party in March 2025. He recently supported the leadership of Kerry-Lynne Findlay.

NDP MLA Jennifer Whiteside said in a statement: "Our thoughts are with

the person who brought forward this complaint, and with all survivors of sexual assault. It takes courage to speak up and we must recognize that first and foremost. "Again, a conservative MLA has been charged with a serious crime after being under investigation without disclosing it to the public.

"It is inappropriate for someone facing serious criminal charges to continue serving as an MLA. His constituents deserve an MLA that they can have confidence in and who is focused solely on the job of representing them.

"British Columbians would expect Kerry-Lynne Findlay to tell Jordan Kealy to step down immediately. She enthusiastically accepted his support throughout the leadership race, including standing on stage with him just days ago. She has been clear about her plans to bring him back into the caucus.

"She should use that relationship and advise him to resign.

"British Columbians also deserve to know when Kealy was notified of this complaint and when Findlay learned about it. The special prosecutor was appointed four months ago. During most of that time, Kealy has been actively campaigning alongside Findlay.

"She must be clear about exactly what she knew and when she knew it.

"This is the first major test of Kerry-Lynne Findlay's leadership. British Columbians deserve clear and unequivocal answers from her.

"To anyone experiencing sexual violence, with stand with you. There are supports available near you and you can reach out to Victim Link for services in multiple languages."

Married couple pleads guilty after VPD dismantles province-wide jewelry theft ring

THE Vancouver Police Department's Retail Crime Task Force (VPD-RCTF) has wrapped up a months-long, multi-jurisdictional investigation into a foreign organized retail crime group responsible for a series of distraction-thefts at jewellery stores across BC and Alberta.

In December 2025, VPD-RCTF investigators were alerted to a pattern of sophisticated distraction thefts targeting jewelry stores in Vancouver. Investigators identified 12 related offences committed between August 2025 and February 2026. These incidents spanned communities from West Vancouver to Revelstoke, with an additional offence in Calgary. A total of more than \$90,000 in jewelry was taken.

Investigators confirmed the identities of the suspects and tracked them to Chilliwack, where VPD-RCTF officers arrested Adam and Maria Calderar on March 4, 2026.

VPD-RCTF collaborated with police agencies in Kamloops, Kelowna, Salmon Arm, Hope, and Revelstoke, assisting each jurisdiction in advancing their respective investigations toward charge approval.

Adam and Maria Calderar have since pleaded guilty to charges of theft over \$5,000 and theft under \$5,000 related to offences in Vancouver, West Vancouver, and North Vancouver and remain in custody.

Richmond RCMP Constable Jae Suk Choi charged with theft

THE BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced on Thursday that charges have been approved against a Richmond RCMP officer following an incident that occurred in Richmond on December 25, 2025. The matter was investigated by the Coquitlam RCMP.

An Information charging Constable Jae Suk Choi with one count of theft under \$5,000, and one count of breach of trust was sworn on June 4 in Richmond Provincial Court. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for June 16.

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Surrey Fusion Festival returns July 18-19 with soccer theme

Free festival featuring 50+ cultural pavilions and headliners 54•40 and Kulwinder Billa

SURREY Fusion Festival returns to Holland Park on July 18 and 19, with the theme “One World, One Game,” celebrating global cultures and inspired by the excitement building around the world’s largest sporting event coming to the region. Presented by Coast Capital, the free event will feature more than 50 cultural pavilions showcasing food, music and traditions from around the world.

“Surrey Fusion Festival is a highlight of our summer calendar and a wonderful opportunity for residents and visitors to come together in celebration of Surrey’s diversity,” Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke said. “With this year’s theme, ‘One World, One Game,’ we’re celebrating the international spirit that the tournament brings, while highlighting the cultures that make our city so vibrant.”

This year’s headlining performances include



World Music Stage at Surrey Fusion Festival 2025. Photo: City of Surrey

Canadian rock band 54•40, known for “I Go Blind” and their induction into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame, and Punjabi pop artist Kulwinder Billa, known for hits, including “Tich Button” and “Pagal.”

Also featured on the lineup are FIONN, a twin-sister duo with a No. 1 single on Canadian Alternative Radio and the Billboard Canada charts, and The Folk Turbanators, a Punjabi-Canadian group known for their high-

energy performances.

“I encourage everyone to join us at Holland Park for a welcoming weekend full of music, food, and cultural experiences the whole family can enjoy,” Locke added. “This event would not be possible without the support of our presenting sponsor, Coast Capital, and I sincerely thank them for their continuous support for the past 19 years.”

Attendees can enjoy free live entertainment across eight stages, along with a Family Zone, Indigenous Village, marketplace, dance battles, and more.

The Cultural Cooking Arena will host a youth cooking competition on Saturday and live demonstrations on Sunday.

For more information, visit surreyfusionfestival.ca.

Metro Vancouver: Stage 3 water restrictions starting on June 8

METRO Vancouver will temporarily move to Stage 3 water restrictions starting on June 8 to protect the water supply system while critical infrastructure work is completed.

In addition to project work, Metro Vancouver continues to closely monitor how the weather and snowpack are affecting water supply. Forecasts are calling for warm, dry weather, which will drive up demand. While reservoirs are at typical levels, the snowpack, which helps keep reservoirs fuller longer, is well below normal – less than 15 per cent of the historical average. Despite implementing Stage 2 water restrictions early, water use in May was higher than in May 2025, when the region was in Stage 1 restrictions. Current usage is around 1.2 billion litres per day, but expected to jump with the warm weather forecasted for June. Historic water use trends show that the region regularly exceeds 1.4 billion litres in June, and Stage 3 water restrictions along with strong education and municipal enforcement programs are required to keep the region below that target and ensure the system is protected during June and July. With reductions in outdoor water use, this is achievable.

Under Stage 3:

- * All lawn watering is prohibited.
- * Trees, shrubs, and flowers can be watered at any time using a water container, drip irrigation, or hose with spring-loaded nozzle. Sprinklers and soaker hoses are prohibited.
- * Vegetable gardens can be watered at any time.
- * Pools, hot tubs, and decorative water features, such as fountains, cannot be filled or topped up.
- * Vehicles and boats cannot be washed at home except to clean windows, lights, mirrors, licence plates, and boat engines for safety. They may be washed at a water-efficient commercial car wash.
- * Washing surfaces like driveways and sidewalks is prohibited except in limited circumstances.

Non-residential properties are subject to similar restrictions on lawn and garden watering, as well as filling and topping up decorative water features, and washing surfaces. Filling/topping up pools and hot tubs can be done with an operating permit. Watering at golf courses and sports fields is reduced, but operators can still water to protect these private and public assets. Water play parks may operate if they have user-activated switches. In each case, residents are encouraged to check with their local jurisdiction to confirm requirements in their local bylaws.

Water restrictions do not apply to the use of rainwater, grey water, any forms of recycled water, or other sources of water outside the regional and municipal drinking water supply system. Member jurisdictions enforce water restrictions through local bylaws. Permits are managed by the member jurisdictions and can vary based on individual bylaws.

The First Narrows Crossing is anticipated to be back in service around the end of July. At that time conditions will be assessed, and Stage 3 water restrictions will be lifted if water supply allows.

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ON Monday, June 1, the Indian Consulate General in Vancouver hosted its annual media get-together on the Burrard Queen,

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Indian Consul General Masakui Rungsung.

the multifaceted relationship between India and Canada, Consul General Masakui Rungsung, in his remarks, shared insights on the evolving India-Canada relationship and highlighted emerging opportunities for cooperation and growth between the two countries. He also briefed media representatives on the Consulate's key activities and flagship initiatives undertaken over the past year across diverse areas, including cultural outreach, economic engagement, educational cooperation aimed at strengthening cultural, trade, and people-to-people ties. A Power Point presentation / slideshow showcasing India-Canada relations and the Consulate's activities over the last year was also shown.

Ridge Meadows RCMP recover body of person who fell into river

MAPLE Ridge RCMP announced on Monday that a deceased individual recovered in the Fraser River over the weekend is the same individual who was reported to have fallen into the river on April 27 in the 22400-block of River Road near the Port Haney Wharf.

On Sunday, May 31, at approximately 10:45 a.m., Maple Ridge RCMP responded to report of a body being seen in the Fraser River on the Katzie First Nation reserve lands. Officers attended and, with assistance from New Westminster Police Service and Search and Rescue, recovered the body.

The deceased individual has now been identified, and investigative efforts have confirmed this to be the same missing individual from this previous incident. No foul play is suspected at this time, police said. The investigation is ongoing. Out of respect for the family's privacy, the deceased individual's name is not being released, police added.



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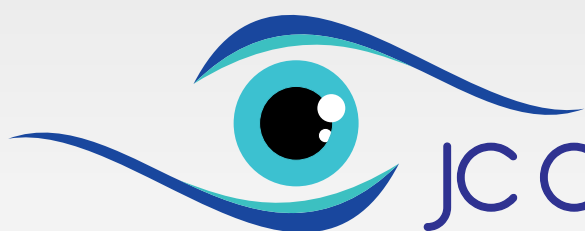
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