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## SD62 gets \$23.3 million to buy land for schools

by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice

● The fastest-growing community in BC will be getting two new schools, it was announced by BC Minister of Education Rob Fleming on Monday, December 18 in Langford.

The Sooke School District (SD62) which serves the families of Langford, Colwood, Sooke, Highlands, Metchosin and Juan de Fuca will receive \$23.3 million toward the purchase of 6.5 hectares (16 acres) of land from within the Westhills development.

The site for a middle school and elementary school at the corner of West Shore Parkway and Constellation Avenue will tie together a string of educational and recreational facilities in the area, already nearby to Belmont Secondary, a public library, music conservatory, arena, bowling alley and sports stadium. Ball fields will be developed as part of the overall project, says Langford Mayor Stew Young, adding there will be cooperative use of the fields by students during the day and by the community in non-school hours.

In this his last year of his education career, SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge was pleased to host the announcement in the commons area at Belmont Secondary, the largest school in SD62 and located in Westhills.

A main impetus for gearing up for new schools is to reduce the number of portables currently in use in the overloaded SD62. There are presently 13 portables at Dunsmuir Middle School in Colwood and seven at Spencer Middle School in Langford. "We hope to eliminate those in a few short years," said Cambridge.

Since the availability of new education funding this year, about 3,700 teachers have been hired to help support about 5,000 more students in the community. "We've been poaching teachers to come teach in BC," said Cambridge. He spoke highly of the SD62 board being "unique in BC for putting children and learning spaces first".

Proactive for community growth and development, Mayor Young says "everybody is now taking notice of Langford". People are excited to be in Langford "because we're actually providing what is needed by our community," said Young.

SD62 Chair Ravi Parmar addressed the 80 or more people present, thanking the



BC Education Minister Rob Fleming announced \$23.3 million for a land purchase in Westhills, for SD62 to build two new schools.

Province for "supporting our vision and capital plan" with funding for the land. "When this government gets money they spend it".

Building a new middle school will be SD62's first priority, followed by an elementary school to address the shortage of K-5 spaces from the influx of young families to the west shore. About 1,800 more students are expected to arrive in the SD62 area in the next five years.

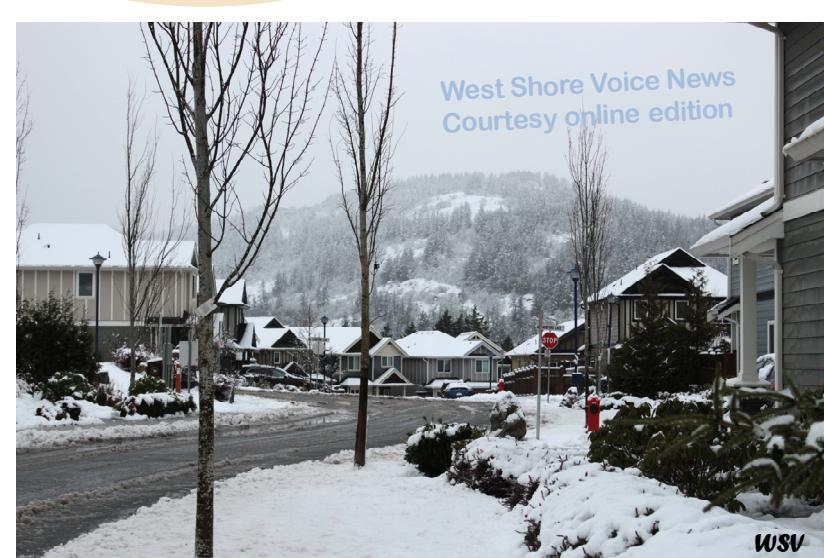
There for the announcement were SD62 trustees and staff; Langford Council and senior staff; Westhills leadership; Education Ministry staff; Belmont principal Ray Miller; STA president Ian Johnson; CUPE reps; parent association reps; members of the business community; and students in study mode upon whom this little event came as a surprise!

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Sharing the limelight  
(from left): SD62 Supt Jim Cambridge; City of Langford Mayor Stew Young; SD62 Chair Ravi Parmar; BC Minister of Education Rob Fleming.

Wishing SD62 families a wonderful holiday & Happy New Year!



Heavy wet snow at higher elevations such as the Malahat and Bear Mountain caused havoc on Tuesday, December 19 especially during the morning commute. Above: snow in Westhills Tuesday morning.

## Grizzlies saved



Robert Postma

● The BC NDP government has banned all grizzly bear hunting across the province, effective immediately (Dec 18). "No meat hunt. No loopholes," said Environment Minister George Heyman.

The traditional cultural practice of a limited hunt by some First Nations will be respected.

The ban lines up with the values of British Columbians, said Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development. Heyman said BC will promote "the healthy grizzly bear viewing economy" so people can view the large bears in their natural habitat.

On behalf of the BC Greens: "We couldn't be more thrilled," said Adam Olsen, MLA (Saanich North and the Islands). He added that protecting the species includes consideration of habitat and food supply – especially with climate change further threatening essential salmon and huckleberry stocks – conflicts with humans, roadkill rates, or poaching incidents.

Some protest of the grizzly bear hunting ban was heard in the BC interior where several businesses promote and depend upon trophy hunting.

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## Net neutrality lost

● This week in the USA, new regulations now allow Internet Service Providers to favour and enhance the performance of some websites and online services over others. This will tip online success to the big players globally; the web has no borders.

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## Sparkly city lights



Decorated tree in front of City of Langford municipal hall this holiday season.

## Snow day ahead of Christmas

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● Heavy wet snow that fell overnight Monday at higher elevations into the morning of Tuesday, December 19 produced a 'snow day' for students on the west shore and a busy road-clearing day for road maintenance crews of Mainroad South Island and municipalities.

In Langford the engineering team had traffic issues to deal with when power outages caused traffic light systems to go down. Generators will bring online but some of them faded out, leaving motorists to remember and practice their 4-way skills.

At one point over 50,000 BC Hydro customers were without power during the day after trees and heavy snow downed wires. About 3,000 of those customers were in Langford/Highlands/Colwood.

A tree that fell across Sooke Road (Hwy 14) pulled down a hydro line preventing some Sooke commuters from getting to work in main city areas.



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VOICEMary P Brooke,  
B.Sc., Cert PR  
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• Apparently you can order something online from Amazon and have it shipped to you door, and right inside your house if you want? If you want? It made national news this week that someone hacked the delivery-into-your-home system. Really, you're kidding -- people didn't think that digital thugs weren't licking their chops to get their hands on this one? Once a delivery was digitally confirmed, stuff would be promptly stolen off the parcel recipient's front step or even from inside their home by blocking the cameras.

Shakin' my head here. How far will people trust the new technology? There is virtually no privacy left for anyone anymore. Much

of the younger generation doesn't even really understand what privacy means, they've never known it: cameras in most public places for safety and security, multi-layered digital ID cards, and voluntary release of scads of personal details onto Facebook and other social media. So it's easy to see how parcels inside the door 'to alleviate your worry about theft' could naturally arrive in the 'ok zone'.

At Christmas we reach for the stars in our minds and for the beauty in our hearts. And so it should be. But it's always been common sense, planning for the inevitable, and tough critical thinking that has saved people in the end.

By all means dream big, you must. Make real the visions of your mind and desires of your soul. It's what we're here for. But while expanding your horizons, remember the basics of human nature, including the dark side. And don't be surprised if you get fooled because you sought convenience or a short cut. ■

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**BC NEWS**[WestShoreVoiceNews](#)**Modular housing to address homelessness**

• As part of addressing homelessness, the BC government is investing \$291 million to build 2,000 modular housing units for people who are homeless. Over \$170 million will be spent over three years for 24/7 staffing and support services. Self-contained units will have personal kitchens and washrooms.

The Province says it will be working with local governments and community partners to develop a homelessness action plan to reduce homelessness through permanent housing and services. As announced back in September, that will include a tally of the number of people considered homeless.

More than 1,000 modular units are now confirmed in communities throughout BC. The modular units are intended to provide urgent housing and support services. Administered through a non-profit housing partner, services will help residents stabilize and rebuild their lives. **WSV**

Courtesy online edition

**Protecting wild salmon from industry operations**

• Strengthened requirements for fish processing and finfish aquaculture operations will be brought in by the BC government to help protect the environment and wild salmon health. "Serious and widespread concerns about effluent from fish processing operations and finfish aquaculture practices have been raised, and the government is taking action," said George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in a new release Dec 20.

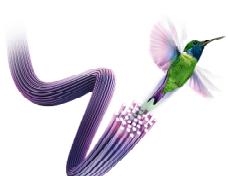
A comprehensive set of measures will apply to the finfish aquaculture and fish processing industry along the coast. "We will work with industry, First Nations and local communities," said Heyman.

There are about 35 waste discharge authorizations issued under the Environmental Management Act for fish processing plants in BC. Fish processing plant permits are site-specific and depend on a number of factors, including the volumes and types of effluent produced and the receiving environment into which the discharge is released. **WSV**

**Boxing Day derby**West Shore  
Voice News

• A fishing derby on Boxing Day, Tues Dec 26, costs \$40/rod. After a \$3,000 1st prize, proceeds help support the Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society. [www.sookealtwaterseries.ca](http://www.sookesaltwaterseries.ca) **WSV**

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Extra Vancouver-Victoria sailings during the holiday season.

• BC Ferries has been promoting their holiday season additional sailings, and reportedly several are full. Added to the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay route (busiest of the 25 routes) are 130 additional sailings Dec 21-Jan 2. Also 46 additional sailings between Horseshoe Bay and Departure Bay.

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**First Christmas at Green Man Bikes**

West Shore Voice



• Opening up Green Man Bikes this summer was a big undertaking for owner Eric Bushell. But the little shop where he and his team repair and sell new and used bikes is going strong. Big this holiday season has been the demand for tuneups and repairs. And kids bikes are popular! **WSV**

Green Man Bikes at 3202A Happy Valley Road (at the corner of Sooke Road) in Langford is dressed up with holiday lights and bows. Open right up to and including Sunday, Christmas Eve.

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**Train on inaugural run careens off the rails**West Shore  
Voice News

• A train on its inaugural journey from Seattle to Portland derailed on Monday, Dec 18 at 7:33 am at a curve at high speed near DuPont, Washington, careening off a bridge to a highway below. Three people were killed, and dozens injured. The train was traveling 80 mph (130 kph) in a 30-mph (48 kph) zone, At least 36 people remained hospitalized Wednesday, 17 of those in serious condition. There were 78 passengers on the train, five crew members and a technician, according to the train company Amtrak.

Reportedly the Positive Train Control (PTC) GPS system that slows or stops a train if a dangerous situation is detected was not yet operational. The Washington State Dept of Transportation said the required sensors along the rail bed were not scheduled to be in place until sometime in 2018. **WSV**

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### A road well travelled: EMCS Principal Pat Swinburnson reaches retirement in Sooke

by Mary P Brooke, West Shore Voice News

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**Just a few days to go:** EMCS Principal Pat Swinburnson this week in his office at the high school in Sooke where he has now completed his 36-year career.

For most people who have met Patrick Swinburnson in the Sooke School District 62 (SD62) system, you know there is something different about this educator. Principal at Edward Milne Community School (EMCS) for the past six years and before that 30 years teaching in BC, it's only because the work-world calendar says his time is up on December 22 that he's leaving. This week chatting in Pat's office it's clear he's really going to miss the place.

And that place is of course the entire school -- the people within the four walls each day and those beyond who contribute to the success of EMCS.

The energy of this insightful, casual but push-hard-to-the-goal principal is gently now forever in this school. The walls will sing his tune. Pat Swinburnson's career-long philosophy is that students -- all people -- learn better when they feel safe in their environment and are positively engaged in a working relationship. This allows people to flourish at who they are and perhaps find out what it is they do best.

Swinburnson always knew he wanted to teach. Fresh out of university with his education degree, it was 1981 and in a high-interest economy jobs were tough to find. He landed a post at a federal school

in the small northern community of Klemtu, BC. "When I graduated there were very few jobs so we all had to travel far and wide to find employment," he said this week. And he never looked back.

With SD62 he worked at three middle schools (Journey, Spencer, and Dunsmuir) ahead of arriving at EMCS in Sooke. The middle-to-older-teen age group easily engages with Swinburnson. He meets them intellectually and spiritually on a level playing field. And indeed, the playing field of team sports was one of his points of engagement where he could help students find their passion.

Swinburnson gives his all while holding steadfast to his principles. Being a high school principal has been the best spot to activate the best in others.

"I have loved the opportunity to have my own school and to try to make a difference. As principal, you can set the direction and tone of a school, and if you do it well and set off on the right path, lots of good things can happen," he told West Shore Voice News this week.

"It's never enough to simply do the job of being a principal. You have to have a vision about where you would like the school to go. It has been pursuing that vision that has been the most rewarding for me," Pat Swinburnson said.

What do you think others will remember you for? "I'm not sure for what or how I will be remembered, but I would like to be remembered as a guy who genuinely cared about our youth and believed in them. I have said my whole career that before you can teach anyone anything in the public system, you have to take the time to build a relationship. Once you do, the conduit is open and learning can happen."

Swinburnson also kept a close eye for positive growth of the Edward Milne Community School Society (EMCSS) which delivers other programs to youth and the community



At his school in January 2017, EMCS Principal Pat Swinburnson hosted the Lieutenant Governor for her kickoff of her Canada 150 year tour to every school in BC. (From left): SD62 Chair Bob Phillips, SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge, T'Sou-ke Elder Shirley Alphonse, BC Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon, Principal Pat Swinburnson, T'Sou-ke Elder Linda Bristol, and District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait.

and manages the school theatre and many non-academic programs and events.

**Swinburnson seems eager** for the easier pace that retirement from the daily grind will offer. "My first goal in retirement will be to try to seek some balance in my life. All of us who work for a living know how many things get set aside because we don't have time. I want to slow things down and make time." And the list is ready: reading for pleasure, exercise, good food, family, and travel.

**Influence.** As Pat himself has influenced many in the school system and the community, it seems appropriate to ask who may have influenced his career choices and/or philosophy of education. And in his reply is some evidence of that 'thing that is different' about Mr Swinburnson:

"I think the students themselves have helped shape my philosophy of education. It has been a bit of on-the-job training and continues to be. But if you keep an open mind, pay attention, and learn from your mistakes, you should be able to figure it out. There are so many amazing people in education, and I like to think I have learned as much as I could from all of them," he said.

**Something else** that has stood out about Swinburnson's leadership is his unspoken impatience with uncalled-for complication of the system if it gets in the way of the advancement of students and their learning environment. A few years ago he made a brief pitch to District of Sooke council about some funding for a mural in the school gym. Respectful of the council but equally respectful of the school he was advocating for, it was no-nonsense.

Swinburnson added to that philosophy in previous discussions over the years. He proposes that once elected, the job at hand for local officials between elections is to serve the community rather than do political posturing to particular interest groups or supporters.

**Getting down to the job at hand** has been very much Swinburnson's style. Ever with the watchful eye, he would guide each treasured project to completion. Some messages bore repeating. Parents who attended his information nights at the start of the school year would hear the 'feel safe and welcome in school' message, as the bedrock foundation for receiving youth each day at EMCS.

**To young grads** who embark into this complex mid-21st-century world, Swinburnson offers: "I would say to our young people as they graduate and enter the next phase of their lives that they need to find the time to volunteer and help our their communities and the less fortunate. As hard as it is to build a life for yourself and your family, it is so much more rewarding if you can also help others along the way."

**In the education system** over the decades Swinburnson has seen many changes. What does he see as areas of improvement for public education in BC? "If we are going to keep up with this rapidly changing world, we need to continually keep investing in our kids and in our schools. It's not enough to just pay the wages and keep the lights on. We need new opportunities and new equipment to keep our students engaged and prepared for a complex world," he says from experience. At EMCS a few years ago some funding was made available for new shop equipment which opened up new career opportunities for youth in woodworking, welding and machine work.

**Those who have lived in Sooke** for any length of time know that it's a place with unique confluences of energy, passion and commitment. It was exciting news at the time that Pat Swinburnson applied to be the next principal and got the job. "My time at EMCS has been the highlight of my career. The staff here is so talented and so dedicated, it has been an honour to work with them."

**The greatest thing about this school** though, is our kids. Sooke kids are the best. They're bright, talented, respectful and genuine. That's a tribute both to our parents and to the beautiful natural environment that we live in," said Pat.

He sees the broad picture, remembers the little details, and culls out the best in people. After that time of rebalancing, it won't surprise anyone that Pat Swinburnson will be back out in the community making some sort of meaningful contribution. The flavour of that could be seen in Swinburnson being hand-picked by Premier John Horgan to place a wreath on behalf of the Premier and his office at the 2017 Remembrance Day ceremony in Sooke. A light touch with big impact.

**Many who retire** already have some active plans to jump right into... such as a new contract or second/third career. But it speaks again of the pensive, powerful insights of Pat Swinburnson that he will take time to reflect and rebalance. That deliberate rebalancing is necessary at all indicates the degree to which he has committed his all to the students, teachers, parents and community in his sphere. No doubt by all measure this is a job well done. **WSV**

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## Christmas in the Community

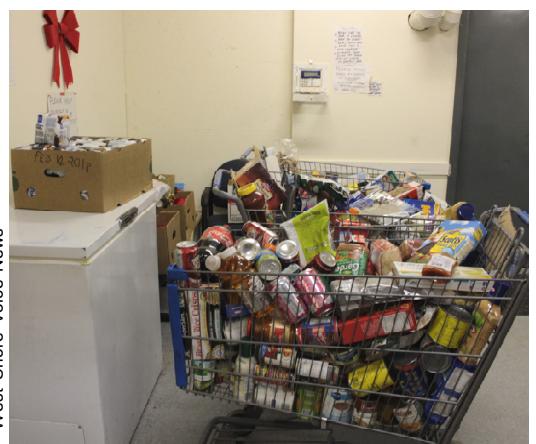
### Goldstream Food Bank: processing the Christmas Hampers

West Shore Voice News



Many people have donated to food banks over the years. Here's what happens to put together the Christmas Bureau hampers at Goldstream Food Bank in Langford.

**<< This was the stockpile** of non-perishables after 10,000 Tonight donations were delivered to the food bank last week. Sorting had yet to begin.



**<< While hamper recipients are waiting in line** to pick up their pre-packed hampers, they are welcome to choose a few items from these carts near the main door. Hampers are categorized by size as A, B, C, and D (individual, 2-person, 3-person, and family of 4 or more). Each hamper contains non-perishables, fresh produce, eggs, additional condiments and snacks, and a voucher for turkey or other entree. About 650 to 700 hampers were issued this week (Dec 18 to 22), with firefighters and other volunteers helping take hampers to people's vehicles.

### Goldstream Food Bank president Gayle Ireland and her hard-working team do all this for the west shore community!



**<< Nothing is wasted.** Food items that are past their expiry date are sorted into separate cartons and delivered to farms for pigs to eat.

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### Quality Foods: popular in the west shore



**Quality Foods on Langford Parkway** near Westhills in Langford has a fresh cut fruit and veggie section in their bright store. All preparations are done in-store.

Store manager Damon Dubetz has been at the Langford store for about seven months. He says that their deli is popular including the party platters, as well as the \$5 breakfast in their restaurant from 8 to 11 am.

The bakery offers custom-made cakes and there's been special baking for Christmas.

The Langford store is one of 10 full-service Quality Foods stores on Vancouver Island. Quality Foods offers online shopping and home delivery. WSV

**<< Store manager Damon Dubetz checking stock at the fresh fruit display.**

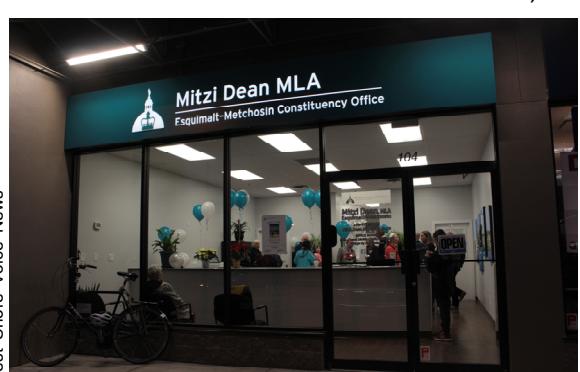
### New curb, more parking, at busy little Langford mall

**A busy little strip mall** at 2806 Jacklin Road got a parking lot face lift a few weeks ago. Sacrificed was one of three driveway entry points, with the infill of a new section of curb that creates more parking and eases traffic flow.

The high-profile location in central Langford near the corner of Goldstream and Jacklin is home to Dad's Homemade Soups & Sangy's, L.A. Hairazors Beauty Salon, Langford Supplements Store, All Battery, Prices Lock &



**Driveway filled in with new curb at 2806 Jacklin Road.** Safe, Pacific Rim Interiors, and the constituency office of Premier John Horgan (MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca). WSV



### Mitzi Dean's two open houses

**As part of getting settled in** as a new MLA, Mitzi Dean (Esquimalt-Metchosin) hosted two casual get-togethers at her constituency office at 104-1497 Admirals Rd. The official office opening was in mid-November, with the holiday season open house held in early December. WSV

Attractive backlit signage at Mitzi Dean's office.

### Long-time planning staff recognized by Langford

West Shore Voice News



**Matthew Baldwin** was recognized for over 20 years service with the City of Langford.

**Long-service awards** were given to two City of Langford planning department employees at the municipality's December 4 Council meeting.

Director of Planning and Subdivision **Matthew Baldwin** and Planning Assistant **Trina Cruikshank** were recognized by Langford Mayor Stew Young as he presented them framed certificates and photos.

**Matthew Baldwin** says: "It is difficult to encapsulate 20 years into a few brief thoughts. I do recall, and I often tell people that when I visited Langford for my job interview that I had to admit that I really didn't know that Langford was a municipality separate from Victoria, or that there were actually 13 separate municipalities in the Capital Region. I had a coffee with a friend of mine on the morning of my job interview, and asked him what he thought I might need to know about Langford. He told me not to worry too much, because Council had just approved a rezoning application for Costco and that everything would change."

"Since then, I have been involved with the Development Permit for Costco, and development applications for Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Superstore, Canadian Tire, the Brick, Lowe's to name just some of the bigger stores. I have also been pleased to have been involved in the Westhills Development, Bear Mountain, South Skirt Mountain and Belmont Market since their inception. As a golfer, helping Bear Mountain to develop has been particularly satisfying."

"Behind the scenes, we kept ourselves busy by implementing a new zoning bylaw and Downtown Revitalization Plan for Langford as well as developing a new Official Community Plan for Langford that was developed in conjunction with the City of Colwood. We've drawn up design guidelines and zoning for small lot development (something that was an entirely new concept 20 years ago) and we have brought in Development Permit areas for Interface Fire Hazard and environmental protection which have helped shape how the community has grown. Along the way we have also been recognized for our Trail Master Plan and our Affordable Housing program."

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"Of course, none of this would have been possible without amazing co-workers being led by an outstanding Mayor and City Council. I feel truly honoured and blessed to have been able to be a part of this."

**Trina Cruikshank:** Trina says she left a 10-year Planning position at the District of Kitimat specifically and purposefully to go on an adventure with a new Municipality, the then "District" of Langford. That was February 1, 1994. Trina says she has spent the majority of her 24 years with the City's Planning Department. She fondly remembers that

when she arrived, Langford was a bedroom community with small 'mom and pop' operations scattered throughout town with little infrastructure and few amenities. She quickly realized the goal to create a community where the citizens could live, play, and work. She marvels at the changes she has witnessed first hand, from a thriving commercial sector to a growing host of recreation complexes and trails, not to mention the countless subdivisions and multi-family residential buildings.

Trina feels a strong connection to the City of Langford and to the co-workers whom she considers her good friends. "In fact, that list includes many of the residents and developers who frequently visit City Hall," she told West Shore Voice News. Trina says it's true to her nature that she has also fondly observed the "prettification" of Langford with the addition of landscaping and amenities along the major roadways, particularly the cherry trees, plantings, and burgundy benches along Veterans Memorial Parkway and Goldstream Avenue.

Trina adds that she has a full timeline of development firmly implanted in her memory and is proud that her initials "TLC" can be found throughout the City's records system. WSV

### Randall Garrison's seasonal open house

West Shore Voice News

**Randall Garrison, MP** is enjoying being back in his constituency for the holiday break. He eagerly engaged with constituents of Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke at his holiday season open house on Monday, December 18. The constituency office at 2904 Tillicum Road was packed with seasonal good wishes and animated political chat... there's still a leftover buzz that BC now has an NDP government.

When the House is sitting, Garrison flies back and forth to Ottawa each week, returning to his Royal Bay home in Colwood each Thursday evening, so he can spend time in his constituency on Fridays and weekends. MPs go back to Ottawa ahead of the next session that starts Jan 29.



Randall Garrison chatting with a constituent at his holiday season open house Dec 18.

In the NDP caucus, Garrison is the Critic for National Defence and the Critic for LGBTQ2+ Issues.

The constituency office is now closed for the holidays, reopening Jan 2.

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# Sooke: trees down, commercial enterprise coming

by Mary P Brooke, West Shore Voice News

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**Regular commuters** often feel they have 'arrived' back in Sooke when heading westbound home they see that proud stand of tall old evergreens alongside Sooke Road just east of Edward Milne Community School. So it kinda took one's breath away to see the clearcutting this week. For future land development.

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## Rugby Canada training centre gearing up for grand opening in the new year

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**Canada Women's Sevens returns to Langford in May 2018**

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● Returning to Langford for a fourth year, 12 of the world's top women's rugby sevens will play at Westhills Stadium May 12-13, 2018. The HSBC Canada Women's Sevens two-day tournament will be the fourth stop in a five-stop world tour as part of the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series.

Sevens rugby is a fast-paced and shorter version of traditional rugby with only seven players per side. A huge international audience has been built through the success of the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series, attracting large audiences around the world. The 2018 HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series kicked off in Dubai on November 30. Tour info: [www.worldrugby.org/sevens-series/series-info](http://www.worldrugby.org/sevens-series/series-info)

Tickets to the 2018 HSBC Canada Women's Sevens went on sale December 5 for early birds, and to the general public starting December 7. Tickets range from \$42 for two-day General Admission group tournament passes, to \$89 for two days of Premium Reserved seating. Single day ticket prices and on-sale dates will be released in March 2018. [www.canadasevens.com](http://www.canadasevens.com) **WSV**

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**All about location**  
Commercial spaces in Langford

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● **Most everyone has heard the important real estate mantra** "location, location, location". Right now there's a retail space for lease at 103-2455 Millstream Road near the busy Millstream Village shopping mall on Millstream, next to McDonald's. Access is essentially from the McCallum and Millstream intersection which is heavily travelled to major retail nearby (e.g. Home Depot, CostCo, Staples) and the Bear Mountain Resort community beyond.

Zoned C3 (District Commercial), it might just be one of those locations that you have to want to deliberately get to (as oppose to stumble upon). While it's near the TransCanada Hwy, it's adjacent to the off-ramp, with drivers concentrating on traffic merging, not off-to-the-side retail. It's the sort of location for a non-impulse service like a hair salon or health-related service. It's presently occupied by an accounting firm, says Ross Marshall, VP Brokerage, CBRE Limited. [www.cbreVictoria.com](http://www.cbreVictoria.com) **WSV**

## The changing face of Langford's core area



● **Property owned** by Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Goldstream Ave in Langford town centre will see development soon, with portions of land eventually available for commercial/residential development. The city's Planning committee's zoning amendment recommendation from Nov 14 was passed by Langford Council on Dec 4. One of the retail neighbours is Cloth Castle whose owner Sylvia Ratcliffe hopes that parking and access to her store will not be impeded during construction. She addressed the planning committee about those concerns. **WSV**



**The 700-block of Goldstream Ave will see a major development.**

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