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Aberdeen Centre's Joey Kwan is dwarfed by this gigantic locust, which looks like it's about to pick her up and fly off, while it is brought to life by Kokoro Exhibits' Shane Dzicek. The Giant Bugs Take Over Aberdeen Centre exhibit runs from July 1 to Sept. 1, and features six massive animated insects, an interactive bugs' heads' display and a sampling of food made from bugs.

## Big bugs descend on Aberdeen Centre

*Mega-sized exhibit begins July 1, features six humongous insects*

by Martin van den Hemel

Staff Reporter

The Walt Disney flick *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*, might come to mind when shoppers enter the atrium at Aberdeen Centre, which is now crawling with gigantic, marauding insects that wouldn't have been out of place in the Steveston-filmed *Godzilla* movie.

Giant Bugs Take Over Aberdeen Cen-

tre is a fantastical new exhibit that starts July 1, featuring six humongous insects brought to life via animatronics.

There's a 16-foot-long locust that rears up and spreads its 21-foot-wide wings, as though it were about to leap over the mega-sized grass blades and into the air.

A Chinese praying mantis serves as an imposing greeter to the exhibit, stretching more than 21 feet and facing the mall's front entrance.

There's a pair of 20-foot black horned fighting beetles, a stick insect, and a caterpillar, too.

All this, along with an interactive bugs' heads' display, comes courtesy Kokoro Exhibits, based in Woodland Hills, Calif.

Shane Dzicek said it will take him and his team about three days to set up the display. The six giant insects were created after consultation with biologists to ensure the proportions and colours of the creatures was correctly replicated, he said.

The insects are made of foam and silicone, with aluminum subframes, he said.

Customers are also dared to chomp down on some genuine bug food, which Aberdeen Centre's Joey Kwan has herself tried, and she survived the experience.

She hopes the exhibit meets the mall's goal of being fun, interactive and educational for everyone.

The exhibit runs through Sept. 1.



Intracorp artist's rendering

Intracorp is seeking to give the city cash instead of building 29 affordable rental apartments in its River Park Place development.

## City mulls cash-in-lieu deal for 'luxury' condos

*Councillors mull third proposal to scrap affordable housing in a new development*

by Matthew Hoekstra

Staff Reporter

A developer's request to forgo the addition of affordable rental apartments in its luxury Oval Village project is giving pause to elected officials.

After granting permission to two developers last year, councillors are giving greater thought to the latest request to provide cash in lieu of affordable housing, referring the matter back to staff at a planning committee meeting Tuesday.

Intracorp had planned to construct a standalone building with 29 low-end market rental housing units as part of River Park Place, a multi-tower development of 586 homes billed as "the new luxury," and located near the Richmond Olympic Oval.

It's seeking council's permission to pay \$4.6 million into the city's affordable housing fund instead of building the rental units. The figure is based on the five per cent affordable housing required in exchange for a density bonus.

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