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## **Burnaby building ban upset; [5\* Edition]**

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### **Abstract (Summary)**

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The B.C. Supreme Court has struck down a Burnaby council decision which froze further development of the Metrotown area until February of 1989.

Cal Investments Ltd. of West Vancouver now is looking forward to seeking approval for an \$80-million expansion of its Metrotown Centre shopping mall.

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Justice J.E. Spencer said in his reasons for judgment that the Jan. 26 council resolution was "never lawfully before council" so it had to be quashed.

Jim Briggs, vice-president of finance for Cal Investments, said today he was pleased by the decision and hopes to discuss the matter with Burnaby officials as soon as possible so his company can proceed with its development. The expansion would see The Bay and 100 smaller retail outlets link up with an existing mall which features Sears and Woodward's.

"I think we have to sit down with the planners and the mayor and council and try and work something out that makes sense to everybody," Briggs said.

Burnaby Mayor Bill Lewarne would not comment on the court decision.

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