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## Housing market still pushing hard

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**Single Family Homes Benchmark Price Increases: West Shore**  
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Langford up 10.1%  
Colwood up 12.3%  
Sooke up 6.5%

Using MLS data from the Victoria Real Estate Board

Home sales in Greater Victoria were robust in July, which is usually a month where things slow down a bit for summer vacations: 972 properties sold in the Victoria Real Estate Board region, an increase of 22% compared to 796 properties sold in July 2015.

It was a record-breaking month. The last time July was this busy was in post-crash 2009 when 933 properties sold. Inventory levels are quite low, with 2,161 active listings at the end of July 2016, 45% fewer than in July last year. *continued on page 4 .../*

## Sooke Chamber cuts ties with District

by Mary P Brooke, WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

Formal ties are now severed between the Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce and the District of Sooke. In the past few years, there has been an increasing level of frustration that the grand goal of overall economic development for the Sooke Region could not be met by the Chamber given budgets and relying on a volunteer-base. That was the main reason cited by Sooke Region Chamber president Kerry Cavers in a statement today August 5.

The Chamber will instead focus on its stated four core purposes for its own membership: support to local business, fostering positive business relationships in the community, influencing public policy regarding free enterprise, and facilitating new economic development opportunities.

An agreement with the District for which about \$28,150 was paid to the Chamber each year since 2013, was based on actively promoting economic development for the full Sooke region. The Chamber considers that to be a woefully underfunded expectation, and appeared to be in conflict with how to serve its own paying members along with the broader economic community.

Sooke Mayor Maja Tait -- who chaired Sooke's economic development committee in 2011-2012 and the Promote Sooke Task Force in 2013-2014, admits the Chamber is in some ways in conflict with its own membership to have taken on the economic development torch for the District. She told *West Shore Voice* today that perhaps it's time for the District to hire a municipal Economic Development Officer to address some of larger issues such as attracting more businesses to the town core, promoting 'green' telecommuting, and bolstering home-based business as a mainstream economic model in a small town.

The Chamber will no longer organize the Sooke Santa Parade or the Salmon Festival that was gearing up for 2017. Mayor Tait says an honorarium might be paid to other groups to organize these events.

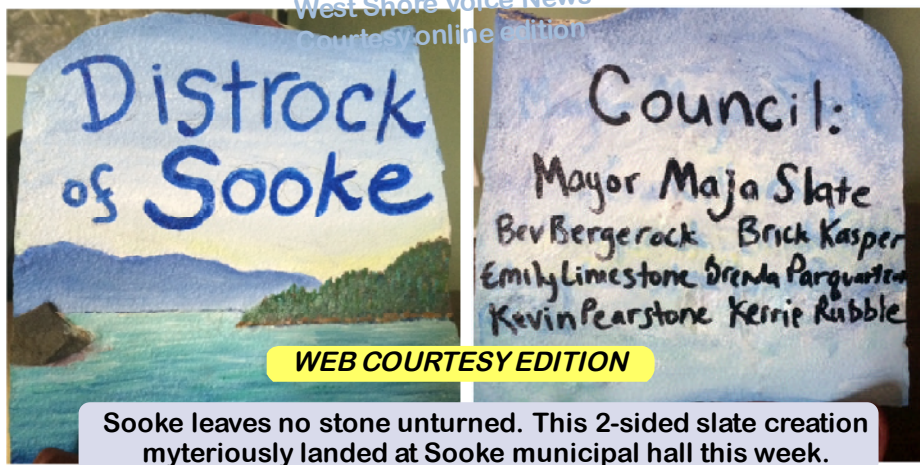
In recent years, the Chamber developed the Town Centre Design Guidelines (adopted by the District of Sooke in 2014), the Newcomer's Club and a Resident Relocation Package. Chamber release: [www.westshorevoicenews.com](http://www.westshorevoicenews.com) WSV



## PAINTED ROCKS on main street

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There's a bit of a debate in Sooke this summer over with whether or not it's okay to paint on the loose rocks in the town centre boulevard areas.



Sooke leaves no stone unturned. This 2-sided slate creation mysteriously landed at Sooke municipal hall this week.

"Despite recent rumours swirling about town, the District of Sooke has no aversion to painted rocks," says the municipality's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Teresa Sullivan. "Being a long-time friend of painted rocks, the District's main entrance has had a painted rock propping the door open since incorporation in 1999," she adds, a bit tongue-in-cheek.

Staff acknowledges they were looking for ways to perk up local interest in participating in a grassroots 'art on the go' initiative. Joining in the fun are local businesses – A&W, TD Bank, RBC Bank and Village Foods.

"To the amusement of staff, someone with a terrific sense of humour dropped by the District office and left a painted rock for Mayor and Council," says Sullivan. The 'Distrock' image on one side is supplemented by a renaming of Councillors on the flipside: 'Mayor Maja Slate, Bev Bergerock, Brick Kasper, Emily Limestone, Brenda Parquart, Kevin Pearstone, and Kerrie Rubble'.

"This is a unique touch of whimsy. We encourage both residents and visitors alike to get creative and paint a stone," says said Mayor Tait. "This is what makes Sooke such a special place to call home."

"I love the look of the rocks in the centre of town and I am in favour of residents placing them there. It looks beautiful and as we are all aware 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder'. I was thinking of painting one myself," says Councillor Brenda Parkinson.

In 2014 the District of Sooke approved an official set of design guidelines in an effort to upgrade the stylize the appearance of town centre, which focussed mostly on building design within a west coast theme.

"Yes, the District has Town Centre Design Guidelines in place, not that they have been given a second thought in most cases. There is no section in the Guidelines on hand painted rocks being placed around town," says Parkinson, who has for many years been active on the Sooke Program of the Arts Committee (previously the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Arts & Beautification).

The painted rocks are very likely in response to the bland appearance of the oval-shaped yellow/beige-coloured concrete-production-residual rocks that were placed in the boulevard areas in the new Sooke town centre roundabout (Sooke Road / Hwy 14). Bigger than pebbles or crushed rock, the small smoothed-edge rocks in the boulevards are about 3 to 5 inches in diameter and/or length. It has yet to be seen whether weeding or use of herbicides will be needed to curtail any in-growth. WSV



In June the boulevard areas around the traffic roundabout in Sooke town centre were filled with bland-coloured small rocks.

## Live art fun day in the park: Sat Aug 13

This year **Art in the Park** is a one-day bash! Previously a shorter-day full weekend event, this year's **Art in the Park** takes advantage of daylight to 8pm, and saves on tent rental & overnight security.

Art in the Park is coming up next weekend, for one full fun day on Saturday, August 13 (10am to 8pm, Ed Macgregor Park, 6765 West Coast Road, Sooke). There'll be art and collectibles for sale, food on site, live music and entertainment, a magician on stage and a clown too! A balloon-master will wander about to charm the kids! A live paint-in is open to all.

The free-admission event is ... continued on page 3 /

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**Many heroes head to Rio**

● **One hundred and forty-two Canadian athletes** are in Rio, Brazil now for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. Of those, 45% have a BC-connection – home town or have trained here. On top of the many years of training and sacrifice to achieve the high performance levels they will demonstrate in the next few weeks (August 5 to 21), this time around there is an added level of risk.

Shining for their country in and on the water, on the track and in the stadium this year comes with the added risk of exposure to contaminated water areas and local mosquitos that carry the Zika virus. And there will be exposure to the chemicals in venues that have been 'heavily treated' with insecticides.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has worked hard to try and smooth over these fears. But the dangers are real for the 10,500 athletes and team members from around the world who are participating in the games. Illness from contaminated water could quash a performance and even leave an athlete ill for a while. Catching the Zika virus could have life-changing consequences for the athletes and coaches, partners and families. Zika infection is not something for which there is a vaccine, and there is presently no cure. In June the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that Zika can be sexually transmitted; locally-generated cases of Zika infection were revealed in Florida this past week. In pregnancy, Zika is passed onto the fetus; in all known cases the baby is born with microencephaly or develops neurological disorders later on.

Commitment to the Olympic Games under these conditions demonstrates heroism. That the games are hosted in a developing country (sought by Rio as a way to boost their economy) is a risk being borne by athletes, their families and

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**BC grants get absorbed into operations**

● **Grants supporting safety and services** benefit local governments were announced August 4 by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. Local governments throughout BC are sharing almost \$108 million in provincial funding to support policing and safety measures, as well as community services and projects, said Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Peter Fassbender in a BC news release.

Provided from Small Community Grant, Regional District Grant and Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grant programs, the annual unconditional funding allows local governments in BC to meet local needs in various ways, including more policing, restorative justice, increased community safety initiatives, infrastructure, administrative support and service delivery priorities.

Since 2009, funding from these three grant programs has provided over \$922 million to help support services that benefit BC residents, businesses and communities. "Local governments can direct the funding from the Small Community and Regional District Grants according to their community needs and priorities. These grants help provide local services, programs and infrastructure in smaller and rural communities in every region of BC," says Fassbender.

Here on the west side of Vancouver Island, over \$3 million was received into seven municipal budgets, comprising about 2.8% of the total \$108 million distributed throughout BC:

Municipality	Small Community & Regional District Grants	Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grants	Total Combined
Colwood	\$232,881	\$155,795	\$388,676
Esquimalt	\$241,873	\$353,437	\$595,310
Highlands	\$364,649	–	\$364,649
Langford	–	\$297,395	\$297,395
Metchosin	\$515,347	–	\$515,347
Sooke	\$341,965	\$ 85,240	\$427,205
View Royal	\$371,110	\$ 62,925	\$434,035
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,022,617</b>

**BC GRANTS RECEIVED by Municipalities for 2016**

West Side focus by West Shore Voice News

Small Community Grants aid communities with populations under 20,000. Communities with populations of 5,000 or greater pay for policing services and are therefore qualified to receive a Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grant.

**Colwood:** The funds will go toward community, sport, recreation and culture programs and services as provided by West Shore Parks and Recreation. The amounts are just slightly more than what the City had budgeted.

**Esquimalt:** The Traffic Fine Revenue Grant is used to offset the cost of their policing agreement and the Small Community Grant is used toward basic municipal services.

**Langford:** The funds will go toward policing.

**Metchosin:** The grant will go into General Revenue and help reduce resident's taxes. The 2016 Property Tax Notice said: "Last year without Provincial Government Local Government Grants your General Municipal Taxes would have been increased to provide similar levels of service."

**Sooke:** For 2016, the total received fell about \$12,800 short of the District's \$440,000 budget estimate (combined estimate of \$350,000 for the Small Communities grant and \$90,000 for Traffic Fine Revenue). Revenues help offset the District's operating costs, including protective services. **WSV**

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**District of Sooke Meeting Schedule**

**AUGUST 2016**

In Council Chambers,  
2225 Otter Point Rd, Sooke

■ **Sooke Program of the Arts (SPA) Committee**  
Wednesday, August 31 at 9:30 am

This schedule is subject to change.  
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nations from mostly first-world countries where unnecessary or treacherous health risks are, for the most part, not an issue. Aside from soldiers serving in wars abroad and first-responders in the line of fire, if there was ever a statement of voluntary pro-national sacrifice in recent years, this is it. ■ **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

**BC at the Olympics** [olympic.ca](http://olympic.ca)

**142 Olympians are BC-connected**

● **Of the 314 athletes on the Canadian Olympic team** at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games (August 5 to 21 in Rio, Brazil) 142 or 45% of Team Canada have a BC connection -- 68 as home-town and 128 who've trained or received support from the Canadian Sport Institute (CSI) Pacific or PacificSport centres. They will participate in 18 sports including rugby, rowing and swimming.

The BC contingent in Brazil will also include 23 coaches, 12 CSI Pacific sport scientists and 11 medical practitioners with a BC-connection.

Since 2001, the BC government has invested over \$1 billion in sport including provincial organizations that provide training and development for athletes and coaches on the high-performance pathway from provincial to national development programs and national teams.

On the Olympic Team are 37 alumni of the BC Games and/or Team BC alumni (24 BC Games alumni, 13 Team BC alumni; 10 competed at both). In 2012, Canadian athletes won 18 medals at the London Olympic Games: 1 gold, 5 silver, 12 bronze -- half came from athletes with a connection to BC.

The Rugby Sevens women's team has

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trained in Langford. "It will be great to see our athletes who have trained so hard over the last four years to be compete for our country in Rio," says Langford Mayor Stew Young. "Many of us will be at the Fan Zone at Bear Mountain throughout the Olympics, following and supporting our athletes." **WSV**

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**Be 'car care aware' for your summer road trip**

● **If your summer vacation plans include a road trip**, the last thing you want is to have unexpected car trouble to leave you stranded at the side of the road, ruining all the fun.

A pre-trip vehicle check is the best way to be car-care-aware and ensure that your car is ready to get you to your destination, says the Great Canadian Oil Change.

Chris and Tim at Great Canadian Oil Change in Langford recommend the following **pre-trip checklist before hitting the road this summer:**

- Check **filters and fluids**, including engine oil, power steering and brake and transmission, as well as windshield washer fluid and antifreeze/coolant. Dirty air filters can waste gas and cause the engine to lose power.
- Check the **hoses and belts** that can become cracked, brittle, frayed, loose or show signs of excessive wear. These are critical to the proper functioning of the electrical system, air conditioning, power steering and the cooling system.
- Check the **brake system** and make sure the **battery connection** is clean, tight and corrosion-free.
- Check the **tires**, including tire pressure and tread. Underinflated tires reduce a vehicle's fuel economy and uneven wear indicates a need for wheel alignment. Tires should also be checked for bulges and bald spots.
- Check that the **gas cap** is not damaged, loose or missing to prevent gas from spilling or evaporating. **WSV**

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## Sooke Fine Arts Show: same turnout, more revenue

The usual annual draw of about 8,000 visitors was achieved by the 30th Sooke Fine Arts Show July 22 to August 1. But the difference this year was the energy in the arena-turned-gallery. It was upbeat, fun and relaxed. Much of that is attributed to the selected art works by this year's judges which included a mix of paintings, metal sculpture, fabric art, clay, mosaics, jewelry, a few photos, and even a designer lounge chair.

"Art sales were good; we are still waiting on a decision by a buyer that may put us into a record year for gallery sales, but currently we stand at just over \$117,000, which would be our second-best year as a Society," said Executive Director Catherine Keogan, a few days after the show closed. "That makes for a lot of happy artists."

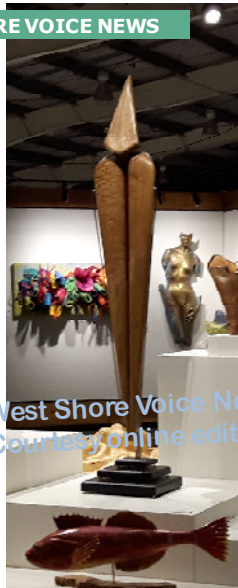
Including gift shop sales at a high level of \$56,000, it was the show's best year for revenues. "We attribute this to a variety of factors, both internal and external," says Keogan. There were increased promotions for the 30th anniversary, a welcoming new layout for the gift shop, calls to artists ahead of time to encourage them to prepare work for the gift shop. "And the lively real estate market, which meant there are many new homes needing art for their walls!"

Of the 375 art pieces on display, 124 of the items sold. "Sales weren't as strong this year at the Purchaser's Preview (July 21), but sales during the full show have made up for it," said long-time gallery operator Marion DesRochers before the BC Day long weekend.

Financial savings were found. The Sooke Fine Arts Society saved on postage costs this year (tickets were not mailed, given the possibility of a postal strike), and the LED light conversion done last year resulted in no bulb replacements this year (and possibly hopefully for several years to come). "Otherwise our expenses were already trimmed quite lean," says Keogan. Meanwhile, the Society did invest in an electrical upgrade at the SEAPARC arena that will save money in the long run.

Total volunteer numbers are still being tallied, but look to be around the usual 300, from young teens to elderly seniors. "We were very lucky to have two summer students working with us this year, thanks to a Canada Summer Jobs grant that allowed us to hire EMCS graduate and artist Bryn Martin, as well as Alexa Andolong, a Victoria College of Art graduate who will be pursuing museum studies at UVic," says Keogan.

There were 24 professional live music performances, over 20 children & youth performances, and 54 live artist demos/talks over the course of the show. More than 400 seniors attended the teas, and about as many kids attended the show, with at least 100 on Art4Kids day.



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## Art in the Park is on Sat Aug 13 ... continued from page 1

being organized again this year by the Sooke Community Arts Council, as their annual summer outdoor festival. It's a celebration of arts and crafts, literary and performance arts. Live action includes Tai Chi (10:30 am), Sooke Dance Studio (11:10 am), Donald Dunphy Magician (12 noon), Blue Tattoo Blues Band (12:45 pm), Tickles & Yowsa Clown Show (1:45 pm), Sooke Harbour Players (2:45 pm), Nick Schols Ventriloquist (3:45 pm), Phoenix Belly Dancer (4:45 pm), Rock Legacy Band (5:20 pm), The Silvers Band (6 pm), and Curl Band (7 pm).

The Live Paint-in activity happens at 1pm and 3 pm. To take part, register from 12 to 12:30 pm at the Sooke Community Art Council's Pavilion Tent.

There is some parking available in the area near Ed Macgregor Park. Or park your vehicle at SEAPARC Leisure Complex (2168 Phillips Rd) and take the shuttle bus, running every 30 minutes on the half-hour throughout event time.

Sponsorship support by the District of Sooke, the BC Arts Council, and the Government of BC. More info on [www.sookecommunityarts.com](http://www.sookecommunityarts.com) and on Facebook at Sooke Art in the Park.

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<b>11:10</b>	<b>Sooke Dance Studio</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Donald Dunphy Magician</b>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>Blue Tattoo Blues Band</b>
<b>1:45</b>	<b>Tickles and Yowsa - Clown Show</b>
<b>2:45</b>	<b>Sooke Harbour Players</b>
<b>3:45</b>	<b>Nick Schols - Ventriloquist</b>
<b>4:45</b>	<b>Phoenix Belly Dancers</b>
<b>5:20</b>	<b>Rock Legacy Band</b>
<b>6:00</b>	<b>The Silvers Band</b>
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## Heading to Rio: Zika and more



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Some health-risk concerns about athletes attending the games in Rio have been debated for several months. That includes the level of sewage and debris contamination in the waters in or upon which some of the games will be held. Swimmers have been asked to hold their head out of the water when they're competing; that may not be too practical for attempting a swim-to-win performance.

As well, there are concerns about exposure to the mosquito-borne Zika virus that causes brain malformation in fetuses. Of Canada's 314 Olympic athletes, over half (57%) are women.

There is no vaccine or treatment for Zika. People with Zika virus disease can have symptoms including mild fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, malaise or headache. These symptoms normally last for 2 to 7 days.

Athletes heading to Rio will be given mosquito repellent and many of the official uniforms cover up as much of the body as possible without restricting athletic movement.

Zika was declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on February 1 of this year. In June 2016 WHO confirmed that Zika can be sexually transmitted, saying men should wear condoms during sexual relations for up to 2 months after possible exposure to the Zika virus.

Transmission of the virus to mosquitoes in North American seems to have begun. This week it was announced that 'home-grown' Zika infections have occurred in one identified area of suburban Miami, Florida. Insecticide has been sprayed over that region by airplanes in recent days.

A doctor at UBC - Dr Babak Shadgan, who is overseeing the health of 300 athletes at the Rio Olympic Games - has a warning about the risks of the Zika virus to Canadian athletes and visitors in Brazil. "It's the first time that we're actually holding a Games during pandemic conditions," Shadgan told media this week.

The risk of getting the virus is lower than it was a few months ago, due to cooling temperatures in Rio, according to Dr Shadgan, but there is a risk the virus could be transferred back to Canada.

"If somebody is bitten by a mosquito (in Rio) and there's virus in their body just before coming back, if they come back and there's another mosquito that bites this new person - which is a carrier of the virus - that mosquito will go and bite another person. This is the way the virus can be transmitted," he said. "Especially for the two weeks after returning to the country (Canada), try to be in the proper situations far away from any mosquito bite risk," Dr Sahdgan was quoted by 24 Hours Vancouver.

Public opinion on whether athletes should attend and participate in the summer Olympics in Rio has leaned toward 'no'. A poll by the Angus Reid Institute this week showed 69% of those polled would advise an athlete to not compete in the open-water competitions due to the polluted coast, and 55% would advise athletes in all sports to avoid the Rio location due to Zika virus concerns.

"In general, Canadians are split on whether the Olympic Games are a worthwhile investment for the host country, and 8-in-10 say the events are more about corporate sponsorships and commercialism than athletic competition," it was stated in the Angus Reid poll result commentary.

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## 80 homes in East Sooke on boil water advisory

Updates: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca) | [www.viha.ca/boilwater](http://www.viha.ca/boilwater)

In consultation with Island Health, a Boil Water Advisory was put in place by the CRD Integrated Water Services on July 28 for a small area of East Sooke - affecting about 80 homes on the Wilderness Mountain System. Residents of the affected area should "boil" their drinking water vigorously for one minute in order to disinfect it, until further notice (still in effect as of August 5).

Water samples indicated coliform bacteria in the drinking water due to current high turbidity conditions in the Wilfred Reservoir water source. CRD staff are reviewing options for improving the system's water quality both at the water treatment plant and within the distribution system.

"The Boil Water Advisory will be removed when Island Health is satisfied that the drinking water no longer poses a health concern and issues an 'ALL CLEAR' notice at which time the customers of the Wilderness Mountain Water System will be notified as soon as possible," said an update on August 3.

## Interim Fire Chief starts Aug 8 in Sooke



Sooke Interim Fire Chief Russ Cameron

The new Interim Fire Chief for Sooke is Russ Cameron, as officially appointed at a District of Sooke Special Council Meeting, Aug 3.

Fire Chief Cameron will begin in the post on August 8 for a three-month period, while a national search is undertaken to find a new permanent fire chief for Sooke. Cameron was Colwood's longest serving Fire Chief (almost 25 years), retiring in 2013.



Sooke Councillor Kevin Pearson

At the Aug 3 meeting, Councillor Kevin Pearson had several questions about how to fully and properly honour the long service of the now-retired Sooke Fire Chief Steve Sorensen who retired on July 21 (and using up holiday time to October 17). Mayor and Council will hold a formal recognition ceremony for Sorensen, as will firefighters using their annual \$12,000 volunteer firefighting recognition funds. Mayor Maja Tait hopes to top that up with some Council funds.

Councillor Pearson suggested issuing a 'key to the city' to retired Fire Chief Sorensen "for somebody in this line of work and things he has done over the last 36 years". About the city key: "We should do it sparingly, so it's a special honour when it does come up." Pearson hopes the Fire Commissioner of BC will be invited to the event. "It should be something very formal. It's a very special occasion," said Pearson at council Wednesday night.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Teresa Sullivan also suggested to Council that a street could be named after the retiring fire chief.

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**2016 Summer Olympic Games.** Aug 5 to 21.

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**Bountiful Berries Guided Walk.** Sun Aug 7. At Beaver Lake: explore for blackberries, Oregon grape berries, salal berries. Jam-tasting but no berry-picking. Free. Age 5+. [www.crd.bc.ca/about/events](http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/events)

**Tsunami is in the Pool.** Sun Aug 7. 1 to 2:45 pm at SEAPARC. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)

**Music in the Park - 'Fat Cat'.** Sun Aug 7. Free concert 2-4pm. Veterans Memorial Park. [www.cityoflangford.ca](http://www.cityoflangford.ca)

## WEB COURTESY EDITION Exhibits

**Growing Local: Bean there, doing that!** food production history exhibit (daily to Sept 5) Sooke Region Museum. [www.sookeregionmuseum.ca](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)



**Destination Victoria** Aug 3 to 28 at Coast Collective in Colwood. [www.coastcollective.ca](http://www.coastcollective.ca)

**Exhibit listings \$15.95/event:**  
 250-217-5821

**Art in the Park.** Sat Aug 13. Free admission. At Ed Macgregor Park, 6765 West Coast Rd, Sooke. 10am to 8pm. Outdoor art sale, music, food, live paint-in for all to participate in; magician & clown for the kids. Parking option: free shuttle bus leaves SEAPARC at 2168 Phillips Rd for full show, on the half-hour. [www.sookecommunityarts.com](http://www.sookecommunityarts.com)

**Annual family BBQ with John Horgan, MLA.** Sun Aug 14 at Sooke Flats. Free hot dogs, hamburgers and MLA birthday cake. Everyone welcome. Hosted by the Langford-Juan de Fuca BCNDP Constituency Association. 12 noon to 2 pm.

**Music in the Park - 'Ready Willing Band'.** Sun Aug 14. Free concert 2-4pm. Veterans Memorial Park. [www.cityoflangford.ca](http://www.cityoflangford.ca)

**Big Slide is in the Pool.** Tues Aug 16. 1 to 2:45 pm at SEAPARC. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)

**Sooke Harbour Festival.** Sat Aug 20 at Ed Macgregor Park. Paddle board & kayak race, arts & music. [www.emcsprograms.ca](http://www.emcsprograms.ca)

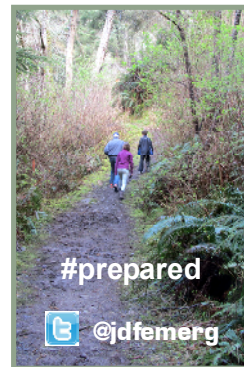
**Music in the Park - 'Maureen Washington Quartet'.** Sun Aug 21. Free concert 2-4pm. Veterans Memorial Park. [www.cityoflangford.ca](http://www.cityoflangford.ca)

**Sooke Fall Fair Market.** Sat Aug 27 at Sooke Community Hall, 9am to 2 pm.

**August Plant Sale.** Sat Aug 27 at Victoria Compost Education Centre, 1216 N Park St, Victoria. 10am-2pm. [www.compost.bc.ca](http://www.compost.bc.ca)

**Music in the Park - 'Rukus'.** Sun Aug 28. Free concert 2-4pm. Veterans Memorial Park. [www.cityoflangford.ca](http://www.cityoflangford.ca)

**Back to School (SD62 - Langford, Colwood, Sooke).** Tues Sept 6. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)



**Hiking in the back country!**

Make a trip plan

**Juan de Fuca Emergency Program**

Leave trip details with a friend or family member. While on your trip, stick to the plan.

[www.prepareyourself.ca](http://www.prepareyourself.ca)

**Taste of SEAPARC.** Tues Sept 6 to Sat Sept 10. Try some programs free! [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)

**Annual Sooke Fall Fair** at Sooke Community Hall. Sat Sept 10 & Sun Sept 11. Catalog: [www.sookefallfair.ca](http://www.sookefallfair.ca)

**District of Sooke Committee of the Whole Meeting.** Mon Sept 12. 6 pm. Agenda & webcast: [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca)

**District of Sooke Regular Council Meeting.** Mon Sept 12. 7 pm. Agenda & webcast: [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca)

**Sooke Night Market.** Thursdays. Sooke Region Museum, 5-8pm (to Sept 1). [www.sookeregionmuseum.ca](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)

**Sooke Country Market.** Sat. 10am-2pm. Otter Pt Road at Eustace, Sooke (to Oct).

**Shirley Country Market** Sun. 10am-4pm, Pioneer Park near Shirley Hall (to Sept).

## Pop-Up Markets

**Goldstream Farmers Market.** Sat. 10am-2pm. Veterans Memorial Park, Langford (to Oct 15).

**Metchosin Farmers Market - Sun.** 11am-2pm to Oct 30. 4450 Happy Valley Rd

**Sooke Fall Fair.** Sept 10 & 11. Sooke Community Hall

**Free event!** Langford - Juan de Fuca BC NDP Constituency Assoc

## Hot Dogs, Hamburgers 'n' Horgan Family Barbecue! Everyone welcome!

**Sooke River Campground (The Flats)**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 14**

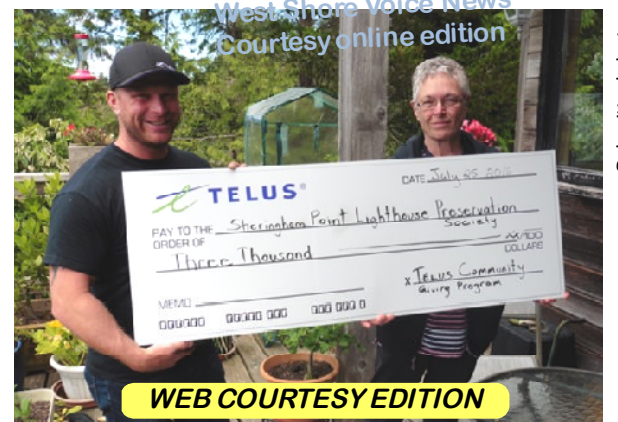
**Hot dogs, hamburgers & MLA birthday cake!**

**12 to 2pm**

Hosted by the Langford - Juan de Fuca BC NDP Constituency Assoc [Info: jdfndpa@gmail.com](mailto:jdfndpa@gmail.com)

## TELUS backs up the lighthouse

A cheque for \$3,000 was received by the Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society last week. Making the sizeable donation was TELUS, to recognize the outstanding volunteerism and contribution of long-time supporter, Society board member and TELUS retiree Bill Parkes. Parkes is a resident of Otter Point and a director of the Society, who has made several contributions through TELUS Community Programs.



Submitted photo

Cheque to Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society presented by TELUS rep Ryan Hindley to SPLPS's Terri Alcock.

TELUS Community Affairs representative Ryan Hindley presented the cheque to Society Secretary-Treasurer Terri Alcock in Shirley, BC on July 28, just down the street from the Sheringham Lighthouse site. The contribution was made possible through TELUS' Charitable Giving Program, which supports TELUS volunteers and contributors, and the organizations they promote through time and donations.

TELUS management and employees for their dedication to BC Heritage and community-based organizations," said Alcock. "We are very pleased that Bill Parkes, a TELUS retiree and valued Board member, has contributed financially as well as all his volunteer work he does for the Society. His dedication resulted in TELUS matching Bill's contribution."

The Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society has been working since 2003 to save the land, lighthouse and public access to the light station at the end of Sheringham Point Road in Shirley.

The site, now owned by the Society, has recently been designated a Canadian Heritage Site and is officially open to the public for the first time in the Lighthouse's 105-year history.

The Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society has 310 volunteer members. Petitions and letters to save the Lighthouse have been signed. **WSV**

## Pokémon GO enthusiasts welcome at Sooke Library

WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

Posted on some of the windows of the Sooke Library are the happiest little signs for avid Pokémon GO users... free wi-fi and a wide welcome for users of the wildly popular virtual reality interface game. In only a matter of weeks, the game that requires smartphone users to get up and move around (walk!) to find the little Pokémon creatures that 'live' in the real world (thanks to GPS technology), is a mega-hit with users of all ages.

Points in space become locations at which to capture Pokémon characters. Just in a few in the west side of Sooke include the Burnside B&B, animal signage on the Ed Macgregor Boardwalk (such as the River Otter and Great Blue Heron), Sooke Spirit Square, Christian Life Assembly, and Muirside Cemetery. New sites get added all the time.

As a safety precaution (and to ensure the intended physical movement), the software won't function if the smartphone



Forest reflects on Sooke Library windows where Pokémon GO signage is posted. is moving at faster than 15 km/hour. The biggest danger is bumping into physical objects while chasing down the virtual ones!

A game upgrade last weekend saw servers overloaded for several hours at a time. **WSV**

## Basic economy: bits & pieces

Young entrepreneurs (to age 18) are invited to the Sooke Fall Fair's Swap 'n Shop monthly market on Aug 27 (9am-2pm). Get tips on preparing, pricing, display and marketing your products. Free table and space to market your wares. Register at [www.sookefallfair.ca](http://www.sookefallfair.ca). Also at this market: pick up and pay for your tags for the early Sooke Fall Fair entries in advance. All late entries double in price.

Donations of blankets & pillows welcome, for supplying the pets of low income families. Drop off in the bins at 2075

Otter Point Rd, Sooke or at any of the pet food drives around Greater Victoria as organized by the Victoria Pet Food & Feral Cat Rehabilitation Society. [www.safars.org/events](http://www.safars.org/events)

TD Bank is giving away 40" Samsung TVs, as part of their account-switch promotion to Sept 2. Details at TD branches and online. "It's easy," says TD Sooke branch manager Mark Doberstein, saying TD staff help with the switching details. **WSV**

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