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SOOKE & the WEST SHORE, BC

## BC schools Canada 150 kick-off by Lieutenant Governor in Sooke

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Launching Canada 150 for BC schools (from left): SD62 Board Chair Bob Phillips, SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge, T'Sou-ke Nation elder Shirley Alphonse, BC Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon, EMCS Principal Pat Swinburnson, T'Sou-ke Nation elder Linda Bristol, and District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait.

● BC's 29th Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon launched a province-wide Canada 150 tour to visit all BC school districts, with a first stop at three schools in Sooke School District 62 (SD62) on Wednesday, January 18.

SD62 provides education to students and families in a wide geographical area on the west side of south Vancouver Island including Sooke, Langford, Colwood, Highlands, Metchosin, Juan de Fuca and Port Renfrew. Wednesday's three school visits by Her Honour were all in the town of Sooke itself.

First thing in the morning there was a visit to Sooke Elementary School followed by a visit to Journey Middle School mid-morning. After lunch at the Sooke Legion, Lt Gov Guichon addressed a full auditorium of high school students at Edward Milne Community School (EMCS). At each assembly, the Lieutenant Governor got Canada's 150th Birthday off to an official start. *Oh Canada* was performed by two singers at the start of the EMCS assembly in the school theatre, and a taped version of *God Save the Queen* wrapped up the assembly.

In her cheerful address to the high school students, Lt Gov Guichon was a bit instructional. She briefly explained the role of the Lieutenant Governor with relation to the crown, tossed about the names of former BC Lieutenant Governors, and made clear that her Speech from the Throne is written by and represents the goals of a sitting government for a given session of parliament.

Guichon seemed particularly keen to recognize this year as the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, calling it "the genesis of our democracy". In 1217 the document was used by King Henry III to form part of a peace treaty.

The Lt Gov was also a bit BC-promotional (with accolades for various BC regions and a pitch about various Government House 'priority programs') and a bit playful (including a 'disqualification' of VIPs in the front row to answer some of the constitutional questions that she pitched to the students).

Guichon outlined the Government House priority programs as Right to Read (including support for libraries in remote regions), Sing Me A Song (including a songwriting and performance contest with a \$1,000 prize in each of three age categories), and Stewards of the Future (aimed primarily at Grade 10 students to promote leadership with land and water).

During the assembly Q&A, students asked Her Honour about her travel, how a Lt Gov is chosen and what the qualifications are, and how youth or the public might contribute suggestions to government or her office.

The students seemed curious, intent and perhaps a bit surprised at aspects of Guichon's skills and interests – that she owns a ranch, and that she has a 3-wheel electric vehicle that (when plugged into the power grid at her ranch) will cost nothing to recharge. There was only a minor politically-sensitive ripple in the room and when Guichon says that the Trans Mountain Pipeline runs through her ranch and that her cows graze upon it.

A formal group of VIPs attended the afternoon event: SD62 Board Chair Bob Phillips, SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge, T'Sou-ke Nation elder Shirley Alphonse, EMCS Principal Pat Swinburnson, T'Sou-ke Nation elder Linda Bristol, and District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait. Also in attendance were SD62 Trustee Margot Swinburnson and District of Sooke Councillor Bev Berger as well as many of the school's teachers and staff.

Students were advised by school administration before the formal event got started that all hats should be taken off, and all phones be turned off, with a reminder that they were representing their school at a formal event. A bit motivationally they were told they represented "the west coast / best coast".

After addressing the high school students and reminding them to vote, Lieutenant Governor Guichon seemed genuinely delighted to mingle with students in the lobby to answer further questions. She had advised in her speech that "politics is not an armchair sport". It seemed that more than a handful took her up on that, asking her questions both during and after the presentation.

More than a few students seemed to come away intrigued, impressed and further interested in the structure of the constitutional monarchy and the functions of democracy. Even some of the seasoned political and administrative leaders at the event seemed somehow charmed by the attention to protocol and the quiet significance of this little get-together in small-town Sooke to launch Canada 150 sesquicentennial events for schools across BC.

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EDITORIAL

VIEWS & INSIGHTS FROM THE WEST COAST

The pendulum swung big time in Washington on January 20th

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The crowd was smaller than the notable 1.8 million who came out to witness Barack Obama take the US President's oath of office in January 2009.

But the crowd composition for Trump's inauguration served up an interesting mix of who is showing their support for the new president who comes to office with a background in business, not politics.

Trump made a valid point that it's okay for America (any country) to put its own interests first, in terms of being strong and resilient.

Trump welcomed positive relations with all nations of the world and said the USA under his leadership would not impose its ways on any other nation.

Trump promised a tough stance on terrorism: "We will re-enforce old alliances and form new ones and unite the civilized world against radical Islamic terrorism, which we will eradicate completely from the face of the earth."

The bombastic, showy and oftentimes low-brow campaign approach that cleverly won Trump the attention of a wide range of low-income and middle-class American voters may in fact be penchant of his true personality.

Compared to the professorial insights and quiet progressive work of Obama over the past eight years, this rough and tumble 'get the job done' approach by Trump was a dramatic shift in tone.

Likely the living past presidents - all of them (except an ailing George H.W. Bush) there in a few front row seats - could have easily been thinking 'yeah, he'll soon find out how much cannot easily get done in this job'.

Democracy does work. Popular vote count oftentimes surpasses the final

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NANAIMO-MALAHAT: "Canadians will be better equipped for the well-paying middle-class jobs of today and tomorrow," with a \$35.9-million federal-provincial investment in Vancouver Island University's (VIU) new \$39.9-million Health and Science Centre,

\$12.5 million from the federal government and \$31 million from BC. Camosun College will provide an additional \$5 million for a total project cost of \$48.5 million.

The \$15 million Centre for Environmental Science and International Partnership at RRU will be funded with \$9.3 million in federal dollars and \$5.7 million from BC. RRU and private donors are providing an additional \$6.5 million, for a total project cost of \$21.5 million.

Camosun's new health sciences centre including simulation labs will be a four-storey, 8,300-sqm centre to house 18 health science programs including community mental health, athletic and exercise therapy, nursing, and university-transfer health programs.

RRU's new Centre for Environmental Science and International Partnership with teaching labs, computer labs and wet labs along with applied research space involves major renovations and upgrades to the century-old Mews building and the construction of an adjoining two-storey addition.

The federal government is contributing \$19.4 million while \$16.5 million is from the BC government. VIU and its community partners are providing \$4 million.

This brings the total BC/federal investment in new VIU infrastructure since Dec2016 to \$62.3 million.

"I am happy that \$19.4 million of federal funding will be invested in new infrastructure at VIU, which is important to our region," said Alistair MacGregor, MP (Cowichan-Malahat-Langford). "It is wonderful to be able to see the growth in their delivery of high quality education in world-class facilities, especially in the much needed field of health science and provision."

VICTORIA-COLWOOD: On January 19, investments were announced for a new health-science centre at Camosun College, along with a Centre for Environmental Science and International Partnership at Royal Roads University (RRU) in Colwood. Both projects are slated for completion in spring 2018. About 179 direct and 117 indirect jobs are expected to be created as a result of the investment at Camosun, while approximately 73 direct and 52 indirect jobs will apparently be created as a result of the investment in RRU.

The \$43.5 million investment in the new Health Science Centre at Camosun College's Interurban campus includes

POLICY BEHIND THE MONEY: Government of Canada funding for the two infrastructure projects is being allocated through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund, which will enhance and modernize

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US President Donald J Trump during his inaugural speech, January 20, 2017

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Quote of the Week

"Do not allow anyone to tell you that it cannot be done. No challenge can match the heart and fight and spirit of America. We will not fail. Our country will thrive and prosper again."

outcome (including in Canada), though in this case it remains undetermined whether cyber-hacking by Russian sources are indicated to have tipped the results.

As post-presidential Obama put it to supporters at a military base send-off regarding this new phase of American politics under Trump: "This is just a little pit stop. This is not a period, this is a comma in the continuing story of building America."

Well ahead of the January 20 inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th president of the United States, over 600 rallies across the US and Canada were organized to take place the very next day. The largest gathering is expected to take place in the US capital on January 21.

During his campaign, Trump challenged that he would cut back funding to Planned Parenthood, a longstanding organization that enables various aspects of women's health care on a non-payment, no-judgement basis.

Trump reportedly plans to sign an executive order this weekend reinstating a policy that bans foreign aid from going to nongovernmental organizations like the International Planned Parenthood Federation. Before that, on January 5, House Speaker Paul Ryan formally announced that Republicans aim to strip federal funding for Planned Parenthood in a budget bill that will also repeal the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare).

Planned Parenthood and its allies are promising a fight. "Regardless of what Paul Ryan says and what he does, we are not going away, and we are not going anywhere," said the US Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards in early January. "You can't completely end a public health care system in America and not think about what the impact will be on the folks who have least access to care." Trump did say he would "replace" a repealed Obamacare, but that could well take time through the channels of Congress.

Several high-profile celebrities are scheduled to take part in the post-inaugural weekend rallies. Pre-event TV coverage in both Canada and the US indicated that many women, men and families who will be participating in the rallies have never before been involved in on-the-ground civic or political protest.

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facilities on Canadian campuses and improve environmental sustainability of the facilities: \$2 billion has been allocated to accelerate infrastructure at Canadian colleges and universities over the next three years.

BC says it is investing in modern, safe infrastructure projects throughout the province, that the construction projects are creating high-paying, family-supporting jobs, and that the investments are possible because of their fiscal plan.

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Rallies already set up against Trump

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## Building a case for tri-region amalgamation?

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Representatives of municipal councils will gather on Tuesday January 24 (7pm, Coastal Offices, 132-328 Wale Rd, Colwood), to explore the third and last Capital integrated Services and Governance Initiative Report as prepared for the BC Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. All of the capital region's 13 municipalities and the Juan de Fuca (JdF) electoral area were consulted about existing and planned services delivery and administration.

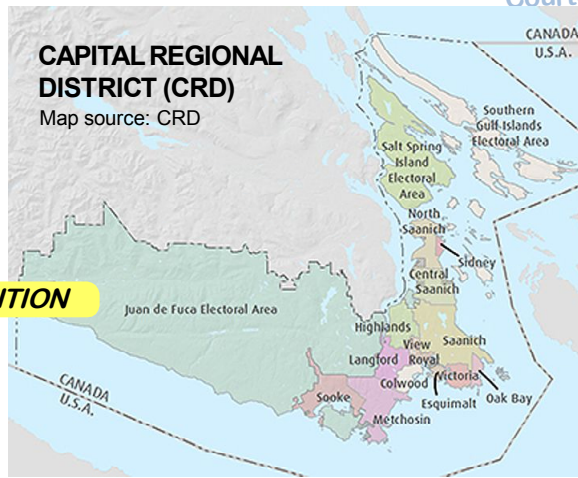
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Municipalities are a creature of the provincial government. After years of discussion about amalgamation in the Greater Victoria area, the report provides some facts about how things are being done around the region. Services provided or managed by the 13 municipalities include: Water, Transportation, Stormwater, Solid Waste Management, Sewer, Recreation, Police, Planning and Economic Development, Parks, Libraries, Housing, Government Administration, Fire, Emergency Planning, Emergency Dispatch, Bylaw Enforcement and Building Inspection.

In a poll asking "Which service do you think will benefit the most from a more integrated approach to service delivery," responses showed 'Transportation' as the highest at 32%, followed by 'Police' 20%, and 'Government Administration' 15%.

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The December 15, 2016 report says "the shape of the urban area emphasizes community uniqueness over regional cohesion" but that "several sub-regional-trends were clear": Westshore municipalities expressed a



The Capital Regional District (CRD) is comprised of 13 municipalities. The core area is comprised of Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt. The western communities area is generally considered to include Langford, Highlands, View Royal, Colwood, Metchosin and Sooke. The peninsula area encompasses Central Saanich, North Saanich and Sidney. The three electoral areas are Juan de Fuca, Southern Gulf Islands, and Salt Spring Island.

significant degree of alienation with the current approach, often seeing that regional approaches would add costs and regulation

with little benefit to their citizens. Peninsula municipalities emphasized the strong degree of co-operation and service integration that already existed between them. While interested in additional opportunities, they were unsure about whether there was substantial room for further integration. Core municipalities were cautious but open to further opportunities for integration and "interested in how to do it right" with some interest in discussing amalgamation. Rural municipalities (Metchosin, Highlands) emphasized their unique rural nature (low degree of municipal services, citizen self-reliance, volunteerism) and a strong desire to maintain their rural identity. They were generally opposed to any type of amalgamation. JdF Electoral Area expressed strong interest in more community-centred governance.

CRD says that tourism, technology, health care and government services are key industries in the region, calling it "a place where residents and tourists can enjoy the Pacific Ocean, old growth rainforests, outdoor adventure, world-class culinary experiences and a vibrant arts and culture scene".

The CRD was created in 1966 as part of the BC government's initiative to establish the 'regional district' concept of local government province-wide. WSV

## Sooke Council Notes

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Following our coverage last week of the Jan 9, 2017 Sooke Council meeting, here are two matters of correction or clarification:

CLARIFICATION / CORRECTION

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SAFARS. We wrote that Margarita Dominguez of the Victoria Pet Food Bank and Feral Cat Rehabilitation Society (aka SAFARS) had pitched for funds to relocate the group's vandalized shelter from Throup Rd. We did NOT say they were asking for a grant per se, but we indicated that moving a shed requires funding. In that the presentation seemed to dwell upon the cost of relocating the SAFARS storage shed, it was this editor's determination that funding was being requested (or might be expected) to support that. However, Dominguez has written to say that she was not asking the District for funds for relocating the shed, and so we provide that confirmation to our readers. This week Sooke Mayor Maja Tait said that after hearing the Jan 9 SAFARS presentation: "My understanding is that she would like Council to consider lighting on the Trail(s) and funding for more police officers." Dominguez's presentation had included comments that the police did not seem to have time to investigate actions in and around the storage shed.

POLITICS. And while it is naive to assume that no politicking goes on between elections, most municipal councillors in general like to keep their attention to the business of running their town, at least until the year of the election. The next municipal election date across BC comes up in the fall of 2018. In that light – and perhaps one of the reasons the energy seemed somehow 'off' in that first Sooke council meeting of 2017 – is that political positioning seemed apparent from the Mayor's introductory remarks on Jan 9.

In the social media aftermath of our coverage on all this last week, we are retracting our published statement of last week that Sooke Councillor Brenda Parkinson intends to run for Mayor in 2018. "Let it be known that I have absolutely no intention or desire of running for Mayor in any election and that my decision will absolutely not change," said Parkinson in an email message to West Shore Voice News on January 10.



District of Sooke Councillor Brenda Parkinson at the Jan 1 Mayor's Levee.

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## Arts on the move

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The Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP) was announced January 12, inviting artists from across Canada to participate. Submissions are due May 31. SSNAP is "a means for people to express their artistry, for the magic invoked by artistic expression is a catalyst that sparks further creativity and strengthens the cultural unity found in our country". There will be \$30,000 in prizes, with the first artist taking \$12,000 and a \$5,000 one-month artist residency on this little treasure of a Canadian island. A panel of jurors from across Canada will select 50 finalists for the originality, quality, and integrity of their works resulting in a significant work that holds a visual impact and a depth of meaning. Finalists to be announced by July 19. Original works on exhibit / for sale Sept 22-Oct 22. www.saltspringartprize.ca

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The Arts Committee of the Capital Regional District (CRD) will consider the complete draft of two documents: Building our #ArtsFuture Together: Implementation Plan and Regional Arts Facilities: A Framework. The documents are available for review and comment at www.placespeak.com/CRDArtsFuture. Comments will be received up to January 24. The CRD Arts Service community consultation was "designed to strengthen the arts for all". A final approved Implementation Plan will be posted on the CRD Arts Development Service webpage in February. Among other findings, the study showed these survey results (arts community vs general population): the arts brings energy & vitality to community (78% / 65%); improved quality of life (74% / 58%); stronger sense of pride (67% / 53%); health & well-being (64% / 47%); stronger sense of belonging (63% / 51%); draws tourists to the community (57% / 54%); greater economic activity/development (57% / 49%); better understanding between cultures (51% / 51%); better ability to attract / keep skilled workers (36% / 39%); enhancing community safety (26% / 18%).

Submissions from Sooke-area artists for the 4th Annual Appetite for Art food and art fundraiser will be accepted up to Jan 25 at www.sookefinearts.com. The \$20-admission show March 9 (7 to 9 pm) and by-donation exhibit March 10 (noon to 8pm) together support the Sooke Food Bank and a Grade 12 art scholarship at EMCS school. WSV

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**SD62 Kindergarten Registration.** Mon Jan 23 (8 am) to Fri Jan 27. [www.sd62.bc.ca/schools/kindergarten](http://www.sd62.bc.ca/schools/kindergarten)

**District of Sooke Regular Council Meeting.** Mon Jan 23. 7pm in council chambers. NOTE: public input 6 to 6:40 pm ahead of the regular council meeting. [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca)

**Parenting Teens through Hard Times.** Mon Jan 23. 6:30-8:30pm, 345 Wale Rd. Free. Guest Speaker: Shauna Janz, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Victoria. RSVP by Jan 19 for child care: 250-217-4929 **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

**SD62 Board Meeting** Tues Jan 24. 8pm. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**Sooke Region Chamber Breakfast.** Guest speaker Langford Mayor Stew Young. Wed Jan 25, 7am. Register: [www.sookeregionchamber.com](http://www.sookeregionchamber.com)

**Tsunami the Inflatable Dragon in the Pool.** Fri Jan 27 at SEAPARC Leisure Complex. 1 to 2:45 pm. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)

**Making Waves 'Big Ideas Fair'** Sat Jan 28 9am-4pm (drop in). Interactive family-friendly opportunity for public input to City of Colwood. At Royal Bay Secondary, 3500 Hesjedal Way. [www.colwood.ca/events](http://www.colwood.ca/events)

**Family Learning Tour.** Sat Jan 28 at various west shore locations. Storywalk, blackberry painting, scavenger hunt, more. 10 am to 1 pm. [www.westshoreliteracy.ca](http://www.westshoreliteracy.ca)

**District of Sooke Committee of the Whole.** Mon Jan 30. 7pm. Public input. [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca)

**SD62 Sport Academies Registration** for 2017-2018 starts at 6am online Wed Feb 1. [www.sd62.bc.ca/academies](http://www.sd62.bc.ca/academies)

**Sooke River 10K.** Sun Feb 5. By Victoria Marathon Society. [www.islandseries.org](http://www.islandseries.org)

**Tea, Talk & Treats.** Sun Feb 5. "Threats to Orcas in BC" by Dr Richard Dewey, Science Ocean Networks Canada. Sooke Region Museum, 2:30 pm. [www.sookeregionmuseum.ca](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)

**Awareness Film Night.** Wed Feb 8. Film on vaccines & autism: *Vaxxed: From CoverUp to Catastrophe*. EMCS 7 pm. [www.awarenessfilmmight.ca](http://www.awarenessfilmmight.ca)

**BC Family Day (Sooke),** Mon Feb 13. Free admission all day at SEAPARC. Swim, skate, hockey. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)

**Family Day Skate** Mon Feb 13 at JdF Arena, regular admission. 1:00-2:30 pm. [www.westshorerecreation.ca](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca)

**Canadian Blood Services** donor clinic Mon Feb 20 at Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. 12 noon to 7 pm. Book appointment: [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)



**Kindergarten Registration** for the 2017-2018 academic year  
**January 23 to 27**  
starting at 8:00 am

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Registrations are first-come, first-served online at [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca) or at your neighbourhood school.

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## First time homebuyers catch a break West Shore Voice News

British Columbians looking to purchase their first home can now apply to the BC Home Owner Mortgage and Equity (HOME) Partnership program, which "helps first-time homebuyers create secure and stable futures for their families through home ownership" says the BC Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Responsible for Housing.

In the first four days of applications (Jan 16 to 20), 125 applications were submitted for evaluation. Of those, 70 applicants have been approved in 23 communities throughout BC.

The BC HOME Partnership is designed to help first-time homebuyers who can afford the costs of home ownership, but are experiencing challenges with the initial step in entering the market – pulling together a down payment.

The program goal is to help more people establish a nest egg and ensure that the dream of home ownership remains in reach for families.

The average sale price of a home in the western communities in December 2016 (83 sales) was \$599,868. Langford prices led the pack at an average \$685,942 followed by Colwood at \$585,808 and then Sooke at \$527,854.

The province's HOME program contributes to the amount first-time buyers have already saved for their down payment, providing up to \$37,500, or up to 5% of the purchase price, with a 25-year loan that is interest-free and payment-free for the first five years. **WEB COURTESY EDITION**

A minimum down payment of 5% of the home's purchase price is required by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

Under the BC HOME Partnership program, homebuyers must first qualify for an insured high-ratio mortgage, to ensure they can afford payments both today and in the future. Interest rates five-years hence are presumed to be higher than in 2017.

Applications are being accepted for purchases that close on or after February 15, 2017. **WSV**

Area	ONE-YEAR COMPARISON	
	Avg Dec 2016 \$ HPI Adjusted	Avg Dec 2015 \$ HPI Adjusted
Langford	\$685,942 (43) \$506,900	\$576,209 (46) \$428,500
Colwood	\$585,808 (16) \$558,800	\$507,870 (10) \$467,400
Sooke	\$527,854 (24) \$428,500	\$399,433 (23) \$358,300
REGION 3 areas	\$599,868 (83) \$498,066	\$494,504 (69) \$484,566
Greater Victoria	\$749,307 (220) \$625,600	\$704,542 (245) \$520,500

Selected comparison by West Shore Voice developed from data at [www.vreb.org](http://www.vreb.org)

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## Municipalities get grants for 2017 Family Day activities



SEAPARC Leisure Complex in Sooke offers free admission all day on Family Day 2017.

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Communities throughout BC will celebrate the fifth BC Family Day on Monday, February 13.

The Province is again providing \$250,000 to support free local, family-focused activities with funds administered through the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA). One-time grants up to \$1,000 are available for free community-based family events held during the BC Family Day weekend (Feb 10-13). Funding is limited to municipal parks and recreation departments and First Nations band councils.

"It is a great incentive to get families active and healthy," says Steve Knoke, manager of SEAPARC in Sooke. Last year over 500 people attended SEAPARC with free admission on Family Day. This year on

Family Day the SEAPARC pool will be open 12-6pm, with a Family Fun Skate 12-3pm and Family & Friends Hockey 3:15-5pm. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca) **WSV**

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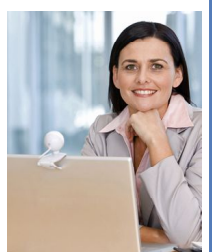
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## A winter photo moment

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Non-migratory geese pecking around one afternoon this week on the Fred Milne Park all-weather turf field in Sooke.

The District of Sooke has yet to approve its proposed Firearms Bylaw 659 that would allow agricultural landowners to use firearms and bows with arrows for scaring off or killing wildlife (deer, geese and other animals) that could be damaging crops. Geese obviously also flock to other areas of town. **WSV**

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