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## SHOCKING HIGHWAY 1 CRASH

# Mom thankful to be alive after massive beam impales window

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A Squamish mom had a lot to be thankful for this weekend after she narrowly avoided being killed by a massive metal pole that flew off a truck and crashed through her car windshield on a North Vancouver bridge, Friday.

Susan Milne was about a quarter of the way across the Ironworkers Memorial Second Narrows Crossing Friday afternoon, heading to an appointment with her four-year-old son, when the steel beam came flying at her, seemingly out of nowhere.

"I heard a loud crashing noise. And then in my peripheral vision, I saw a large . . . steel beam coming in my direction," said Milne. "Everything happened so fast."

She blinked at the moment of impact. When she opened her eyes again, "glass was everywhere," she

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**ON BOARD** Conlan Killeen gets some air at the newly opened skate plaza at the west side of Mahon Park, replacing the former skate park that was demolished to make way for the new Harry Jerome rec centre. See story page 39. PAUL MCGRATH/NSN

# North Van district debate focuses on affordability, transit

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A show of hands at the start of an all-candidates meeting in the District of North Vancouver Oct. 4 revealed that most of the audience hadn't yet decided on whom to vote for.

Many undecided voters in the audience at Mount Seymour United Church may have left the evening debate still undecided, as much of the discussion relayed

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prevailing consensus on topics including transportation, housing and general affordability.

In general, most agreed that improving transportation is a priority, housing stock should better meet the needs of a broader spectrum of residents, and many aspects of living in the district are more expensive than they ought

to be. Opinions on how to reach these goals differed more or less broadly depending on the topic.

The candidates were seated in random order. First, each of the candidates – 13 for council, followed by two for mayor – were given two minutes to outline their credentials that qualify them for the post they're seeking. Then, each of the candidates were asked to answer a series of set questions in the same order, with one

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