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## The Premier's speech

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For coverage of Premier Gordon Campbell's televised address.

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## DEVELOPMENT

### Office space making a comeback in Vancouver

Developers racing to meet current high demand

FRANCES BULA VANCOUVER

In a sign of downtown development roaring back to life, B.C.'s wealthiest businessman announced Tuesday plans for a half-billion-dollar development at the city entrance on Burrard.

And this 150-metre tower includes plans for office space - another market that is returning.

The proposal by Jim Pattison Developments, along with Gastown developer Jon Stovell, for an elegantly designed set of three towers is just one of a raft of downtown office and residential proposals that have moved forward at Vancouver City Hall in recent months.

Some are a response to the strong demand for office space. Others, such as Pattison's Burrard Gateway project, are also a response to the city's current efforts to pack more density onto the



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IBI/HB ARCHITECTS

downtown peninsula by allowing developers to go higher than the current limits on certain key sites.

All are signs of faith in Vancouver's core.

"We're confident that there will continue to be a high level of demand and in-migration to the downtown core," said Bill Harbottle, Pattison's auto-group president, whose company submitted the rezoning bid to City Hall this week.

Mr. Stovell, president of Reliance Properties, said the team went forward with an application this week because the city is also conducting public-information sessions on whether to allow taller buildings that will go up to the city's established view corridors.

Those corridors, defined in 1989, protect views of the Coast Mountains in the north from several vantage points in the city.  
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to resolve.

He said the fishing section of the Nisga'a treaty, for example, went through 57 drafts before the final wording was settled on.

Mr. Tyzuk used that example to caution Judge Cohen from getting entangled in an issue that could consume more time than the commission has at its disposal.

"This inquiry is not the appropriate forum," he said.

Mark East, speaking for the federal government, also told Judge Cohen to use caution in dealing with the subject, saying aboriginal rights are "dynamic, complex and evolving ... and also controversial."

However, Robert Janes, representing a coalition of Coast Salish bands, said Judge Cohen must address the topic because part of his mandate is to make recommendations on the future management of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

And DFO, he said, has to deal with the interests of the more than 90 bands that live and fish along the Fraser River.

"DFO has to come to grips with the legal right of the aboriginal fishery," Mr. Janes said.  
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## CRIME

### Family of accused man praying for bishop beaten in rectory

KAMLOOPS, B.C.

The family of a man accused of viciously beating a Roman Catholic bishop say they're praying for healing as the bishop recovers in a Kamloops hospital.

"We are deeply grateful to members of the community for their expressions of understanding and forgiveness," a statement issued Tuesday by John Bandura's family said.

Mr. Bandura, 30, made his first court appearance Monday in connection with an attack on the bishop at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Bishop David Monroe was assaulted when he opened the door of the rectory on Friday night.

Court has heard that Mr. Bandura's family took him to hospital earlier that day over concerns about his mental health, but that he broke through a glass door and left.

"Our family is together in our love and support for John," his family said in the statement.

Bishop Monroe, 69, was found bleeding and unconscious on the floor of the rectory.

A priest who heard him yell-

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**Bandura family statement**

ing ran to help, but dislocated his shoulder and also had to be taken to hospital.

Police said that after the attack, Mr. Bandura swam across the South Thompson River to a trailer park where his father, local musician Rodney Bandura, lives, and hid in a shed.

The younger man is charged with aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and mischief.

He is undergoing a 30-day assessment while in custody.

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### Offices: Vancouver hasn't seen new office space in years

» "We want people to see this isn't just something abstract. There's a real application, a real building," Mr. Stovell said.

Any site that gets approved for a taller building will have to prove that it is providing the city with exceptional architectural design and that it is pioneering new efforts at eco-friendly building.

The models of the buildings announced Tuesday were designed by renowned Vancouver architect Jim Hancock, whose trademark curves in his buildings define the Carina and Callisto towers in Coal Harbour as well as towers in Dubai. The tallest tower, at 48 storeys, curves outward at the top.

The project combines office space with residential rentals, condos, retail space, and a three-storey glass box to maintain a home for the Toyota dealership on the site.

Mr. Harbottle said that Pattison had considered including a hotel, but the company decided it wasn't the right time. Instead, the development has incorporated 200,000 square feet of office space because of the current high demand.

The Pattison/Reliance project is just one of several ambitious pro-

jects on the go for the downtown.

Besides the usual residential towers planned for the West End and Downtown South, commercial realtors are also noticing that there's a sudden surge of activity in building office space - something Vancouver hasn't seen for several years.

Bob Levine, a principal at commercial brokerage firm Avison Young, says there's a race to see who will build the first new office tower downtown since the Bentall V was finished three years ago.

"Right now, downtown, there's no place for tenants who need over 30,000 square feet to go," Mr. Levine said. "There are several downtown tenants out looking."

Oxford Properties has an application in to redevelop the University Club site on West Hastings as an office building. Aquilini Investment Group has revived plans to build an office tower near its stadium. Bentall is looking to build yet another tower to add to its cluster in the central business district, this one on Thurlow.

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### Deaths: Group hopes report will prompt government action

» He said he was referring specifically to recommendations from various coroners' inquests and accountability measures when police are accused of using excessive force.

Mr. Eby said the association hopes the report spurs the government to step up plans to establish a civilian-led Independent Investigation Office, which would probe in-custody deaths or police cases involving serious injury.

Currently, the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner - a civilian oversight body - investigates public complaints against officers in B.C.'s non-RCMP municipal forces. The federal Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP deals with complaints against the Mounties.

Former solicitor-general Mike de Jong has said legislation creating the agency could be tabled next year. Rich Coleman, this week named Solicitor-General in a cabinet shuffle, was not available for comment.