

Mini had major impact

The Editor,

Sometimes tragedy teaches us that life is more about the journey than the destination. It was an honour to be the recipients of the Jimmy Ng Memorial Mini which the Richmond RCMP has been using to educate our youth about the dangers of street racing. This vehicle was originally donated to the RCMP by Mini Richmond in memory of Constable Jimmy Ng.

Constable Ng was tragically killed in the line of duty on Sept. 15, 2002 while responding to a call when his marked police cruiser was hit by youths who were street racing. Constable Ng grew up in Richmond, graduated from Matthew McNair High School, and joined the RCMP in 1996. He was a member of the Richmond RCMP, and an active local volunteer. He was also a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit No. 7, based in Steveston.

With affectionate memory of Jimmy Ng, the RCMP used this vehicle to build awareness around the issues of street racing. The result of their campaign has been staggering. Street racing in Richmond is virtually non-existent since the campaign began in 2003.

When the RCMP took possession of their new vehicle, earlier this year, they wanted to ensure the continued support to the community Jimmy Ng cared about so much. They recommended, and Richmond Mini agreed, that the Mini pass into the hands of Touchstone Family Association to continue to benefit all families in Richmond.

The car returns to its roots. Congratulations to Bob Starkey of Steveston who is the proud winner of the Jimmy Ng Memorial Mini. Many, many thanks to the people of Richmond who demonstrated their support for Touchstone as well as their love of a great opportunity, by buying tickets that enabled us to raise over \$35,000. The money will be used to provide open-access counselling through Touchstone's Front Porch program to any family, or family member who asks.

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