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Competitive edge
Forty-three city workers make \$100,000 or more, which may seem high, but it's what the city has to pay to remain competitive, says Mayor Malcolm Brundage.

Clairvoyant connection
British medium Ray Andrew Denner will contact with members of the audience — and their dead loved ones — at the River Rock Show Theatre July 5.

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Something fishy about airport expansion
\$200-million project includes 114,000-litre marine aquarium

A hungry T-Rex eyes unsuspecting shoppers at Aberdeen Centre. The popular dinosaur is part of the mall's new Jurassic Alive exhibit, which opened July 1. See story on page 18.

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Dinos dominate Aberdeen Centre

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Roarrrrrr... Baring his teeth, the 22-foot-tall Tyrannosaurus Rex rumbles to life, flexing his forelegs and shaking his gigantic tail.

Shoppers in the atrium at Aberdeen Centre were astonished, as the prehistoric creature breathed in and out, and blinked at them.

The T-Rex is part of an interactive, dinosaur show titled Jurassic Alive, which growled into the mall July 1.

"We decided to offer this during the summer as a free activity that is fun and exciting, but meaningful and educational," explains Joey Kwan, promotions and public relations manager for the Richmond mall. "Every hour, a Jurassic Park coloured fountain show with music like the theme song from *The Flintstones*, will shoot illuminated water 30-feet into the air."

The exhibition includes two life-sized animatronic dinosaurs, modeled after actual North American fossils, an actual ancient fossil, and skeleton display of various dinosaurs (discovered

in China), in a setting reminiscent of their actual surroundings.

Shoppers can go back in time, some 200 million years ago, when all that roamed the earth were massive, prehistoric animals. The show is a replica from a Chinese museum, explains Thomas Fung, chairman and CEO of the Fairchild Group, which owns and operates Aberdeen Centre.

"The show should appeal to a cross-section of people," says Fung.

Children and children-at-heart can also learn about the Protoceratops, a tame, plant-eating dinosaur, which will actually lay eggs during the performance.

The interactive Jurassic Alive runs now through Sept. 15 at Aberdeen Centre for visitors of all ages. The 15-minute water and animated shows start at noon and run every hour until 6 p.m.

This is just the beginning for Aberdeen Centre. The plan is to offer more interactive, educational shows to the public on an ongoing basis.

"We are already looking into a life-scale Elvis Presley exhibit and Marilyn Monroe one as well," adds Fung.

The shopping centre is located at 4151 Hazelbridge Way. Visit www.aberdeen-centre.com for more information.