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**Canucks pride at the garage**

Jordan and Taylor Kipnes spent two days painting this Canucks logo on the garage door of their Steveston Highway home. They let out a sigh of relief after Tuesday's night's overtime thriller in which Vancouver finally dispatched the Chicago Blackhawks in overtime in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

Martin van den Hemel photo

**Cost of tram barn doubles to \$2 million**

by Matthew Hoekstra

Staff Reporter

A building that will be the permanent home of Richmond's Sockeye Special has doubled in cost to \$2 million.

In 2008, city staff originally recommended a tram barn with a price of \$850,000. But city council opted for a larger space worth \$2 million. Now staff are asking council for a budget boost after collecting ideas from historians and other team facilities in Metro Vancouver.

In a plan presented to city council's parks committee yesterday, the one-room wood frame design would be abandoned in favour of a "landmark piece of historic architecture" that provides a building reminiscent of the original tram station, noted Agri.

The new design, created by Birmingham & Wood Architects, features more glass, interior upgrades, better lighting and air conditioning.

Councilor Harold Steves said the new budget "blows," but added recent land sales in the area netted the city greater than expected revenue.

"We're able to cover the cost with the sale of the Sockeye lots, so the only concern I have is how to get a little more of a heritage design in keeping with the historic street," said Steves.

City council must first approve the new budget. Once built, the barn will become a museum.



# Premier holds town hall meeting in Richmond

by **Martin van den Hemel**

Staff Reporter

B.C. Premier Christy Clark fulfilled an election promise and hosted a town hall meeting at Aberdeen Centre Tuesday.

In front of an audience of more than 120 people in the mall's food fair, Clark fielded questions about restoring gaming funding to multicultural groups and charities and suggested that the province's education curriculum should be altered to reflect the strong Asian flavour of the province.

She questioned why in schools children learn mainly about the country's European history and said that students should be taught about Asian history as well.

"The thing we need to remember is the work you do in helping people integrate into the community, helping us all understand each other. It's really important work," Clark said when posed a question by Henry Beh, executive director of the Richmond Chinese Community Society.

"I think we should work harder to make sure that every British Columbian, when they go to school, learns the history, not just of Europe, but the history of Asia and India and places to the east of Canada which is so much a part of who we are. Instead, our children learn about Europe.

"I think we need to change our curriculum in schools, have more access to the Cantonese and Mandarin language, have more access to Asian history so that every child when they graduate from high school, understands every other child's cultural background."



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**Premier Christy Clark was in Richmond Tuesday.**