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Day in traffic court  
 Sixteen people disputed their traffic tickets and alleged police infractions in Richmond's first municipal traffic court Tuesday. Eight disputes were rejected.

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**Thomas Fung**  
 Chairman and CEO of the Fairchild Group, which owns and operates Aberdeen Centre, television and radio stations

- Age: 56
- Birthplace: Hong Kong
- Canadian since: 1967

In 1967, Thomas Fung's parents decided to immigrate to Canada because they saw the country as the land of opportunity. Fung remembers well his first impression of his adopted country. "The scenery was just like out of the movies," Fung says. "It was so picturesque. "I still remember arriving at the airport and being greeted by people welcoming us with big banners ... as a newcomer it was a really good feeling."

Fung loves Canada, believing it to be one of the few countries in the world to truly embrace different cultures. "It is such a peaceful country and the environment is so clean," says Fung, who loves to ski, fish and play tennis whenever he gets the chance. "Canada offers a healthier lifestyle than China. "Canada provides opportunities for people to enjoy life, peace of mind and one of the best natural environments in the world."

While many of us complain of rain, Fung also appreciates the fact that Canada's weather generally lacks hurricanes and heavy storms. "I find it quite mild and I really like the four seasons," Fung adds. He also says Canada has some of the best Chinese food outside of Asia. He plans to honour Canada's birthday with his family and take time to reflect and be thankful.

