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**BMO VP GETS MOHAWK HAIRCUT FOR VICTORIA HOSPICE**

**Victoria, B. C.** – Today, Mike Suzuki, BMO Vice-President for Vancouver Island, sat in the bank’s main branch lobby while co-workers gave him a new mohawk hairstyle, all in an effort to raise donations for the BMO Swimathon for Victoria Hospice.

“Although this is not my usual hairstyle, I will proudly wear a mohawk to show my support for this inspiring event,” said Suzuki. “All I ask is that my fellow BMO employees and customers see what they can do to raise more donations and take me to the next step – blue dye.”

To date, Suzuki has raised more than \$7500.00 towards his personal goal of \$15,000. He hopes his plan to have his hair cut in public will put him over his target.

“We still have two days to go before the 2009 Swimathon for Victoria Hospice actually takes place,” said Suzuki. “I promise to have my new hairstyle dyed blue if I reach the \$15,000 mark.” Donors who make a pledge of \$250.00 or more will receive a framed photo of the “new” Mike.

Potential donors are encouraged to make a pledge at any BMO branch today and tomorrow. You can also go online to [www.victoriahospicefoundation.ca](http://www.victoriahospicefoundation.ca) to donate to Swimathon.

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual BMO Swimathon for Victoria Hospice takes place Sat., May 9 at the Saanich Commonwealth Pool. A parade of swimmers, dressed up to represent their Swimathon team themes, is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. The swim will follow in two time periods: 1:10 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A total of more than 300 swimmers on 38 teams will take part in this year’s swim. Two of these teams have elected to become “virtual” swimmers, by participating only in the fundraising segment.

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