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INSIGHTS FOR WEEKEND READING

Expanding the fleet

SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE

FEATURE by West Shore Voice News



The new Rescue 1 vehicle was officially unveiled with a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at Langford Fire Hall No 1 on Thursday afternoon, June 8. From left: Capt Brian Bell, Councillor Denise Blackwell, Councillor Lillian Szpak (chair, Protective Services Committee), Langford Mayor Stew Young, Councillor Winnie Sifert, incoming Fire Chief Chris Aubrey, Capt Steve Adams.

● There were ample glowing comments for bringing the latest service vehicle into the Langford Fire Department fleet.

"It's a perfect fit, a vehicle that allows us to move forward," said outgoing Fire Chief Bob Beckett at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 8 at Langford Fire Hall No 1 on Peatt Road.

"We filled it really quickly," said incoming Fire Chief Chris Aubrey, referring to all the equipment that has been packed into the heavy rescue truck that has no water tank, but lots of storage room.

"It's a rolling toolbox," said Langford Councillor Lillian Szpak who chairs Langford's Protective Services committee.

Aubrey says the gear-packed truck means firefighters are not shuffling around between vehicles or amid layers within an engine vehicle for different items of gear or equipment during a live action scenario. It's all well laid out for easy access.

Fire rescue personnel handle fires, motor vehicle incidents, hazardous material situations, terrain rescues, high-level incidents, and more. Langford Rescue 1 is a solid resource now for all those scenarios. "It's perfect for a growing community," said Aubrey.

The 2015 Spartan Metro Star Heavy Rescue vehicle was a demonstration unit rather than a custom build, saving the city and taxpayers approximately \$100,000.

Langford Mayor Stew Young commended the fire department personnel for working to find a cost-effective solution. As a manufacturer's demonstration vehicle, it had only 2,000 km on it from going to trade shows. The price was less than buying new, yet as a flagship piece of apparatus the vehicle has 'all the bells and whistles'.

Council listened to what the fire department needed. "We always support Langford Fire Rescue with the equipment to do the job," said Szpak.

The truck has been at the station for about a month, being equipped with radios and organized with all the equipment contents.



A telescopic light tower can be projected up out of the truck to illuminate a night-time rescue scene.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was an opportunity to celebrate good decision-making and service enhancement.

In addition to the new vehicle in the fleet there are four engines (with water tanks), two light trucks, one ladder truck, one brush truck and three utility vehicles.



Chris Aubrey will be the new Langford Fire Chief starting June 16, as appointed by Langford Council last month.

BC Legislature to get rolling June 22

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● By Thursday afternoon, all 87 newly elected or re-elected MLAs had been sworn into office.

At the BC legislature, the three Green MLAs were sworn in June 7, and then 43 BC Liberal MLAs and 41 BC NDP MLAs took part in swearing-in ceremonies June 8.

BC Liberal Premier Christy Clark has recalled the legislature for June 22. Government House Leader Mike de Jong said Wednesday that the first order of business in the new parliament will be to elect a Speaker: "After which, and in the aftermath of a very close election, the government will seek to determine if it continues to enjoy the confidence of the house."

Electing a Speaker could be a challenge. The Speaker is non-voting except in to break ties. The NDP-Green alliance is unlikely to want to give up one vote (leaving them one short of a majority tally of 44) and the BC Liberals are unlikely to want one of their own MLAs forced to break ties in favour of a progressive house.

But if the Speaker decision is made, the Liberals could introduce their throne speech the same day, to be read by Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon. A confidence vote would likely follow within days. If a confidence vote fails for Premier Christy Clark, it's likely BC will get NDP Premier John Horgan whose party holds 41



BC NDP Leader John Horgan was clearly jubilant on June 8 after the swearing-in of 41 BC NDP MLAs at the BC Legislature on June 8. [Livestream event on Facebook showed a rapidfire succession of supportive symbols from viewers]

seats compared to the BC Liberals' 43. The Greens and NDP on May 30 signed an accord that would allow the two parties to operate together with 44 seats to perform as a minority government.

Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon has yet to accept the NDP-Green deal. That would likely only happen if Premier Christy Clark and the BC Liberals fail to maintain the confidence of the house.

Horgan has protested the delay of reconvening the house, and Weaver said the long delay "has led to uncertainty that we don't really need". But with the complexities of the matters at hand, methodical steps have allowed time for new MLAs to settle in, the NDP and Greens to sign their deal, and for offices to get organized.

Greens now three in BC Legislature



● BC Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver and Green MLAs Sonia Furstenau and Adam Olsen were sworn in as Members of the BC Legislative Assembly on June 7 in Victoria. They were elected as the province's first BC Green Caucus on May 9.

This marks a new era of BC politics," said Weaver. "With the election of BC's first Green Caucus and a minority government, we have a real opportunity to do politics differently. We look forward to getting to work for our constituents and the people of British Columbia," said Weaver in a news release.

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More people clustering on the west shore

● **An increase of about 500 students per year** over the past few years in schools on the west shore has been grappled with and managed admirably by the Sooke School District 62 (SD62) school board. By necessity, the teachers, students and families have rolled with the punches. Hopefully the BC Ministry of Education will continue catching up with the provision of more classroom spaces (i.e. more schools).



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West Shore Voice News

But this rapid population increase in schools forces us as a community to look at what is happening to affordability. Not just for housing -- which is what draws all these families to Langford, Colwood, Sooke and area -- but life on Vancouver Island overall. Buying a single family home for over half a million dollars can hardly be called affordable, and is out of reach for many families now. Millennials don't even think about buying homes. The City of Langford is turning heads with its leadership in trying to keep up with building more rental accommodation, and the District of Sooke tinkers with various ways to expand their sewer-service area. But overall this west side of the island is rattling at the seams with a need for rapid but stable expansion that so far occurs in fits and starts.

And yet the west shore job market is frail overall. Most jobs are still in the core area of Victoria, Saanich and Esquimalt as well as out into the peninsula out to Sidney. So that's why transportation issues rear up, calling for effective regional planning. The under-construction McKenzie-Admirals interchange at Highway 1 will eventually help, as will the West Shore Parkway for easing traffic between Langford and the way to Sooke via Highway 14 by later this year. BC Transit still has some adjustments to make for servicing the west shore better. Better bussing out to Colwood, Langford and Sooke is needed in coming to terms with the realities of people living afar for affordability, but finding employment within the core. Regional perspective has dawned, and more effective action needed. Yet it does take time; Langford's new industrial park along West Shore Parkway will provide about 3,000 jobs at full build out, but that's a few years to come.

Highspeed Internet service is part of the solution for areas like Sooke; the more distant locale might appeal to millennials (age 19-29) and telecommuters who could choose to operate from home-based businesses or small business clusters. To date, Sooke seems to have resisted a full-on promotion of home-based business, still trying to wrap their head around the old model of a storefront business tax base. A happy productive populace generates its own natural attraction factor for people to willingly relocate to a town that has yet to provide full-service living. Protecting the town core as the mainstay of business revenue is proving to be short-sighted, as is a high tax ratio for light industrial (only 12 such businesses in Sooke).

Generational shift hits the pages of West Shore Voice

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Move over a bit, all you Gen X-er's, young boomers and older seniors. Make room for your younger peers.



● **West Shore Voice readers** are inquisitive, attentive participants in their communities. You appreciate the insights and depth we provide about the week's news. Thanks, some of you, for sticking by us over nine years now!

Our strongest reader demographics are not so much by age but by clusters of people in society who stand out, who make a difference. You are leaders in your business sectors, political realms, schools, families and communities.

When it does come to age, til now most of our readers have been over 40, with definitive clusters in the young-boomers (50 to 65) and full-on seniors (over 65, okay nowadays maybe over 70 as many people are in good health longer).

As explored in several of our editorials about millennials, not paying attention to the distinct challenges of the age 19 to 29 set will have powerful consequences. Not just for those young adults themselves but for the society they will eventually rebel against if they are not rapidly now brought into the fold.

Ok, so you don't know what a meme is, or you've never taken a selfie, or you can't wrap your head around why home ownership isn't a passionate goal of that generation. You might not like their hard-beat music sometimes wrapped with rap. Remember when your parents didn't understand why you liked listening to The Beatles or The Tragically Hip?

As of this week, *West Shore Voice News* is embracing the Millennial readership full-on. Welcome, you creative, inventive, vibrant, highly-attuned bunch! Tell us what you're experiencing in this decade that is rapidly approaching the 2020s. Virtual reality, robot interface, alternative food-growing and so much more lies very close around the corner -- all of it affecting the job market, income levels, lifestyles (including where people live), health, and overall well-being. Jobs of the near-future will fall broadly into tech (automated and digital), health and well-being, and entertainment, with endless variations within those genres. Manufacturing and construction jobs -- long the mainstay of the mid-20th-century to early 21st-century -- will need to shift to new technologies including green tech. Baseline services like plumbing, in-home appliance repair (including computers), and caring for people and pets who are ill or frail will always need human hands. In the entertainment world, there's gaming and the industry of celebrity itself.

Culturally speaking, Millennials are already driving the direction of this new world. Yet so far they are under-resourced and generally disregarded by the mainstream. This is not about teenagers. These are people in their 20s, an age when people used to buy homes, raise families, and be well on their way to financial security. They've been set back by the Great Recession these past 10 years (and worse, in BC, with an unsupported education system and gleeful corporate economy), not even knowing what they've missed -- think about it. For older generations to hide in their comfort zones around this is not cool. A positive interface of these young adults with those who still have the business power and financial might is a good prescription for societal success. A safety valve if you will.

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SD62 update as year-end approaches EDUCATION ADMIN

● **Long-time Sooke School District (SD62) trustee** Bob Phillips will be resigning from the position of board chair at the end of June 2017. He made that announcement briefly at the May 23 SD62 public board meeting.

Phillips refers to the SD62 board as corporate, indicating his inclination for more direct involvement in politics. Phillips is long of the NDP party stripe and was a key organizer in the re-election of BC NDP incumbent John Horgan (Langford-Juan de Fuca) in the recent provincial election.

Most of the SD62 trustees have been on board a long time, some of them three or four terms, including Wendy Hobbs, Denise Riley, Dianna Seaton (currently serving as vice-chair), and Margot Swinburnson. Neil Poirier is serving his second term, and Ravi Parmar his first.

In the important matters of education, the wisdom of life experience counts for sometimes as much as understanding the machinations of board mechanics.

A social worker (retired) by trade, Phillips has overseen a contrast of conditions for SD62 budget realities in the past two years. In 2015-2016, the SD62 board agonized over yet another round of cutbacks resulting from province-wide education battles with the BC Ministry of Education. In 2016-2017 came the shift point where more teachers could be hired (mostly heading into fall 2017).

Clearly what is more appropriate funding is also now being received from the BC Ministry of Education for 2017-2018 to support schools with the underpinnings that come with increased classroom teacher numbers (e.g. custodial by CUPE staff, utilities overhead). That strategic accomplishment comes largely from behind-the-scenes work by SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge.

Over 200 new teachers will come onstream in SD62 for 2017-2018 as a result of the restored class size and composition clauses in the BC Teachers Federation agreement with the provincial government. Lower teacher-student ratios are thought to benefit all parties -- students, teachers, families and overall school operations.

In the past few years, SD62 has seen rapid student population growth as families flock to the relatively more affordable western communities. Over the past few years, about 500 more students per year have been attending public schools in Langford, Colwood and Sooke.

In the fall of 2015, SD62 opened two new high schools -- Royal Bay in Colwood and Belmont in Langford; both schools already need portable classrooms to keep up with demand. At least 25 portables will be shuffled around the broad SD62 footprint of the west shore, once enrollment numbers are firmed up for the start of the 2017-2018 academic year in September.

SD62 serves families and students in the communities of Langford, Colwood, Sooke, Highlands, Metchosin and Port Renfrew. From the inside out, SD62 is a largely charged with managing the employment of teachers. Over 85% of the 2017-2018 operating budget of \$127,604,013 will go to teacher salaries.

Over several months, the SD62 board has applied thorough and thoughtful consideration to the 2017-2018 SD62 budget under the skillful guidance of SD62 Treasurer Harold Cull. The budget comes up for 2nd and 3rd reading at a public board meeting on June 13 at 7pm at the school board office, 3143 Jacklin Road.

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2050s to 2080s

● **The Capital Regional District (CRD) engaged the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium** to undertake an analysis of projected changes in temperature, precipitation, and indices of extremes due to climate change. The CRD Board will review the resultant *Climate Projections for the Capital Region May 2017* report on June 14.

As the global climate warms (projected to be 3°C warmer by 2050s), the number of summer days above 25°C in this region will triple (from 12 to 36 days/yr). The 1-in-20-year hottest day's temperature is projected to rise from 32°C to 36°C. Rising temperatures will result in a 22% increase in the growing season and a 49% increase in growing degree days by the 2050s.

There are implications for regional ecosystems, watersheds, agriculture, horticulture, and communities. Warmer winters will see 69% fewer frost days (affecting plants & insects), but heating demand for buildings will decrease. The "new normal" is a climate almost entirely frost-free at lower elevations. Annual precipitation is expected to rise 5% by the 2050s and 12% by the 2080s; most additional rain will come in the fall season.

Edward Milne Community School Grade 12 Graduates of 2017

Royal Bay Secondary School Grade 12 Graduates of 2017

Abell, Andrew
Adler, Aliisa
Anderson, Mychaela
Anderson -Roffey, Thomas
Arruda, Shelby
Arthurs, Shelby
Artindale, Rheanne
Babbage, Julianne
Baker, Raven
Bastone, Tyson
Bautista, Mia
Beatty-Shust, Nikolas
Berger, Ky
Berkeley, Chris
Bernard, Tayler
Blackmore, Eric
Borsellino, Jordyn
Bramer, Nathan
Brock, Alex
Brock, Browyn
Cai, Zongye
Cao, Kayla
Card, Ethan
Carnegie, Madison
Caster, Sam
Chen, Amber
Chen, Onyx
Childs, Cassidy
Christie, Gabe
Church, Austin
Collins, Maggie
Connor, Kieran
Cornbill, Ryan
Cumming, Desiree
Daly-Tetreault, Mickayla
Demelo, Noah
Dobie, Grace
Dougall, Nin
Dumont, Lexey
Dunn-Jones, Mariyah
Dyck, John
Earle, Celestine
Eubank, Taylor
Evans, Lorna
Fe, Elora
Fitzner, Elizabeth
Fogarty, Tanya
Forcier, Oliver
Franchise, Dalton
Franks, Hailey
Friesen, Tyson
Gakena, Nick
George Eddie
Gerhardts, Bradon
Harrison, Toren
Herold, Hagen
Hoath, Elena
Holmes, Matt
Holmquist, Branden
Hook, Celeste
Huang, Yandong
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EMCS GRAD EVENT

EMCS

Principal Pat Swinburnson as Master of Ceremonies at the June 3 grad event at UVic welcomed the following presenters: Margot Swinburnson (SD62 Trustee), David Strange (SD62 Assistant Superintendent), Bev Berger (Acting Mayor, District of Sooke), BC NDP Leader John Horgan (guest presenter), Jenn Gruno (English teacher; message to the class of 2017).
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John, Eddie
Johnson, Quinlin
Johnson,-Grant, Isaac
Jones, Darnell
Julien, Drue
Kemp, Jade
Keuris, Cherise
Keuris, Shyla
Laird, Maggie
Laur, Serena
Lewers, Grant
Li, Ruby
Lin, Katherine
Lindquist, Dreyden
Line, Triston
Liu, Dingbang
Liu, Kun
Liu, Minzhao
Lloyd, Alyssa
Logan, Justin
Lundquist, Savannah
Ma, Chenxing
Maroney, Alexa
Martin, Hunter
Maynard, Adrianna
McCormack, Fiona
McKelvey, Kaitlin
McKenzie, Alec
McMillan, Bailey
Medhurst, Maya
Miller, Matthew
Mills, Cory
Milton, Alora
Musfelt, Andrew
Nex, Bobby
Ning, Yue
Norquay-Pahl, Leif
O'Quinn, Morgan
Ouyang, Linchuan
Oyler, Nicole
Palko, Celina
Parkinson, Shawn
Parsons, Rachel

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Petrie, Kayla
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Price, Madeleine
Purdy, Dela
Purnell, Kailee
Radford-Hall, Taylor
Reichl, Oshyana
Rice, Cole
Richardson, Olivia
Rosko, Michael
Ross, Randy
Ryan, Delaney
Savarie, Britney
Saxelby, Soleil
Scheubel, Tyler
Shaw, Alyssa
Shi, Jia Liang
Smith, Joshua
Smyth, Jonathan
Spencer, Rachel
Stauffer, Rebecca
Stuart, Robert
Sudlow, Alison
Sutherland, Victoria
Thomperello, Nyomi
Tipper, Breanne
Titchkosky, Quinn
Tonneson, Oliver
Tracy, Mikayla
Viala, Jaydon
Walsh, Hailey
Warren, Lajah
Wass, Noah
Wei, Shuting
Westgate, Xayla
Wilce-Panter, Justice
Williams, Kaytlynn
Wilsher, Rylin
Wilson, Reily
Winger, Logan
Wright, Carmyn
Wu, Dai Xuan
Wu, Yucheng
Xu, Reyn
Xu, Young
Yang, Minshu
Zhang, Haoze
Zhang, Qiuyu
Zhou, Siyu
Zou, Kathy



Edward Milne Community School unveiled a new wrap-around mural on the building exterior last fall.

EMCS GRADS ACHIEVE \$100,000 in SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

The Grade 12 graduates at Edward Milne Community School (EMCS) in Sooke have collectively achieved about \$100,000 in scholarships and awards. Recipients will be recognized at an Awards Ceremony at the school on Thursday, June 15 at 7 pm. Watch for a listing of award winner names in the June 16 issue of West Shore Voice News.
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Bastien, Jessica
Beaumont, Gwendolyn
Belton, Kale
Bence, Aaron
Bernays, Tory
Borton, Robert
Bouchard, Bella
Boughton, Alexis
Bourne, Bailey
Bradshaw, Samuel
Braithwaite, Haylee
Brears, Rachel
Bricknell, Spencer
Brohm, Amanda
Brohm, Matthew
Brown, Brett
Brown, Brooklyn
Butler, Tianna
Caldwell, Aiden
Capovilla Martins, Eric
Cauthers, Angie
Chamberlain, Angel
Charlie, Makyla
Chequer, Tyler
Christie, Brea
Clemens, Mariah
Comeau, Ghislaine
Cooper, Logan
Cross, Daniel
Crowley, Matthew
Cygun, Jake
Daly, Jordanna
Demelo, Amelia
Didrich, Brandon
Dillon, Nicole
Dinh, Cyrus
Dobell, Floyd
Dong, Tony
Douglas, MacKenzie
Douglas, Megan
Drew, Cassie
Dubois, Quintyn
Eddy, Natasha
Fehr, Molly
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Halliwell, Daniel
Hamilton, Jaimey
Harris, Boaz
Hayward, Sarah
Hedrick, Amber
Hellyer, Dominique
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Hibberd, Katelyn
Hjermstad, Josie
Hutchinson, Matt
Jakubowski, Tianna
Jap, Jennifer
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Jenkins, Lexi
Jeske, Evan
Johnson, Kyra
Jones, Peter
Khan, Parus
Kim, Jae Heon
King, James
Kitajo, Masahiro
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Lindal, Zach
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Makeiff, Hope
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Mann, Jon
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Marsh, Casey
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Mayoh, Briar
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Royal Bay Secondary offers a bright and vibrant learning environment with plenty of open spaces.

A ROYAL BAY FIRST

Royal Bay Secondary had their first Prom at The Empress on June 9. It was an elegant event with dinner and dancing, says Royal Bay Secondary Principal Wendy Beadall.
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Upcoming WSV issues June 16, 23, & 30. Include your greeting to Belmont Grads & scholarship winners at Belmont, Royal Bay & EMCS in upcoming issues. Call 250-217-5821



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Perfect weather for 6th Annual Goddess Run



Women of all ages, ready for an 8:30 am start at Westhills Stadium in Langford.

Clear skies and a slight breeze were a perfect mix for participants at the 6th Annual Victoria Goddess Run on Sunday June 4 in Langford. With an earlier start time this year, participants were ready to take on 5K, 10K, or Kids Run.

"After last year's record breaking heat, this year couldn't have been more perfect," said Cathy Noel, race founder. "Once again the communities of Langford and Colwood showed off their support of the event with lots of cheering and excitement on the course."

Participants received a beautiful finisher's medal, awarded by members of the Langford Fire Department. They also received a technical running shirt and race bag in their race package. Snazzy swag!

The race brought out some top elite runners, with a 5K course record being set by Victoria's own Lucy Smith with a time of 17:56. Top finishers in each of the categories were: *Westhills 10K* (440 participants) – Jen Millar, Ashley Armstrong, Liz Betteridge; *BMO 5K* (520 participants) – Lucy Smith, Yana Hempler, Sophie Mallory (last year's first place winner, age 11).

For many racers, this was their first race. For others, it has become a yearly tradition. This year the event moved to Westhills Stadium for package pickup and an expo featuring 30 exhibitors on Saturday. Sunset Yoga at Bear Mountain on Saturday evening was a hit. On Sunday there was also the VikesNation Kids Run, a Kidzone with Children of the Island and a continuation of the expo.

After the last racer crossed the finish line, organizers took the leftover food that was donated to the race by Fairway Market to Our Place Society. "They were once again thrilled about all the fresh fruit," says Joanna Witham, Marketing and Promotions Manager for the Victoria Goddess Run.

The Victoria Goddess Run has raised over \$175,000 for charity over six years. It brings running and walking into the lives of many who've not considered competing in a race. This year's charity of choice was the BC Cancer Foundation.

The Goddess Run movement is expanding with the first ever Port Coquitlam Goddess Run happening on Sunday, June 11. "We're very excited to be on the mainland and to have GoodLife Fitness and BMO as sponsors for both locations," added Noel. **WSV**

Sport academy registration up

West Shore Voice News

The number of students in sport academies in Sooke School District 62 (SD62) has been steadily increasing. In the past three years, numbers have increased from just over 500 to an expected 800 participants this fall, says Wayne Kelly, Vice-Principal, Sport Academy Programs.



Wayne Kelly
Vice Principal
Sport Academies
WSV

"Academies help keep students connected to their school," says Kelly. "There is a high level of interest among students and parents. As the number of students in the district grows, so does demand." There are additional credits for graduation through the sport academies. Sometimes doors get opened to opportunities for post-secondary scholarships.

New this year is availability of the Golf Academy at all three highschools: Belmont, Royal Bay and Edward Milne. **WSV**

Flagger injured on Hwy 14 in Langford

West Shore Voice News

On a bright Thursday afternoon, June 8, around 12:15 pm, West Shore RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a single vehicle and traffic flagger on Highway 14 (Sooke Road) and Luxton Avenue in Langford.



Initial witness reports were that the flagger was attempting to stop a vehicle travelling in the east bound lane when she was struck by a small grey hatchback. The impact of the collision sent both the vehicle and flagger into the ditch. Emergency personnel including BC Ambulance Service and Langford Fire Department attended the scene and facilitated the rescue of the flagger who was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries but which included a broken leg according to Langford Fire Rescue.

Traffic was shut down in both directions for a time while the accident scene was assessed and cleared. RCMP and WorkSafe BC continue their investigation.

This incident is a reminder to all motorists to take extra caution in construction zones and highway projects where flaggers and work crews are working, says Corporal Chris Dovell, spokesperson for the West Shore RCMP. **WSV**

Naturalists on board!

West Shore Voice News

BC Ferries is again operating their Coastal Naturalist Program on select vessels this summer. On the Vancouver-Victoria route (Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay) and Vancouver-Nanaimo route (Horseshoe Bay-Departure Bay), naturalists will engage with customers during 20-minute presentations, June 28 through September 4.

About 150,000 passengers participate in these presentations each year, and this is the 12 year. Again this year, learn about the ocean, BC's unique wildlife and marine life, coastal, nautical and cultural history.

The service is provided in partnership with Parks Canada. There is free entry to all of Parks Canada places in 2017.

The info sessions will be presented seven days a week on these vessels: Spirit of British Columbia, Spirit of Vancouver Island, Coastal Celebration, Queen of New Westminster, Coastal Renaissance, and Queen of Oak Bay. The Coastal Naturalist schedule is at www.bcferries.com/onboard-experiences/Coastal_Experiences

The educational backgrounds of these young naturalists can be an inspiration to high school graduates of 2017!

Michelle - Vancouver Island University grad (Anthropology and Geography)



Katie - BA in Environmental Studies & French, passion for sea slugs



Rachel - double major in Environmental Studies & Geography, in 4th year at UVic



TJ - Business major specializing in entrepreneurship at UVic

Colin - sciences at Thompson Rivers University, and now in the education program at UVic



Hilary - finishing M.Sc. at Thompson Rivers university studying intertidal animals



Janna - studying Natural Resource Sciences at Thompson Rivers University



Jessica - 3rd year Psychology student at UBC with a focus on mental health



Joe - Bachelor in Environment and Health Studies from York University; plus Applied Coastal Ecology at Northwest Community College in Prince Rupert



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SPORT ACADEMIES

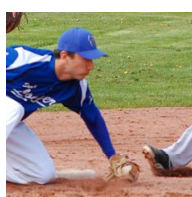
Registration is still open for most programs

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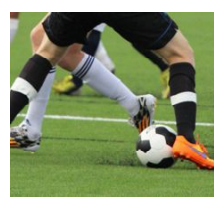
More info and online registration: www.sd62.bc.ca/academies

Available to students in middle school & high school in SD62

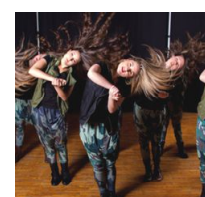
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Baseball/Softball
Belmont



Soccer
Dunsmuir, Royal Bay, EMCS



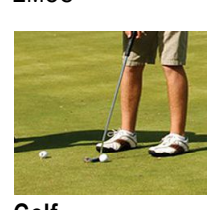
Dance
Dunsmuir, Royal Bay



Lacrosse
Royal Bay



Equestrian
Royal Bay, Belmont, EMCS, WCLT



Golf
Royal Bay, Belmont, EMCS, WCLT



Hockey
Spencer, Journey, EMCS, Belmont, John Stubbs

Bursary Program: for families who may need assistance for their daughter or son to participate. Working with KidSport, Jumpstart & Langford Sport Assist.

Registration: Register Now button at www.sd62.bc.ca/academies **Location:** Open to students currently at the school where the academy is located; make appointment for options. **Golf & Equestrian Academies** occur after school to allow students in all secondary schools to participate (SD61, SD62, SD63). Golf Academy will be at Olympic View and Equine will be at local stables including Cedar Vista Stables. **Extra Graduation Credits for all Academy Students:** All Academy students receive PE credit and opportunity for other grad credits by enrolling in Cross-Training and Individual Sports Training Classes (info in 1st week of Academy classes). Both courses cross-enrolled through Distance Learning Campus at Westshore Centre for Learning.

Questions? Call 250.391.9002 ext 250

Sooke Night Market 2017 off to a good start

COMMUNITY REPORT: West Shore Voice News



West Shore Voice News

● **Even though this year's opening night** of the Sooke Night Market on June 1 was a cool, wet evening, the turnout was good. With other events going on around Sooke on June 8, the turnout was lower but steady. Turnout included a bear that came and went further out on the grounds, causing a bit of a stir. The popular bouncy castle for kids is there every second week, alternating on the other weeks with vendors offering locally brewed cask beer.

Each week about 37 vendors set up on the grounds of the Sooke Region Museum, selling handmade arts and crafts, local produce and more. This is the market's third year, rapidly becoming a fixture of Thursday evenings in the town. There's a mix of new and repeat vendors.

"These evenings increase the use of the property and promote the arts which is part of our mandate," says Lee Boyko, director, Sooke Region Museum. "The museum is about past, present and future, to be enjoyed by young people and families," he says.

In April the Sooke Region Historical Society received a *Canada 150: Celebrating BC Communities and Their Contributions to Canada* grant of \$64,000 from the BC Museums Association for a project called Outdoor Artifact and Storage Development. In total, museums throughout BC have received \$7.6 million in 2017 through the provincial one-time grants. With its funding, Sooke Region Museum is moving their old steam-donkey equipment closer to the road (viewable from Sooke Road near Phillips Road) for which land clearing has been taking place. The funds will also be used for expanded storage and a workshop building. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca **WSV**

Sailing classes & co-op in Sooke

● **For a sport that relies on the wind** things are happening fast at Sooke Sailing in 2017.

For youth ages 6 to 14, one-week sailing programs/camps are available mid-July and 5-day lessons for ages 14 and up in two-person dinghy sailing are being held at the beginning of July (adults welcome too).

The younger sailors in training will be at Coopers Cove nearby the Rush Adventures/Stickleback spot once again this year. The older crew meets at Mariners Village right in Sooke. "We are sailing almost every Sunday year-round in two-person dinghies," says Sooke Sailing Association president Gord Fulcher. "Whisper is our day sailor and Windborne our keel boat. That means fun is available for everyone."

For adults and families there is a 26 ft keel boat available for fun-sail and learn-to-cruise excursions on Sundays and week-nights. Lessons are offered in Basic Cruising and VHF Radio. "Whisper is available weekdays and evenings with Robert Chouinard as the skipper if you want a unique view of Sooke from the Harbour, Basin or Strait of Juan de Fuca," says Fulcher. "Robert has years of experience and loves to show the intricacies of sailing in an easy way while exploring Sooke waters."

Also available is the Sooke Sailing Co-op for those that are interested in shared ownership of a boat to reduce cost and learn about sailing with others. Info and sailing dates: 778-425-4030 or www.sookesailing.com **WSV**



Gord Fulcher

Tech talk by TELUS

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

West Shore Voice News

● **While the TELUS team** showed up in a Tesla and later took Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce president Kerry Cavers for a spin in the electric vehicle, what was sandwiched in the middle over a catered lunch was a different sort of tech talk.

The overview of how high-speed Internet service is the backbone of modern living was delivered to the local business audience through a generational model.

TELUS rep Larry Vanderveen indicated how seniors, Gen-X, and Millennials have and will evolve to having varying levels of uptake of the new technology.

Tech transformation is driving demand growth. Bandwidth use is doubling every 18 months, said Vanderveen, adding that 4K TV is 'beyond' hi-def and here to stay. **WSV**



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Members of the south island TELUS marketing team came for a tech-talk visit with Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce members and guests, June 7 at SEAPARC Leisure Complex. From left: Sooke Chamber president Kerry Cavers, and TELUS reps Lisa Ballinger, Larry Vanderveen and Dinara Mukhametianova.

www.telus.com/westshore www.telus.com/sooke

Best practices on Society boards

West Shore Voice News

● **'Board Governance 101 and the new BC Societies Act'** is a presentation open to anyone participates as a member of a non-profit board of directors in Sooke, or is interested in becoming one. Being held at Edward Milne Community School (EMCS), on Monday night June 19 at 6:30 pm, there is no cost to attend. **West Shore Voice News**

It's an opportunity to learn about or brush-up on the basics of effective board governance, planning and organization from a long-standing expert on the subject. Volunteer Victoria's Executive Director Lisa Mort-Putland will deliver the 90-minute presentation.

Content includes an overview of best practices for boards and their members operating under the BC Societies Act, types of boards, transitioning to the new BC Societies Act (required by December 2018) and working effectively as individuals and as a team.

According to the Sooke Region Volunteer Centre, there are 180+ non-profit clubs, organizations and charities in the region, many of them registered as societies.

The event is hosted by the EMCS Society, Advance registration is required: 250-642-6371 or rvasey@sd62.bc.ca . **WSV**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: Proposed 50.0 Meter Telecommunication Tower Site To be located at 2614 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC

■ **Freedom Mobile Inc.** has proposed a 50.0m tall monopole type telecommunication tower with flush mounted antennas and related radio equipment on private property at 2614 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC. The proposed structure will provide wireless coverage for the community of Sooke within a few kilometres of the proposed location. **The geographic coordinates** for the proposed site are as follows: Latitude: (NAD 83) 48°23'34.58"N & Longitude: (NAD 83) 123°44'22.88"W.

The facility is proposed in a Rural (RU4) zoned area and will occupy a ground compound area of 3m x 6m.

■ **ANY PERSON** may make a written submission or request for additional information to the **PROPONENT CONTACT:** Freedom Mobile Inc. c/o Tawny Verigin, Cypress Land Services Inc., Unit 120, 736 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 1G3. Tel: 1-855-301-1520 Fax: 604-620-0876, publicconsultation@cypresslandservices.com

■ As per the District of Sooke's Communications Antenna Policy 11.4, this proposal will be presented at a District of Sooke Committee of the Whole meeting. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be held in District of Sooke Council Chambers at 2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC on June 19th, 2017 commencing at 7:00 pm.

SITE LOCATION MAP



PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: Proposed 45.0 Meter Telecommunications Tower Site To be located at 5154 Sooke Road

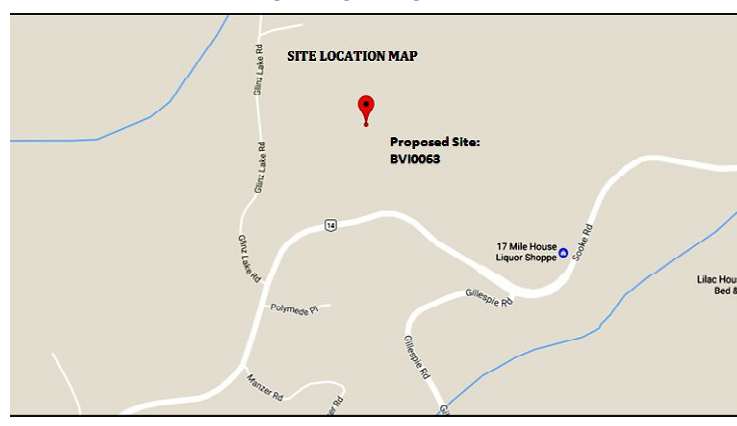
Freedom Mobile Inc. has proposed a 45.0m tall shrouded monopole type telecommunication tower and related radio equipment on private property at 5154 A Sooke Road, Sooke, BC. The proposed structure will enhance wireless coverage for the Community of Sooke, specifically along Sooke Road, Gillespie Road, Glinz Lake Road and the surrounding area. The geographic coordinates for the proposed site are as follows: Latitude: (NAD 83) N 48° 23' 48.48" & Longitude: (NAD 83) W 123° 38' 00.52". The facility is proposed in a Rural (RU2) area and will occupy a ground compound area of 3m x 4m.

ANY PERSON may make a written submission or request for additional information to the contact provided below.

PROPONENT CONTACT: Freedom Mobile Inc. c/o Sean Ogilvie, Forbes Bros Ltd., Unit 130, 482 South Service Rd E, Oakville, Ontario L6J 2X6. Tel: (647) 224-4399 | Fax: (888) 622-4939 | sogilvie@forbesbrosltd.ca

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SITE LOCATION MAP





WHAT'S GOING ON

Ad deadline: June 14 for June 16 WSV

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GRAD SEASON! Congrats to grads & families!

Belmont Secondary Grade 12 Grad Ceremony at UVic. Sun June 11 at 11 am.

Blood Donor Clinic. Mon June 12, Church of the Advent, 510 Mt View Ave, Colwood. 12-7pm www.blood.ca

SD62 Education Committee of the Whole. Tues June 13 at board office, 3143 Jacklin Rd. 7pm

National Blood Donor Day. Wed June 14. www.blood.ca

Chamber of Commerce Mixer (West Shore & Sooke). Wed June 14. 5 to 7 pm. Four Points Sheraton, Langford. www.westshore.bc.ca

EMCS SD62 French Immersion Grad Thurs June 15 5:30pm at the school.

Sooke Night Market Thurs June 15. Thursday nights 5-8pm all summer at Sooke Region Museum. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

SD62 Awards Evenings EMCS Thurs June 15 7pm. Belmont Wed June 21 6:30 pm.

Westshore Youth Employment Event. Fri June 16. 2:30-4:30 pm. WorkLink, 3179 Jacklin Rd (near Sooke Rd). Prizes, refreshments. www.worklink.bc.ca

Town Hall on Agriculture with Alistair MacGregor, MP & Ruth Ellen Brosseau (NDP Agriculture Critic). Fri June 16, 5:30pm, 2687 James St, Duncan.

Sooke River Bluegrass Festival. June 16 to 18 at Sooke Flats. Tx/campsite bookings: www.sookebluegrass.com

Beach Food on Ocean Boulevard near Lagoon Rd, in Colwood. Fri June 16 & Sat June 17. 11am to 7pm

Picnic in the Park. Sat June 17. Free family event at SEAPARC, Sooke Bike Park & Stan Jones Ball Field. Live music & activities. www.seaparc.ca

Father's Day. Sun June 18.

Board Governance 101 and the new BC Societies Act. Free 90-min presentation Mon June 19 6:30 pm at EMCS, 6218 Sooke Rd. Register: 250-642-6371 or rvasey@sd62.bc.ca

Freedom Mobile. Mon June 19. Public input about monopolies at District of Sooke Committee of the Whole, 7pm. www.sooke.ca

Safe Driving: urban & rural. Tues June 20. Metchosin FD, 4440 Happy Valley Rd. 7pm.

Business Boost. Every other Wednesday starting June 21 at Sooke Region Chamber office, 9am-1pm. www.sookeregionchamber.com

BC Legislature recalled following 41st election. Thurs June 22. www.leg.bc.ca

Journey Middle School Gr 6&7 Recognition Fri June 23. 10:30 am.

Elementary School Year-End Events: Fri June 23. **Willway & Saseenos.** 10:30 am. **David Cameron.** 1 pm.

Sooke Region Museum Annual Open House & Salmon BBQ. Sun June 25, 12 to 3pm.

'Seeking Salmon' exhibit. Sooke Region Museum. **Opens Sun June 25** (runs to April 2018). www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

Summer Safety Tip

Working in the yard this weekend? Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street.



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Juan de Fuca Emergency Program
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New chat bot for blood donors

National Blood Donor week is coming up June 12 to 16, and right in the middle of that -- on Wednesday June 14 -- is National Blood Donor Day.

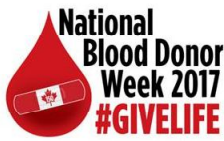
Leading up to that, Canadian Blood Services (CBS) has launched what they say is a world's first among national blood operators by introducing a chat bot to engage donors on Facebook Messenger. This new tool is an innovative effort to engage younger audiences in a lifetime of blood donation and to promote the constant need for blood.

"The chat bot is a fun interactive tool that will attract new, young, and lifelong donors, at a time when the blood supply needs a boost to prepare for summer," said Mark Donnison, vice-president of donor relations.

The chat bot will help users on Facebook Messenger learn more about the donation process and the people who are helped by donations. It will also encourage appointment bookings online or through the National Contact Centre.

This lead in digital engagement was developed in partnership with the team at EY digital consultants. "The chat bot is one more example of our commitment to embrace new and innovative digital technologies to reach and engage donors, whether they are new or returning." Donors can meet the chat bot by messaging the Canadian Blood Services Facebook page.

CBS manages the national supply of blood, blood products and stem cells, and related services for all Canadian provinces and territories (except Quebec).



For our Millennial readers: this week's meme

Inquisitive cats read West Shore Voice News.



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Join in! Congratulate SD62 grads in the June 16, 23 & 30 issues.

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FARMER'S MARKET - Wed 5-8 June-Sept, 1767 Old Island Hwy in Colwood

Foot care comes to your door

Foot care that travels right to your door! That's the service provided by Licenced Practical Nurse Krista Yue. Her passion is to help people on a day to day basis, with foot health as her goal. Equipment is sterilized in compliance with federal guidelines.

Krista's time is flexible. "Book a time and I'll come to you," she says at <http://fitfeetvictoria.wixsite.com/fitfeetvictoria>

Krista explains that proper foot health includes attention to cleaning, clipping, moisturizing and massaging. Appointments range from 20 minutes to an hour. The service is not covered under MSP though her services are recognized as a medical expense by Revenue Canada, and some Veterans may be covered.

In addition to being an LPN, Krista has additional post-graduate training in foot care from Camosun College. She is also in the process of completing her Bachelor of Nursing degree. Contact: fitfeetvictoria@gmail.com 250-590-0042



Krista Yue, LPN

World Wide Knit in Public Day

Knitting has made quite a comeback in recent years! Seaside Yarn & Button is celebrating World Wide Knit In Public Day on Saturday, June 10. Open to all! 10 am to 2 pm. They're at 3-6631 Sooke Rd in that little mall with the great harbour view! Regular business days Monday-Saturday.

There will be a yarn dying workshop, and a presentation of how some yarn colours are derived from local flora and fauna. And a book-signing too! Check out more details at www.seasideyarnbutton.com



World Wide Knit in Public Day
June 10th
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