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## ANITA HUBERMAN TO LEAD BC COMMON GROUND ALLIANCE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of the British Columbia Common Ground Alliance (BCCGA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Anita Huberman as its new Executive Director. Her leadership marks the beginning of a bold, industry-focused mandate aimed at protecting British Columbia's underground infrastructure while strengthening the province's economic future. She officially assumed the role on May 1. A recognized leader in economic development, public policy, and industry engagement, Huberman brings decades of experience working with government, business, and community stakeholders. Her appointment comes at a pivotal time, as British Columbia accelerates infrastructure development and reinforces its position as a competitive, opportunity-driven economy.

**A Critical Moment for Infrastructure Safety**  
With major projects advancing across energy, housing, and resource sectors, the role of the BCCGA has never been more vital. Industries such as natural gas, LNG, mining, construc-



tion, utilities, and telecommunications rely heavily on the integrity of underground infrastructure. Damage to these assets can halt projects, disrupt com-

munities, and result in significant financial losses.

**Leadership Perspective**  
"On behalf of the

Board of Directors, we are thrilled to officially welcome Anita Huberman as our new Executive Director," said Tony Millikin, Board Chair, BCCGA.

"Anita is a proven champion for BC's economy and safety. The Board is excited to work with her strong focus on protecting workers, communities, and infrastructure across the province. Her leadership comes at a pivotal time as we expand collaborative efforts to ensure that every British Columbian can live and work safely around our essential underground networks."

Vision for an Opportunity Economy  
"BC needs to be an opportunity economy by protecting its underground assets," said Anita Huberman. "Every road, community, and major project depends on what lies beneath. Safe digging isn't optional—it's economic policy. If we want to build Canada and grow BC, we must prioritize underground safety as a foundational element of both urban and rural planning. Every impact to a gas line, fibre network, or electrical system puts workers at risk, delays projects, and undermines investor confidence." Key Industries Supported by BCCGA  
The BCCGA works across a wide range

of industries that form the backbone of British Columbia's economy, including: Natural gas and LNG Mining and resource development Pipelines Residential and commercial construction Electrical and utility infrastructure Telecommunications and fibre networks Municipal governments and public works Transportation and infrastructure development Strategic Focus Ahead  
Under Huberman's leadership, the BCCGA will focus on strengthening collaboration among Indigenous representatives, industry leaders, government bodies, and regulators. The goal is to embed safe excavation practices into every phase of planning and development across the province. The organization will also intensify its efforts in advocacy, member engagement, education, and enforcement alignment—aiming to reduce infrastructure incidents and position underground safety as a core pillar of economic development policy.



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**SABZI MANDI**  
*Chal Chaliye ...*

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# BC Common Ground Alliance Calls for Federal Budget to Prioritize Infrastructure Safety, Investment Certainty, and Economic Growth

British Columbia – As the federal government prepares to deliver its spring economic update on April 28, the British Columbia Common Ground Alliance (BCCGA) is calling for targeted measures that strengthen infrastructure safety, support responsible development, and enable private-sector investment in critical projects across BC.

“At a time when BC is facing growing infrastructure demands, energy security considerations, and increasing economic uncertainty, the federal government must focus on policies that enable investment, reduce delays, and prioritize safety,” said Anita Huberman, incoming Executive Director of BCCGA. “A strong and coordinated approach to underground infrastructure management and project delivery is essential to long-term competitiveness.” BCCGA represents a broad coalition of stake-



holders committed to preventing damage to underground infrastructure, improving public and worker safety, and advancing best practices across sectors including construction, utilities, telecommunications, and energy. In advance of the spring economic statement, BCCGA is urging the federal government to: Accelerate infrastructure project approvals by streamlining regulatory processes while maintaining rigorous safety and environmental standards Invest in damage prevention systems and technology, including

data-sharing platforms and mapping modernization for underground infrastructure Support workforce development in skilled trades and safety-critical sectors to address labour shortages impacting infrastructure delivery Enhance coordination across jurisdictions to reduce duplication and improve efficiency in project execution Incentivize private-sector investment in infrastructure, energy, and innovation projects that drive economic growth and resilience “Delays, uncertainty, and fragmented pro-

cesses are costing the economy billions annually and increasing risks to public safety,” Huberman added. “We need a coordinated national approach that recognizes infrastructure as a strategic asset and enables industry to deliver projects safely, efficiently, and at scale.”

With major infrastructure and energy projects on the horizon, BCCGA emphasizes that proactive investment in damage prevention and coordination frameworks will not only reduce incidents and costs but also strengthen BC’s and Canada’s ability to execute nation-building projects.

“The federal government has an opportunity in this budget that they will fully present in the Fall to demonstrate leadership—by aligning economic policy with infrastructure safety, investment readiness, and long-term growth,” said Huberman.

About the BC Common

Ground Alliance (BCCGA)

The British Columbia Common Ground Alliance is a non-profit, member-driven organization that is a part of a broader Canadian alliance dedicated to protecting underground infrastructure as a foundational component of economic growth and city-building. The BCCGA is focused on protecting underground infrastructure as a critical component of the Build BC and Build Canada economic agendas. The membership value proposition and the work of the BCCGA is committed to underground safety to deliver above-ground impact: faster project delivery, safer communities, and a stronger, more resilient economy. Dig smart. Build strong. Grow BC.

BCCGA brings together industry, government, and stakeholders to advance damage prevention practices, promote safe excavation, and

safeguard the essential systems that power British Columbia’s economy. These underground assets such as natural gas and LNG, mining, construction, utilities, and telecommunications, are critical to delivering major projects across energy, housing, and resource sectors.

As project activity accelerates across the province, the importance of protecting underground infrastructure has never been greater. Damage to these systems can halt construction, disrupt communities, create safety risks, and result in significant economic losses. A resilient and opportunity-driven economy in British Columbia depends on the integrity and reliability of these assets.

BCCGA is open to membership from individuals, businesses and organizations committed to safety in ground disturbance and underground infrastructure across BC.

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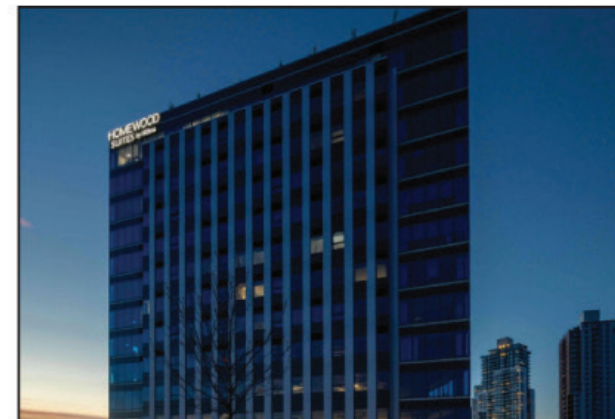
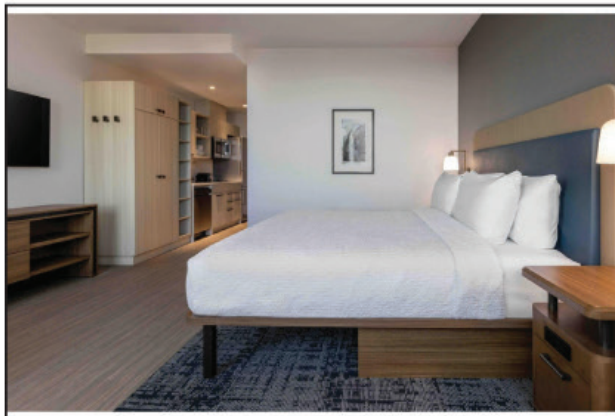
## *Homewood Suites by Hilton Surrey Unveils Its Extended Stay Accommodations and Amenity Spaces*

Surrey, B.C. (April 30, 2026) Homewood Suites by Hilton Surrey proudly celebrated its official grand opening at the City Centre 4 building in the Health and Technology District in the city of Surrey. They held their ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday afternoon with City of Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke and esteemed guests in attendance.

Developed by ICT Group and Lark Group and operated by Aquilini Group, Homewood Suites by Hilton Surrey is an upscale extended-stay hotel with 189 studio and one-bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens, occupying the top nine floors of the newly completed City Centre 4 building at the Health and Technology District.

Located at 9686 137 Street, Surrey, steps from Surrey Memorial Hospital and King George SkyTrain Station, the hotel is designed to provide guests with home-like accommodations for both short visits and longer stays, and is perfectly situated to support the region's expanding healthcare, technology, education, and business sectors.

"The opening of Homewood Suites by Hilton Surrey marks an important milestone for our Health and Technology District, as the first hotel to serve this emerging hub," said Kirk Fisher, CEO of Lark Group. "As Surrey continues to evolve as a destination for healthcare, education, and innovation, this hotel helps meet the accommodation needs of professionals, patients, and visitors alike. With City Centre 4 now complete and City Centre 5 under construction, we are advancing a cohesive, transit-oriented community that brings together essential



services, employment, and living in one connected, walkable environment." The hotel also includes a 6,000-square-foot rooftop amenity space featuring BBQ areas, fire

pits, landscaped outdoor lounge and gathering spaces designed to create a welcoming environment for guests and corporate gathering event venue for businesses. Additional amenities

include complimentary hot breakfast, free Wi-Fi, a fitness centre, EV charging, and pet-friendly accommodations, offering guests flexible options for both short

visits and extended stays. "Surrey is an important and fast-growing market and the opening of a new Homewood Suites by Hilton is an exciting milestone for the Hospitality industry

in one of Canada's most dynamic cities," said Haris Bokhari, General Manager of Homewood Suites by Hilton Surrey. "Homewood Suites by Hilton is built around providing guests with the comfort of home—spacious suites, thoughtful amenities, and a flexible stay experience that supports both business and leisure travel."

The Health and Technology District is a rapidly expanding eleven-phase development with nine City Centre buildings planned - with City Centre 5 already under construction - located beside Surrey Memorial Hospital, one of Canada's busiest hospitals. The District campus includes a variety of mixed-use office, retail, healthcare, technology, hospitality, higher education and purpose-built student and faculty housing space.

"The City of Surrey is pleased to welcome the new Homewood Suites by Hilton," said Mayor Brenda Locke, City of Surrey. "This addition supports our growing community and the increasing number of people coming to Surrey for sports, business, and tourism. Its proximity to the hospital also provides an important option for families seeking care or supporting loved ones."

In addition to the Homewood Suites by Hilton, City Centre 4 includes a growing mix of services and amenities supporting the district's workforce and visitors. City Centre 4 tenants include Western Community College's expanded campus, Stong's Market, STEMs by Stong's, and later in 2026, they will welcome Maharaja, a new Indian restaurant and City Centre Surgery.

# Strengthening community resilience in climate emergencies

The Province is investing more than \$18 million through the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program to fund 10 projects that will help First Nations and local governments reduce risks from natural and climate-driven hazards throughout B.C.

“People and communities in British Columbia are facing increasing risks from climate-driven hazards, making it critical to invest in preparedness and mitigation,” said Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. “Through this funding, we are working with First Nations and local governments to strengthen infrastructure and reduce disaster risks, helping build safer, more resilient communities.”

The DRIF program provides support to First Nations and local governments for projects that enhance their ability to withstand and adapt to natural and climate-caused hazards, such as floods, drought, extreme temperatures, earthquakes and landslides.

Building community resilience



Communities throughout B.C. face growing risks from climate-driven hazards. This intake of funding supports a range of local projects designed to reduce those risks and strengthen emergency preparedness.

The City of Terrace is receiving more than \$4 million through the DRIF program to relocate the sewage treatment plant outfall pipe to a safer location in the Skeena River, and to add protective measures to reduce the risk of damage. This includes design work and all other activities required to complete the project, helping improve the long-term resilience of critical wastewater in-

frastructure. “This funding for the sewage treatment plant outfall relocation will allow the City of Terrace to proactively replace this high-risk infrastructure before failure inevitably occurs,” said Sean Bujtas, mayor of Terrace. “Being able to invest in this upgrade early ensures that our community’s wastewater system is safe, reliable and climate resilient for future generations.”

Other key projects funded in 2026 include: Qualicum Beach: Building approximately 120 metres of riverbank erosion protection along the Little Qualicum River to protect the

town’s water wellfield from ongoing erosion Cache Creek: Building a new sanitary lift station to bypass a high-risk sewer crossing at the Bonaparte River, protecting the village’s sanitary system from flood-related failure during high-flow events This funding will help communities better withstand and reduce the impacts of disasters.

Past projects delivering lasting community benefits Through prior funding streams, several communities have recently completed flood mitigation projects throughout B.C. The City of

Penticton upgraded Penticton Creek to reduce downtown flood risk and restore fish passage, the Cowichan Tribes completed riverbank stabilization to protect homes in Clem Clem Village from erosion and the city of Delta raised the Boundary Bay dike to improve flood resilience for the community.

Expanding provincial investment in disaster risk reduction

This is the third round of funding under the DRIF program. In May 2025, approximately \$21 million was provided to support 46 projects, and in July 2025, more than \$6 million supported 11 projects throughout B.C.

This investment is part of B.C.’s commitment to protecting people and communities from the growing impacts of climate change by helping First Nations and local governments reduce disaster risks and build long-term resilience.

Quotes: Teunis Westbrook, mayor, Qualicum Beach – “This funding for the Little Qualicum River riverbank erosion

protection project will allow the Town of Qualicum Beach to significantly protect its primary drinking water supply and nearby homes. By advancing the construction of in-stream erosion control works, we will reduce ongoing riverbank erosion and safeguard critical infrastructure. This investment strengthens our community’s resilience and helps ensure a reliable water supply while protecting properties and the natural environment for years to come.”

P.A. John Ranta, mayor, Cache Creek – “This funding for a new sanitary lift station will allow the Village of Cache Creek to significantly enhance the resilience of our sanitary system against flood-related failures. By bypassing the high-risk sewer crossing at the Bonaparte River, we will protect critical infrastructure during high-flow events and safeguard the health and well-being of our residents for years to come. We are grateful for this investment in our community’s future.”

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# Adding more fun for students with new school playgrounds

Through Budget 2026, students throughout B.C. will have access to modern, inclusive playground equipment so they can continue to learn and grow.

“Every child deserves the opportunity to enjoy a safe and accessible place to play,” said Premier David Eby. “Playgrounds are outdoor classrooms that teach our children valuable life skills – exploration, imagination, risk taking. This is about making life better for our children and easing the fundraising pressure on parents and schools, so they can focus on other great things for their kids.”

New funding expands playground access throughout B.C. Twenty-five school communities will each receive \$200,000 toward a new playground. “Let the kids play and



grow! Playgrounds are vital to the physical and cognitive development of children,” said Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure. “With this additional round of funding, we’ll have delivered a total of 332 new playgrounds to schools across the province since 2018.” Every B.C. school district has received at

least one playground since the program started in 2018. “Play is an important part of education. It helps children stay active, build friendships, solve problems and grow in confidence,” said Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care. “Students all over British Columbia are benefiting from

accessible places to play, learn and grow, thanks to government’s playground fund.”

Accessible playgrounds support student mental health and well-being. Playgrounds support children’s development by encouraging physical activity that builds strength, co-ordination and overall health.

Playgrounds promote social skills, creativity and problem-solving as kids learn to interact, share and navigate play together.

“This investment allows parent advisory councils to focus on enriching school communities instead of fundraising for expensive playground equipment,” said Kendra Mann, president, BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils. “Playgrounds play a crucial role in schools and neighbourhoods, creating safe, welcoming spaces where children can play, connect and develop a sense of belonging. Ongoing support like this helps ease financial strain on families, while fostering stronger, healthier, more-connected communities.”

Supporting students throughout B.C.

Since 2018, the Province has supported students and families with more than \$50 million toward new playgrounds at more than 330 schools, benefiting more than 88,000 students.

In addition to playground space, since 2017, the Province has approved more than \$7 billion to create more than 47,000 new student seats and more than 39,000 seismically safer seats in B.C. schools. Of these spaces, more than 23,500 new student seats and more than 33,000 seismically safer seats are complete province-wide.

As the Province grows, government is committed to working with school districts and municipalities to provide all students with safe, modern and inspiring places to play and learn.

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# Supporting manufacturing in Nanaimo to strengthen local jobs

As U.S. tariffs create new challenges for the steel industry and infrastructure projects, a Nanaimo steel manufacturer will be able to triple the amount of steel it fabricates and hire more people, with new provincial support through B.C.'s Look West strategy.

"Our steel sector is facing real challenges from tariffs and market volatility, and it's never been more important to support our home-grown businesses to get more B.C. products and jobs involved in infrastructure projects," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth.

"That's why our government continues to make investments that help companies grow, modernize and pursue new opportunities. This is another way that our Look West strategy is growing the economy and supporting long-term prosperity for people and businesses throughout British Columbia."

As part of the B.C. Manufacturing Jobs Fund, the Province is providing \$900,000 to support the growth of Niik Steel in Nanaimo, leading to a total



capital investment of \$5 million. This investment is supporting the structural steel fabricator on Vancouver Island to grow, reach new markets and customers, and hire more people in Nanaimo.

Supporting manufacturing growth on Vancouver Island This provincial investment will support Niik Steel to increase the amount of steel it fabricates in-house and create 26 jobs, while strengthening B.C.'s steel manufacturing sector. This will result in more B.C. steel and jobs contributing to infrastructure projects that people rely on every day.

The funding will be used to build a new, up to 750-square-metre (8,000 square feet) building, and to expand Niik Steel's existing facility, helping to streamline production. Niik Steel will also buy new automated and advanced equipment to reduce production bottlenecks and improve efficiency. This will allow the company to take on larger and more complex projects and help meet growing demand.

"This investment strengthens Nanaimo's position in B.C.'s manufacturing economy by helping our local company expand production capacity and compete for

larger projects," said George Anderson, MLA for Nanaimo-Lantzville. "Supporting Niik Steel means more value-added work is done here at home, strengthening local supply chains and generating long-term economic benefits for our region. This growth will help create stable jobs and contribute to a more resilient and diversified Vancouver Island economy."

Fund drives major investment, economic growth The B.C. Manufacturing Jobs Fund supports high-value industrial projects in all regions of the province, helping

companies modernize, grow and create stable, family-supporting jobs.

More than \$1.2 billion is being invested in the 156 capital projects funded through the fund, with as much as \$154 million in provincial funding committed so far, creating more than 2,100 jobs and protecting more than 2,700 jobs.

During the construction phase of these projects and in their first few years of expanded operations, the fund is expected to generate \$17 billion in new economic activity, nearly \$7 billion to B.C.'s gross domestic product, and \$714 million in provincial revenue. This work is part of the Province's Look West strategy for jobs and industry, which outlines B.C.'s vision to deliver jobs and opportunities for people by strengthening the workforce to develop a more independent and resilient economy.

It includes delivering major projects quicker, diversifying markets and growing targeted sectors, such as technology, aerospace, marine, AI and quantum, life sciences, agriculture

and construction innovation.

Quotes:

Sheila Malcolmson, MLA for Nanaimo-Gabriola Island - "Nanaimo's Niik Steel is helping us build the housing and infrastructure B.C. needs. And so we're helping Niik Steel, with funding to grow their workforce and respond to pressure on steel fabrication from U.S. tariffs. That means more reliable jobs in our community and greater economic stability for Vancouver Island."

Amir Jamshidi, president, Niik Steel - "Niik Steel's investment in advanced fabrication capacity will create high-skill jobs in the region and shorten supply chains for British Columbia infrastructure projects. Support from the Manufacturing Jobs Fund accelerates our expansion and anchors critical steel fabrication in the province, supporting resilient, low-carbon construction and long-term growth in B.C.'s manufacturing sector and responsive supply chain."

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**GINEMA SCENE**  
By Alan Samuel

**The Beekeeper**

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**Buzz Off!**

Computers can be a blessing - or a curse. See sparks fly when an elderly woman gets taken big time in the engaging *The Beekeeper*. Back In Action and not a moment too soon is fan Favourite Jason Statham in a tailor made role sure to appeal to his legion of fans. Sit back and enjoy vengeance taken to a new level in This high octane thriller is now heating things up on Netflix and also out on DVD and Blu-ray and well worth checking out, Everyone needs a time out. Even old assassins. Ex gun for hire Adam Clay has carved out an exceptional career doing clandestine work for an ultra secret government agency charged with carrying out various

deadly operations. Above the law is their modus operandi and few have the killing/blowing up skills that Clay once possessed. Jason Statham smokes them out as Clay in one of his best roles yet. All those deadly reflexes come back into play when a friend gets taken for the ultimate ride. These days all Clay wants is to retire peacefully on a remote farm run by a gem of a woman who wouldn't hurt a fly. So it's not hard to fathom the reaction of Clay when this living angel is ripped off big time by the scam to end all scams. So many elderly fall victim to fraud especially via on line threats and intimidation that this film is both timely and ultra important . And

rest assured if you have Adam Clay in your corner good is on your side. So bad guys had better watch out. Statham is excellent as a lone world operator out to find the baddies and mete out his own brand of Justice for those responsible for his friend's unceremonious downfall. Watch the bodies fall in a tidal wave as our man infiltrates a corporate behemoth whose evil tentacles seem to be spread everywhere without fear or regret. Well, not any more. Director David Ayer gives what fans want: wall to wall action. Despite being far-fetched there is more than a tinge of truth to *The Beekeeper*. Sometimes you just need someone to kick a little \_ \_ \_ .I had a blast



**DILJIT DOSANJH CALLS OUT PRO-KHALISTANI GROUP AT CANADA CONCERT**

Diljit Dosanjh recently made headlines during his concert in Calgary, Canada, after addressing a group of attendees waving Khalistani flags at the venue. The singer-actor reportedly asked the group to leave, expressing his discomfort with the display and distancing himself from pro-Khalistani elements during the live performance. The incident unfolded amid ongoing criticism from a section of people who had questioned Diljit for showing respect towards veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan. Responding to these allega-

tions during the concert, Diljit clarified his stance while emphasizing his continued efforts to highlight issues related to Punjab on global platforms. "My job is not to do charity. But whichever platform I go on, I always talk about Punjab", he said and continued, "We often say national media doesn't talk about Punjab enough. I went everywhere, including on that channel for the sake of Punjab. I put forth Punjab's issues there. I've even donated generously to my state whenever needed".



**TARA SUTARIA TO MAKE CANNES 2026 DEBUT AMID TOXIC BUZZ**

Tara Sutaria may be on the verge of a significant international breakthrough, with reports indicating that she is set to represent India at the Cannes Film Festival in 2026. While an official confirmation is awaited, the development has already sparked interest among fans and industry observers, especially as anticipation builds around her upcoming film *Toxic*.

ic. According to reports, "Ahead of *Toxic*, Tara is set to make her debut at the Cannes Film Festival 2026, representing India on a global stage. With *Toxic* already generating buzz, this debut is expected to mark the beginning of a significant global phase in her career."



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## *2026 Infiniti QX60 Sport Edition: Luxury SUV is More Refined.*

Auto review by Veeno Dewan.

The 2026 Infiniti QX60 is a sleek three-row premium crossover utility vehicle that offers a good combination of luxury and versatility. Major changes for 2026 include enhanced exterior styling, a new front grille and revised lighting. There is also Google Built in technology and Apps, and a more luxurious cabin. The 2026 Sport model as tested features a new optional premium Audiophile quality 600-watt 12 channel Klipsch Audio system with 16-speakers, titanium tweeters, and an eight-inch Tri Power subwoofer. Also new is an updated ProPilot Assist 2.1 system for autonomous driving capabilities. In hand with the upgraded ProPilot system is a new camera system with extra exterior camera views.

The biggest change is the absence of the 3.5L V6 engine of previous generations and the adoption of a smaller more fuel-efficiency 2L turbo-four-cylinder unit with more torque and improved the towing capability. The new 2.0 Liter engine develops 268 hp and 286ft lb torque. A nine-speed automatic transmission and Intelligent All-Wheel-Drive is standard on all models. We tested the Sport Edition which adds black glossy paint to the grille and exterior details, as well as 20-inch machined alloy wheels. The QX60 offers a high-quality opulent cabin and comes well-equipped. Standard kit



is luxurious and generous. Inside, the QX60 looks sharp with superb dark blue sharp leather seats and nice textures, materials, and a high standard of fit and finish. The Sport Edition offers unique sumptuous leather seats set off by gorgeous black open pore wood trim. The dash and console feature plenty of technology accessed by a host of buttons and switches. The dash also has a 10.8-inch head-up display, along with a new 12.3-inch interactive display.

There is Apple CarPlay and USB-based Android Auto. Rear passengers gain second- and third-row roof-mounted vents. The premium Bose audio system is updated and there is expanded functionality to ProPILOT Assist with Navi-Link compatibility. A highpoint is the excellent Infiniti Zero Gravity front seats which offer good posture and comfort support on long rides. The interior is extremely versatile with full sliding second-row seats

that allow easy access to the third row. The second-row splits 60/40, slides, reclines, and can be tilted forward for third-row access even with a child seat in place. The third-row seat is surprisingly roomy, but is still only for kids rather than adults. With the second and third row seats folded there's up to 2,166 L of available cargo space compared to 447 L of cargo space when all seats are up. The third row's seats are power operated on the two top trim levels.

On the road, the QX60 is powered by a new 268-hp turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine and comes with a nine-speed automatic. The four-cylinder powertrain is obviously less responsive and urgent than the previous V-6 but does offer better fuel economy. If you plan to tow a trailer or boat, the lower two trims have a 3,500-pound capacity, while the top two versions can handle a 6,000-pound towing load. Nothing much to

gripe about, note the improved fuel economy in this all-new QX60 — it now has a combined rating of 10.0 L/100 km, 10.9 city, and 8.8 highway. Otherwise, the 2026 QX60 is very impressive and nice to drive all day long. A wonderfully executed luxury Crossover. Highly recommended. 2026 Infiniti QX60 Sport Edition. Priced from - \$69,945. Freight and PDI \$2,495.

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