



**Five-star group**

These cubs from the Fort George-Fraser District have earned their five stars for taking an interest in the world around them, showing self-reliance, scouting skills, self development and physical skills. Pictured from back left are: Brock Penner, Daniel Nilsson, Kris Backstrom, Jamie Hill, Cameron Olesik, Eric Lamb, Donovan Pettigrew, Brad Fishwick and Daniel Szpyt. In front kneeling are Justin Hooke and Dustin Bullock.

Citizen photo by Brock Gable

**North Cariboo Senior Soccer League  
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## Victoria airport draws bid

VANCOUVER (CP) — Arthur Farquharson has offered to buy Victoria's airport.

His is the first bid to buy an airport under a program announced earlier this year by Transport Minister John Crosbie to sell or lease airports to local airport authorities.

Farquharson, president of AMS AIRPORT Management Services, said he has put in a bid to lease the airport with an option to buy after 20 years for \$10 million, money he hopes to raise by developing commercial land at the airport.

He said he would offer \$100,000 a year for the lease to the airport and \$50,000 cash for the option of buying it for \$10 million at the expiry of a 20-year lease.

"We will have to find out how serious an offer it is and there will be discussions," transport official Austin Douglas said Wednesday from Ottawa.

Farquharson, who moved to Victoria last September, said Wednesday he worked for six years at Pearson International in Toronto, Canada's busiest airport, in jobs that included administrative assistant to the manager of airport operations.

He said he also headed a project to introduce new security systems to the airport following the crash of an Air-India passenger plane.

"We're prepared to take over by September," he said in a telephone interview.

Victoria airport handles about 350,000 passengers a year, based on Statistics Canada figures for 1984, giving it a rank of 17th among Canadian airports.

Farquharson said Victoria International may be small, but it is a "high-quality" airport with a refurbished terminal and runways capable of handling wide-body jetliners.

He said vacant land at the airport could be used for "a good, quality hotel," shopping facilities, a restaurant-nightclub and tourist attractions on the land.

## Nuclear subs going north?

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Canadian Forces' proposed new fleet of nuclear submarines might not be based at Esquimalt on Vancouver Island but further north, say Associate Defence Minister Paul Dick said.

Dick made the comment during a news conference held to discuss how the federal government's defence white paper would affect the West Coast.

But Dick, who is on a nine-day cross-Canada swing to explain the white paper, offered little encouragement to B.C. business and political leaders for the prospect of additional work for depressed shipyards and new construction to house an expanded military presence.

"I can't predict," he said. "I didn't bring my crystal ball today."

He was also vague about the magnitude of Armed Forces growth in the region.

Dick said West Coast yards would be invited to tender for any shipbuilding contracts but the expanded frigate program would go to Central Canadian and East Coast yards.

Canada plans to buy 10 to 12 nuclear submarines but that work is likely destined for the East, he said.

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