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AN AWESOMELY IN-DEPTH GUIDE TO OUR CITY'S FAVOURITE THINGS



## BEST OF VANCOUVER

riding shorts, rest assured we're on your side. As long as it's not raining like monsoon season in Mumbai, we bike to work. That has given us valuable perspective on why people hate cyclists in this city. Criticize motorists all you want, but you don't see four out of five of them running stop signs, roaring through red lights, and ripping through occupied crosswalks. The vast majority of cyclists, on the other hand, seem to think the rules of the road don't apply to them. It's on the False Creek seawall in front of Science World where things are at their worst. The city has made a noble effort to get cyclists to pay attention to the new designated crosswalks including setting up yield signs and installing barriers. But despite said crosswalk being perpetually busy with young families, tourists, and assorted idiots, eight out of 10 two-wheeled idiots roar right through it without even slowing down. That forces those on two legs instead of two wheels to weave their way through the traffic like they're crossing the street in Saigon. Dear cyclists of Vancouver: if you really want to make the world a better place, start by looking at yourself.

### BEST FAKE SIGN

Commercial Drive's Dude Chilling Park—site of multiple sign thefts and Jimmy Fallon jokes—saw a rival sign installed by a group of dedicated pranksters. Riffing on the art project-turned bona fide location, organizers for Vancouver's annual Dyke March installed a sign for Dyke Chilling Park in the same area. Although it has since been removed, a petition is still circulating online for its permanent placement—a move that organizers say will honour the LGBT community in Mount Pleasant.

### BEST CALLING-OUT OF LOCAL TRANSIT RIDERS' GROSSEST HABITS

After Vancouver-bred Hollywood star Seth Rogen did a guest spot voicing announcements on Translink services, he went on the *Tonight Show*

With Jimmy Fallon and chatted about it. Which recorded announcement shocked Rogen? Asking riders not to clip their toenails. In the wise words of Jimmy Fallon's Sara: "Ew!"

### BEST SHINE OF RAINBOWS

Rainbow crosswalks and Pride celebrations serve numerous purposes. They offer visibility for LGBT people who may otherwise not be represented; they help to reinforce the idea that LGBT people are everywhere, not just in specific areas; and they're uplifting in so many ways. That's why it's great to see that Burnaby held its first Pride festivities, and White Rock, Coquitlam, and Surrey joined the rainbow-crosswalk party. As for vandalism and defacement of crosswalks: well, that just reinforces why they need to be there in the first place.

### BEST YEAR TO BE QUEER

When it comes to out LGBT history in this city, it's only a few decades old. But with numerous LGBT organizations celebrating milestone anniversaries, it's an encouraging indication of how far things have progressed. Among those celebrating this year were Out on Screen, Qmunity, AIDS Vancouver, Little Sister's Book and Art Emporium, Pride in Art Society, and the Vancouver Pride Society, just to name a few. So the City of Vancouver officially declared 2018 as the Year of the Queer. Cheers to all the hard work by local individuals, organizations, and businesses, and here's to many more years to come.

### BEST REASON FOR VANCOUVER'S DUDES TO DITCH THE CARGOS AND SPORTSWEAR

Vancouver may not exactly be known for its trendsetting styles, but a couple of openings in Yaletown are giving the city's guys one less excuse to reach for the sweat-wicking T-shirts and cargo shorts. Exhibit A: Emile Clothing Co., a men's-clothing boutique that stocks quality European labels and tailored yet casual and affordable pieces like ..... see next page

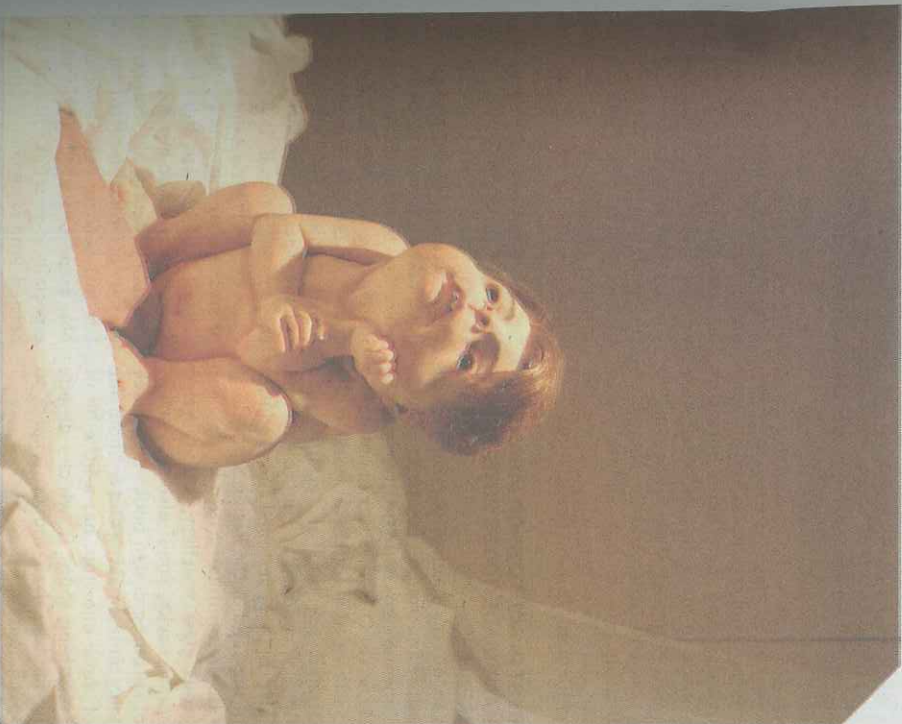


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### BEST SURREAL SETTING FOR ART

Feeling part David Lynch, part David Cronenberg, a new exhibit placed almost casually in 18 lived-in rooms at the Patricia Hotel (403 East Hastings Street) is unforgettable as much for its setting as for the fantastical sculptures that bring to mind *The Island of Dr. Moreau*. Until December 15, you can see Australian artist Patricia Piccinini's creepily lifelike animal-human hybrids set up with their suitcases and other objects as if they've just moved in there from... the future? While you contemplate the scarier propositions of genetic science, you can also gain a sneak peek into a century-old hotel that Ferdinand "Jelly Roll" Morton once called home, that once housed a boxing ring in its basement, and that, early in the previous century, offered rooms for a buck a night. As much as there is to see at Curious Imaginings, this hotel has seen more.

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