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MacPhail said she will update the ministers on B.C.'s initiatives against the tobacco industry, and will seek the federal ministers' support for B.C.'s anti-tobacco stance.

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"I will be seeking confirmation of enhanced federal funding for enforcement of the prohibition of tobacco sales to youth, and will encourage the federal minister to take full advantage of the broad regulatory powers under his government's recent Bill C-71 legislation to protect young people from tobacco advertising and promotions".

MacPhail said her challenge to Canadian tobacco companies to take responsibility for the harm their products cause and to stop marketing tobacco to children has not resulted in an acceptable response that indicates they are prepared to do the right thing, and the B.C. government is proceeding to prepare for legal action.

"The Tobacco Damages Recovery Act passed unanimously by the B.C. legislature in July paves the way for legal action against the tobacco industry," MacPhail said. "The government expects to have its legal team in place by October and then work can begin on the government's case against the industry".

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Thirteen others named in the action will appear in court at a later date.

All 58 defendants are Vietnamese immigrants, recruited by the ringleader, Lin Nguyen, 48, who had worked as a paralegal in a law firm and as a court translator after coming to Canada in 1986. Twelve accidents were staged in the Knight Street corridor between May 1991 and August 1995, with few or no witnesses. Each accident involved two cars, loaded with passengers, with one car running a stop sign.

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