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## New Legion back on track

### First phase of old mall redevelopment plan gets resurrected

By Jennifer Lang

A plan to build a new Cloverdale Legion that was shelved six months ago is unexpectedly being brought back to life.

Phase one of Cloverdale Village West, the City of Surrey's long-standing promise to redevelop the derelict old Cloverdale Mall site into a thriving neighbourhood hub, will be going ahead after all, members of the Cloverdale Business Improvement Association were told last week.

"It's embarrassing because it's been a long time in the works," said Jim Cox, CEO of the Surrey City Development Corp. "But it's going to happen."

The project was put on hold in January, when the Legion's partners, SCDC and developer Townline Housing Solutions, decided current market conditions and higher project costs meant putting phase one off for up to two years.

The proponents instead were going to focus on a different phase of the residential and commercial development, which represents the cornerstone of the city's revitalization plans for Cloverdale.

In November 2010, members of the Cloverdale Legion agreed to relocate into a 10,000-square foot new home built at street level of a five-storey

complex with residential units and retail space.

In return, the Legion would own its new hall outright, and would lease out commercial space for revenue.

On June 27, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 6 members approved a slightly revised plan, meaning phase one can go ahead after heading back to city hall for final adjustments.

Branch 6 president Frank Redekop credited Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts for getting phase one off the back burner.

"After many discussions, this is definitely the best option for us," Redekop said.

Under the deal, the Legion will get a new, 10,000-square-foot hall, plus 1,800-square-foot of additional retail space the Legion will rent out, providing a source of ongoing revenue.

There will be four floors of residential space – either sold as strata or rented out at market value – above the ground floor, where the Legion and retail space will be.

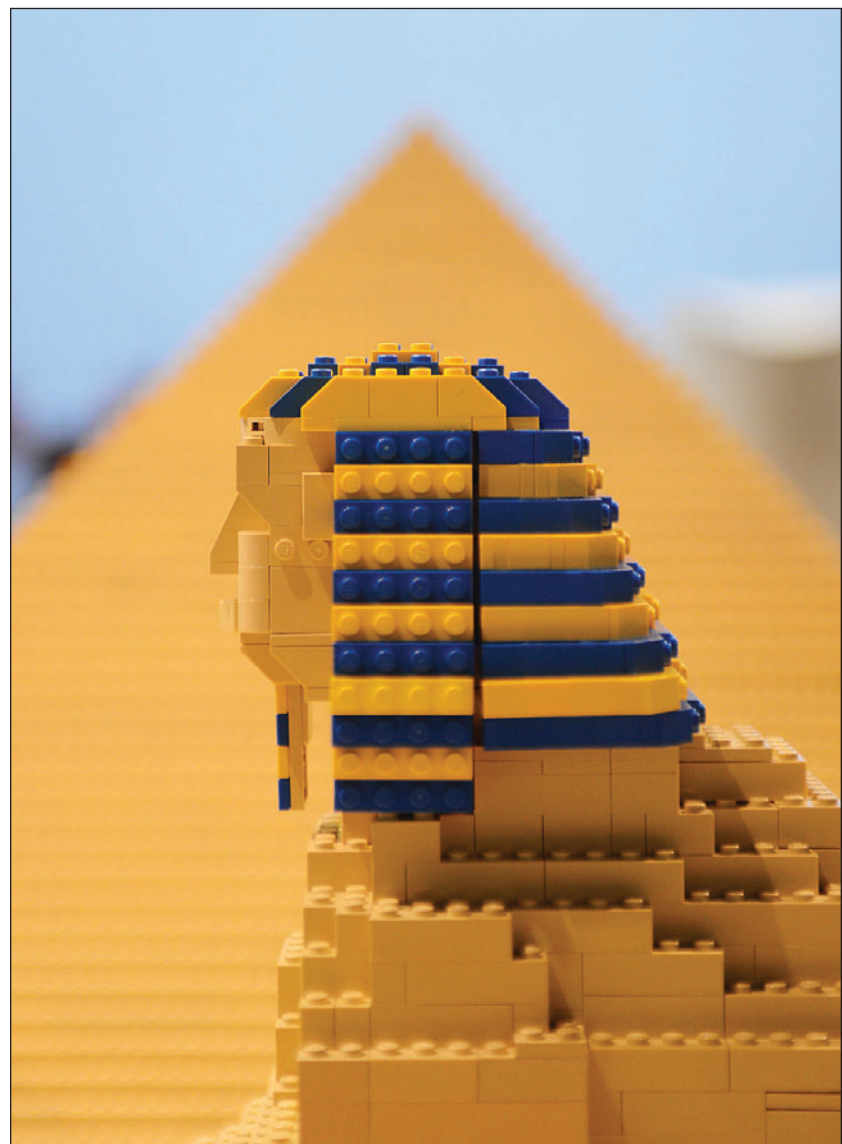
The residential units will be mostly one and two-bedroom units, with an average size of 600-square-feet.

"Our belief is this project will hopefully make

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Jim Cox, SCDC



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### Classical wonders

The Sphinx is seen in profile against Egypt's Great Pyramid in LEGO: Myths & Muses, a new exhibit by the Vancouver Lego Club that's on view at the Surrey Museum. For more, turn to page 5.

## NHL taps former Cloverdale Colt Khaira

By Jennifer Lang

Cloverdale Colt alumni Jujhar Khaira has been drafted by the Edmonton Oilers.

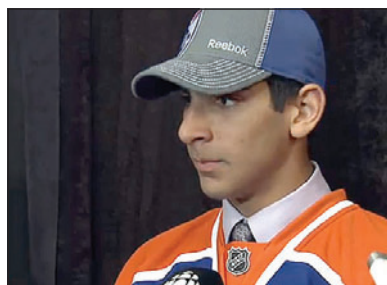
A third round draft pick, Khaira has gone from being passed over for the WHL Bantam draft three years ago to becoming an NHL prospect – after two seasons of junior hockey with the BCHL's Prince George Spruce Kings.

The 17-year-old left winger played for the Cloverdale Colts midget team in 2009-

10. On their website, the Cloverdale Minor Hockey Association offered congratulations, and wished Khaira good luck in his hockey future.

Jujhar took to his Twitter account last week to share his joy at the news.

"Thanks to the @NHL\_Oilers for believing in me



Jujhar Khaira speaks to reporters.

and giving me the opportunity," he wrote.

"Thank you to everyone for their support."

According to Oilers.nhl.com, Khaira has committed to playing college hockey for Michigan Tech next season.

"Right now, the route is college, but I'll talk to Ed-

monton and decide from there," he said.

In Prince George, Jujhar earned notice.

"To play in Prince George is somewhat of a struggle as your nearest opponent is a mere seven hour bus ride away. If you are going to play here, you must be committed," local sports blogger Ben "Crazy Coach" Berland wrote.

"Khaira has the type of determination,

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Vancouver Lego Club member Brian Cyr puts the finishing touches on a section of Zeus' temple, built entirely from Lego.

# ANCIENT GODS, MODERN MASTERS

'MYTHS AND MUSES' SPUR LEGO BUILDERS TO GREAT HEIGHTS

By Jennifer Lang

Has a modest travel budget got you down? This summer, the Surrey Museum brings the wonders of the ancient world to you in *Lego: Myths and Muses*.

Marvel at the Great Pyramid of Egypt. Be dazzled as gladiators brawl at the Roman Colosseum. Feel the awe of Mount Olympus, the highest peak in Greece, and the seat of the ancient gods. Ponder epic battles in miniature.

The Vancouver Lego Club is back with another spectacular exhibit, proving there's no limit to what these creative minds can come up with when given a challenge.

The club chose to depict the stories and mythologies of the ancient world – and Underworld – Greece, Rome, Persia (Troy), Egypt, Hades, and the lost City of Atlantis.

It's a universe built from colourful, tiny plastic bricks. Hundreds of them. Thousands of them. None can say quite how many.

"Needless to say, it's a lot," says VLC member Pierre Chum, who was part of the crew that feverishly assembled the exhibit in time for last week's opening.

"And there are no instructions," he adds. "These are not sets you can buy in stores."

Adding to the challenge was the lack of classical-themed Lego pieces, like those that come with Star Wars, Secret Agents or the castle sets, and include appropriately-attired Lego people, or "minifigs", and specialized bricks. "We had to experiment with what would work."

The club's Lego exhibits are among the Surrey Museum's most popular attractions, and it's easy to see why.

Two summers ago, the club mounted *Pirates!*

*Blocks n' Buccaneers*, which showcased everything from a traditional armada of 18th Century marauding pirate ships to a modern navy doing battle with Somali pirates.

There was even a huge Steampunk airship floating above a desert-roving Crawler Town.

The layouts were as intricate as they were spectacular: Lighthouses, waterfalls, islands – even an underwater scene of a shipwreck, revolving whirlpool and castle rising from the sea floor.

The worlds created in *Lego: Myths and Muses* are just as imaginatively realized.

Since the subject matter involves history and the real world, there is also a certain level of accuracy that is expected – particularly when you're talking about replicating ancient sites that have survived to modern times, such as the Colosseum, the Hippodrome and the pyramids.

The Lego builders were able to exercise more

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#### CAR WASH

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### VOLUNTEERS

Teens looking for summer experience? Volunteer as a summer camp assistant at the Surrey Museum. Full training is provided. For more, please call 604-502-6461.

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## Mindful Musings

Despite the heroic efforts of these wet months, summer is finally upon us (at least, according to my calendar). God's covenant with our great green earth continues as the seasons march on and on. Seed which germinated in springtime will mature and ripen under the nutritious rays of the hot summer sun, and with God's blessing our fertile land will yield its plentiful crops again in due time. Have you ever paused to think about the sheer, illimitable wonder of it all? This little blue globe of ours, bouncing its way across the backyard of the Milky Way, amid uncountable other galaxies larger than ours, is so utterly teeming with amazing, complex, beautiful life. Every single atom is a mystery, its interactions too complicated to begin to describe with even the most sophisticated tools of modern mathematics.

But in the mystery of it all, there is a history and there is a future.

The history of humankind is one of destruction and desolation. The future is one of renewal through the re-creating work of Jesus Christ.

We live in the summer of creation, and harvest is coming soon. Come all, listen and learn about the great saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Doug Schouten

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Above, gladiators in the Colosseum. Below, Ares, God of War gets his picture taken, Lego pieces, and an Egyptian boat.

## Hoping to inspire the next generation

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creative license when it came to creating a scene of Mount Olympus and the City of Atlantis, riffing on the *Myths and Muses* theme.

Look closely and you'll discover surprises like a red parrot gazing at the Sphinx, or a hot Grecian babe relaxing in a bubbly azure pool.

"A lot of research, imagination and creativity is involved in putting together an exhibit like this," Chum says.

Due to the amount of planning involved, and how large some of the displays are, it would be impossible to build the whole exhibit on site.

Instead, each area of the exhibit had a primary builder, who may or may not have had assistants.

Large sections are built, taken apart, carefully transported and reassembled in the exhibit hall.

"Sometimes," Chum says, "there are mishaps and things get broken en route to the museum. But that's the beauty of Lego. We just rebuild it."

Inside the exhibit hall, builders work late into the night to get their displays ready in time.

"We've been given a lot of space at the Surrey Museum and we intend to fill it," Chum explains.

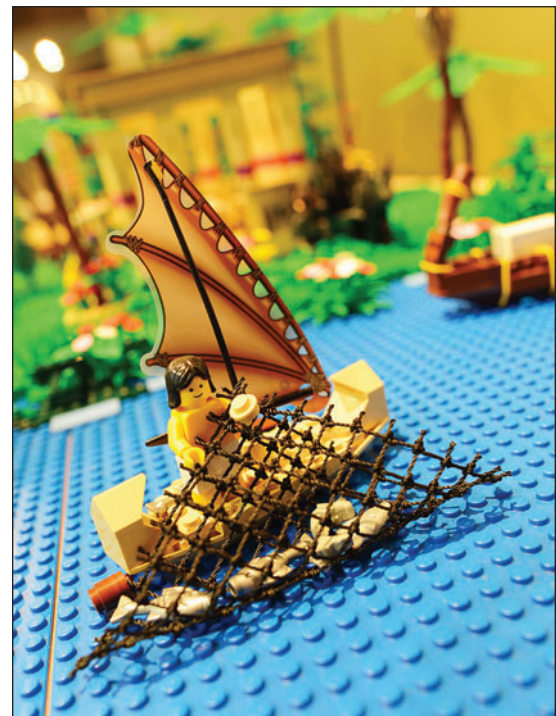
The members live across the Lower Mainland and represent a cross-section of backgrounds and professions - drawn together by a common passion. They spur each other to new heights of creativity and complexity in their Lego displays.

"The most challenging thing can be juggling one's career with one's hobby," something that ramps up for a major project like the Myth and Muses exhibit, Chum says.

"It can draw a lot of time in preparation. But when we see the smiles on people's faces as they see something cool that we've built, that makes it all worthwhile."

They also hope to inspire the next generation of Lego builders, young or old. "They learn something new about what is possible and hopefully, they'll take it even further and build something even better."

- *LEGO: Myths and Muses* runs to Sept. 15. Admission for 2012 is sponsored by Friends of the Surrey Museum and Archives Society. Visit [surrey.ca/heritage](http://surrey.ca/heritage).



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