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SickKids gets new research building

QMI AGENCY — Ground will be broken Tuesday for a \$400-million research facility at the Toronto Hospital For Sick Children.

A 21-storey building at Bay and Elm Sts. will bring together about 2,000 researchers and staff, who now work in six nearby facilities, Dr. Janet Rossant, chief of research for the hospital's research institute, told QMI Agency.

"You need people to be in a state-of-the-art building and be able to contact each other," she said. "It's so important for the creative process."

The federal government's Canadian Foundation for Innovation is providing \$91 million; the rest will come from the hospital and The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, which is launching a fund-raising drive, she said. Rossant said 17 storeys will be devoted to research, with lower levels having lecture theatres and education rooms.

The fight against graffiti

QMI AGENCY — Workers were in the Beaches on Monday removing graffiti from the city's Ashbridge's Bay skateboard park, which is less than a year old.

City councillor Sandra Bussin is hoping her push to re-examine how the city deals with graffiti will wash away a lot more of the urban blight.

As QMI Agency revealed Sunday, Bussin wants her fellow councillors to review Toronto's campaign against graffiti, including a report on the London, Ont., ban that prohibits retailers from selling markers and spray paint to people under 18.

Bussin said she has had positive response from residents and businesses about her fight to ban the can.

But a graffiti removal expert says banning the sale of spray paint doesn't work.

"You can't stop the kids from doing it," said Brent Bowman, Toronto franchise owner of Goodbye Graffiti. "It's an un-



PHOTO: QMI AGENCY
Goodbye Graffiti technician Ramrah Singh uses pressurized water and cleaning solution to remove graffiti at the skateboard park at Coxwell and Lakeshore.

fortunate cost of owning property now."

It was the second time Bowman has had crews cleaning the Ashbridge's skateboard park — they had to clean it once before it even officially opened.

"Staying on top of (graffiti), it does slow it down," he said. Orest Katolyk, manger of

bylaw enforcement in London, said the city's ban on selling spray paint and broad-tipped markers to minors is working.

But Katolyk said the bylaw is only one part of the city's attempt to control graffiti, adding there is a focus on education, enforcement and eradication.

Family of murdered inmate files lawsuit

QMI AGENCY — The family of a Toronto man who was killed in the Don Jail has filed a \$170,000 lawsuit against police and the prison alleging his death was caused by neglect.

Jeff Munro, 32, who was mentally ill, was found beaten to death in his cell Nov. 7, 2009.

Three inmates were charged and are before the courts.

Munro's mom, Christine, and sisters Brittany, 23, and Melanie, 30, said Monday they had filed a statement of claim against officials of the Don Jail, a Toronto Police arresting officer, the Chief and Services Board. The accused were also named.

"We are not doing this for the money," Christine said. "We are not getting any information and we want to know what happened to Jeff."

She said a wall of secrecy has gone up around the incident.



PHOTO: QMI AGENCY
Christine Munro, holds a photo of her son, Jeff, who was beaten to death in his cell at the Don Jail.

The family alleges Munro's well-being was neglected by police and jailers.

She said her son was mentally ill and addicted to drugs. She said he had been in and out of treatment centres and this was his first time at the Don.

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