

Story 1:

Thousands of protesters made their way north from city hall across the Cambie Street Bridge last Saturday. They were protesting against the expansion of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline which connects the Alberta oilsands with Vancouver Harbour. They were carrying signs that said: “No consent, no pipeline,” and “keep it in the ground.” Kinder Morgan wants to triple the capacity of the existing pipeline. The federal government will deliver its decision on the project by December 19. First Nation leaders, members of parliament and environmental activists joined the march in order to ask Trudeau to reject the expansion.

Story 2:

The Canadian government has announced a plan to get Canadians to eat better. Among other things, Ottawa wants to crack-down on marketing campaigns trying to sell fast food and sugary drinks to children. Also, the Canada Food Guide is getting updated to represent the eating habits of the country’s multicultural population. As well, labels on packaged food will be improved to make it easier to figure out how much sugar is in a product. The government admits many of these changes could take years to happen.

Story 3:

As soon as Americans realized that Donald Trump was going to win the election lots of people started googling the same thing: how can I move to Canada? Canada’s immigration website crashed that night and since then a number of articles have provided suggestions and advice for Americans who want to move north. Darren Hill went a step further. He is the CEO of the Philadelphia based software company “Weblink” and he has a proposal for his employees who are worried about a Trump presidency. Mr. Hill is offering his employees a transfer to the company’s Vancouver offices. In an interview he said: “We have gay, lesbian employees, we have employees of lots of different types of religious backgrounds,

lots of different races and Donald Trump managed to insult everyone who didn't look like him during his campaign." Employees can even use the services of the company's immigration lawyer for free if they decide to relocate to Vancouver.

Story 4:

Coffee is one of the world's most popular beverages. In Canada, two-thirds of adults drink at least one cup of Joe a day. However, whether you buy your coffee at Tom Horton's, Starbucks or brew your own, the taste can differ wildly. That is why scientists at the University of Limerick, Ireland are researching how to brew the perfect cup of coffee. There are over 1,800 chemicals in a typical cup of coffee and many of those contribute to the taste. There are also mechanical variables such as the size of the coffee grounds, the temperature of the hot water etc. The researchers developed a mathematical model and concluded that the size of the grounds is the most important factor. The larger the grounds in drip coffee, the less bitter the taste. They also found out that it is necessary to extract 20 per cent of the molecules of a coffee bean to make the perfect cup.