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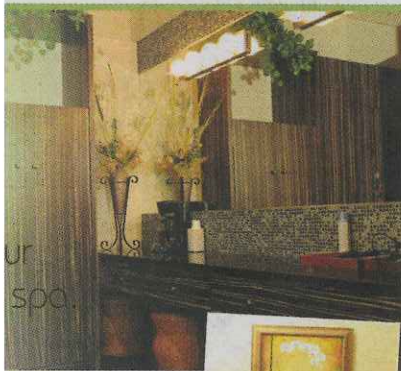
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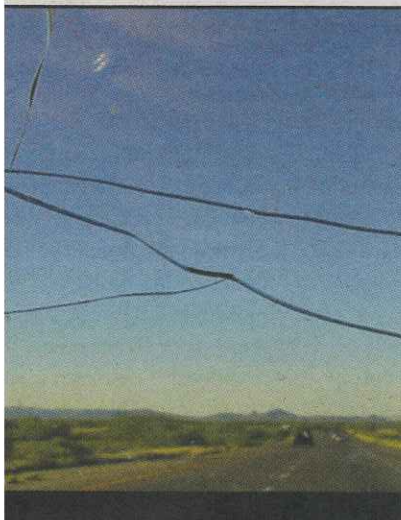
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Brentwood plans in works

Master plan to be subject of public consultations early in new year

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A massive makeover is planned for the Brentwood Town Centre property, although the details are still being worked out.

That's according to Darren Kwiatkowski, executive vice-president of Shape Properties Corp., which purchased the mall in 2010.

A company brochure, ostensibly designed to attract tenants to the shopping centre, has been made public in which it states six residential towers ranging in height from 30 to 60 storeys tall are being planned. But Kwiatkowski stressed that no details have been decided yet. Public consultations, including open houses, are set to take place in January and February.

"It's all a work in process," he said.

"Six towers is kind of what fits comfortably along the two frontages there, so that's definitely what's being looked at."

The company has submitted a master plan to Burnaby city hall for rezoning approval which

conforms with the city's community plans for the site, he noted. The city's long range plans call for "the transformation of that site over time into a more city-centre, urban environment, mixed-use, walkable community on the SkyTrain [line]."

The master plan rezoning application is expected to go to public hearing in March or April. If adopted by Burnaby council, rezoning approvals would be required for each phase of the project before work on each one can begin. Construction is expected to start sometime in 2013 with each phase taking up to two-and-a-half years to build. The number of phases is also yet to be determined, and will depend on market conditions over time, he said. Of the 28-acre site, the existing mall takes up eight acres, giving Shape Properties 20 acres to work with.

Residential highrise towers would be located closer to the corner of Willingdon Avenue and Lougheed Highway by Brentwood SkyTrain station, and away from the single-family neighbourhoods at the northern end of the property, he said.

The existing mall would remain open throughout construction and in the longterm would be augmented by streetfront retail spaces.

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Cages not an ideal option, drivers say

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When they began to approach him, one of them menacingly wielding a skateboard, Dixon phoned for assistance and pushed the button to activate an audio tape to record the encounter.

Dixon says he saw the skateboard coming down on him, but before it struck he told the youth the tape was on and the conversation was being heard at the dispatch office. Although the youth stopped before hitting Dixon, he got really angry at that point.

"The four friends stood between him and me and dragged him off the coach. By that time I was shaking from head to toe. I literally was a basket case. I couldn't finish my shift," says Dixon.

After the passengers were put on another bus, he tried to drive back to the Burnaby depot but had to be taken to St. Paul's emergency because of chest pains. He was released, but a day later he was in the intensive care at Langley Memorial Hospital where he stayed for five day and then had an angiogram at Vancouver General.



The assault on Dixon broke his orbital bone in two places. He has required several screws and a plate to keep his eye in place.

they need to be to provide a police service for a transit system."

Says Dixon, "the ultimate solution would be to put us in cages."

However, that idea doesn't go over very well with Dixon's colleagues. Davies says a survey of bus operators showed more than 60 per cent opposed a partial barrier, and over 55 per cent were against a full cage because they like the interaction with passengers.

"Locking us up behind cages is not taking care of the problem," says Davies.

Even though he says many buses in Europe have cages there are still assaults over there. "If someone wants to get at a bus driver they'll get at a bus driver, they'll just wait

until the end of the line."

Davies also points out it would be difficult to retrofit most of the company's fleet.

One alternative, he says, is an educational program to teach operators how to diffuse situations. For many drivers like Dixon, says Davies, the last piece of training they got was 20 years ago.

"Many members may have the opportunity to

make presents for family members. "I've seen them get so excited at the prospect of being able to give instead of always being the ones to get."

The Christmas store is "just taking it to another level."

Curtis noted that many families benefit from the Burnaby Christmas Bureau, but usually that means gifts just for the children. The Christmas store will be a chance for the kids to make sure their parents get something too.

Donations have ranged from housewares, toys, candles, picture frames, ties and books, to DVD and CD players, and even a large antique mirror on a stand.



The student leadership team at Burnaby Mountain secondary has also been collecting toys to donate to the project.

Edmonds school always accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes and winter gear, but none of that will go into the store which is dedicated to "that

importance of giving.

When Curtis gave her class the news about the store, they were "very excited, big cheers, clapping.

Some of them are being very thoughtful, they wanted to wait until [the next day] to let us know who they want to shop for.

"They'll get to experience the pride and joy of being able to select a gift and see the joy it brings other people. They don't often get to experience that so it's a sense of pride for them."

Up to two office towers

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Parking would be moved mostly underground over time, to underground parkades on the southern end of the site and above-ground structures built into the slopes at the northern end.

Provision would be made for up to two office towers to be added in future due to its attractive location next to SkyTrain.

Kwiatkowski said the project could potentially use Burnaby city hall's density bonusing program to add density in exchange for providing city-owned amenities, but that also hasn't been determined yet.

"It's a balance of coming up with the right plan that provides the intended density on the site next to the SkyTrain station where the city has planned to grow, and at the same time leaving it loose enough that public plazas and streetscapes are feeling good. We don't want to lose that quality of patios in the sunshine and a great ground experience.

"The balance of residential, office and commercial all plays into that."

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