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Friday, June 16, 2017

INSIGHTS FOR WEEKEND READING

John Horgan ramping up to 41st Parliament, just days to go

FEATURE by Mary P Brooke
 West Shore Voice News

● **Yep, by now many people are referring to BC NDP Leader John Horgan as the premier-in-waiting.** The BC Legislature will be up and running again on June 22 -- with 87 new and returning MLAs in a new seating plan for 43 Liberals, 41 NDP and 3 Greens. And Horgan is itching to see that get rolling. Just six days to go.

But it won't be so simple for the NDP's road to victory even still. As Horgan told *West Shore Voice News* June 16 in an exclusive interview by phone, the transition from the old government to the new should be happening faster. Horgan used the recent UK election fallout as a model -- a minority government formed there within days and already moving ahead with that country's business. And as for the BC NDP forging ahead in a 'bromance' with the BC Greens, said Horgan whimsically: "It's not the way I wrote it up before the election."

"We took Christy Clark at her word -- a recall in early June and to test the confidence of the house. Now it's back to the house June 22, a Thursday, with no business until the following week. I heard from the government house leader that they will debate the Throne Speech for five days. That's inconsistent with the premier saying they will test the house."

So, likely on the edge of summer on Thursday June 29, British Columbians will see a "vote yes or no to continuation of the BC Liberals", said Horgan.

"It will be a couple of weeks before we can have a new parliament," says Horgan. It will take most of July to get a change in government. There's a transition process. The public service is ready to hand over the briefing binders for all the ministries, so new ministers can get up to speed on issues provincially and locally.

"This is just more politics rather than getting a new government in place, and services people count on. The Liberals claim to be in caretaker mode, appointing new ministers, but knowing full well that a new lineup wouldn't last two weeks. It's a waste of energy and money and time," Horgan declared.

"Time is what we all have little of," says Horgan, noting that schools need to know about full funding for September, and that health care access issues await.

"In the west shore, schools are hiring more people and moving kids around. They are short on elementary schools and high schools are bursting at the seams," says Horgan, who since being on the BC-wide election trail has had a chance to spend more time in his home riding.

Horgan this month has attended several evening and weekend grad events for EMCS and Belmont students, and showed up for a farewell event for outgoing Langford Fire Chief Bob Beckett.

After Friday in Vancouver, there's Saturday in Surrey, and then Father's Day this Sunday he will be "in Langford on my couch, thinking about cutting the



John and Ellie Horgan were out for a bike ride June 4 on the Galloping Goose on the west shore [as posted on Twitter].

grass!". Then the BC NDP Leader will be on his way to Cranbrook on Monday. That starts his tour to talk about "what happened in the interior" where his party fell short of their expected success. Then back in Victoria on Wednesday, for the house to begin on Thursday.

"Problems on the west shore are duplicated around the province," says Horgan. "The longer the Liberals hang on to power rather than acknowledge the will of the voters, the longer we have for coming together to form a stable government." He hammers home about the 57% popular vote "against the previous government" (people who voted NDP or Green)... 70,000 more progressive votes than in 2013, he reminds.

Having an adequate supply of housing in BC is arguably one of the top issues on people's minds throughout the province.

"I'm excited to be in a position to be the government from my home in Langford," says John Horgan, who grew up in Langford where he and his wife Ellie have raised their now two grown sons.

"I've watch what Langford Mayor Stew Young and the council have been able to do for bringing on housing supply and affordable housing -- and also social housing -- in a way that has not caused any grief or disruption in the community. In fact it has helped grow a dynamic and diverse community," says Horgan.

"The examples of Langford council are examples that we could use in similarly-sized municipalities around BC," says Horgan with pride about his home town.

"And in the major urban centres... Burnaby, Vancouver, New Westminster, where we have challenges about getting access to land, you have to build more transit. The more people you can move around, and the more houses you can build (more density) offers an opportunity to build around those transportation corridors."

And then, for the busy BC NDP leader, it was into an elevator and off to another meeting. **WSV**

Move one hydro pole, boost the economy (Part 2)

A continued exclusive by Mary P Brooke
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BUSINESS & COMMUNITY

● **Relocating one hydro pole in Langford** could open up exponential growth for the City of Langford and the west shore region. As outlined in the June 2 issue of *West Shore Voice News*, a transmission tower with 230 kV lines presently stands in a spot where Langford wants to build more seating at Westhills Stadium.

Expanded stadium seating would facilitate a host of new opportunities including MLS soccer, football training camps and big concerts. It would be a powerful driver to bring people into the heart of Langford. Doubling the capacity of Westhills would make that venue really special to the community, is the Langford view. That's the dream. And the work is underway to make it happen.

"We're hoping that BC Hydro can donate half the cost of moving the pole and lines," says Langford Mayor Stew Young. "It's an important project for Langford," he says. Relocating the pole

and expanding Westhills Stadium seating capacity would help ensure Women's Rugby Sevens stays in Langford and allow for other types of sports teams and exciting events to happen, including the potential Commonwealth Games. To this end, "we're looking to BC Hydro to be a community partner," says Young.

Langford engineering staff explained this week that receiving an updated quote from BC Hydro that has accurate and realistic data is an important step to move the exciting project forward in a timely manner. The last quote was provided in 2014, and it requires fresh costing and possibly fresh eyes to the available technical options. In 2014, construction costs were at first outlined by BC Hydro as \$1.5 to \$3 million with actual constructions costs around \$100,000 to 150,000 per pole, say Langford municipal engineers. Then \$4,135,161 was provided in December 2014 as a high-level cost estimate (i.e. not every detail yet considered) to move the transmission tower. BC Hydro presented that cost as variable... could go up by 50% or be less by 35%.

BC Hydro staff have said that in order to provide a "confident cost estimate" they would need to perform a detailed engineering study to identify risks and impact and the need for geotechnical surveys. To produce what BC Hydro calls a "required conceptual study" would take about three to four months. That would push the construction phase quite a bit further along. Construction in the wet winter season is more challenging (and would possibly be avoided), and thus the spring-summer sports season looms for 2018 and 2019. Not to mention the time crunch if planning to include the Langford-based stadium in Victoria's bid for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

For BC Hydro, the project to relocate a tower that carries a transmission line (necessitating adjustments to other in-sequence structures) would be a relatively large and complex undertaking, utilizing many areas of staffing, technical expertise and equipment, with scheduling around other work. BC Hydro wants \$75,000 from the City of Langford to produce the required conceptual study, before anything can get going with the project.

So it's just lucky for Langford and the west shore region that BC NDP Leader John Horgan -- who within a few weeks is expected to be the new BC Premier after things shake down in setup of a new BC Government -- is of Langford.

"I've spoken with Langford Mayor Young about the pole relocation for the past couple of years. I've also worked with him in approaching the Minister of Energy at the time, urging government to work with the city to get that done," John Horgan told *West Shore Voice News* on June 16.

"But they've just been met with opposition. So that's an issue. I want to pick up locally with BC Hydro right away. We have other issues around BC Hydro of course," said Horgan. "Rates have gone up over the past number of years with the prospect of more increases going forward. We're going to freeze those rate increases for a year while we get our heads around energy supply, including where the Site C hydroelectric project fits into that. That can only be paid for by taxpayers."

Back to moving the pole in Langford: "That's also going to be paid for by the taxpayers. How do we work with the City of Langford, who are anxious to do it --

EDITORIAL

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VIEWS & INSIGHTS FROM THE WEST COAST

News services in the municipal loop

● One of our ongoing editorial themes is about challenges that face the journalism industry in its blow-by-blow competition with the plethora of uncurated news and promotional information made available via the Internet. There's also the serious dilemma of advertising revenue shortfall in newspapers which burdens the publishing business model that supports news delivery.



Veronique Gagnon

This week *West Shore Voice News* made a presentation at District of Sooke Council on this topic, with a twist... how the municipality was coursing down a self-created tunnel by believing all its presence to the community could be achieved through its own website and overloaded ads about public hearings as required by statute. Colwood has a similar 'all from our website or PR desk' approach. Cutting off media -- both to ads and direct interviews with elected officials and staff for good background information for articles -- is short-sighted in an era where distrust of corporations is a dry fuse among the people. Regional municipalities that have shown a move to inquiring about the bigger picture in this regard include Langford, Esquimalt and Metchosin as well as the CRD and Juan de Fuca.

One solution is for municipalities to approach the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) membership with a motion to update the BC Local Government Act's definition and interpretation of where ads are to be placed to reach a jurisdiction's community (i.e. for years that's been defined as a weekly printed newspaper that is delivered to the full community). Anyone who flips channels on TV, Googles a topic of interest, or visits a newsstand knows that no one media outlet can claim to reach a full community. And besides, today's readership communities are not held together by geographical glue but more so by common interests such as business, politics, social issues, environment, education, age, educational background, and lifestyle interests. Achieving a media marketing mix takes a bit of work for municipal communications staff. But to study and explore their community's communication channels reaps benefits for a town's residents and taxpayers. Through strategic involvement with selected media outlets, municipalities may achieve interactive creativity and greater intimacy within the public conversation.

News services (once known only as newspapers) are key to that process and should not be shunted into a corner of non-use or distrusted for their essential role of driving and reflecting upon the conversations of the readership communities that they serve. This is 2017 in Canada, a leader of nations -- not 2017 in Trump's America where fake news proliferates and constraint of the public inquiry as exercised by media is in what appears to be an ever-tightening stranglehold that spills over to all US citizens. And why should the public care? Regional news services dig up fresh news, keeping readers connected to trends and developments in community, especially governance. Choose your news sources wisely. ■

Move a hydro pole, boost the economy

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... continued from page 1 and how do it for as little as possible. It wouldn't be as costly as Hydro is making it out to be," says John Horgan. "Langford engineers have come up with solutions that are far less costly than the one Hydro is proposing," Horgan says.

"I don't want to get into this too deeply until I've had a briefing from BC Hydro. I want to hear the real reasons that BC Hydro is not moving on this. I don't understand why they wouldn't though. The public benefit is significant. It's in the interest of Hydro to come up with a better reason... or at least itemize the costs of making this move in a way that the public can understand," Horgan said on June 16.

"BC Hydro should have to defend their decisions, not just put them out there and say 'if you want more information send me more money'. That's outrageous," said Horgan about the \$75,000 price tag that would be required of Langford



The present set of bleachers at Westhills Stadium seats about 2,000 people. A second set of bleachers on the north side of the field could increase venue seating capacity to 6,000.

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to get a freshly-costed conceptual report ahead of any detailed project planning or construction.

"We're looking to BC Hydro to be a community partner by providing an updated quote that has accurate and realistic data," says Mayor Young, calling that "an important step to move this exciting project forward in a timely manner"

Langford has even come up with some other ideas, such as relocating the tower to the middle of road with a roundabout around it. That would reduce the transmission line span (instead of going further across the street), as explained by Langford engineers.

Langford has applied for a \$6 million UBCM sport infrastructure strategic priorities grant to help with the cost of expanding stadium seating capacity and the costs surrounding that.

"And so 'getting to yes' is the way we need to go with this project," Stew Young said this week, in his trademark style over 25 years of coming up with creative solutions and partnerships to achieve larger goals for his town. **WSV**

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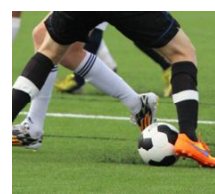
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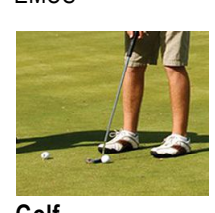
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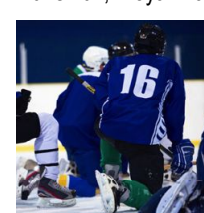
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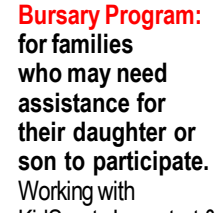
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- Allen, Nathan
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- Andrews, Jameson
- Anness, Rory
- Aspin, Drayden
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- Babri, Ariya
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- Belusic, Nik
- Bentley, Justin
- Bentley, Randal
- Berger, Carter
- Bingham, Tyler
- Blaylock, Brittney
- Blazina, Braydon
- Bowes, Austin
- Boylan, Cylus
- Bradfield, Keegan
- Braidwood, Nolan
- Brant, Erin
- Bruce, Caitlyn
- Bu, Christina
- Buchanan, Hailey
- Bull, Dontae
- Bull, Keith
- Bustamante, Brandon
- Capozzi, Milan
- Carby, Rhys
- Carey, Cole
- Carolei, Jacob
- Chan, Jaelyn
- Charles, Erma
- Cho, Junghyeon
- Clarke, Janzen
- Clarke, Jordyn
- Clysdale, Skylar
- Cochrane, Holden
- Coleman, David
- Coles, Rylan
- Collins, Brandon
- Collins, Spencer
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- Cooper, Moira
- Cooper, Nicholas
- Corcese, Cord
- Cosburn, Kenzie
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- Coughlin, Drew
- Coulombe, Brandon
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- Hall, Monique
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- Hanley, Jason
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- Hayward, Emma
- Hayward, Nick
- Hayward, Tanner
- Heinekey, Shayne
- Herbert, Chris
- Hett, Courtney
- Hill, Elise
- Hillier-Brook, Micheal
- Hodges, Jaylen
- Hoel, Cam
- Holyoak, Connor
- Horgan, Coveney
- Hoshino, Nana
- Huang, Shouyu
- Huerth, Nils
- Hughes, Jacqueline
- Inoue, Momoka
- Isdahl, Kennedy
- Ishaque, Houssam
- Ivanisevic, Jakob
- Jackson, Cole
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- James, Selena
- Jansen, Matthew
- Jensen, Scott
- Joe, Mark
- Johal, Nathan
- Johnson, Alexis
- Johnston, Emily
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- Juurlink, Ceilidh
- Kang, Alex
- Kemball, Carson
- Kennedy, Brooke
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- Killip, Taylor
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- Klassen, Jayden
- Klatt, Connor
- Kneip, Evan
- Knight, Melanie
- Koester, Jessica
- Kuiack, Hannah
- Kuriyama, Meito
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- Landree, Rene
- Lane, Karl
- Larocque, Cederic
- Leachman, Chad
- Ledger, Benjamin
- Leader, Jackson
- Legere, Joseph
- Lejour, Gloria
- Li, Leanne
- Li, Tin Tin
- Liddicoat, Tylis
- Liggett, Alia

- Crowther, Austin
- Crowther, Travis
- Cumby, William
- Curtis, Shae-Leigh
- Cuthbert, Eli
- Dalgliesh, Bailey
- Danchuk, Alison
- Dang, Khiet Minh
- Daniels, Matthew
- Davies, Pamela
- Day, Lucas
- De Mello Paranhos, Luisa
- Del Rosario, Kim
- Dempsey, Ashlee
- Derkson, Brin
- Desjardins, Adrian
- Dielschneider, Jakob
- Dixon, Maya
- Dolejs, Patrick
- Downey, Brooklyn
- Drew, Micayla
- Drewry, Hannah
- Driver, Leesha
- Duddridge, Mattie
- Dupont, Matthew
- Durrance, Keegan
- Eberle, Sean
- Echlin, Hallie
- Embryk, Bailey
- Emile, Emma
- Emile, Ryana
- Encina, Ian
- Encinas Andrade, Ana Julia
- Ethier, Jeremy
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- Feness, Nick
- Fisher, Oly
- Foggitt, Julian
- Fournier, Amber
- Frank, Jordan
- Fulkco, Mateo
- Gaj, Michael
- Gallivan, Gregory
- Gilbert, Josh
- Gilbertson, Ethan
- Godden, Bryce
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- Shama, Annie
- Sheldrake, Luke
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- Sivertson, Caitlyn
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- Stewart, Lucas
- Swiston, Dryden
- Tahir, Saleem
- Talbot, Bradley
- Tan, Shunxin
- Thomson, Nash
- Townsend, Chandler
- Toyingsirikul, Mai
- Trakulsangpaisarn, Nontaphan
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- Tully, Kia
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- Wasilenkoff, Mathew
- Webb, Caelum
- Welsh, Nolan
- Westlake, Bennett
- Whitson, Nathan
- Wiebe, Andrew
- Wilde, Sophia
- Wilkie, Daphne
- Willson-Dickson, Marissa
- Wilson, Noah
- Woodley, Natasha
- Woodrow, Kyle
- Xu, Paul
- Xue, Steven
- Yang, Ming
- Younger, Allora
- Zaragoza, Nathan
- Zhang, Caroline (Ying)
- Zhao, Jiaxin
- Zorn, Jacob
- Zorn, Zachery

BELMONT GRAD CEREMONY 2017

At the Belmont grad ceremony held at UVic on June 11, the emcee was Belmont teacher Paul Bendall.



"He does an excellent job. He is humorous and engaging," says Belmont principal Ray Miller. "The rest of the speakers also did a fantastic job," says Miller.

Belmont alumnus Ravi Parmar (2012) represented the SD62 Board of Education Trustees.

BC NDP Leader John Horgan -- whose two sons are Belmont alumni -- represented MLAs.

SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge delivered greetings from the Sooke School Board administration.

As one of Belmont's 330 grads of 2017, Cole Jackson delivered the Valedictorian address.

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HISTORY WALL at BELMONT SECONDARY. To commemorate the history of the 'Old Belmont' (1946 to 2015), a memorabilia wall curated by event was unveiled in the 'New Belmont' (Belmont 2.0) lobby on May 30, 2017 by Principal Ray Miller, the Belmont History Class led by teacher Cindy Cullen, alumni, some SD62 trustees and senior staff, and other VIPs. Miller was wearing his school spirit 'Tropical Tuesday' shirt that day!



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Digital tech learning area at Belmont (June 2016).

2017 Congratulations to All SD62 Graduates...



SD62 Sooke School Board Trustees. (From left, back row): Margot Swinburnson, Wendy Hobbs, Denise Riley, Dianna Seaton (vice-chair). (From left, front row): Ravi Parmar, Bob Phillips (chair), Neil Poirier.

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The new Belmont opened in Sept 2015 at 3041 Langford Lake Rd within the Westhills community.

Bob Beckett's last week, last day

FEATURE by Mary P Brooke
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Langford Fire Chief Bob Beckett took part in the official unveiling of the new Langford Fire Department Rescue 1 truck at an event on Thursday afternoon June 8 at Langford Fire Hall #1.

He was a volunteer firefighter in other towns as well. His first firefighting experience was in Waterloo. Here on Vancouver Island he earned a Masters in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University (2000).

"I've had a wonderful career," Beckett told *West Shore Voice News* this week. "It's not the destination, it's the journey. Along the way, there were so many things I learned – life lessons. Not just about firefighting, but the impact that you make on individuals and the communities, and the opportunities that are created. Should you choose, it is life-changing."

Some first-responder moments are seared into Bob's memory. In 1992, when he was Chief in Terrace he went on a department-swap ride-along in Los Angeles. It happened to be the day that the Rodney King verdict came down, inciting mass riots in LA. "So instead of 10 days at the LA fire department they put me on a task team with a bunch of their own personnel. For 48 hours we went from fire to fire to fire. Being from Canada, then seeing the racial problems that existed in the US, it was quite an eyeopener to see anger, hostility and bitterness," Beckett recalls as if it were yesterday.

In 2001, four days after the 911 attacks, Beckett went to New York, with Langford Mayor Young and the West Shore RCMP Staff Sergeant. Down to ground zero. They went on a boat with families to pay homage to loved ones. "It was so powerful, so moving. It started something for me, how terrible it is that people can do this to each other," said Beckett.

Beckett speaks highly of the composite model at the Langford Fire Department. "We have dedicated volunteers and a small group of dedicated career staff (53 volunteers, eight career). "It's a fiscally responsible model, very economic for a community this size. It will grow and expand as we grow as a municipality." He adds that 80% of fire service in Canada is provided by volunteers "which is onerous work and has an impact on families".

Beckett says he has appreciated a good working relationship with Councillor Lillian Szpak as chair of the Langford Protective Services Committee, and committee members. Szpak attended the June 8 unveiling of the new Heavy Rescue 1 engine and said: "We always support Langford Fire Rescue with the equipment to do the job."

And as for the transition to the new fire chief, says Beckett: "Chris Aubrey and I share community service values. He's a great leader. He's going to do a phenomenal job for the community and department. Chris knows the staff and works closely with volunteers. His learning curve will be with developers, the building community and other folks we work with closely like amateur radio, emergency support services, and women's auxiliary. With his personality and character, he'll take it to the next level."

There was a by-invitation farewell dinner for Beckett at the Royal Colwood Golf Course on Saturday night, June 10. He didn't want gifts but encouraged donations to the Rotary. He was impressed that all of Langford Council was there, calling that "indicative of the relationship I have had with council".

"John Horgan and his wife showed up Saturday night. Given his busy schedule and everything he is doing, that he would take time to come out and be part of it, was amazing." About Beckett, BC NDP Leader John Horgan (MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca) says: "Bob is such a quality guy and such a leader in the community. I so admire the guy, and all of his work internationally. I was delighted to have the opportunity to be there and say a few words about a guy of just the highest character and quality. We all need to have more people like him in our lives," Horgan said this week.

On his last day, Beckett had coffee in the morning with staff, like he does every day. Then he had a tennis game scheduled for the lunch hour with one of the Langford engineers. "He beat me the last time. He beat me on Monday. I have to get that crown back. I'm going to beat the pants off him," joked Beckett who seems to epitomize being a joyful participant and humble leader.

At age 63, the self-aware Bob Beckett intentionally chose summertime for his retirement. "A good time to decompress," he calls it, to spend the summer with his young family. "Come the fall, I'll still have Rotary, Haiti, and the YM-YWCA board. I'll look to do something on a part-time basis," says Beckett, ever-enthusiased. **WSV**

● **"Don't tell the Mayor,** but I'm leaving work early on my last day!" said Langford Fire Chief Bob Beckett this week, just a few days ahead of the last day of his firefighting career, June 16, 2017.

Of course he said that with a laugh, and in fact was at Langford Fire Hall #1 past 5 o'clock on Friday.

Beckett has served 41 years in firefighting, both in Ontario and BC, and has done volunteer work in Haiti and Afghanistan that he's especially proud of.

Chief Beckett started with the Langford Fire Department in August 1996. "Before that I had been all over," says the expressive fire chief. "I came directly from being chief of a small department in Maidstone near Windsor, to BC where I was Fire Chief in Terrace for four years." Then for two years he was organ donor and tissue coordinator for the BC Transplant Society. He had also been a fire service advisor in London, and worked for the Province of Ontario in Toronto and Sudbury.

Damage in Colwood Creek Park

West Shore Voice News

● **Several light standards** with wiring exposed were found throughout Colwood Creek Park on Friday June 16. Around 7am West Shore RCMP were contacted after a park user reported seeing the damaged light poles in the park on Sun Ridge Valley Drive in Colwood.

The City of Colwood was notified and estimated the damage to likely exceed \$5,000. A control box for the park was also accessed and tampered with, says a West Shore RCMP news release.

The Island District RCMP Forensic Identification Section is assisting with the investigation. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact West Shore RCMP: 250-474-2264 or Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477 **WSV**

McKenzie Interchange construction hours

West Shore Voice News

● **McKenzie Avenue overnight closure update:** Highway 1 will be closed on Tuesday, June 20 from midnight to 5:30 am, instead of the previous scheduled date of June 16. This affects drivers, pedestrians and cyclists while construction crews install the new Galloping Goose Trail bridge. www.drivebc.ca **WSV**

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More news of the week

Additional original news articles at:

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This week's additional articles will be posted

June 20, 2017

● SD62 launches Mental Health Literacy curriculum

Between continued under-staffed school counsellors and a continuing challenge with youth mental health issues, SD62 Sooke School Trustees at their June 14 meeting approved a new Mental Health Literacy Curriculum (Grade 12) to start Fall 2017. [Article will be posted on the WSV [Langford/Colwood](#) page]

● Juan de Fuca residents have a right to piped water, says JDFEA Director Mike Hicks

This important regional planning issue shines a light on challenges within the CRD regional governance model and also varying philosophies on urban sprawl. [Article will be posted on the WSV [Juan de Fuca](#) page]

● CRD 'votes yes' for arts community outreach

Given there had been over a year of intensive public and arts community input on new directions for the CRD Arts Commission, the decision was an extended debate at the June 14 CRD Board meeting. It was about whether to approve a new full-time position for Arts Service Community Outreach Coordinator. The roles include that not all of the CRD's 13 municipalities are required to or participate in the Arts Commission. [Article will be posted on the WSV [South Island](#) page]

Human rights milestone: gender identity and expression rights in Bill C16

West Shore Voice News

● **The Canadian Senate's historic passage** this week of a bill that adds protection of gender identity and expression to Canada's Human Rights Act that started with and was moved along by the work of Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke).

In 2015, Garrison's private member's bill C-279 sought to fight hate crimes against transgender individuals by adding gender identity provisions to both the Criminal Code and the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Then in May 2016 the federal Liberal government introduced Bill C-16 to "ensure that Canadians will be free to identify themselves and to express their gender as they wish while being protected against discrimination and hate," said Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould. She added that "because as Canadians, we should feel free and safe to be ourselves".

With the passage of Bill C-16, discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression is now against the law in Canada.

Last year, the justice minister noted that Canada passed the Canadian Human Rights Act protecting people from discrimination based on sexual orientation, and was one of the first countries to recognize same-sex marriage with the passage of the Civil Marriage Act. Each of those human rights milestones were reached under the former Liberal government of Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Paul Martin, respectively.

The following is a **statement issued June 15 from the federal NDP's LGBTQ spokesperson, Randall Garrison**, on the Senate approval of Bill C-16:

"After more than 12 years of the Trans community and its allies fighting for equal rights and protections, I'm pleased to see that the Parliament of Canada has finally gotten the job done and put gender identity and gender expression into the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code," said Garrison.

"The passage of this Bill is a tribute to the many Trans people who have bravely come forward in the face of fear, intimidation and hate to share stories of their reality as Trans people and demand their rights," said Garrison in a statement posted on his website. "It is sad that the federal level is last to arrive at equal rights and protections, especially given that two bills had previously passed the House of Commons in 2011 and 2013 but died in the Senate."

Garrison continued: "Passing Bill C-16 does not mark the end of the fight for Trans rights but the start of a larger project to make sure that these rights and protections are reflected in all federal policies and services. I look forward to quick action to remove discrimination against Trans people, beginning with changes by Transportation Canada to aviation security screening regulations and action by Passport Canada to ensure Trans people can obtain passports with appropriate gender markers." **WSV**



Randall Garrison, MP
(Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke)

Randall Garrison Twitter

Edward Milne Community School Grade 12 Scholarship & Bursary Recipients 2017

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TOTAL VALUE of SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES RECEIVED THIS YEAR by EMCS Graduates (including post-secondary institution scholarships): over \$100,000

EMCS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES • JUNE 2017

CAL MEYER (\$14,250 total) for hardworking & deserving students going on to further education.

\$250 - **Nin Dougall, Tyson Friesen, Triston Line, Justin Logan, Madeleine Price, Michael Rosko, Naomi Thomperello**

\$500 - **Mia Bautista, Noah Demelo, Tanya Fogarty, Matthew Holmes, Delaney Ryan, Alison Sudlow, Lajah Warren**

\$1000 - **Desiree Cumming, Nicholas Gakena, Hagen Herold, Elena Hoath, Serena Laur, Kaitlin McKelvey, Matthew Miller, Delamara Purdy, Kailee Purnell**

COAST CAPITAL STANDING TALL SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,500 - **Kolby Ihlen, Lajah Warren**

CUPE SCHOLARSHIP - Graduate from SD62 and/or whose parent is an active member of CUPE Local 459. **Lajah Warren** (\$750), **Matthew Miller** (\$500), **Tyson Friesen** (\$500), **Tanya Fogarty** (\$500)

DE ROCHIE MEMORIAL BURSARY - \$200 - to a deserving student who plans to attend post-secondary. A perpetual award donated in memory of Dougald De Rochie by his wife Gracie, a former secretary of EMCS. **Oliver Tonnesen**

EMCS STUDENT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - \$250 - Student(s) who have shown the most energy and participation in student leadership functions. **Shelby Arruda**

EMCS PAC BURSARY - \$500 each **Matthew Miller, Delamara Purdy, Lajah Warren**

FRAZIER PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP - \$800 - Exceptional achievement in sport, with secondary consideration for exceptional achievement in academics, community and a passion for the outdoors. **Alison Sudlow**

HARRIS AND COMPANY LAW 12 SCHOLARSHIP - \$200 - **Nicholas Gakena**

HARRY DESWAGER BURSARY - BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS. \$300 - **Elena Weidman-Smith**

JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. \$500 - **Nicholas Gakena**

JOURNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BURSARY for a student(s) who have attended JMS and have developed into well-rounded individuals. \$500 - **Alison Sudlow**

KATHY KIRK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$250 - **Elena Hoath, Matthew Miller**

LIFETOUCH SCHOLARSHIP Planning to pursue post-secondary studies in an art-related field. Preference may be given to students with an interest in photography. \$500 **Jordyn Borsellino**

PACIFIC SHARE CO-OP NATURAL FOODS SCHOLARSHIP - \$350 - **Elora Fe**

PHARMASAVE BURSARY - a student who has shown consistent effort and is pursuing further education in the field of science - \$500 - **Matthew Miller**

POIRIER ELEMENTARY PAC BURSARY - Attended Poirier Elementary for at least two years; planning to pursue post secondary education in upcoming school year. For academic standing, school and community involvement. \$500 - **Lajah Warren**

PROVINCIAL DISTRICT DOGWOOD AWARDS \$1,250 each



● **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**
Nin Dougall, Tyson Friesen, Hagen Herold, Drue Julien, Delamara Purdy, Taylor Radford-Hall

● **TECHNICAL & TRADES TRAINING**
James Blakeborough, Maggie Collins, Jared Purdy

● **COMMUNITY SERVICE**
Mickayla Daly, Tanya Fogarty, Nicholas Gakena, Kailee Purnell, Michael Rosko, Delaney Ryan, Hailey Walsh, Lajah Warren

● **INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES**
Kaitlin McKelvey, Aliya Poirier, Madeleine Price, Oliver Tonnesen

● **INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES & CULTURE**
Mariyah Dunn-Jones, Alison Sudlow

● **FINE ARTS**
Mia Bautista, Jordyn Borsellino, Desiree Cumming, Elena Hoath, Serena Laur, Matthew Miller, Jenna Patterson, Rebecca Stauffer, Mikayla Tracy

ROTARY CLUB of VICTORIA-HARBOURSIDE - The Michael Potter / Harbourside Rotary Club Bursary. \$1,230 - **Kolby Ihlen**

RYAN VENDING - a student who is interested in business, and/or a field that promotes a healthy lifestyle. \$500 - **Hagen Herold**

SASEENOS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL BURSARY - a former Saseenos student to help further their education; shows clear motivation to succeed in his/her program of study. \$250 - **Victoria Sutherland**

SOOKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - BETTY HANSEN MEMORIAL to a student who has displayed perseverance & determination. \$500 - **Matthew Holmes**

SOOKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - ERIC MICHELSEN SCHOLARSHIP to a student who wishes to pursue vocational training. \$500 - **Maggie Collins**

SOOKE ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL BURSARY - Attended Sooke Elementary, proceeding to post secondary. \$500 - **Delaney Ryan**

HARBOURSIDE LIONS CLUB BURSARY to be used towards post secondary education. \$1,000 each **Pat Moreau Memorial Bursary - Justin Logan**
Audrey Wilson Memorial Bursary - Matthew Miller

SOOKE LIONS CLUB BURSARIES - To students going on to post secondary, who have exhibited strong community involvement. \$750 each: **Mia Bautista, Michayla Daly, Tyson Friesen, Justin Logan, Matthew Miller, Delamara Purdy, Kailee Purnell, Hailey Walsh**

SOOKE MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION BURSARY - students who demonstrate commitment to an active lifestyle, community involvement and financial need. \$500 each: **Nin Dougall, Matthew Miller**

● **NEXT WEEK:** EMCS AWARD WINNERS
● **ARCHIVE PDF** or print version of WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS, write to: news@westshorevoiceneews.com

SOOKE PRINCIPALS' & VICE-PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Winners will have maintained a high academic standing throughout grades 10, 11 and 12 (GPA 3.5+ on a 4 point scale), and have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in school and community activities. \$500 each: **Drue Julien, Matthew Miller, Oliver Tonnesen, Lajah Warren**

SOOKE ROTARY CLUB

● **Faith Jacobson Vocational Scholarship** - student entering a trades or technical program at a recognized college or trade institute. \$2000 - **Matthew Miller**
● **Stewart Youngson Award** for student(s) attending a Community College. \$2000 - **Lajah Warren**

● **Jane Thompson Memorial** (in honour of the first female president) - a student who is attending a trade or apprenticeship program. \$2000 - **Justin Logan**

SOOKE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. To aid students who are enrolled in a post secondary institution or training program. \$1,000 each - **Jordyn Borsellino, Alison Sudlow, Justice Wilce-Panter**

SOOKE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BURSARY. For students going on to university, and continuing their studies. \$250 - **Victoria Sutherland**

SYSCO - \$250 - **Elora Fe**

TREVOR PURDY MEMORIAL BURSARY. An individual who shows passion in pursuit of sports, academics & chosen field of study and who plans on attending post secondary - \$500 - **Drue Julien**

WESTERN COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Coast Capital Savings - \$750 **Kaitlin McKelvey**

WESTERN FOODS SCHOLARSHIP. To a Canadian student living in Canada who is enrolled or expected to enrol in a post-secondary program of at least two years. \$500 each - **Nicholas Gakena, Lajah Warren WSV**

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Student-led school tours

EMCS Wolverine

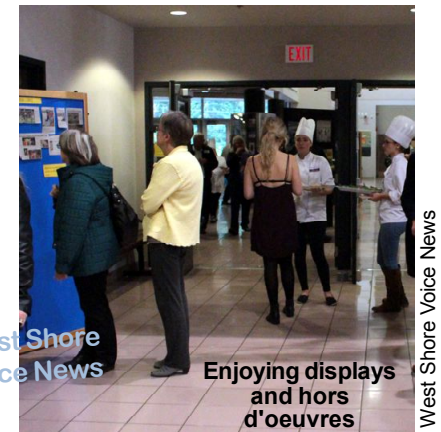


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SD62 Chair Bob Phillips

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Enjoying displays and hors d'oeuvres

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EMCS held their 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION on October 13, 2016



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The BC Lieutenant Governor's Canada 150 tour launch for all BC schools took place at EMCS on January 18, 2017 (from left): SD62 Board Chair Bob Phillips, SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge, T'Sou-ke Nation elder Shirley Alphonse, Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon, EMCS Principal Pat Swinburnson, T'Sou-ke Nation elder Linda Bristol, and District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait.

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GRAD SEASON! Congrats grads & families!

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

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

City of Langford Regular Council Meeting. Mon June 19, 5:30 pm. www.cityoflangford.ca

District of Sooke Committee of the Whole. Public input on proposed Freedom Mobile monopolies. Mon June 19, 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: 41st Parliament, Legislative Assembly to resume Thurs June 22, 10am. 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.

Beach Food on Ocean Boulevard near Lagoon Rd, in Colwood. Fri June 23 & Sat June 24, 11am to 7pm

Witty's Lagoon Hike at Low Tide. Sat June 24, 10-2. Age 18+. Free. Pre-register by June 21 www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events or 250-478-3344.

Esquimalt Arts Festival. Sat June 24 11am-4pm. Memorial Park, 1212 Esquimalt Rd.

Bubbles & Bees Compost Education Centre 25th Anniv. Sat June 24, 12-3. 1216 N.Park St.

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

Mon June 26: John Stubbs Middle School Year End Assembly 10am | **Crystal View Gr5 Recognition** 1pm | **Port Renfrew Year End Tea** - time tba | **Dunsmuir Year End Assembly** 1:30 pm.

Tues June 27: Wishart Gr 5 Recognition 1pm. **Crystal View Year End Assembly** 1pm. **Saseenos Gr 5 Recognition** 1:30pm.

Tues June 27: Westshore Centre Graduation 4pm. Royal Colwood Golf Course

Wed June 28: Journey Gr 8 Bon Voyage 10:30 am. **Spencer Year End Assembly** - time tba

School year-end June 28 & 29 more events next week. Send us your year-end news! news@westshorevoicenews.com

SD62 Last Day before summer break. Thurs June 29. www.sd62.bc.ca

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'Bubbles & Bees' next weekend

The Compost Education Centre's 'Bubbles and Bees' 25th Anniversary Garden Party will be held on Saturday, June 24 (12-3 pm, 1216 North Park St, Victoria). They will be celebrating 25 years of composting and conservation education in regional neighbourhoods.

Discover how the Compost Education Centre has evolved over the years. The open-house style family-friendly free event will feature musical entertainment, a raffle with great prizes, face painting and local wine and beer sampling by donation. www.compost.bc.ca WSV

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HOYNE CRD Compost Education Centre

District of Sooke municipal news

At least three public comments were made to Sooke council at their June 12 meeting, about not enough printed agendas being available to the public that evening.

It was a long meeting to past 10pm, with that being the reason Mayor and Council gave for postponing their public comments about their participation at the FCM conference they attended in Ottawa June 1-4.

Mayor Maja Tait clarified that at the last Committee of the Whole there was no inclusion of child care benefits to elected officials in a recommendation that was forwarded to council, only that it had been discussed.

Sooke 2017 Property Tax Notices have been postal mailed. Tax payment deadline is Tues July 4. The District of Sooke portion of the bill went up 5.57% over last year, and comprises

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The average Sooke residential property assessment in 2017 is \$375,389 (up from \$343,376 in 2016). WSV



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