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**Your Voice in the Legislature**

Friday, September 8, 2017 INSIGHTS FOR WEEKEND READING

## First BC NDP Throne Speech in 16 years

by Mary P Brooke  
 West Shore Voice News

● **The tone of a Throne Speech** as penned by an NDP government would of course sound different than that of the previous longstanding BC Liberal government. Listening to and supporting the people was espoused.

What was notably '21st century' for an NDP budget was a more definitive articulation of interrelationships with municipalities, industry, business and a wider range of population sectors.

The 30-minute address was delivered by Lt Gov Judith Guichon at 2pm on Friday September 8. Just a few months ago she had made the tough decision to pull the plug on the Christy Clark BC Liberals and give the NDP (with three Green Party MLAs in tow) a chance at leading British Columbia with a minority government. To that point, the speech dropped something of a 'bomb' by announcing the next fixed election date as being in Fall 2021. That gives BC Premier John Horgan and his government a full four years to roll out their people-first policies and make them stick. Fixed-date elections would follow every four years.

The new government is also promising to deliver on Proportional Representation by setting the terms for a referendum by November 2018, in favour of reform "so that citizens can be sure that every vote counts". Big money donations (corporate and union) will be eliminated and individual donors to political parties will have to be residents of BC.

Answering to one of the overriding NDP themes in the May 2017 election, came this: "Too many families were left behind for too long. It's time that we made life more affordable." Most families will be happy to hear that, but opponents will watch to see how that is accomplished with stability in the budget.

The government says it will consult with the public on various things ahead of delivering the first full budget in February 2018. Meanwhile, the Throne Speech purported some first steps toward making life more affordable such as helping renters by closing fixed term lease loopholes, and increasing support to the Residential Tenancy Branch toward fair treatment for both tenants and landlords.

A Fair Wages Commission will put BC on a path to a \$15/hour minimum wage, by setting the course for stable and predictable increases over time.

Action is being taken to fix the problems at ICBC and BC Hydro, it was stated in the speech, to make sure that Crown corporations can deliver the "best possible service... at the lowest possible cost."

A legislated poverty reduction plan will be brought in, with that work getting underway in the coming weeks.

Government says it will deliver a province-wide child care program, starting with the creation of more spaces and training more early childhood educators. Consultations with families and child care providers will be undertaken this fall.

Housing affordability was addressed with a statement about working with municipalities, cooperatives and the private sector to increase the supply of rental, social, co-op and owner-purchase homes.

The promise overall is for "relief from high costs and fees, better access to services, and an economy that works for everyone."

Meanwhile, BC Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver said in a news release after the Throne Speech that he is "pleased to see so many BC Green ideas included in the new blueprint for government." He continued: "This session, we will finally see corporate and union donations banned following the lead we took a year ago in banning them from our Party. We will see lobbying reform, a BC Green initiative, which will go even further towards ending the undue influence of special interests in our politics. BC will also have an Innovation Commissioner, one of the ideas in our emerging economy platform that will help ensure BC's long term economic prosperity." Weaver was encouraged by increased funding for public education as one of "the best investments government can make".

The Greens are integral to maintaining a go-forward minority government. However, Weaver explained that the Green MLAs will not always agree with everything the government does. "As with any relationship, this disagreement is healthy. All three parties share many values and goals, though we might sometimes differ on the best ways to implement them. There is much we can accomplish together if we are willing to engage in thoughtful, productive debate and to consistently put the interests of our constituents first." **WSV**



Handshake between Premier John Horgan and Lt Gov Judith Guichon after the BC NDP Government Throne Speech September 8.

Screenshot - BC Legislature livestream

## Proposed resource management trip faces uphill battle

by Mary P Brooke  
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INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT in the CRD 

- **ORGANICS** (kitchen scraps, biosolids from sewage treatment)
- **SOLID WASTE** (garbage & recyclables)
- **LANDFILL MANAGEMENT** (Hartland Landfill on south Vancouver Island)



CRD Chair Barb Desjardins



Sooke Mayor Maja Tait chairs the CRD's Integrated Resource Management Committee

● **Does one need to see, to get a full grasp of the subject of integrated resource management?** That's what the Integrated Resource Management (IRM) advisory committee of the Capital Regional District (CRD) would have their CRD colleagues believe. The committee, chaired by District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait, voted 6 to 5 to send a team of three politicians (including Tait) and two staff on a facilities tour of waste management sites in Europe. To see how it's done. The initiative was based on a consultant's report. There would be stops in eight European cities in Germany, Belgium, Spain and France over a week in October. The cost is estimated as \$8,500 per attendee.

That decision on September 6 sparked public debate over the cost of travel on the taxpayer's dime for something that might be achieved in other ways. During committee debate it was proposed that more information could be gleaned on the ground than, say, over Skype or by bringing technical representatives from Europe to Victoria to visit with the CRD.

"This is an opportunity to manage waste in a better way for the region," said CRD Chair Barb Desjardins .....

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## Editorial

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VIEWES & INSIGHTS FROM THE WEST COAST

### On this one, Trudeau has it wrong

● **For the most part**, Justin Trudeau as Canada's 23rd Prime Minister has pulled this country forward in many admirable and respectable ways. He helped out thousands of refugees, set leadership for gender equity, brought youth into the political loop, has bridged relations with Trump and the USA well enough so far, and is standing firm on a broader goal to peace regarding North Korea.

However, when it comes to truly understanding the impact of proposed tax revisions for small business in Canada, Trudeau and finance minister Bill Morneau are completely off base.

It's simply just not accurate, shows poor observational skills and short-sighted analysis to lump all smaller-than-the-largest corporations under one umbrella. And then essentially assume that most of them are up to no good.

Accountants will tell you they're seeing more scrutiny already against small businesses, and that's even before the tax legislation has been changed. This is the Liberal strategy to 'take from the rich and give to the poor (middle class)'. But what they don't seem to get is that there is really no firm middle class any more -- everybody is a worker. What vestiges of a middle class that remain will meet their deathknell by way of these proposed spirit-crushing tax strategies.

Trudeau says tax changes are aimed at ensuring wealthy Canadians pay their fair share. But these are in many cases not 'wealthy' people, just people who work hard at their game to achieve a good living. Affected by the proposed new legislation (which seems to be barreling ahead) will be such a range of small businesses that no one will be unaffected. Professionals like doctors will be impacted, as well as your car repair shop, your web designer, your fitness trainer... anybody who runs their own enterprise, particularly if they are incorporated.

Not only does this shrivel up the last remaining hopes of starry-eyed entrepreneurs and the self-employed, it will have a trickle-down effect into the rate of hiring and the cost of services. Small businesses generate most of the new jobs. And nowadays not many people are much above keeping their heads above water in a paycheque-to-paycheque/fixed-income economy, additionally burdened by two Bank of Canada interest-rate increases in recent months.

Small businesses incorporate for various reasons, not the least of which is to create an arms-length relationship between owner and enterprise (which is healthy). If going after the incorporated small business owner as the key source for shoring up federal coffers to pay for other programs, they are shaving away the success of some of the country's hardest-working, most devoted citizens whose talents and enterprise create jobs and prosperity for those around them. Leveling the playing field between proprietors and wage earners shows a deep unawareness of or disregard for the level of risk and often self-imposed responsibility that proprietors take compared to wage-earners. One could also say it's a bit of divide-and-conquer, by pitting the 'working class' against those 'nasty' so-called 'wealthy' folks who on the surface generate more income, but at the end of the day are often left with a similar take-home pay and more incorporation-related overhead to pay.

The proposed tax changes would undo tax incentives that middle-class entrepreneurs have relied on for decades to fund their retirements, retain cash in their companies to tide them over in leaner times, provide for their families, and protect their businesses if they choose maternity or become ill. Small businesses don't have pension plans or sick leave like salaried employees do. In many ways they live on the edge, with nothing or no one to bail them out if they falter. And yet as a society we benefit by and appreciate their services. If running one's own business becomes nothing more than an overly-responsible job without any perks, then the proposed tax changes are a death knell to a wide cross-section of industrious, creative people who contribute a special edge and verve to the economy. It's an unkind, unthinking blow to that high-spirited innovative drive that is almost uniquely Canadian. It's like a targeted kill of a treasured natural resource. Odd.

As Capital Regional District (CRD) Chair Barb Desjardins put it this week: "I'm quite worried about it. I understand the direction but it's been targeted to the wrong group of people. This will target middle income earners. It will affect small business in a significant way and will be problematic. They aren't the people you want to hurt."

Write a letter to the Minister of Finance on this one, or do what you can to support the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) which has effectively articulated concerns about this for a quite a while. Even several federal Liberal MPs have publicly voiced opposition to their government's plan on this.

If it goes through, this legislation will be a game-changer for the overall fabric of the Canadian economy that in many ways would over time become irreversible. And let's get down to brass tacks. At the very least, Trudeau may wish to rethink the small business tax revisions in order to retain for 2019 many of the business-class votes that shifted his way in 2015.

This is a government that seems prepared in almost every instance to barrel ahead with the right to rule. And it's tolerated, because most Canadians seem satisfied with having seen Canada advance in many ways since 2015. But in this instance, it's time to admit a wrong turn, back up, and change direction. ■



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### UBCM 2017 convention coming up in Vancouver

● **Over 2,000 mayors and councillors** from municipalities around BC will meet in downtown Vancouver September 25-29 for their 2017 annual convention. This year's theme is Roots to Results, aiming to consider the increasing leadership of local government in matters of federal and provincial jurisdiction. Areas like climate action, the opioid crisis, and the need for a deeper response to homelessness and housing affordability will be discussed.

Sessions include 'Advancing Local Government and First Nations Relations' as well as 'Green Innovation and other environmental policy'. A clinic will explore moving toward zero waste in BC. Preparation for the 2018 local elections will be discussed.

A one-hour keynote address will be delivered by TV, radio and print journalist Terry Milewski. Political addresses will be given by BC Premier John Horgan, Interim Opposition Leader Rich Coleman (BC Liberal), and BC Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver. **WSV**

### CRD's Integrated Resource Management exploratory

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... in an interview with *West Shore Voice News*. "It's about managing all waste streams which includes organics (currently being shipped off the island to deal with), solid waste, and providing longevity for Hartland Landfill."

Desjardins explained that the overall IRM plan will include management of sewage sludge that comes from Sooke and the peninsula (which have their own sewage treatment systems already in place), as well as from the core wastewater facility (coming on stream around year-end 2020).

Desjardins pointed out that several members of the current IRM committee have not been involved in the information process of waste management before, and it was those members who leaned to voting in favour of the fact-finding trip.

"We already know what our waste streams are," says the CRD Chair, itemizing biosolids from around the region, organic waste from around the region, and solid waste from around the region. "Those are the waste streams. How would we do integrated management, at what costs, and with what guarantees," said Desjardins.

"In Europe, they're just that much further ahead of waste management than we are, turning things into something that can pay back," said Desjardins. "Here we've got the land and we just continue to fill it. The Region wants to be leaders in this (transition to IRM)."

Desjardins sits on the IRM Advisory Committee (ex-officio, as Chair). Juan de Fuca Area Director Mike Hicks also sits on that committee; he voted against the trip.

The trip is not a done deal. The IRM committee recommendation goes next to the CRD's Envi-

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ronment Committee on Wednesday, September 13, and then immediately that afternoon to the full CRD board. **WSV**

## BC News

### ICBC rates up going up, a lot

● **It's standard fare** for an incoming government to blame a budget problem on a previous government. And so we see the BC NDP government applying to the BC Utilities Commission for a walloping 6.4% basic-rate increase in vehicle insurance rates this year while pitching that it's lower than the 20% that really would right the tilting ICBC ship. The 6.4% increase would cost the average driver about \$57 annually.

Such is the cost of doing the right thing, as apparently the previous provincial government essentially turned a blind eye to problems with ICBC finances and used ICBC "like an ATM" to support other areas of the provincial budget, said Eby in a media conference September 5. ICBC lost over \$500 million last year, the largest annual loss in ICBC's history. "Drastic action is needed to fix ICBC's devastating financial crisis," Eby said. The overall optional rate will be increased by 3.1% in the first quarter with subsequent quarterly increases of 2.2%, to a maximum of 9.6%. Individual policy rates will depend on the age of the vehicle, value and use of a vehicle, and where it is being driven. For an average driver, this is an annual blended increase between basic and optional of 8%, or \$130. **WSV**



BC Attorney General David Eby

BC Government

## Soccer in full gear

West Shore Voice News, with notes from Tom Bulmer

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East Sooke Fire Dept

**A workout! East Sooke firefighters playing soccer in full firefighting gear.**

● **Drivers stopped along Copper Mine Road** in East Sooke last week to take a second look at what they were seeing. It looked like a game in the park. A soccer game. But, there were fire trucks and it looked as though firefighters were playing. Indeed, they were! Soccer in full fire protective gear including their Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Full gear is about 60 pounds on the body and the weather was warm.

"The game was to have fun with what we are really required to do. To be ready to work hard in the event of any emergency", said Chief Roger Beck of the East Sooke Volunteer Fire Department. "The SCBA is crucial in protecting fire fighters and allowing these volunteers to protect lives and property".

In recent years, the contents of most homes has changed from natural fabrics to synthetic, producing a higher rate of possible fire expansion. Now more than in the past, firefighters have to be alert to the dangers of the toxic gases and cancer-causing agents in a modern fire. "This was just a fun way to remind volunteers of the importance of being ready with personal protection." said Beck.

In North America, 67% of the population relies upon volunteers for fire protection. Locally, that number is much higher. Firefighters respond not only to fires but motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous material incidents and rescues. Volunteer crews nowadays usually include men and women, young and older. Everyone takes the same training and be certified by the Justice Institute of BC just like professional firefighters. Volunteers are on call 24/7 by pager and their lives are easily interrupted at times that are often not convenient to themselves or their families. **WSV**

## By the numbers: a look at post-secondary education in BC

EDUCATION

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● **Thousands of students** have started their post-secondary studies or training this week. Whether working toward earning a certificate, diploma or degree, or learning a skilled trade, post-secondary education and training offers British Columbians the chance to pursue their dreams and find success in a strong, sustainable and innovation economy, says the BC Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Over 428,000 students are expected to enrol at one of 25 public post-secondary institutions this fall. The current profile is 52% female, 48% male; 6% Indigenous; 11% international. Much different than last century when almost every post-secondary student was fresh out of high school, 50% of post-secondary students nowadays are over 25 years of age. Out of nearly 37,000 registered apprentices, 10% are women, 6% Indigenous.

The top five programs are arts and science, business and management, engineering and applied science, human and social services, and trades. The top five trades training areas are electrician, carpenter, plumber, cook, auto service technician. The top 10 health occupations in BC are registered nurse specialist, physiotherapist, registered nurse general, nurse practitioner, occupational therapist, sonographer, medical laboratory technician, licensed practical nurse, respiratory therapist, and care aide.

More than 62,100 credentials were awarded in 2015-16: graduate (11%), first professional and post-degree (4%), bachelors (39%), certificate and diploma (43%) and development (3%).

In BC has 11 universities, 11 colleges, and 19 private and out-of-province public degree-granting institutions. There are over 300 private career training institutions including private language schools, 14 seminaries and theological institutions, and about 40 Aboriginal-controlled institutes, says the Advanced Education ministry.

A diploma, certificate or apprenticeship training will be required for 42% of jobs, while 36% will be in occupations that require a bachelor, graduate or first professional degree and/or significant work experience. **WSV**

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## New GVPL website is a virtual branch

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● **For the entire GVPL system of 11 libraries and all patrons is the newly updated Greater**



Victoria Public Library website that was launched on August 22.

The web presence at [www.gvpl.ca](http://www.gvpl.ca) is a true virtual branch that showcases the myriad ways people can read, watch, listen, play, learn, discover and connect through the library, says Jessica Woollard, Communications Officer, Greater Victoria Public Library. It took about a year to develop, as part of a collaborative effort to grow the library's online community.

"For those who think the library is primarily a place to check out books, GVPL's new site shows it's time to change your mind about what's in store," says Woollard.

The mobile-responsive design of the new site allows GVPL to showcase their digital and physical collections as well as hundreds of free programs for all ages and make them easier to find. GVPL also launched several new services along with the website including the option to book a quiet meeting space, and sign up for a library card to start reading, watching and listening instantly.

"We know using the library can literally change your mind — through reading, learning, playing and connecting with others," says Maureen Sawa, CEO, GVPL. "The new website makes it easier for everyone to see all the ways the library can enrich their lives and provide learning opportunities to help people connect, explore and discover."

There were 4.5 million visits at [www.gvpl.ca](http://www.gvpl.ca) in 2016. Library staff hosted user testing groups with a beta site and received valuable feedback from community members, which was incorporated into the new site.

The library catalogue system that manages library accounts and tasks such as placing holds on physical items was updated in 2015 and remains unchanged, so users will not need to adapt to a new catalogue.

The Friends of the Greater Victoria Public Library (a group of about 300 volunteers) provided a special gift to support the development of the new library system website, says Woollard.

GVPL provides services and collections in 11 libraries and online to more than 315,000 residents in its 10 member municipalities: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria and View Royal. **WSV**

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## Three GVPL libraries in the west shore area

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Mary P Brooke - West Shore Voice News

**There are ample computer workstations at the spacious Juan de Fuca Branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library.**

● **Within the main west shore area** there are three libraries as provided and operated by the Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL).

An express-concept library in Langford city centre is called the Goudy Branch, with Goldstream Ave patio seating and an attached coffee shop. The quirky-style branch in the walkable Langford downtown specializes in current, popular and in-demand items that are displayed face forward in easy to find browsing categories.

The Langford Heritage Branch on Lakepoint Way in Westhills opened in 2016 adjacent to the new YMCA building, making library services convenient to that neighbourhood area within the growing Langford community. It's close to the recently opened West Shore Parkway and a new BC Transit bus terminal opening next week (see page 4).

The Juan de Fuca Branch on Island Highway in Colwood with about 12,000 sq ft of operating space and ample parking is one of the largest libraries in the GVPL system, alongside the west shore's large Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre. The children's section is one of the busiest in the GVPL system, says Juan de Fuca Branch Supervisor Nathan Pagan. **WSV**



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**City of Colwood Regular Council.** Mon Sept 11, 7pm and **Special Transportation & Public Infrastructure Meeting.** Tues Sept 12, 6:30pm. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)  
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**Blood donor clinic** Mon Oct 2. Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. 12 to 7 pm. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)  
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**GoodLife Fitness Victoria Marathon.** Sun Oct 8. Register to noon Wed Oct 4. [www.runvictoriamarathon.com](http://www.runvictoriamarathon.com)  
**BC Ferries.** New regulation starts Wed Oct 11. Can't stay in vehicle if parked on the lower deck. [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com)  
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## Another broad-scope Langford council meeting

West Shore Voice News

● **Growth and development continues** full steam ahead in Langford. Langford Council this week at their September 5 meeting heard Planning, Zoning and Affordable Housing Committee resolutions that will allow for a proposed 4-lot subdivision on Goldstream Ave, a 5-storey apartment building on Dunford Avenue, residential development on small lots along West Shore Parkway, a new dwelling in 2900-block Leigh Place, and a townhouse development at 2500 Echo Valley Drive in Bear Mountain.

Engineering reports covered paving improvements on Jacklin Road, pedestrian safety improvements on Spencer Road, road closures on Glenshire Drive (with new access from West Shore Parkway for residents of 1253 to 1300 Glenshire), and the proposed use of licenced golf carts within the Bear Mountain neighbourhood along a rather extensive network of roads, multi-use trails and pathways.



City of Langford Mayor Stew Young presented a plaque to Langford resident Len Caine at council on Sept 5, as an Expression of Appreciation to the elder resident for his community stewardship.

## Ramping up distracted driving enforcement

● **Distracted driving** is responsible for more than 25% of all car crash fatalities in BC. On average, every year 78 people die in fatal motor vehicle collisions because a driver was not paying attention. A few seconds of inattention is all it takes for something unfortunate to happen.

BC RCMP Traffic Services is reminding drivers to keep eyes on the road and hands on the wheel. Distracted driving is not only about using an electronic device but there are many other distractions such as personal grooming, eating/drinking, reading, pets, other passengers, and not knowing where you are going.

BC RCMP announced this week that they are stepping up distracted driving enforcement across BC. The fine for distracted driving is \$368 for using an electronic device or for driving without due care. Penalty points range from 4 to 6. However, being responsible for seriously injuring or killing someone has a far greater impact than a fine or higher insurance premiums. Practicing 'safety first' might include putting your phone in the trunk of your car, if you require absolute reinforcement against using it. [www.bc.rcmp.ca/road\\_safety\\_and\\_icbc.com/road-safety](http://www.bc.rcmp.ca/road_safety_and_icbc.com/road-safety) WSV

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**New bus terminal in Westhills** TRANSIT

● On Monday September 11 at 10 am the City of Langford, Westhills and BC Transit will officially open the new Westhills BC Transit Terminal on Westhills Way in Langford. The project was jointly funded by the three partners to provide increased transit service from the west shore to the University of Victoria, the Department of National Defence (DND) and Dockyard. The new terminal is across from the YMCA building and Langford Heritage Branch library in Westhills. WSV

## \$9.5 million to science research at UVic

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● **Cutting-edge research** at the University of Victoria (UVic) got a big boost September 8, with the receipt of \$9.5 million in Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) grants to 81 faculty members and students. The announcement was made on campus by Federal Science Minister Kirsty Duncan.

NSERC President Mario Pinto also attended the announcement of UVic recipients awarded a 2017 Discovery Grant, a flagship program for basic research funding in Canada in the areas of natural sciences and engineering.

"These awards recognize that creativity and innovation drive research advances," says UVic President Jamie Cassels. "We appreciate NSERC's vital ongoing support for fundamental research and the training of the next generation of our leaders in natural sciences and engineering."

The federal funding includes \$7.8 million in individual grants to 48 UVic researchers, with an additional \$1.7 million awarded in scholarships, fellowships and accelerator supplements to other faculty and students. NSERC is providing a total \$515 million in Discovery Grants this year to researchers at Canadian universities. WSV

## Sooke Fall Fair this weekend

● **'Something's Fishy** at the Sooke Fall Fair ~ Celebrating Canada 150' is the theme of this year's annual fair. Sat Sept 9 (11-6) and Sun Sept 10 (9-5) at Sooke Community Hall & Upper Legion Hall. [www.sookefallfair.ca](http://www.sookefallfair.ca)

Sooke as a fishing capital (sports or commercial) will be celebrated with salmon recipes, salmon baking, and BBQs. Many volunteers work to pull off the popular event including games, animals on display, entries in a range of growing and craft categories. WSV

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