

NEWS-CLIPS TITLE & LINKS FOR THE MONTH (Except *) Feb 20 to Mar 20 2024

(*) **Not in normal date range** (**) A difficult article to digest that has little local news impact but may be interesting to some

(*)Opinion: 4 policies to save journalism jobs in B.C. [Feb 14 2024]

<https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/opinion/opinion-4-policies-to-save-journalism-jobs-in-bc-8300758>

(*)Documentary chronicles the power of B.C.'s Indigenous Youth Mountain Bike Program [Feb 8 2024]

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/vimff-dirt-relations-8225640>

(*)Residents of [1500 block Mahon]North Vancouver home being harassed by youths, RCMP say [Feb 19 2024]

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/north-vancouver-vandalism-1.7119581>

Discover the rich, blended tapestry of [MONOVA] North Vancouver's diverse history

<https://www.nsnews.com/sponsored/discover-the-rich-blended-tapestry-of-north-vancouver-diverse-history-8292782>

(*) Zombie deer disease is spreading and scientists are concerned that it could jump to humans [Feb 18 2024]

<https://phys.org/news/2024-02-zombie-deer-disease-scientists-humans.html>

Editorial: We must act fast to accommodate a growing population

<https://www.nsnews.com/opinion/editorial-we-must-act-fast-to-accommodate-a-growing-population-8331878>

Trudeau boosts B.C.'s housing plan with \$2 billion in federal financing

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/trudeau-boosts-bcs-housing-plan-with-2-billion-in-federal-financing-8328590>

"Very disappointing": Parking fees at three West Vancouver parks stir concern

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/west-vancouver-parking-rules-parks>

UK quits treaty that lets fossil fuel firms sue governments over climate policies

Britain joins France, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands in withdrawing from charter it says 'penalises' shift to net zero

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/feb/22/uk-quits-treaty-that-lets-fossil-fuel-firms-sue-governments-over-climate-policies>

We Come From This Land chronicles the Squamish People's long and eventful history

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/we-come-from-this-land-squamish-nation-8306957>

District of North Vancouver bracing for 'sweeping change' in housing rules

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/district-of-north-vancouver-bracing-for-sweeping-change-in-housing-rules-8344957>

Windsor failed to meet 2023 housing target, missing out on provincial cash [lessons for B.C.]

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsor-housing-target-money-1.7122752>

Coun. Jordan Back calls for more lighting at playgrounds

<https://www.northshoredailypost.com/coun-jordan-back-calls-for-more-lighting-at-playgrounds/>

Coun. Forbes calls for transparency and oversight in black bear management

<https://www.northshoredailypost.com/coun-forbes-calls-for-transparency-and-oversight-in-black-bear-management/>

Longtime North Shore housing advocate stepping down

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/longtime-north-shore-housing-advocate-stepping-down-8351074>

BC United candidate sparks debate on use of 'British Columbians' to refer to Indigenous Peoples

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/bc-united-candidate-sparks-debate-on-use-of-british-columbians-to-refer-to-indigenous-peoples-8351698>

Over 100 rule-breaking Vancouver Airbnbs still active: councillor

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/airbnb-short-term-rental-removal-vancouver-1.7124570>

Posthaste: How analysts say Canada could wipe out the CO2 emissions of its entire economy

<https://financialpost.com/news/canada-could-cut-entire-co2-emissions-economy-analysts>

Alberta gives cold shoulder to wind and solar industry, as the rest of the world is clamouring for more
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/alberta-renewables-wind-solar-ban-moratorium-1.7126195>
<http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2289037379717>

\$20 million extension of North Shore's Spirit Trail reaching Deep Cove
<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/spirit-trail-eastern-extension-north-shore-deep-cove>

New Liberal 'online harms' bill to make online hate punishable up to life in prison
<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/liberals-harmful-online-content>

(*) Updated Trans Canada Trail map [Jan 11 2024]
<https://tctrail.ca/explore-the-map>

New traffic signal planned in Lynn Valley
<https://www.northshoredailypost.com/new-traffic-signal-planned-in-lynn-valley/>

Work begins on new neighbourhood [Delbrook] park in North Vancouver
<https://www.northshoredailypost.com/work-begins-on-new-neighbourhood-park-in-north-vancouver/>
<https://www.dnv.org/community-environment/future-delbrook-lands>

U.S. Electricity Generation by Source in 2023: Natural Gas, Coal, Nuclear, Wind, Hydro, Solar, Geothermal, Biomass, Petroleum
<https://wolfstreet.com/2024/02/27/u-s-electricity-generation-by-source-in-2023-natural-gas-coal-nuclear-wind-hydro-solar-geothermal-biomass-petroleum/>

Dump truck driver faces Motor Vehicle Act charge linked to fatal [Mar 6 2023] collision with cyclist
<https://www.castanet.net/news/BC/474673/Dump-truck-driver-faces-Motor-Vehicle-Act-charge-linked-to-fatal-collision-with-cyclist>

Construction starts on 86-unit affordable housing project in North Vancouver [Delbrook]
<https://www.northshoredailypost.com/construction-starts-on-86-unit-affordable-housing-project-in-north-vancouver/>

New provincial housing legislation - How the changes will affect the District - Key facts
<https://www.dnv.org/community-environment/new-provincial-housing-legislation>

Local government housing initiatives
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/local-governments-and-housing/housing-initiatives>

Provincial Policy Manual & Site Standards
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/65E0A9A5BF8645138987F208040288A9>

Dozens of tenants at North Van's Travelodge supportive housing site face eviction
<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/dozens-of-tenants-at-north-vans-travelodge-supportive-housing-site-face-eviction-8386141>

Tap into savings: try these ways to reduce water use
<https://www.bchydro.com/news/conservation/2024/start-saving-water-now.html>

Rising numbers of new immigrants hate it here, want to go home
<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rising-numbers-of-new-immigrants-hate-it-in-canada-want-to-go-home>

Port Hardy-area First Nations declare state of emergency after 11 deaths in two months
<https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/port-hardy-area-first-nations-declare-state-of-emergency-after-11-deaths-in-two-months-8388909>

(*) B.C. releases support materials for home construction reforms
<https://readsiteneews.com/b-c-releases-support-materials-for-housing-reforms/>

Affordable-housing buyers already owned homes, civil suits claim
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/affordable-home-housing-lawsuits-1.7131524>

Construction underway on 86-unit affordable housing project in North Van
<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/construction-underway-on-86-unit-affordable-housing-project-in-north-van-8394897>

Metro Vancouver's complete spring forecast includes frosty start, warm temperatures

<https://www.nsnews.com/highlights/vancouver-weather-spring-forecast-frosty-warm-2024-8393507>

Do drivers have to wait for pedestrians to reach the other side of a crosswalk? [not in BC – after half way]

<https://www.nsnews.com/highlights/do-drivers-have-to-wait-for-pedestrians-to-reach-the-other-side-of-a-crosswalk-8390930>

Stop killing orphaned bear cubs, District of North Vancouver urges

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/stop-killing-orphaned-bear-cubs-district-of-north-vancouver-urges-8361763>

BC United candidate sparks debate on use of 'British Columbians' to refer to Indigenous Peoples

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/bc-united-candidate-sparks-debate-on-use-of-british-columbians-to-refer-to-indigenous-peoples-8351698>

Why was this chopped up totem pole discarded in a North Vancouver park?

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/cates-park-totem-pole-8344676>

Feds pump in \$18M to speed up City of North Vancouver housing

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/feds-pump-in-18m-to-speed-up-city-of-north-vancouver-housing-8385946>

Eby's house-flipping tax likely to fizzle

<https://www.nsnews.com/economy-law-politics/rob-shaw-ebys-house-flipping-tax-likely-to-fizzle-8381876>

Liveable income bill long overdue

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/letter-liveable-income-bill-s233-8389807>

Census data provides unprecedented insight into Squamish Nation community

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/squamish-nation-census-8367120>

B.C. ombudsperson calls rules that allow private roads to be made public 'unjust'

<https://www.nsnews.com/bc-news/bc-ombudsperson-calls-rules-that-allow-private-roads-to-be-made-public-unjust-8400982>

Kensa launches residential heat pump with coefficient of performance of 4.36 [Only for those tracking heat-pump technology]

<https://www.pv-magazine.com/2024/03/05/kensa-launches-residential-heat-pump-with-coefficient-of-performance-of-4-36/>

West Vancouver to revisit protection for renters in Ambleside area

<https://www.nsnews.com/in-the-community/west-vancouver-to-revisit-protection-for-renters-in-ambleside-area-8371375>

District of North Vancouver councillors want more data on short-term rental restrictions

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/district-of-north-vancouver-councillors-want-more-data-on-short-term-rental-restrictions-8407334>

Work begins on new artificial turf field in North Vancouver [Inter River Park]

<https://www.northshoredailypost.com/work-begins-on-new-artificial-turf-field-in-north-vancouver/>

Police seek to identify vehicle that hit senior [at crosswalk across Ridgewood at Sunset Blvd]

<https://www.northshoredailypost.com/north-vancouver-hit-and-run-police-seek-to-identify-vehicle-that-hit-senior/>

Anti-Airbnb rage boils over in Montreal's Hochelaga-Maisonneuve neighbourhood

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/hochelaga-maisonneuve-airbnb-protest-1.7135549>

(*) SSMUH and TOA Scenarios in British Columbia - Prepared for the Ministry of Housing, Province of B.C.

https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/bc_SSMUH_TOA_scenarios_Final.pdf Dec 6 2023 201 page report

(*) The Case Studies: Does Eliminating Single Family Zoning Actually Work?

<https://betterlangley.com/2024/01/19/the-case-studies-does-eliminating-single-family-zoning-actually-work/>

(*) The argument for eliminating single family home zoning in bc – by brad richert [Jan 5, 2024]

<https://betterlangley.com/2024/01/05/the-argument-for-eliminating-single-family-home-zoning-in-bc/>

Oregon governor to sign bill re-criminalizing possession of certain drugs into law

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/03/08/politics/oregon-drug-laws-recriminalization/index.html>

Budget 2024 – Taking action for people – families in BC

https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2024/pdf/2024_News_Release.pdf

<https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2024/downloads.htm>

Squamish Nation mourns 21-year-old killed in traffic collision on Forbes Ave in North Vancouver

<https://www.northshoredaily.com/squamish-nation-mourns-21-year-old-killed-in-traffic-collision-on-forbes-ave-in-north-vancouver/>

Students, parents sound off as North Van high schools dump semester system

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/students-parents-sound-off-as-north-van-high-schools-dump-semester-system-8420654>

Nearly 2,000 N.S. public housing tenants have extra bedrooms needed by others, says provincial agency

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/nearly-2-000-n-s-public-housing-tenants-have-extra-bedrooms-needed-by-others-says-provincial-agency-1.7137986>

A long-awaited change to Canadian banking is coming. What to know

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10348075/a-long-awaited-change-to-canadian-banking-is-coming-what-to-know/>

Letter: Largest ever proposed tax increase [8%] will affect whole North Van community

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/letter-largest-ever-proposed-tax-increase-will-affect-whole-north-van-community-8424036>

WATCH: Yes, Trudeau's internet law [Bill C-63] could censor you online: Full Comment podcast

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/the-online-harms-act-could-censor-twitter-netflix-and-us-full-comment-podcast>

Amid rise in cannabis-induced psychosis, mental health program in Windsor gets young people early help

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/early-intervention-psychosis-ontario-1.7138098>

North Van RCMP investigating fatal pedestrian collision, seeking CCTV and dash cam [Forbes Ave and West 1st]

<https://www.northshoredaily.com/north-van-rcmp-investigating-fatal-pedestrian-collision-seeking-cctv-and-dash-cam/>

Squamish Nation grieves loss of 21-year-old man following fatal crash

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/squamish-nation-crash-north-vancouver-8422095>

14 more lawsuits filed in relation to affordable housing program

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/affordable-homes-vivid-lawsuits-china-1.7138560>

Affordable-housing buyers already owned homes, civil suits claim

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/affordable-home-housing-lawsuits-1.7131524>

Virani defends Online Harms Bill after Margaret Atwood warns of 'thoughtcrime' risk

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/online-harms-bill-margaret-atwood-1.7141165>

North Vancouver developer trades stratas and parking for rentals

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/north-vancouver-developer-trades-stratas-and-parking-for-rentals-8441506>

City of North Vancouver council settles on 6.9% tax increase [initial proposal of 8.5%]

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/city-of-north-vancouver-council-settles-on-69-tax-increase-8440809>

Government announces \$354M to help seniors stay at home [income tested?]

<https://www.nsnews.com/highlights/government-announces-354-million-to-help-seniors-stay-at-home-8441881>

B.C.'s city planner shortage could slow housing progress

<https://www.nsnews.com/real-estate/bcs-city-planner-shortage-could-slow-housing-progress-8435105>

Metro Vancouver snowpack still sitting at 39 per cent of normal

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/metro-vancouver-snowpack-still-sitting-at-39-per-cent-of-normal-8429943>

Map: Here are the cheapest neighbourhoods for rent in Metro Vancouver this March

<https://www.nsnews.com/highlights/vancouver-rent-cheapest-neighbourhood-march-2024-8428339>

Average asking rent prices reach \$2,193 in February, up 10.5% from 2023

<https://www.nsnews.com/the-mix/average-asking-rent-prices-reach-2193-in-february-up-105-from-2023-8426045>

Squamish Nation Language Nest gets permanent home at Yellow Schoolhouse

<https://www.nsnews.com/in-the-community/squamish-nation-language-nest-gets-permanent-home-at-yellow-schoolhouse-8420651>

Woman denied \$5K claim after tripping on Metro Vancouver crosswalk

<https://www.nsnews.com/highlights/woman-denied-5k-claim-after-tripping-on-metro-vancouver-crosswalk-8416940>

Kirk LaPointe: Mayor Mark Sager's Law Society saga far from leader-like

<https://www.nsnews.com/opinion/kirk-lapointe-mayor-mark-sagers-law-society-saga-far-from-leader-like-8434383>

Development forces eviction of residents at North Vancouver motel [Travelodge] used as homeless shelter

<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/dozens-of-supportive-housing-tenants-face-eviction>

Blueridge Bulletin March 2024

https://blueridgeca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Blueridge_Bulletin_2024_03.pdf

City of North Vancouver seeks voter approval to borrow \$55.7M [actually it is a form of negative billing]

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/city-of-north-vancouver-seeks-voter-approval-to-borrow-557m-8451091>

Canada's inflation rate slowed to 2.8% in February, beating expectations for 2nd month in a row

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/inflation-february-2024-1.7148177>

North Shore News delivery switching to newspaper boxes in some neighbourhoods

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/north-shore-news-delivery-switching-to-newspaper-boxes-in-some-neighbourhoods-8466937>

MLA Susie Chant welcomes 166 new homes announced in North Vancouver

<https://www.northshoredaily.com/mla-susie-chant-welcomes-166-new-homes-announced-in-north-vancouver/>

TransLink 'aware' of inaccuracies on next-bus digital signs

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/translink-aware-of-inaccuracies-on-next-bus-digital-signs-8464379>

North Shore business aims to save bears, one clean can at a time

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-business/north-shore-business-aims-to-save-bears-one-clean-can-at-a-time-8461316>

Health officers warn against alcohol in Metro Vancouver parks

<https://www.nsnews.com/highlights/health-officers-warn-against-alcohol-in-metro-vancouver-parks-8459413>

District of North Vancouver victim of 'attempted' ransomware attack

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/district-of-north-vancouver-victim-of-attempted-ransomware-attack-8452752>

Canada just had its hottest winter ever recorded

<https://www.nsnews.com/weatherhood-bc/canada-just-had-its-hottest-winter-ever-recorded-8446783>

Capilano University introduces new reconciliation framework

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/capilano-university-reconciliation-framework-chenchenstway-8433920>

FortisBC unveils \$50M energy saving pilot program for older homes

<https://www.nsnews.com/real-estate/fortisbc-unveils-50m-energy-saving-pilot-program-for-older-homes-8433249>

Some selected articles on Artificial Intelligence

AI could have catastrophic consequences — is Canada ready?

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/advanced-artificial-intelligence-risk-extinction-humans-1.7144372>

[https://assets-global.website-](https://assets-global.website-files.com/62c4cf7322be8ea59c904399/65e7779f72417554f7958260_Gladstone%20Action%20Plan%20Executive%20Summary.pdf)

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(* AI Is an Existential Threat—Just Not the Way You Think

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/ai-is-an-existential-threat-just-not-the-way-you-think>

(* Existential risk from artificial general intelligence

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Existential_risk_from_artificial_general_intelligence

Is AI an Existential Risk? Q&A with RAND Experts [March 11 2024]

<https://www.rand.org/pubs/commentary/2024/03/is-ai-an-existential-risk-qa-with-rand-experts.html>