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New BC government gets down to work

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and BC Premier John Horgan held a joint press conference in Ottawa July 25. The pair of progressive politicians found a lot in common to discuss including the importance of affordable housing, child care and transportation infrastructure.



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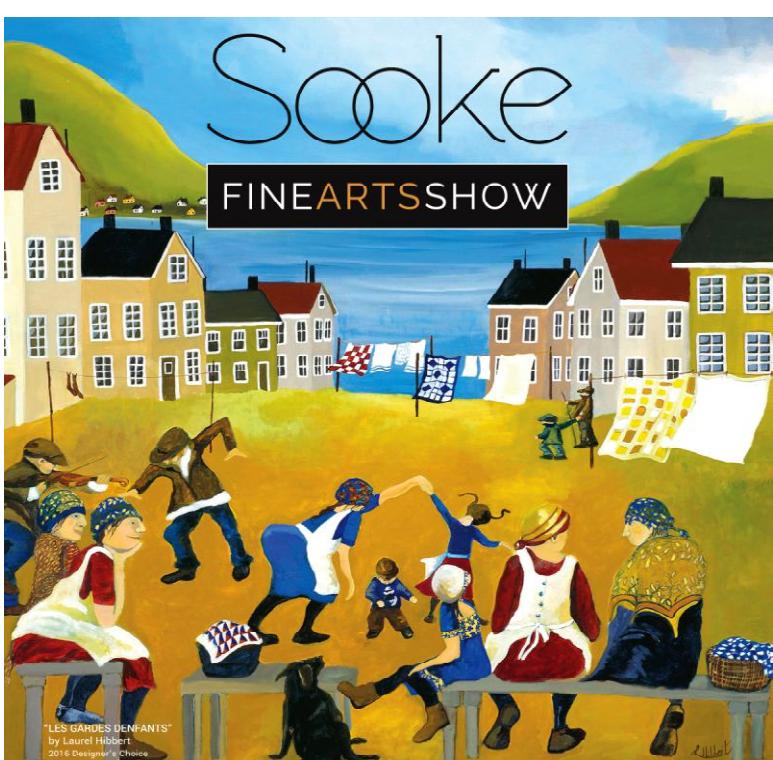


An attempt to avoid discussion of the TransMountain Pipeline project (which Trudeau's government approved in November 2016 but which Horgan's BC NDP government says it will oppose), ended up like this -- during the press conference there was a slip of the hand causing a glass of water to spill with a clatter to the floor. "Spills can happen anywhere," Horgan deadpanned. Then Trudeau promptly replied: "We'll get people to clean that up right away". A good chuckle, and some quick thinking by two lucid, relaxed high-profile politicians.

On Wednesday, Premier Horgan was in Washington DC to discuss softwood lumber with highlevel US government trade officials. The goal is to help protect softwood lumber jobs in BC as NAFTA trade agreement renegotiations take place between the US, Canada and Mexico. [West Shore Voice News](#)

On the ICBC front, Attorney General David Eby said this week that a rate increase would not happen under his watch, saying the former administration left the auto insurance corporation in a financial mess.

All cabinet ministers received mandate letters from Premier Horgan on July 25. See some highlights on pg 4. Full letters online: www.bcnrdp.ca/latest/read-premier-john-horgans-mandate-letters-new-bc-ndp-government-ministers **WSV**



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Petronas pulls out of LNG project

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● The companies behind the Pacific Northwest LNG project near Prince Rupert -- the biggest of which was state-controlled Malaysian oil and gas giant Petronas -- on July 25 announced that they will no longer develop the \$11.4-billion liquefied natural gas terminal. The overall project would have cost \$36 billion. [West Shore Voice News](#)

This comes just one week after Premier John Horgan and his BC NDP cabinet took power in BC. It's considered a big win for the environment. And while some immediate jobs won't materialize, it's probably no great loss for the overall economy for not chasing after old-world fuel in a global economy where LNG prices are low and supplies are glutted.

BC Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum resources Michelle Mungal said she would begin work with the LNG sector to ensure the new BC NDP government has plans to see other projects come to fruition. Three other leading projects already have regulatory approval from the BC and Canadian governments: LNG Canada in Kitimat; Kitimat LNG; and Woodfibre LNG near Squamish.

BC Green Party leader Andrew Weaver said in a statement: "Since the beginning it has been clear that the global marketplace does not support the LNG industry that the BC Liberals promised in their 2013



An \$11.4 billion LNG project slated for construction on Lelu Island south of Prince Rupert has been cancelled.

election campaign." [West Shore Voice News](#)

"Rather than doing the hard work required to strengthen and secure the economic opportunities already available in other sectors, the BC Liberals recklessly went all in on a single industry. They let opportunities for innovation and economic development in clean technology, the resource sector, and other major BC industries fall by the wayside," said Weaver in a release on July 25.

"BC's future does not lie in chasing yesterday's fossil fuel economy; it lies in taking advantage of opportunities in the emerging economy in order to create economic prosperity in BC," Weaver said. "These opportunities must be available to people in all regions of our province."

Weaver maintains his distinct Green stripe apart from the BC NDP that will depend upon three Green votes in the BC Legislature: "The BC Green caucus is committed to developing these opportunities in the emerging economy that all British Columbians can access. This is the vision we ran on."

The overall project would have included a 900-km pipeline proposed by TransCanada to a natural gas export terminal on Lelu Island, as well as the production of gas to supply it.

The companies behind Pacific Northwest (PNW) LNG said their decisions was economic -- not enough demand for liquefied natural gas in North America and abroad, while global supply of the fossil fuel has only increased. Under these circumstances, Pacific Northwest may well be relieved at the BC NDP coming on stream, in that PNW LNG was no longer on the hook for any obligation to the BC Liberals. **WSV**

Strong early sales at 31st Sooke Fine Arts Show

by Mary P Brooke
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ART &
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● The 31st Annual Sooke Fine Arts Show & Sale took off with a bang on Thursday evening, July 27, with the 3-hour Purchaser's Preview attracting a crowd of about 400 people. Sales of exhibited works were strong, says Sooke Fine Arts Society (SFAS) Executive Director Christa Rossner.

Ahead of the 7 pm opening, people waited in a light breeze under a bright evening sky for the opportunity to browse and shop early for the best picks.

Each year the show reflects the tastes of the year's three jurors. This year, jurors Jock Hildebrand, Richard Hunt and Carol Koebberman produced an overall feeling that is light and airy, with frequent intermittent power punches of warmth and bright colours.

There are plenty of paintings (many in soft pastel tonality) and creative photos

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'Blue Pelican' (fired clay with stains and underglazes) by Carolyn Houg has won an Award of Excellence as sponsored by Island Blue Print Co Ltd.

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Getting those big pay-offs in the art world

by Mary P Brooke

As we all know, some of the world's most talented artists unfortunately don't make a sustainable living from their creations. So perhaps shocked today would be Van Gogh and Da Vinci and even the modern-era successful Picasso, Klimt and Warhol over the prices their artworks now fetch from galleries and art collectors. And it would also amaze art giants how their most famous images have become easily known to all.

The baked-in allure of art is its power to speak to each viewer with a different tone, producing the voice of a distinct brush of life to each pair of eyes. And while it's usually the socially-connected and well-heeled who savour the casual winding tour of a high-priced exhibit or auction, one of the amazing phenomena of our time is how art has become accessible to all through digital printing, public galleries and the Internet. Bringing art to the people this way is akin to how the Internet has opened up the library of human knowledge to every reader in the free world. It's also tough competition nowadays (apparently as always) for artists to make a living at their craft.

The annual Sooke Fine Arts Show is now in its 31st year for several reasons, but this is the main one -- the desire and ability of organizers and the town that supports them, to pull off what feels and looks like a high-class show in of all places a sports arena, and making that open to the widest spectrum of both creators and appreciators of art. By this the little town of Sooke -- by some rather



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Christy Clark resigning as BC Liberal leader and MLA

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Former BC Premier Christy Clark is stepping down as leader of the BC Liberal Party as of Friday, August 4, 2017. She will also relinquish her seat as the MLA for Kelowna West, and will no longer be Leader of the Opposition.

The announcement came Friday July 28, just 10 days after BC NDP leader John Horgan was sworn in as the 36th premier of BC. Under Horgan's leadership, the BC NDP formed a historic alliance with the BC Green Party following a provincial election that showed multiple fractures in the direction of politics in this western-most province in Canada.

"Serving as premier and serving the people of British Columbia for the past six-and-a-half years has been an incredible honour and privilege," Clark said in a statement. "I am so proud of everything our BC Liberal team has accomplished. "I am certain that British Columbia's best days lie ahead. Because British Columbians can, through hard work, determination, and perseverance, achieve anything they set their minds to," Clark stated.

The BC Liberals governed the workings of the province for over 16 years (5,869 days to be exact), starting with Gordon Campbell as premier and then Clark. It has been one of the longest political dynasties in BC's history during which time much of the province's systems and assets were privatized in many cases to the benefit of large corporate interests at the expense of working and middle class British Columbians.

Christy Clark was first the Minister of Education in 2001 under Campbell, introducing changes to education in BC that ultimately were overturned by the Supreme Court of Canada in 2016. A number of ministries also gave pink slips to hundreds of employees in 2001 (notably forestry and transportation), setting them loose into a workforce for which they were largely underqualified to survive in.

Clark achieved a majority BC Liberal government in the 40th provincial election in May 2013. While the NDP thought they had it in the bag that cycle, the BC Liberals were quietly behind the scenes in a state of full confidence to win. They achieved a majority that was used almost exclusively for BC Liberal legislation, with almost no Official Opposition bills being considered or passed. A rugged rigid statement settled in over BC legislative politics in the past few years in particular, like a deep shadow. It was that pall that eventually sunk in too deep for British Columbians to finally tolerate any longer.

The 41st general election in May 2017 produced a split legislature (43 BC Liberal, 41 NDP, 3 Green), opening up the legislature once again to the progressive left and ultimately ending Clark's stint as premier. The NDP and Greens quickly came to what is effectively a 'mutual aid' agreement, which 52 days after

the May 9 general election helped lend Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon some of the political confidence she may have needed to make her decision on June 29 to ask then-Premier Christy Clark to resign and BC NDP Leader John Horgan to lead government going forward, so long as he could prove he had the confidence of the house. John Horgan became premier of BC on July 18, 2017, sworn in

inexplicable ethereal energy that seeps into almost everyone who pauses here awhile -- speaks loud to the region. The message is this: art is awesome for both people and the economy, and here's a place where special art is created by and for us, for you. ■



Christy Clark outside Government House on June 29, in the final days of her tenure as Premier of BC.
Canadian Press photo

by Lieutenant Governor Guichon along with his gender-balanced cabinet of 22 ministers in a relaxed and jubilant ceremony at Government House in Victoria.

Upon hearing of Christy Clark's announcement of her upcoming resignation, Premier John Horgan issued this statement:

"Today we thank Christy Clark for her service to British Columbia. We take up the call of public service because we want to make this province a better place. While we represented two different political parties, Ms Clark and I are united in the belief that, working together, we can build a better future for British Columbia and the people who call this place home."

Said Horgan: "As an MLA and as Premier, Ms Clark fought passionately for what she believed in. I know she will take that passion and energy to her next opportunity. I wish her all the best in her future endeavours."

BC Green Leader Andrew Weaver also issued a statement: "I want to thank Christy Clark for her years of service to British Columbians, both as an MLA and as Leader of the BC Liberals," said Weaver.

"She has been a fierce advocate for British Columbia, here at home and around the world. A highlight of my time in the Legislature was working directly with Christy Clark to implement sexualized violence policy legislation for BC's post-secondary institutions. Her leadership and willingness to work across party lines on this

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vital issue has made universities and colleges across this province safer for our students -- and for this I am grateful."

Said Weaver: "This experience illustrated what we can achieve when members of this house work together. I wish Christy Clark well in her future pursuits and look forward to developing a productive relationship with the next Leader of the BC Liberal Party."

Rich Coleman, MLA (Langley East) was chosen by the BC Liberal caucus at a meeting in Penticton July 28 to serve as interim party leader starting August 4. Clark's departure will reduce opposition ranks to 42 seats versus 44 (41 NDP and 3 Green).

Premier Horgan has up to six months to call a byelection in Kelowna West. **WSV**



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31st Sooke Fine Art Show off to a good start

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ART FEATURE by West Shore Voice News

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... as well as dynamic sculptures, creative ceramics and high-impact jewelry.

Hanging of the art and overall presentation is fabulous every year, exploiting of a full range of sizes, shapes, colour themes and textures of the art pieces. The SEAPARC Leisure Complex sports arena becomes transformed. Unless you look up to see the sport banners and game clock, you're immersed in the ambience of a big-city gallery.

This is the first year that the show is under the direction of Christa Rossner as the new Executive Director for the Sooke Fine Arts Society. SFAS president is Geraldine McGuire.

The Sooke Fine Arts Show is a high profile opportunity for artists and a popular social event. The multi-faceted show and sale also brings out droves of long-standing and loyal volunteers.

Among the mingling guests at the Purchaser's Preview were District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait and NDP MP Randall Garrison (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke). Notable long-time art supporters in the crowd were Frederique and Sinclair Philip of Sooke Harbour House. Other high-profile Sooke attendees included art enthusiast Dr Louise Morin of Sooke Optometry, Margaret Critchlow of Harbourside Cohousing, Roger Temple of Sooke Rotary, former Sooke Mayor Janet Evans, and many professional members of the long-standing arts community including Marion and Michel DesRochers.

The reception-info desk is again this year under the experienced management of Dave and Vicki Bennett. Local artist Linda Gordon joined the ticket-taker team at the front entry tables this year.

About 375 works were on display again this year (chosen by the jurors from among 1,300 items). That's how much the space will hold in the 16,000 sq ft arena that gets transformed into an art venue for the 11-day show. This year the show runs July 28 through August 7 (BC Day).

For the youth portion of the exhibit, further over in the arena lobby area, over 200 pieces are displayed. During the Purchaser's Preview, hovering proudly amidst the youth artworks was long-time youth art supporter Susan Percival, who said SFAS volunteer Linda Teneycke has done a fabulous job of presenting the student art this year.

It's a great launch opportunity for young artists from this year four schools: Edward Milne Community School and Journey Middle School in Sooke, Royal Bay Secondary in Colwood, and Belmont Secondary in Langford.

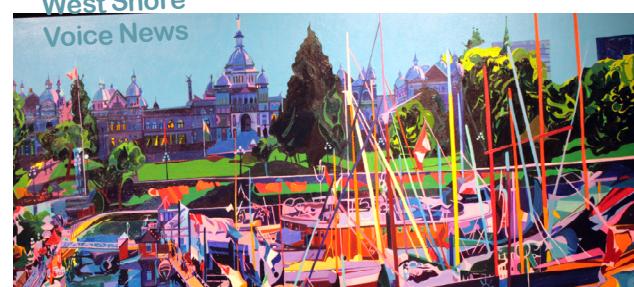
This year the SFAS student scholarship was split between two Grade 12 graduate recipients: Leann



Paintings are in some cases clustered by content themes.



Original artistic creations fill the retail gift shop set up for the 11 days of the Sooke Fine Arts Show.



Blue Victoria Canvas (acrylic on canvas) by Michelle Scragg: a fresh colourful depiction of the BC Legislature and Victoria Inner Harbour.

Li (Belmont Secondary) and Serena Laur (Edward Milne Community School). The scholarship is funded by donations collected at the annual Appetite for Art art-food pairing art exhibit and sale held each spring season.

At the by-invitation-only Artists Celebration Evening on Saturday night, July 29, over \$12,000 in awards will be presented. The three juror's choice pieces are 'Big Eyes' (an oil on canvas painting of a raccoon) by Joanne Giesbrecht, 'Prelude #2' (a floral oil on canvas) by Bonnie Laird, and 'Imagine' (a merino wool and silk fabric wrap) by Jenny Hildebrand.

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Fire Danger Rating up to Extreme in hot dry weather

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After about three weeks without rain and warm temperatures in southern BC, the forested area of the District of Sooke raised their local Fire Danger rating to "Extreme" on Tuesday, July 25. Ground cover and trees in the forests are extremely dry.

The fire risk was called "very serious" in a news release from the District of Sooke. Under these conditions any new fires start easily, spread rapidly and challenge fire suppression efforts.

Most fires are caused by human activity. People are reminded to fully extinguish any cigarettes and to avoid use of equipment like power tools and ATVs in dry areas.

Hot dry weather is expected to continue well into August. The Weather Network forecast for Sooke (as of July 28) shows little to no precipitation expected between July 29 and August 10 (which includes the BC Day long weekend, August 5 to 7). Temperatures in that time frame



EXTREME is the highest Fire Danger Rating. Campfire ban is in effect.

will see highs of 21°C or greater, including 29°C as the forecasted high for August 1 & 2.

Fighting fires is costly, an additional strain in the heat, and draws volunteers away from other activities with family and friends.

All open air burning continues to be prohibited including campfires, backyard waste and beach fires. For more info:

www.sooke.ca/districtnews/fire-danger/ WSV

Former Chief Sorensen in wildfire zone

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obtaining weather reports and passing out important details during daily morning briefings. "With weather starting to warm up again it is expected things will get busy again, and it is just the start of the BC fire season." WSV

On Monday July 24, former Sooke Fire Chief Steve Sorensen -- taking a break from his 2016 retirement -- had by that time spent four days in the Prince George emergency operations centre, assigned to the advanced planning unit. "Our task is to analyze all the fires within the northeast fire region and determine what will happen three or so days in the future. If the fires grow and spread, what is the path, and come up with basic plans that will be the basis of emergency plans should this occur," he posted on Facebook this week.

"Kind of a crystal ball of fire!" Starting July 25 Sorensen was in charge of



Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke) and District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait were among the VIPs at the Purchaser's Preview evening, July 27.

The show over 11 days includes artist talks and demonstrations, live music, and access to the gift shop that is jam-packed with unique creations by local and regional artisans. Special events include Artz4Kids & Artz4Youth (Aug 1), and two afternoons of Seniors Teas (Aug 2 & 3).

The 2017 SFAS Board members are: Geraldine McGuire (president); Wayne Fritz (VP); Danny Huzsar (Treasurer); Eileen Bacluk (Secretary); and directors Dave Bennett, Deb Johnston, Linda Teneycke, and Murray Tomkins.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Have a safe summer! Be fire smart!**31st Sooke Fine Arts Show.** Fri July 28 to Mon Aug 7.

At SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. 375 art pieces on exhibit / for sale. Also 200-piece youth art gallery. Gift shop, live entertainment, food. Admission: 1-day pass \$10. Youth ages 13-18: \$8 day pass. Seniors 65+: \$8 day pass. \$20 show pass. Purchasers Preview: \$30. Kids < 12 free. More info: www.sookefinearts.com

Artists Celebration - Sooke Fine Arts Show. Sat July 29.

At SEAPARC Leisure Complex. By invitation. 7 to 10 pm. www.sookefinearts.com

BC Provincial Exam results released via the Ministry of Education. Mon July 31. Mail-out of official transcripts.

Traffic delays during bus shelter installations Mon July 31 & Tues Aug 1 on Latoria Blvd between Metchosin Rd & Sparrowhawk Ave. 7am to 7pm. www.colwood.ca

Artz4Kids. Tues Aug 1 at the Sooke Fine Arts Show, at SEAPARC. 2-4 pm \$2 admission! **Artz4Youth** live teen music performances, 4-7 pm. \$2. www.sookefinearts.com

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Ad deadline: Aug 2 for Aug 4 BC DAY WEEKEND Issue of WSV**Colwood Planning & Land Use Committee.** Tues Aug 1. 7pm. www.colwood.ca

StoryWalk. Wed Aug 2. 6-8:30pm at Wit-tys Lagoon, Metchosin. Drop-in, all ages. Nature walk on user-friendly trail, reading illustrated children's book with CRD Regional Parks naturalist. Hosted by West Shore Parks & Recreation. Meet at Montessori parking lot. www.crd.bc.ca/about/events

Seniors Teas. Wed & Thurs Aug 2 & 3.

2-4 pm. Included with admission for Seniors 65+ / \$3 if under age 65. www.sookefinearts.com

Sooke Night Market Thurs Aug 3.

Vendors, entertainment, food 5 to 8 pm. www.sookerregionmuseum.ca

BC Day Long Weekend. Sat Aug 5 to Mon Aug 7.

Sooke Salmon Enhancement Chinook Salmon Derby. Sat Aug 5 & Sun Aug 6. \$60/rod. www.sookefishenhancement.com

Blood Donor Clinic. Mon Aug 7. Church

of the Advent, 510 Mt View Ave, Colwood. 12-7pm. www.blood.ca

Sooke Night Market Thurs Aug 10.

Vendors, entertainment, food 5 to 8 pm. www.sookerregionmuseum.ca

Sooke Music Festival. Sat Aug 12.

Free live music festival at John Phillips Memorial Park, 2197 Otter Point Rd. Fundraiser for Sooke Community Turf Field and Sooke Food Bank. 11 am to 10 pm. www.sookemusicfestival.com

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Many thanks to Moonfist, our Zen street sweeper! As us bike riders know most of the dreck in the road gravitates to the bike lane. Last week he swept from the town center down to Sunriver on Phillips Road (my route for one). Though he does this work as a kind of karma (action) yoga and community service, he richly deserved his recent honorarium! You've probably kept more than a few tires from flats, my friend! ~Hum

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Post-secondary education gets detailed attention under new Horgan NDP government

West Shore Voice News

All BC NDP cabinet ministers received their mandate letters this week from Premier John Horgan. Long a promoter of education "as the great equalizer", Horgan gave Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark this list of key priorities for her Ministry:

- Provide greater access to adult basic education and English-language learning programs by eliminating fees.
- Reduce the financial burden on students by eliminating interest on BC government student loans and establish a \$1,000 completion grant program to provide debt relief to BC graduates.
- Encourage excellence in BC's graduate school programs by introducing a new graduate student scholarship fund.
- Work with the Minister of Education to support co-op, apprenticeship and work-experience programs for high school and undergraduate students.
- Work with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to implement effective apprenticeship ratios on government-funded infrastructure projects, and increase participation of equity-seeking groups in the skilled workforce.

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Summer camps at Belmont Secondary in Langford. For kids in Grades 2 to 7. Aug 21-25. 9am-3:30 pm. Lunch 12-12:30 pm. Full Day sessions \$175. Or half-days \$100. Registration: www.westshorebasketball.com

Sooke Fall Fair - deadline for early entries to categories. Aug 23. www.sookefallfair.ca.

Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society AGM. Sun Aug 27. 2 to 3:30 pm. In the Village Food Markets upstairs meeting room, 6661 Sooke Rd. www.sheringhamlighthouse.org

Labour Day Weekend. Sat Sept thru Mon Sept 4. Back to School. Tues Sept 5. www.sd62.bc.ca

Agricultural Land Reserve to be revitalized

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Lana Popham,
BC Minister of Agriculture

All BC NDP cabinet ministers received their mandate letters from Premier John Horgan this week. The new Minister of Agriculture Lana Popham is excited to take on this list of key priorities -- perhaps of particular interest to Vancouver Islanders:

- Revitalize the Agriculture Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission. [West Shore Voice News](#)
- Establish Grow BC to help young farmers access land, and support fruit and nut growers and processors to expand local food production.
- Initiate Feed BC to increase the use of BC-grown and processed foods in hospitals, schools, and other government facilities.
- Bring back an enhanced Buy BC marketing program to help local producers market their products, and work with local producers to expand market access in the rest of Canada and abroad. [West Shore Voice News](#)

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Expedia CruiseShipCenters recently relocated their Langford office from one block of Goldstream Ave to another. Why did they cross the road? Find out at an upcoming grand (re-)opening, date tba.

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