



PNE HONOURS FAST ACTING HEROES

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Vancouver, BC – Today, the PNE joined **BC Emergency Medical Services** in honouring three PNE team members and a good Samaritan who jumped into action to save the life of a male suffering a cardiac arrest following an adult drop-in hockey game held at the PNE Agrodome on February 21st.

It was after the game concluded that 52-year-old **Jayson Leung** began to feel unwell and went into cardiac arrest.

Following a radio call for help, PNE Stores Manager **Mike Nasr** ran to the venue where another hockey player, **Michelle Preston**, was performing CPR on an unconscious and unresponsive Leung. PNE Operational Health and Safety Office **Mark Knowles** arrived with one of the PNE's on site Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). Mike administered the AED, restoring Jayson's pulse. During this time PNE Security Officer **Harj Sandhu** stayed on with 9-1-1 operators, directing paramedics into the scene. Together, Michelle, Mike, Mark and Harj saved Jayson's life!

The story doesn't stop there. For PNE staff member Mike Nasr, this was not the first time he had helped in the care of someone's life. Two years prior, on February 16th, 2022, Mike helped save the life of Jayson's father, **Harry Louie**, who was also playing hockey at the same drop in league in the Agrodome.

Harry began to experience chest pains and Mike was able to respond by providing him an aspirin and monitoring his condition until the arrival of paramedics.

In addition to Mike's Vital Link Award, today BC Emergency Health Services honoured him with their BCEHS Good Samaritan Award for his actions in 2022.

To honour the life-saving efforts of all involved, the PNE has purchased its 15th AED which will be housed in the PNE security patrol vehicle for rapid deployment.

“For more than two decades the PNE has owned AED’s and prioritized the first aide training of its team members,” says PNE President CEO Shelley Frost. “We are so proud of everyone involved, and we are so happy that both Jayson and Harry are safe and well thanks to the quick thinking and actions of this group of heroes – and on behalf of the everyone at the PNE want to congratulate Mike, Mark, Harj and Michelle on their Vital Link honour.”

For more information about the PNE visit: www.PNE.ca

Owned by the City of Vancouver, the PNE is a healthy and vibrant non-profit organization dedicated to delivering over 3 million visitors a year with memorable experiences through access to first-class cultural, music, sporting and family entertainment events, as well as access to public space for passive recreation. Founded in 1910, the PNE’s home is Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization manages four activity streams: the annual PNE Fair, Playland Amusement Park, Park Care and Facility Maintenance and an expansive portfolio of year-round events. All revenues generated are invested back into park space, community programs and non- revenue generating educational and entertainment experiences.

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