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Cycle for Sight returns in-person in Lower Mainland with goal of raising over \$500,000 for critical vision research in Canada

On Saturday, June 11, Fighting Blindness Canada's [Cycle for Sight](#) is back in-person, raising essential funds for vision research across the country. Being held at the West Langley Hall in Langley, BC, the annual event encourages participants of all ages and abilities to get active to in support of more than eight million Canadians living with an eye disease that puts them at significant risk of blindness.

"There are at least 1.2 million Canadians who are living with uncorrectable vision loss and that number is expected to grow to 2 million by 2050," says Doug Earle, President, and CEO of Fighting Blindness Canada. "This is why raising funds for vision research to restore their sight is critical. We are so grateful to Cycle for Sight participants and their support in preventing blindness."

Cycle for Sight in-person will guide participants along the Fraser River, around historic Fort Langley (an 1827 fur trading post) and up the grueling Armstrong Hill. Once the ride is complete, participants will enjoy food, entertainment and prizes, as well as the opportunity to meet some FBC-funded scientists who are making groundbreaking discoveries in vision research – all with protocols to keep cyclists and their families safe and comfortable.

For those unable to participate in-person, Cycle for Sight's virtual component one week later on **Saturday June 18** allows Canadians to help raise money for vision research by joining celebrated Parapan Silver Medalist, Paralympic 2024 hopeful and *Amazing Race Canada* alumni Lowell Taylor on a Zwift ride. Participants can create their own challenge at their own pace, whether it be walking, dancing, yoga or any other favourite physical activity all in support of vision research funding.

Other notable names participating in this year's event include:

- Maya Jonas, Silver and Bronze Medalist at the Canada Winter Games
- Keeley Shaw, Bronze Medalist, Tokyo 2020 Paralympic games

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022, Saturday June 18 (virtual)

Timing: 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

Choice of activities: Cycling (in-person), or any other type of activity that gets people moving (virtual)



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Fundraising Goal: \$500,000 in support of Fighting Blindness Canada for research into cures and treatments for blinding eye diseases.

For more information and to register, visit cycleforsight.ca or call **1.800.461.3331** ext. **271**.

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About Fighting Blindness Canada:

Fighting Blindness Canada (FBC) is the largest charitable funder of vision research in Canada. Over our 48-year history, FBC has contributed over \$40 million in funding for the development of sight-saving treatments and cures for blinding eye diseases. Thanks to our supporters, FBC is helping drive forward research to understand why vision loss occurs, how it can be slowed, and how sight can be restored. To learn more, visit fightingblindness.ca or call 1-800-461-3331. For vision health inquiries, call 1-888-626-2995 or email healthinfo@fightingblindness.ca to reach FBC's Health Information Service.

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