

RETAIL

Second Saskatoon Costco in the works?

Rosewood area might be location

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There are conflicting reports about whether retail giant Costco Wholesale is in talks to open a second location in Saskatoon.

Rumours of a second location have circulated in recent years, with the latest one centred on the retail zone of the new Rosewood neighbour-

hood in southeast Saskatoon.

Arbutus Properties is developing the 90-acre Meadows Market, a retail zone at the corner of Highway 16 and Zimmerman Road.

On Monday, Arbutus Properties sales manager Milton Castelino said in an interview the company is in talks with Costco, along with many other retailers, about opening locations at Meadows Market.

"Costco is just one of the people we're negotiating with," Castelino said.

Later Monday, company CEO Jeff Drexel said Arbutus is not in talks with Costco about opening a second location.

He said many companies have been approached about the retail development, but this is standard practice for such a project and there are no negotiations underway with Costco.

The only Costco site in Saskatoon is at 115 Marquis Dr. off Thatcher Avenue in the Marquis Industrial Area.

Earlier in June, city council approved a development plan for Meadows Market that could house 40 to 50 businesses.

The Meadows is a development in Rosewood that, when completed, will add another 2,800 single-family homes, bungalows and townhouses to the neighbourhood.



Costco may have a second location coming to Saskatoon in the Rosewood neighbourhood. GREG PENDER/The StarPhoenix

CANADA DAY



There was a long lineup for free Canada Day cake at Diefenbaker Park, Tuesday. Thousands attended the Canada celebrations in Saskatoon. PHOTOS: GORD WALDNER/The StarPhoenix

New Canadians embrace special day

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In a sea of red-and-white-clad families, 12-year-old Alice Deng stands out in her turquoise and gold outfit.

The bashful girl, who moved to Saskatoon from China less than a year ago, attended her first Canada Day at Diefenbaker Park Tuesday, where people flocked to take in free concerts, watch fireworks and show off Canadiana apparel that ranged from Canada flag capes to red and white face paint and maple leaf hats.

While younger children ricocheted off bouncy castle walls and pummelled each other with inflatable swords, Deng joined some of her new friends for a performance on the park's multicultural stage and took an opportunity to learn about the new country and culture she's found herself in.

"In Canada here the education is good and the people are friendly," said Deng, choosing words carefully in the language she's been speaking for only seven months.

While she said the "extremely cold" winters of Saskatoon will take some getting used to, she was adamant that she will "of



A family pet, left, gets into the Canada Day spirit — while Leo Johnson, right, gets some help with his corn dog.



course" become a Canadian citizen now that her family is here.

Many at Diefenbaker Park, like Deng, are not yet Canadian citizens, but say they are still thrilled to celebrate the birth of the nation they now call home.

"I love this country, I feel it is a friendly, multi-cultural country," said Julie Sum, 45, who came to Canada from China almost 10 years ago after reading about how beautiful the country was. "In my heart, I'm a Canadian citizen already."

Steps away from where Sum was helping fellow

dancers prepare for an upcoming performance, Rozalia Kasledor, a Romanian Canadian who came to Canada in 1997, was selling elephant ears and ethnic foods to crowds of hungry people.

"To me, celebrating Canada Day is celebrating my new home, celebrating a home where I was able to obtain things that my own country wasn't able to offer," Kasledor said, pointing to the education she received in Canada as one of the most significant opportunities she was offered.

Diefenbaker Park's day-

long celebrations were not the only events taking place across the city on Canada Day. Across town on Boychuk Drive, about 100 Ahmadiyya Muslims gathered to raise the Canadian flag, sing the national anthem and celebrate the holiday together.

"I'm really excited to celebrate, I came here at 9:30 and I made all this stuff here," said Rashid Ahmed on Tuesday afternoon, gesturing excitedly to the red-and-white banners, balloons and flags surrounding the outside of his mosque.

The 24-year-old, who came

from Pakistan in 2012, was visibly thrilled to be celebrating Canada Day.

"I love this country, I'm proud to be Canadian," he said.

Taukeer Ashraf, who helped organize the celebration, said many of those gathered were immigrants.

"I think a lot of people don't realize how much immigrants love the country that they come to," he said.

"My fellow members who have immigrated here love this country to a degree that I can't even imagine."

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HOMICIDE

Murder charge a shock to stepfamily

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Anthony Quattrocchi is no stranger to death. His mother shot herself when he was a child. His father, Anthony Quattrocchi Sr., died of cancer five years ago. Quattrocchi himself had recently been diagnosed with the same deadly disease.

Now, the 30-year-old father of two is accused of murder.

On Friday, Saskatoon police charged Quattrocchi with second-degree murder and offering an indignity to human remains after a body was found at a home in Hudson Bay Park. The name of the victim has not been released.



Tamra Frazer, Quattrocchi's stepmother who raised Quattrocchi after his mother died, said despite his hardships, the news that he is accused of murder comes as a shock to her family.

"It was nothing we expected. He didn't ever seem to be a violent person," Frazer said.

"He went through more in his 30 years than someone should in a lifetime."

Frazer said her family is still in the dark about what happened. She doesn't know the name of the person Quattrocchi is accused of killing.

Frazer called Quattrocchi a "gentle person" who cared deeply for other people.

"He would cry at the drop of a hat. Everything made him cry," Frazer said.

The body of a man was discovered at a bungalow in the 1000 block of Avenue K North on Thursday evening.

Ryan Masse, Quattrocchi's stepbrother, says Quattrocchi was friends with the man who lived in the house on Avenue K. Masse said Quattrocchi used to live there with his two young children.

Police would not say if the man who lived in the house was the victim in the homicide.

Quattrocchi recently returned from Lloydminster where he stayed with Masse and his girlfriend for two months.

During that time Masse said Quattrocchi seemed fine.

"I'm kind of blown away by it all. It's really confusing," Masse said.

"He's the last guy in the world that you would ever think would be violent."

Quattrocchi is scheduled to appear in court this morning.

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CRIME

P.A. victim acquainted with accused attacker, police say

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The man charged in a brutal attack on a homeless Prince Albert woman was a casual acquaintance of the victim, Prince Albert police say.

Leslie Ivan Roderick

Black, 29, is scheduled to appear in provincial court today charged with attempted murder and aggravated sexual assault in the June 1 attack on the 47-year-old woman.

The victim received "extensive facial injuries," police say, and was burnt so

badly, doctors amputated both of her legs.

She is recovering in Edmonton's University of Alberta Hospital. Edmonton police interviewed her on June 21.

The investigation led P.A. police to focus on Black, said

spokesperson Sgt. Brandon Mudry.

The victim had been with other individuals prior to the assault, but was then left alone with a man, Mudry said.

A person collecting bottles discovered the victim

early on June 1 and called for help.

Police are not searching for any other suspects.

Black, a Prince Albert resident, was arrested without incident around 8 p.m. Saturday in the 1200 block of Central Avenue.