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New Year's feast



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Award-winning chef Tony Luk from The Jade Seafood Restaurant on Alexander Road has created a special menu filled with promise for Chinese New Year celebrants. For more on the Year of the Dragon, see our special section beginning on page B1.

Olympic museum still eyed for oval

by Matthew Hookstra

Support a museum in the Americas to join the International Olympic Committee's Olympic Museum Network, which centres around the IOC's Olympic Museum in Lausanne.

Early plans call for displays, activities, theatre and museum elements scattered throughout the building and oval plaza. Monies from the IOC and Richmond's participation in the 2010 Games would comprise the collection.

The project builds on an existing plan to install a \$75,000 permanent exhibition at the oval that tells Richmond's Olympic story. Townsend earlier told The Review that no new city money would go into the bigger project, instead, sponsors will finance it by contributing cash and in-kind donations.

It did say staff are still working on the "Richmond Olympic Story" which director of project development Greg Scott noted has "increased in scope based on Olympic program review and best practices."

Last summer a delegation of oval and city officials was invited to the International Olympic Committee brief in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Guided "The Richmond Olympic Experience at the Richmond Olympic Oval." It would become the first

Chinese New Year

Malls expecting big crowds for Chinese New Year fun

Lots of family activities at local shopping centres

by Martin van den Hemel
Staff Reporter

Richmond's major malls will be buzzing for the next two weeks as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations.

The festivities kick off this week with the 2012 Chinese New Year Flower and Gift Fair at Aberdeen Centre. The fair will run until 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 22.

Aberdeen Centre mall has been undergoing a slow transformation over the past week, with hundreds of red lanterns strung from balconies, and a major display being erected next to the mall's fountain.

Canada Post will be hosting an autograph signing event for the Year of the Dragon on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Then on Sunday, Jan. 22, the



Martin van den Hemel photo

Shoppers check out flowers at Aberdeen Centre on Thursday. Chinese New Year is a busy time for local malls.

mall will be counting down to midnight and the Year of the Dragon with personal blessings from the Chinese god of fortune in the central atrium at 10:30 p.m.

The mall will then usher in the Chinese New Year celebrations with a golden dragon and lion dance starting at 11 a.m. on Jan.

23 in the mall's outdoor courtyard.

There's more weekend celebrations scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28 and Sunday, Jan. 29, with Lansdowne Centre and Richmond Centre malls joining Aberdeen Centre in the activities.

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