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Friday, November 17, 2017 INSIGHTS FOR WEEKEND READING

Sailpast kicks off holiday season

● Kicking off the 2017 holiday season in Sooke each year are the sailing enthusiasts with their annual sailpast in the Sooke Harbour.

Skippers get their boats ready with colourful lights and Christmas decorations, and set sail from the Sooke Harbour Resort & Marina, make their way twice past the Rotary Pier (boardwalk at the foot of Ed Macgregor Park), and then back to the marina. Hot chocolate awaits!

More vessels and their skippers welcome. To get on board, contact Ron Neitsch at 2 Reel Fishing Adventures at ron@2reel.ca or 250-642-7983 to arrange free moorage and a spot in the lineup for the Dec 2 event.

It can be chilly watching the boats sail by, but sparkly lights on the water seem to



Sooke Sailpast 2017

Boats decorated for Christmas! Saturday December 2 ~ 6pm

Watch the sailpast from the Rotary Pier (boardwalk) at the foot of Ed Macgregor Park in Sooke. To sail your decorated boat, call 250-642-7983 or email ron@2reel.ca

The sailpast starts & finishes at Sooke Harbour Resort & Marina, 6971 West Coast Rd. Join us for hot chocolate!

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entice people out each year. "It's a great fun Christmas event," says Neitsch. WSV www.westshorevoicenews.com

Highway 14 plan delayed by Premier

by Mary P Brooke West Shore Voice News EXCLUSIVE

● BC Premier John Horgan -- MLA for the Langford-Juan de Fuca area through which Highway 14 (Hwy14/Sooke Road) runs, has told Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) staff to go back to the drawing board.

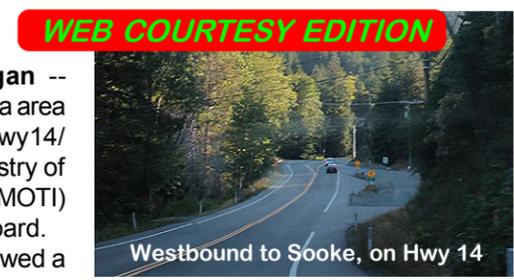
Horgan has recently reviewed a long-awaited report intended to improve driving and safety conditions on the winding, through-the-hills provincial highway that connects Sooke and westerly beyond to the rest of Greater Victoria.

The Premier has asked for more details and options, to work harder on finding a solution, it was learned from government officials on November 17.

The first draft apparently has some "good projects" within it, but "not sufficient scale that the MLA wants".

While this delays the timeline for seeing improvements on Hwy 14, it will likely come as good news to Sooke residents, commuters, and the regional tourism industry because it means the Premier (who is directly familiar with details of the road) is watching out for his constituents and the region, toward a better result. It also makes sense to use taxpayers' dollars wisely, and if the improvements will leave some things undone, then it's prudent to further develop some meaningful improvements.

Apart from a short 4-lane stretch from the West Shore Parkway intersection west toward Sooke, Hwy 14 (Sooke Road) is single-lane. Until a person has driven it many times, for various reasons including road line (some tight angles), sight lines (especially with headlights from oncoming night traffic), lack of lighting and no opportunity for passing, the



road presents a challenging drive. Even for seasoned drivers of the Sooke Road, at night and/or in inclement weather, it's still a drive that could be considered difficult and risky.

Premier Horgan has asked senior officials to engage in a very focussed consultative process with an informal regional group of business people (that sometimes refers to itself as the Sooke Economic Development Commission) who focus on Hwy 14 issues and also Sooke Mayor Maja Tait.

Mayor Tait was been awaiting the transportation report along with everyone else. Today she said: "Premier Horgan as our MLA is well aware of needed improvements to Hwy 14, and while MOTI staff have worked to have the draft completed, I'm grateful that our MLA and Premier is taking the time to ensure the study fully captures the necessary improvements for the safety of our residents and visitors."

Langford Mayor Stew Young sees opening up the Sooke region as a benefit to regional economic development. Regarding the now further delay of the MOTI plan for improving Hwy 14, Mayor Young said today: "I am hopeful the provincial government will keep the solution to Hwy 14 and the E&N corridor into Victoria as high priorities". "I will

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Remembrance Day 2017

● Of the 62 wreaths placed at the cenotaph in Langford's Veteran Memorial Park on Saturday, November 11, one of the first was positioned by BC Premier John Horgan. Then four west shore mayors also laid wreaths: Langford Mayor Stew Young, Colwood Mayor Carol Hamilton, Metchosin Mayor John Ranns, and Highlands Mayor Ken Williams.

There was a flypast at the start and finish of the two minutes of silence. The sky threatened rain and it was relatively cold that morning for spectators, participants and the musical performers. WSV



Premier John Horgan laid a wreath at the cenotaph in Veterans Memorial Park in Langford on November 11 at a ceremony attended by about 1,000 people.

Ceremony in Langford November 11



City of Langford Mayor Stew Young [and cadet Sam Staples Maris].



District of Metchosin Mayor John Ranns.



City of Colwood Mayor Carol Hamilton.



District of Highlands Mayor Ken Williams.

Editorial

VIEWES & INSIGHTS FROM THE WEST COAST

WEST SHORE VOICE

Making room for rescue shelters



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For years now, various animal rescue groups have been battling up against the mainstream system for an open door to provide their particular level of service to community, pet owners and pets. In particular, the Victoria Pet Food Bank & Feral Cat Rehabilitation Society (aka SAFARS) has in many ways created an awareness of gaps and barriers within the domestic animal management system. A lot of this has to do with the usual social, legal and affordability issues, such as where people can have pets (and how many), licencing of pets, and requirements for the amount of land to have an animal shelter, and simply the costs involved in owning and caring for a cat, dog or other household pet. When people abandon pets (sad but true), that's where the rescue shelters can help.

In addition to BC-SPCA and CRD Animal Control there is a niche for those hands-on animal supporters who will help people hold on to their pets (by providing

pet food and other resources) and find their pets if they become lost. In a recent after-hours abandoned cat incident on the Sooke Region Museum grounds, the local SAFARS (eager and willing) would have likely been the summoned group if there were more recognized room in the system for smaller operators.

If BC Legislation can soon catch up to this need for domestic animal rescue and rehabilitation centres, it would really help some people who the NDP government hopes to target under their poverty reduction program.

One example of help from the SAFARS rescue group is their adoption service. Working entirely with volunteers and funds from donations and fundraising, all inclusive for \$400 they provide spay/neuter services, two doses of vaccines, a microchip, deworming, and defleaing. This helps people who cannot afford the often more expensive services available directly from vets, pet stores, and agencies.

There is no room for monopoly in pet care management. As in business, a little competition helps fill the gaps.

Transportation News

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be reaching out to Transportation Minister Trevena to see what opportunities we have to find a solution for Westshore and Sooke residents," he said.

In recent years some improvements have included wider shoulders including bike lanes in some stretches, as well as the roundabout in Sooke town centre. Otherwise, there remain several sections that obviously require left-turn lanes for improved safety (such as at 17 Mile House, and at Manzer Rd) and improved lighting all along the highway -- Sooke to Langford -- that would produce immense improvements in safe use of the road for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

And here's what MOTI had to say about their rejected report today: "BC is working hard to build roads and highways that support growing communities and help encourage economic development across the province. For Hwy 14, we want to make the corridor between Langford and Sooke as safe and as accessible as possible -- not just for people in cars, but for people who take transit and people who bike and walk."

The ministry also says that it focused the corridor study on safety upgrades "because people who frequently travel the route told us they were concerned about reliability and wanted to see it closed less frequently." Apparently the study also looked at ways to promote greater transit use, and how to encourage more cycling over the short and medium timeframe.

"The initial findings identify several safety and transit improvements that could be implemented over the next year or two in addition to the work that is already underway," said a statement by MOTI. And now they have heard from Premier Horgan that the review "doesn't go far enough to improve mobility along this corridor and to meet the demands of the increasing population, as more and more people make their homes and establish their businesses in the Sooke area."

It's clear that authors of the report either don't drive Hwy 14 themselves or did not consult with Sooke-area businesses, community leaders or daily commuters who could have identified very specific needs.

"The ministry is going to take the report a step further, looking at ways to make travel along this route more reliable and to increase mobility, such as adding future passing lanes and potential short road re-alignments to straighten out some of the curves," said MOTI officials on November 17. "We're going to expand the study to go all the way to Port Renfrew and we're going to hear from stakeholders in the region to get their ideas for long term improvements on this corridor."

MOTI concluded: "This government cares about building strong, connected communities and is committed to solving the broader transportation challenges and needs in the South Island region."

On Monday, November 20 a presentation about Hwy 14 and broader transportation issues will be hosted by Transition Sooke at Edward Milne Community School, 6218 Sooke Rd, at 7 pm. The event is open to the community and is expected to be well-attended. **WSV**

Mitzi Dean's new office in View Royal



Mitzi Dean, MLA at the opening of her constituency office located at 104-1497 Admirals Road, chatting with View Royal Mayor David Screech.

Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin) has a complex set of municipal and socioeconomic demographics in her riding. Busy since the summer inauguration and awaiting office renovations, the first-time MLA held her official constituency office opening this week, on November 15.

The office is located on the far boundary of the Town of View Royal, bordering on Colwood and Esquimalt. View Royal Mayor David Screech is now also Vice-Chair of the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The 4 to 6 pm event included light refreshments and extra-light speech content. All very relaxed.

Attending were Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke) and Mayor Screech, as well as several constituency staff and retired MLA Maurine Karagianis who Mitzi thanked for her support.

A range of constituents came and went, about 65 in total over the two hours. Balloons in blue and white did not scream out the NDP brand.

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'Silent killer' re-addressed

Normal blood pressure is considered to be 120 over 80, says the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada.

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Low risk: 120 / 80
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With diabetes, the high risk category is slightly lower at 130 / 80. For seniors over age 80, systolic pressure should be less than 150.

Hypertension is sometimes called 'the silent killer' because many people don't notice any symptoms ahead of a heart attack or stroke. www.heartandstroke.ca

This week in the USA some new risk labels were released including 'elevated', 'Stage 1 and 2 hypertension', and 'hypertensive crisis,' each characterized by various blood pressure readings. The American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology redefined high blood pressure as 130 over 80, down from 140 over 90. That means now 46% of American

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adults (many under age 45), will now be considered hypertensive. Previously 32% would have been said to have high blood pressure. **WSV**

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Lowe's now open 6 weeks, gearing up for Xmas

by Mary P Brooke, West Shore Voice News



The staff at Lowe's are getting ready for the busy holiday shopping season. Many of the former RONA staff have stayed on at Lowes, including (from left): Jackie Genereaux, customer service rep; Gena Forno, admin department manager; and Janice Dalzell, customer service rep. David Palmer, assistant manager, has been with Lowe's for about 1.5 years and has overseen the construction of two Lowe's stores (Tillicum Mall last year, and Langford this year).

After a festive opening at the Lowe's store in Langford on October 5, the staff at Lowe's got right down to work serving customers. The former RONA premises had been packed down, inventory and shelving pushed aside, and a whole new setup put in place in the 100,000 sqft premises. That was from April to October. The number of inventory SKU's has doubled to about 50,000 items.

The types of building construction and home improvement products for sale are much the same as before, but with more variety and more of a one-stop offering, explains Assistant Manager David Palmer. And a full-time delivery person on staff means that shipments can go out quickly to construction sites with the store's 25-ft flat deck truck that has a fork lift.

Of the former RONA staff, about 70 stayed on and some new staff were hired. Bringing new employment opportunities to Langford is helpful to the local economy. There are now about 120 staff at Lowe's in Langford, compared to about 80 with the former RONA, allowing for more personnel in most departments. The employee tally will probably reach 150 including seasonal workers for the holiday season, such as cashiers as well as staff for the garden centre, says Palmer.

There is a strong emphasis on service to builders and contractors who can enjoy a flat 5% off all products in the store. The outdoor lumber yard has up to about 50,000 sq ft of space to offer a wider range of building materials than before.

Available to Lowe's customers are options for various purchase and financing opportunities from discount card to full financing. Business accounts and credit cards are other options.

Store manager Peter Devries, assistant manager Michelle Hannay, and assistant manager Kim Rieger have stayed on from the RONA store. **WSV**

SD62 IT: speed & mobility

"Challenges are opportunities," is how SD62's Information Technology principal Graham Arts opened his presentation to the SD62 Board and education committee of the whole on Tuesday, November 14 at Dunsmuir Middle School in Colwood.

He outlined improvements such as improved internet speeds to schools and the District office. Half the schools have increased speed this year; the other half will get the same improvement next year.

Online registration is a service improvement, seeing 80-90% of registrations from home or public computers this year.

Arts said that service by the IT Dept to staff and classrooms is improving. Quick things like increasing email storage can be done in 1 to 2 days. New devices require more service time, like setting up new mobile devices or Chromebook.

"Mobile labs are a gift from the government, to address the new spaces," said Arts.

SD62 IT has four line techs, two senior network administrators, and the district IT principal, with 1.25 FTE's on the help desk and 0.75 data support. **WSV**

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Cherish almost ready



Cherish at Central Park is nearing completion. Also this week, new fence signage for Belmont Market along Jenkins Ave across from Westshore Town Centre.

The first occupancy date for condos and rental suites at the Cherish at Central Park seniors community living building is fast approaching.

"Heatherbrae tells us we will have Occupancy Permit for the West Wing November 23 or 24th. We are counting on them," says project developer/owner Micky Fleming. Heatherbrae is a Vancouver-based general contractor operating throughout Western Canada, specializing in commercial, industrial, institutional, residential, and building envelopes. **WSV**

Rugby Canada shifts exec staff to Langford

West Shore Voice News



Construction continues at the Al Charron Rugby Canada National Training Centre on Glen Lake Road in Langford. Official opening targeted for January 2018.

Welcoming Rugby Canada head office staff to Langford is about the City of Langford supporting future Olympic athletes and further growing the municipality's strong sports-economy.

An internal restructuring of the Rugby Canada senior staff and their upcoming relocation to Langford comes along with readying the new \$7.84 million Al Charron Rugby Canada National Training Centre at 3019 Glen Lake Road (construction completion targeted for January 2018). The new training facility has been co-funded by Government of Canada, City of Langford, and Rugby Canada.

Personnel from several Rugby Canada departments will relocate to Langford over the next three to six months from the organization's corporate office in Richmond Hill, Ontario including finance, marketing and communications, general operations and governance. They will get set up at the current Rugby Canada Centre of Excellence facility at 3024 Glen Lake Road, just across the street from the training facility.

"This is a good organizational change from the top down," says Langford Mayor Stew Young. "It is good for rugby's advancement on the world stage and good for the athletes. Most of the teams Canada competes against have made changes and are showing results," he said this week. "Centrally focusing on the front office is good for rugby in Langford. We are a strong partner and supporter of Rugby Canada and look forward to a long committed relationship with rugby players and staff."

Mayor Young says the new national training centre in Langford "will be a huge benefit for the Canadian men's and women's teams and give them the extra advantage while playing for Canada on the world stage". **WSV**

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Town of View Royal By-Election. Sat Nov 18. 8am-8pm. View Royal Elementary, 218 Helmcken Rd. www.viewroyal.ca

Christmas Craft Fair & Tea. Sun Nov 19 Langford Legion. 10-3. Free entry. 52 vendors.

BC Liberal Leadership Debate. Sun Nov 19. 12 noon, 101 Gordon St, Nanaimo. Livestream: www.facebook.com/BCLiberals/

BC Legislative Assembly. Back in session Mon-Thurs Nov 20 to 30 (then xmas break). www.leg.bc.ca

City of Langford. Regular Council Meeting. Mon Nov 20. 5:30 pm. www.langford.ca

Transition Sooke. Presentation re Hwy14 upgrades/transit. Mon Nov 20. 7pm. EMCS. www.transitionsooke.org

Metchosin Search and Rescue Info Session - who they are, what they do & when, where & how they operate. Tues Nov 21. Metchosin Fire Hall, 7 to 9 pm.

Town of View Royal. Council Meeting. Tues Nov 21. 7 pm. www.viewroyal.ca

West Shore Womens Business Network lunch meeting. \$35. Thurs Nov 23. www.wwbvictoria.com

Public Drop-In Flu Clinic [West Shore] by Island Health. Colwood Pentecostal, 2250 Sooke Rd. Fri Nov 24 9:30 to 3:30; Wed Dec 13 1:30 to 6pm. www.viha.ca/flu/

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Biggest Little Market & Craft Fair. Sat Nov 25. Sooke Community Hall, 9-5. www.sookefallfair.ca



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Regional Transportation: Rethinking Traffic As Usual ~ Speaker: **Eric Doherty,** Better Transit Alliance Victoria. 7 pm, EMCS, 6218 Sooke Rd, Sooke

● **THURSDAY NOV 30**
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Speakers: **Drs. Mary-Wynne Ashford & Jonathan Down.** 7 pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 1962 Murray Rd, Sooke
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Smart South Island Symposium. Sat Nov 25. 9:30-1. www.smartsouthisland.ca

BBQ Fundraiser for Goldstream Food Bank. Sat Nov 25. 11-2 Millstream Village, Langford.

Sooke Santa Parade. Sun Nov 26 starting 5 pm through town centre. www.sooke.ca

Blood Donor Clinic. Mon Nov 27. Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, 1 to 7 pm. www.blood.ca

City of Colwood. Regular Council Meeting. Mon Nov 27. 7 pm. www.colwood.ca

District of Metchosin. Regular Council Meeting. Mon Nov 27. 7 pm. www.district.metchosin.bc.ca

District of Sooke. Regular Council Meeting. Mon Nov 27. 7 pm. www.sooke.ca

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'A Classic Christmas' by Sooke Community Choir. Fri Dec 1. Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria. 7:30 pm. www.sookecommunitychoir.com

Public Drop-in Flu Clinic by Island Health, Sooke Child Youth & Family Centre, 104-6672 Wadams Way. Sat Dec 2 9:30-2:30; Tues Dec 12 1-4. www.viha.ca/flu/

Langford Christmas Light Up Sat Dec 2. Veterans Memorial Park, 6 to 8 pm. www.langford.ca

All Sooke Staff Party. Sat Dec 2. By Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce at Sooke Legion, 6pm. \$25 members/\$30-non: www.sookeregionchamber.ca

Skate with Santa Sun Dec 3 at Westhills Arena, 1089 Langford Parkway. 3 to 4:30 pm. Free admission.

Moss Cottage Christmas & Snowman Building. Sun Dec 3. Sooke Region Museum, 2070 Phillips Rd, Sooke. 12 to 2 pm. Free family event. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

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Pictures with Santa at Mr Mikes, 985 Whirlaway, Langford. Sat Dec 9. Food bank fundraiser. 250-590-3222
District of Sooke. Regular Council Meeting. Mon Dec 11. 7 pm. www.sooke.ca

Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin) Constituency Holiday Season Open House. Tues Dec 12. 104-1497 Admirals Rd. Time tba. www.mitziidean.bcndp.ca

Premier John Horgan, MLA, Langford-Juan de Fuca Constituency Christmas Open House. Wed Dec 13. Time tba. 122-2806 Jacklin Rd, Langford.

10,000 Tonight Food Drive. Wed Dec 13. SD62 high schools collecting non-perishable items for food banks. 5-10 pm. Collected door to door, but can also be taken to: Royal Bay, 3500 Ryder Hesjedal Way; Belmont, 3041 Langford Lake Rd; EMCS, 6218 Sooke Rd (5 to 9 pm).

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Holidays at Hatley. Wed Dec 13. Seasonal celebration by West Shore Chamber at Hatley Castle. Tx \$35 members, \$40 non-members. www.westshore.bc.ca

2017 Santa Go Round with Colwood Firefighters. Sun Dec 17. 9am-3pm. Thru many Colwood neighbourhoods. Accepting food bank donations. www.colwood.ca

Skate with Santa. Sun Dec 17. 11 am to 12:30 pm. Admission by food-bank donation. www.seaparc.ca

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New Mr Mikes in the charity season

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Mr Mikes Steakhouse Casual opened October 3 and has hit the ground running serving happy customers and setting up some holiday season charity support.

● A steakhouse where you can 'come as you are' is a great addition to the growing restaurant scene in Langford as the community grows.

After a robust period of construction, the new building opening in early October was a celebration that just keeps coming. There's a nice upbeat energy among staff that is infectious to customers. Bar/lounge, dining area and kids area offers something for everyone.

"We're locally owned and operated," says General Manager Claire Towers. Open seven days a week.

Their holiday season charity events include picture-taking with Santa on Saturday December 9, with all donations to the Goldstream Food Bank. They're also going to help out street kids with food for their pets.

Mr Mikes is located at 985 Whirlaway Crescent, just a moment's drive further along McCallum Road past CostCo. Lots of parking. Open from 11 am daily (to 10 pm M, Tu, W, Sun and to 11 pm Thurs-Sat). **WSV**

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