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Car fire aboard ferry cancels three sailings

QUEEN OF VANCOUVER A car caught on fire while aboard the Queen of Vancouver yesterday afternoon, K.C. Future associated.

Two workers were treated for minor inhalation and the decked vessel was evacuated while crews put out the fire. Only the car was damaged.

The fire was noticed just before the ferry made its scheduled sailing to Swartz Bay from the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal.

Three sailings were cancelled affecting hundreds of passengers.

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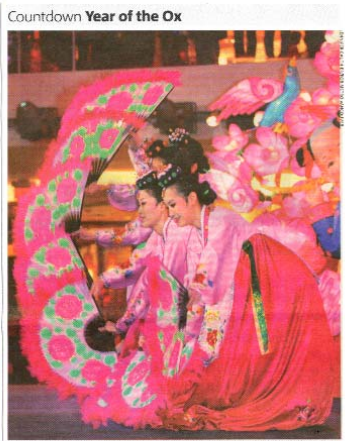
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Pattullo to reopen this morning

Repair far ahead of estimates

BY WENDY BILKOWSKI@METROVANC

The fire-damaged Pattullo Bridge will reopen in time for this morning's rush-hour commute — three weeks ahead of TransLink's initial speculation and a week ahead of its most recent estimate.

The repaired ramps, which handle 80,000 vehicles daily, is expected to open at 6 a.m. and significantly ease the commuter congestion on SkyTrain as well as the Port Mann and Alex Fraser bridges.

"Taking advantage of some very good weather conditions, we have been able to accelerate the pace of replacing the section of the bridge that was damaged," said TransLink CEO Ross Prudenberger in a release yesterday.

The bridge closed Jan. 18 after an early morning fire damaged an 18 metre wooden trestle on the south

side of the bridge. TransLink initially estimated it would take between a month and six weeks to replace the trestle. The fire was caused by people living beneath the bridge, RCMP said.

On Tuesday, TransLink announced that they had located a steel-and-concrete span that had been used during the Canada Line excavation on Cambie Street.

At that time, TransLink estimated that replacing the wooden trestle would take two weeks.

Prudenberger said finding the Canada Line span was the key to the speedy repairs because it eliminated the need to fabricate and assemble a new span.

The damaged section was demolished early last week, Prudenberger said. Rebuilding began Thursday and the replacement span was installed Saturday. The replacement span should last 10 years until the entire bridge is replaced as planned.

Poultry movement restricted on 23 farms as turkey cull to start

BY JEFF HARRIS

The cull of about 40,000 turkeys will begin today or tomorrow following an outbreak of bird flu at a farm in Spadina.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed Sunday the presence of H5 avian influenza at BHR Farms.

"Tests to date indicate that the strain of avian influenza in this case is low pathogenicity," the CFIA said in a release.

"Further testing is underway to confirm pathogenicity and to determine the precise subtype and strain of the virus."

CFIA believes viruses rarely affect humans and if poultry is properly handled and cooked does not pose a risk to food safety.

In addition to the cull, the CFIA has placed restrictions on the movement of poultry on 23 farms that are within three kilometers of the infected property. They are all so strengthening the "reverse movement" of birds and equipment from the farm.

Poultry owners in the area have been asked to display biosecurity measures and monitor their flocks, immediately reporting any sick or dead birds.

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