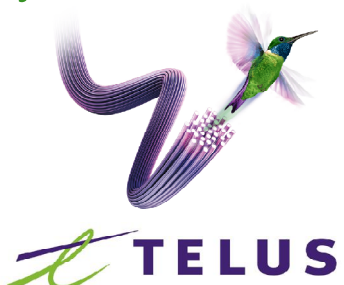


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First full golf season in Sooke

Web Courtesy Edition

SEAPARC Chair Mike Hicks readies his shot as SEAPARC Manager Steve Knoke looks on, June 20 at DeMamiel Creek Golf Course in Sooke.

There's nothing quite like a quick round of golf on a sunny summer afternoon. Nipping out to the DeMamiel Creek Golf Course is something that SEAPARC Commission Chair Mike Hicks does from time to time with his son. And for business.

"People can just show up. No reservations required!" said Hicks this week on a sunny but windy Tuesday afternoon at the SEAPARC-owned and operated golf course at 6518 Thrup Road near Charters Road in Sooke.

There's an auto-pay system on site, or players can phone SEAPARC to pay ahead. There's an attendant on site during peak periods.

The 9-hole par-3 course is open to everyone, daily 7am to 7pm. Seniors can play two rounds for \$15 (that's half-price) on weekdays. Groups from the Sooke Legion, Sooke Lions and Sooke Rotary have come out to use the course, says Hicks.

Youth are coming out to use the course too, including some classes from Journey Middle School and Edward Milne Community School. The course might be utilized as part of the new Golf Academy program offered through SD62 this fall.

The fairways and putting greens are maintained daily. There's a small administrative clubhouse building on site.

The new recreational acquisition is in its first full year of operation. Rather quickly within the past two years, SEAPARC conducted a referendum to borrow \$750,000 of the \$1 million purchase price, and got the purchase done, and course ready for use part-way through last season.

All SEAPARC funding is 75% from District of Sooke taxpayers and 25% from Juan de Fuca Electoral Area taxpayers. A debt to pay off the SEAPARC pool over 15 years was finished being paid off last year.

The requisition for those annual funds has since been targeted for capital reserves for first the golf course, and a fitness centre expansion at the SEAPARC facility at 2168 Phillips Road.

SEAPARC manager Steve Knoke explains that the fitness facility expansion in about two years will include fitness rooms and equipment, multi-purposes rooms, and office space.

If a Gas Tax sports infrastructure strategic planning grant comes through for \$1 million, the \$2 million fitness centre upgrade can move ahead sooner (SEAPARC will be paying half, or all, depending on when and if the grant comes through). "We are very optimistic," says Hicks. WSV

Six weeks after election, BC Liberal Throne Speech appears progressive

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As BC NDP Leader John Horgan quipped ahead of the June 22 Throne Speech, "I didn't know the NDP were delivering a Throne Speech".

Sure enough, the lengthy Throne Speech penned by the BC Liberals and read out by Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon sounded like a full checklist of platform ideas and promises from the BC NDP and the BC Greens.

With four exceptions. These trademark BC Liberal planks stood out: continuation of LNG development, the TransMountain pipeline, and Site C construction. As well, the approach to apparently eliminating MSP premiums differs significantly from NDP and Green suggestions to include medical system fees in the tax system instead of the billing-system approach that includes punitive collection measures.

At the opening of the 10am session in the Legislature on Thursday morning, Guichon -- regally attired but not in her formal medalled garb -- simply stated that she did not find the legislature fit to function, and left the chamber. Most MLAs seemed a bit disoriented. After a quick declaration of BC Liberal MLA Steve Thomson (Kelowna-Mission) as Speaker of the House, the house adjourned to 2 pm.

The Throne Speech after 2 pm included a promise of \$1 billion in child care system support over 4 years, as well as many items from the NDP and Green campaigns including a shift to electoral reform, fully funded adult basic education, elimination of tolls on Lower Mainland bridges, more seniors residential care beds, acceleration of access to MRIs and hip and knee

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Freedom Mobile in Sooke

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About 20 members of the public attended the District of Sooke Committee of the Whole to voice concerns and opposition to two new wireless monopoles being proposed by Freedom Mobile.

Owned by Shaw, Freedom Mobile competes in the wireless market against Rogers, TELUS, and Bell. Freedom Mobile customers are presently clustered in Ontario, Alberta and BC. They see Sooke as a growing community that could benefit from their relatively affordable services.

In recent months Freedom Mobile had little difficulty in establishing a small non-obtrusive monopole in an industrial area of Langford, to boost signals for customers in that part of the west shore.

After some lengthy presentations from the public about health-related concerns, an impression was left that exposure to transmission waves (radiation) from the monopoles would be almost likely be detrimental to the health of people in the immediate area of the structures.

Health Canada states: "With respect to cell phone towers, as long as exposures respect the limits set in Health Canada's guidelines, there is no scientific reason to consider cell phone towers dangerous to the public."

The two proposed monopole locations are 2614 Otter Point Rd and 5154 Sooke Rd (both privately-owned properties in areas set back from the town core).

The point made by some in the audience that there is "already enough cell coverage" in the area is to miss the point about facilitating business competition

Canada Day 150 Sooke Saturday, July 1 at Sooke Flats, 2259 Phillips Rd Gates open 9 am for a public pancake breakfast, kids activities in picnic area. Opening ceremony 12 noon Afternoon: Kids activities, Sooke Community Choir, Virtual Elvis - Scott MacDonald Johnny Vallis. Evening: Live band "Phoenix" 7 to 10 pm Fireworks 10 pm (weather permitting) Parking & shuttle buses from EMCS & Evergreen mall Bring seating (chair or blanket) No pets | No drugs or alcohol www.canadadaysooke.com

which usually benefits the consumer.

Industry Canada is the authorizing body for where cell towers can be located. Municipal governments have no official say in the matter. However, the District based on their "Communications Antenna Policy" from 2002, felt their role was to report on the meeting and provide recommendations to Industry Canada and the applicant. A report is expected from staff at the July 10 Council meeting.

Shaw head office in Calgary this week told West Shore Voice News: "Freedom will continue to work with the residents of Sooke to find appropriate locations for infrastructure to deliver to the residents of Sooke affordable, high quality service. We value the comments and questions posed by Sooke residents and look forward to addressing questions posed to us during the public consultation process in the coming weeks." WSV



DISTRICT OF SOOKE Public Applications

being accepted for: Development & Engagement Committee

Volunteers Wanted

The purpose of this committee will be to provide recommendations to Council regarding initiatives that focus on improvements to the building permitting and development process, in the District of Sooke.

Applicants interested in serving on this Committee, are invited to submit their applications to the District of Sooke for consideration.

There will be three (3) public members appointed, by the Mayor, for this committee.

Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30-11:30 am or at the call of the chair.

If you are interested in volunteering please submit your at www.sooke.ca to the District of Sooke by 4:30 pm, Friday, July 7, 2017 to:

Mayor c/o Corporate Services Department District of Sooke 2205 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 1J2 Or by email to corp@sooke.ca For more information please contact the Mayor directly at mtait@sooke.ca or visit www.sooke.ca

EDITORIAL

IEWS & INSIGHTS
FROM THE WEST COAST



BC Liberals not backing down

● **Eleventh hour**, high time, nick of time, last-minute, under the wire. There are plenty of expressions to cover off that phenomenon when someone suddenly 'sees the light' and then arrives or tries to show they're on board with the thing they've been resisting or rejecting all along. The English language also offers up the expression 'Johnny come lately' for a way to describe a casual if not cavalier reluctance to fully participate.

So, dragged into the progressive mode that a majority of British Columbians voted for, Premier Christy Clark rolled out just about every BC NDP and BC Green promise or platform plank from the spring 2017 election, packaged up as the Throne Speech on June 22. The BC Liberals finally 'getting with the program' under desperate governance circumstances in the legislature doesn't quite fall on deaf ears -- as people have waited a long time for these changes in the BC economy and societal framework. But the



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entire speech content bore a hollow sound. Who could not be fooled by the sudden about-face? Even ahead of the election (or years ago) implementation of some of these ideas would have been seen as an indication of change or improvement by BC Liberals for their many policy or delivery failings over 16 years.

In the maddening manner of a good defense lawyer or a teen asked by parents about their plans for a Saturday night, denial of important truth or actions has been played out for years by the BC Liberals (health researcher suicide, deaths of children in care, and failings in seniors care come to mind).

It's a bit nasty to put the NDP and Greens in a position to be appearing to vote against their own policies, as is likely to happen in a confidence vote in the legislature next week. But such is politics. BC NDP Leader John Horgan and BC Green Leader Andrew Weaver will have some clever explaining to do next week, but their supporters are not likely to mind. The likelihood of a cobbled-together minority government lies soon ahead -- 41 NDP, 3 Greens -- for as long as they can manage to make it last.

The obstinate holding onto power that Premier Clark has again exhibited this week is something she comes by honestly, she claimed, in explaining at a BC Liberal Womens lunch on June 21 how she grew up in a family with

"So comfortable we're living in a bubble, so comfortable we cannot see the trouble." ~ 'Chained to the Rhythm' lyrics, Katy Perry & Skip Marley, 2017



several brothers. "I learned from a very young age how to survive in a world that was dominated by male opinions, by determined aggressive guys who fought over the dumbest things," she told the Vancouver lunch crowd. "We shouldn't have to learn how to behave in a male environment," she continued. Indeed, times have changed. Which comes back to a comment in this editorial space a few weeks ago, that it's interesting that it's two men cooperating for the benefit of the people who are showing the progressive leadership that many British Columbians have long-awaited.

A party leader is expected to defend her party to the end. In that, Clark does her BC Liberal team proud. And she may yet pull a rabbit out of a hat and return the people to the polls this fall or next year, needing only a few more rural seats to pull the BC Liberals back up over the 44 seats required for a majority.

Perhaps if some or more of the 'new' ideas now adopted by the BC Liberals were to be effected under a re-elected BC Liberal government it would be some kind of step forward. However, it's important to recognize that the philosophy from the top of a leadership chain is what matters in critical moments and from which an overall vision can be implemented for moving forward.

If they manage to get into government with Horgan as Premier, where the NDP will hopefully do differently is in MSP policy. They could finally bring BC in line with all other provinces that draw health premiums from within the income tax system and eliminate a mean-spirited collection system that kicks into gear when people default (oftentimes through no fault of their own). And where the NDP themselves say they will hope to do differently is in environmental issues (notably re the Transmountain Pipeline, fracking for LNG, and considerations around the Site C hydroelectric project).

And so the 'never-ending election of May 2017' continues for yet another week or so. Til we see how it ends. ■

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DISTRICT OF SOOKE 2017

Property Taxes Due

Tax Reminder

Please be reminded that 2017 Property Taxes are due Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

The Municipal office will be open until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, June 27th and Thursday, June 29, 2017 for tax payments.

Home owner grants must be claimed before the due date to avoid penalty.

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'Progressive' Throne Speech

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Lt Gov Judith Guichon delivered the Throne Speech, June 22.

operations, basic income support for youth ages 18 to 24 transitioning out of care, increase in legal aid funding, and more RCMP officers for drug enforcement. Housing supply increase and a Rent-to-Own program were proposed.

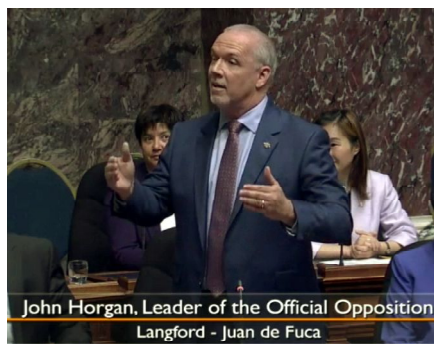
Early next week a vote of confidence in the legislature is expected to happen, and to fail (even by Premier Christy Clark, she has said). Contrary to the initial approach by Clark to just want to maintain a stable government by convention, it now appears the BC Liberals have positioned themselves through the Throne Speech

to have been heard offering progressive ideas that could support stronger BC Liberal seat success in a future election (especially if there's a hastily called election).

There are 87 seats in the BC Legislature, making 44 required for a majority. The BC Liberals won 43 seats in the May 9 provincial general election, and further lost the voting power of one with one of their MLAs (Thomson) now as non-voting Speaker of the House. That leaves 42 BC Liberal votes up against 41 BC NDP and 3 BC Green for a total of 44 to win any vote by majority. The NDP and Greens signed an agreement at the end of May to essentially operate as block, representing the progressive vote (57% of the popular vote on May 9).

Minority governments are historically unstable if not fragile. Their continuation depends on continued cooperation among parties who have agreed to make it happen. It also depends on full attendance of all MLAs at every vote in the legislature (something that simple human circumstance could jeopardize).

British Columbian voters are likely exhausted -- as are the coffers of the NDP and Greens -- making the prospect of a soon-called election. However, an NDP idea to shift elections to the fall season was also picked up by the BC Liberals in their Throne Speech. Fall 2017 election anyone? **WSV**



Leader of the Official Opposition, John Horgan (NDP) in the legislature, June 22.

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Foundations Level 6

Protecting your eyes in summer

West Shore Voice News

PREVENTIVE HEALTH TIPS

● **Summer is finally here!** The weather forecast includes indications of high levels of UV rays. Dr Louise Morin at Sooke Optometry offers the following information about eye protection when outdoors in bright weather.

We potentially expose our eyes to damage simply by going outside in bright summer light. Over time, the sun's rays can seriously damage the eyes and surrounding skin, sometimes leading to vision loss and conditions from cataracts and macular degeneration to eye and eyelid cancers.

Some daily protective strategies can help keep our eyes and the sensitive skin around them healthy. It helps to know about certain types of light from the sun that can cause damage:

Ultraviolet A and Ultraviolet B light: Ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB), powerful, invisible rays with wavelengths shorter than visible light, are the most dangerous parts of sunlight. They can cause cataracts, eyelid cancers and other skin cancers, and are believed to play a part in macular degeneration, a major cause of vision loss for people over age 60. In addition, UV rays can prematurely wrinkle and age the skin around the eyes.

High-Energy Visible Light (HEV light)/Blue Light: HEV light (high-energy visible light in the violet/blue spectrum) is a potential contributor to cataracts and other serious eye maladies. Blue light can damage the retina over time, leading to macular degeneration. The retina is the membrane where images are formed and transmitted to the brain. The macula, the region of sharpest vision located near the center of the retina, is the most likely area to be damaged.

Higher long-term risk has some associative factors: fair skin and lighter eye colour (less of the protective pigment melanin) and getting older. On top of that, if your work or recreation involves prolonged sunlight exposure, that adds to the risk.

UV-effective eyewear is an important part of protecting your eyes:

- Eyewear should absorb and block 99% to 100% of UVA and UVB light, and ideally also guard against HEV light.
- Eyewear coverage should be sufficient to shield the eyes, eyelids, and surrounding areas. The more skin covered, the better. Wrap-around styles with a comfortable, close fit and UV-protective side shields are ideal.
- Look for eyewear durability and impact resistance.
- Polarized lenses will eliminate glare, especially when driving, but also out in the snow or on the water, where reflection greatly magnifies glare. Continuing glare can cause fatigue, headaches, and even migraines.

Other summer eye protection tips include:

- Wearing a hat with at least a 3-inch brim all around can block up to half of all UVB rays from your eyes and eyelids. Hats or tinted visors also help block UV from entering your eyes from above.
- Wearing sunscreen on your face is also important, as sunglasses and hats cannot cover your entire face.
- When outside, seek shade, especially between 10am and 4pm when UV rays are strongest.
- Vehicle side windows do not offer as much protection from UV rays, unlike windshields which are usually treated to provide additional UV-A protection.

Sooke Optometry (6726 West Coast Road; open late on Thurs) and **Langford Optometry** (#105-814 Goldstream Ave, open late on Wed) are both open six days a week. **WSV**

Sources: Skin Cancer Fdn, National Eye Institute, Skin Cancer Foundation Journal, JAMA Ophthalmology



Sun protection: a wide-brimmed hat, full-coverage UV-eyewear and high-SPF sunscreen, plus long sleeves.

Joint travel arrangements

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Chamber leaders (from left): **West Shore Chamber executive director Julie Lawlor**; **Sooke Region Chamber president Kerry Cavers**; and **West Shore Chamber director of development Josh Schmidt**.



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● **At the June 14 West Shore Chamber of Commerce mixer** co-hosted with the Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce at the Four Points Sheraton in Langford, it was announced that the two Chambers will be collaborating on some shared travel packages for members. To some far away places like Ireland and India! **WSV**

New RCMP bicycle unit for Langford patrols

West Shore Voice News

● **In this day and age** when security for the public is an increasing concern in all communities, the City of Langford has announced they will be adding four new RCMP officers later in 2017.

Four new officers will allow for the creation of a full-time bicycle and special projects unit that will focus patrols on community trails, parks and the downtown core in Langford, and provide coverage for special events and target "hot spots" within the Langford area.

This addition of four new RCMP officers comes on the heels of eight RCMP officers added in the last two years, bringing the contingent to 42, up from 30 in 2015. The expanded force is intended to help bring Langford's RCMP officer complement in line with Council's long-range vision for the department, the City said in a news release on June 23. The goal, says Langford Mayor Stew Young, is to get the ratio of police officers to residents down to 1-to-800, from the present 1-to-900 (a few years ago it was 1-to-1100).

About the newly created positions, Mayor Young says: "Community safety is, and will remain, a priority for Langford. Council looks forward to working with the RCMP, both now and into the future, to ensure that Langford remains a safe family friendly community."

Langford Councillor Lillian Szpak, Chair of the Protective Services Committee, echoed the sentiment: "Langford is a family-oriented community and I look forward to the additional presence and visibility these new officers will provide in our parks, trails and downtown core," she said this week.

West Shore RCMP Officer in Charge Inspector Larry Chomyn was quoted by the City as saying: "I am pleased that the City of Langford has taken this proactive decision to enhance the work of the RCMP in Langford and I know that the community will be well served by the addition of a full time bicycle patrol unit."

Each officer will cost Langford about \$167,000 (salary, benefits and associated uniform costs, etc) or \$668,000 in total, producing a 2.77% tax increase request from the Protective Services Committee to Council. Langford Council will see the recommendation for approval later this summer. It takes about eight months to recruit RCMP officers out of the training center in Regina. So that increase may not take effect upon taxpayers until 2018. The 2017 municipal tax increase for the average household in Langford was 2.9%.

West Shore RCMP provides services in Langford, Colwood, View Royal, Metchosin, Highlands, Songhees First Nation and Esquimalt First Nation. **WSV**



A full-time bicycle and special projects unit will focus on patrols of trails, parks and the downtown core.

Web source



Langford Mayor Stew Young

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Langford Councillor Lillian Szpak
Protective Services Committee chair

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Sooke seeks public input as Official Community Plan (OCP) is being developed

West Shore Voice News

● **Public input is being sought by the District of Sooke** about their proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) that is now under development. The municipality offers several ways to provide input **up to June 30:**

- **Sooke Municipal Hall**, 2205 Otter Point Road – in the lobby, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm – June 15 to 30
- **By email:** ocp@sooke.ca
- **Booth at Sooke Country Market** (Otter Point Rd at Eustace): 10 am to 2 pm on Sat June 24
- **Sooke Night Market** (outdoors at the Sooke Region Museum grounds) on two Thursday nights (5:30 to 8 pm): June 22 & 29
- **Sooke Library drop-in** – (1-5 pm Mondays, 10am-5pm Tuesdays-Saturdays).



The District of Sooke says an OCP is the District's most important planning tool. Its vision helps to influence the way the community grows and develops by guiding how land is used. Land use and development decisions influence all parts of our daily lives, how our community looks and feels as well as where we live, work and play.

As a broad policy framework, the OCP guides planning and decision making about a community's future, and works together with more detailed strategic action and implementation plans such as Sooke's corporate and financial plans, Town Centre Plan, Transportation Plan, Parks Master Plan, and others.

The first step towards the drafting stage of an OCP includes general descriptions for discussion purposes surrounding land use and Land Use Designations. (LUDs). Based on feedback received from Council and the public engagement process in the summer and fall of 2016, Sooke staff has prepared the draft LUD maps and descriptions which were presented to Council in May 2017. These are aimed at stimulating conversations and understanding about future land use in Sooke, which will assist with better decision-making, informed by an established planning theory.

Land Use Designations are used to 'match' the lands in a Plan Area to land use and other goals, objectives and policies set out by the community in the OCP to help guide current and future decision making. More:

<https://sooke.ca/districtnews/lets-talk-about-land-use-ocp-input-sought/>

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Belmont Secondary School Scholarship & Bursary Winners

TOTAL VALUE of SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES RECEIVED THIS YEAR by Belmont Graduates is about \$108,000. Post-secondary institution scholarships push that up to an estimated \$200,000.



Archie Stevenson Memorial Technical Award: \$500 pursuing a career in the trades. **Nick James**

École John Stubbs School PAC Bursary: \$1000
Grace McKenzie [West Shore Voice](#)

Myles Mansell Memorial Scholarship \$1000 each: Headed to post-secondary who has been in the reserves or cadets, or is planning to join the military. **Josh Allen, Mitchell Coulombe, Alia Liggett**

Spotswood Memorial Scholarship: \$500. Graduating female student athlete (preferably of the girls' basketball team) going to post-secondary, to recognize excellence in academics, sports and character. **Drew Rush** [West Shore Voice News](#)

Belmont Bursaries: a positive and at times unacknowledged contribution to the school's daily life. **\$500: Michael Gaj, Jason Song**
\$250: Taylor Killip, Ben Ledger, Rahul Roy

Evedar's Bistro Music Scholarship: \$250. Involved in music activities in the school and the community. **Daniel Tran**

Reid Kyfiuk Memorial Scholarship: \$1000 student who participated in a variety of extracurricular activities in/out of school, belongs to a faith group, and exemplifies Reid's zest for life. **Ranna Shakeri**

West Shore Arts Council: \$500 each. Students' continuing participation in fine arts education. **Victoria Anderson, Hannah MacDonald**

Belmont Collision: \$450 good academic standing and an interest in automobiles. **Braydon Blazina**

Fix Auto West Shore Scholarship: \$500. Excellent work habits and going into a post-secondary automobiles program. **Alley Danchuk**

Rein Eberle Memorial Scholarship: \$1000 attending post-secondary, was an active volunteer and/or participant in football, and who demonstrates superior skill. **Jared Barrow**

West Shore Developers Association Scholarship: \$500 each. Students in good academic standing, pursuing post-secondary studies in the building trades or engineering as it relates to construction. **Cheyenne Allick, Jared Barrow**

Colwood Elementary School PAC: \$400
Alisha Vickery [West Shore Voice News](#)

Hans Helgason Elementary School PAC Bursary: \$600 Kylie Milne

Robin Reston Sport Honorary Bursary (Lakewood Elementary School PAC): \$500. Evan Kneip

West Shore RCMP Community Policing Full Potential Scholarship: \$1000 to a student entering post-secondary in recognition of the ability to overcome adversity. **Grace McKenzie**

Crystal View Elementary School PAC: \$500
Alison Turcotte

Howard East Memorial AVID: \$500 each - to students who best exemplify the spirit and goals of the AVID program. **Jordyn Clarke, Mattingly Duddridge, Lance Hall**

Royal Roads Running Club Scholarship: \$1000. Austin Bowes

Western Communities Foundation Exceptional Achievement Bursaries: \$750 each. Student entering post-secondary who has demonstrated either exceptional service to the school and community or resilience in overcoming adversity. **Gavin Aubrey, Jade Sloan** [West Shore Voice News](#)

David Cameron Elementary School PAC Bursary: \$500
Michael Gustin

Iris Reiss Trust: \$1000 to students with high academic standing from Gr 8 on and demonstrated financial need. **Alia Liggett, Janaka Scorey, Alisha Vickery**

Ruth King Elementary School PAC Bursary: \$500. Jason Song

Western Foods Scholarship: \$250 each. Students entering post-secondary who have good academic standing and good citizenship. **Brittney Blaylock, Ben Ledger**

District Authority Awards - Ministry of Education Provincial Awards - \$1,250 each [West Shore Voice News](#)

Juan de Fuca Veterinary Clinic Award: \$250 to a strong academic student pursuing post-secondary in biology, science or animal sciences. **Ben Ledger**

Savory Elementary School PAC Bursary: \$500. Nathan Johal

Westshore Basketball Graduation Bursary: \$300 to a graduating student who has volunteered in youth sports as an official, coach, fundraiser, or other ways. **Drew Rush** [West Shore Voice News](#)

Applied Skills
Cord Corcese, Michael Gustin, Lance Hall, Dorian Munro, Weston Murray, Olivia Page, Ben Polard

Lakewood Elementary School PAC Debbie Scruton Bursary: \$500. Samantha Allden

Sooke Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association Scholarship: \$250 each. Student planning to attend post-secondary who has maintained a strong academic standing throughout high school and has demonstrated leadership ability, noteworthy service, and excellence in fine arts or athletics. **Patrick Dolejs, Mattingly Duddridge**

Westshore Lions Club: Lion H. Ralph Day Bursaries (\$4500 total): for students going into post-secondary studies that have demonstrated strong academic achievement and financial need. **\$1000 each: Cassidy Green, Ruky Osubele, Jade Sloan**
\$500 each: Abbey Haas, Hannah MacDonald, Naomi Salisbury

Community Service
Rhys Carby, Mattingly Duddridge, Kylie Milne, Naomi Salisbury, Ranna Shakeri

Langford Women's Institute: \$300 involved in service to women and children. **Abbey Haas, Kyra Tyson**

Sooke Teachers' Association Bursary: \$1000 to a student enrolled in a full-time post-secondary program, awarded on the basis of leadership, service, financial need, and academic standing. **Mattingly Duddridge**

Westshore Sunrise Rotary Club Bursary: \$1000 each. Students attending post-secondary next year who have demonstrated significant service to the school or community as well as financial need. **Gavin Aubrey, Josh Gilbert, Abbey Haas**

Fine Arts
Samantha Allden, Victoria Anderson, Jordyn Clarke, Kianna Cooper, Bryce Godden, Christopher Herbert, Courtney Hett, Cole Jackson, Alexis Johnson, Jacqueline Hughes, Hannah MacDonald, Alexandra Livingston-Walker, Daniel Tran

Lifetouch Canada Scholarship: \$500 good academic standing and good citizenship. **Brittney Blaylock**

Spencer Middle School PAC Bursary: \$500. Lance Hall

Willway Elementary School PAC Bursary: \$500 each. Ashlee Dempsey, René Landree **WSV**

Indigenous Languages and Culture
Jamie Grant, Adrianna Mandryk

Metchosin Fire Department Delaney Dunlop Memorial: \$500 involved in serving the community and the school. **Gavin Aubrey**

Millstream Elementary School PAC Bursary: \$500 each. Patrick Dolejs, Emma Hayward.

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International Languages
Taro Baker, Maya Dixon, Emma Hayward, Connor Klatt, René Landree, Chelsea MacBean, Kealy Martin, Martina Pittroff, Kyra Tyson

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Physical Activity
Nik Belusic, Mattson Haggard, Jakob Ivanisevic, Nathan Johal, Evan Kneip, Perry Panganiban, Adam Rehman, Jarod Rossander, Drew Rush, Allison Turcotte, Alisha Vickery

Technical and Trades Training
Joshua Allen, Patrick Dolejs, Jason Hanley, Cameron Hoel, Linden Lacon, Alia Liggett, Janaka Scorey, Daphne Wilkie

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Langford Fire Chief Bob Beckett's retirement celebration

WSV - followup photo feature

● **Last Friday was** Langford Fire Chief Bob Beckett's last day. He's now into retirement after a 41-year firefighting career, though he has plans to stick around doing various of the volunteer activities that he enjoys.

At his retirement function on Saturday evening, June 10, he was joined by Langford Mayor and Council, Leader of the Official Opposition John Horgan (Langford-Juan de Fuca), and many invited guests and well-wishers. "I was delighted to have an opportunity to be there and say a few words," said Horgan the following week.



Kerry Zado

BC NDP Leader John Horgan (MLA Langford-Juan de Fuca) attended Chief Bob Beckett's retirement event at the Royal Colwood Golf Club on June 10.

Beckett said he felt honoured that Mayor Stew Young and all of Langford Council (except one who was out of town) showed up in support. [West Shore Voice News](#)

Beckett, 63, calls this summer ahead "a good time to decompress". **WSV**



Kerry Zado

Langford council members (from left): Councillor Lillian Szpak, Mayor Stew Young, Councillor Winnie Sifert.



A longer feature interview with Chief Beckett ran in the June 16, 2017 issue.

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Sectors of the economy starting to recognize the need for housing supply to catch up

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● **While the City of Langford** is already well underway with escalating the number of housing units available for sale to residents (including multi-family, with zoning that allows increased density), this need for supply to catch up with housing demand now seems to be catching fire elsewhere in the economy.

The BC Throne Speech on June 22 included a section called Housing Affordability: "Work with local governments and the private sector to increase supply, particularly along transit lines and corridors while supporting municipalities to eliminate backlogs and speed up construction. Build 50,000 new units over 10 years as part of a new Rent-to-Own program for the middle class. Protect renters' rights by prohibiting landlords from skirting rent-control protections and ensuring tenants are respected when landlords make improvements to their [West Shore Voice News](#)

buildings. Host a Housing Summit to be convened in fall 2017 with all levels of government and stakeholders. Real estate speculation will be one of the challenges put before participants." [West Shore Voice News](#)

The BC Real Estate Association (BCREA) on June 13 released a statement: "Market conditions have tightened considerably this spring as an upturn in consumer demand has not been accompanied by a rise in homes listed for sale," said Cameron Muir, BCREA Chief Economist. The supply of homes for sale in the province has fallen 50% over the past five years, BCREA reported. "The entire southern portion of the province is experiencing a shortage of housing supply, which makes continuing upward pressure on home prices inevitable, at least in the near term," added Muir. Total active listings in the province were down 11.1% to 28,404 units from May 2016. The ratio of home sales to active listings was well over 20% in nine of the province's 11 real estate boards, and over 50% in Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack and Victoria. [West Shore Voice News](#)

Rental vacancy rates in Vancouver and Victoria are among the lowest in the country, and rents among the highest. **WSV**

Edward Milne Community School Grade 12 Award Recipients 2017



AWARDS as announced June 15, 2017 during an evening event at Edward Milne Community School. **This is PART ONE. Next week: by-subject academic awards.**

HONOUR & EFFORT ROLL AWARDS

Presented by Principal Pat Swinburnson

Effort all 4 years at EMCS - Mia Bautista Tayler Bernard, Jordyn Borsellino, Madison Carnegie, Grace Dobie, Ninian Dougall, Mariyah Dunn-Jones, Tyson Friesen, Nicholas Gakena, Hagen Herold, Drue Julien, Serena Laur, Savannah Lundquist, Kaitlin McKelvey, Matthew Miller, Delamara Purdy, Delaney Ryan, Alison Sudlow, Oliver Tonneson, Mikayla Tracy, Lajah Warren, Carmyn Wright

3.0 Grade 12 year - 3.0 or Greater GPA - Emily Albert, Emerald Arthurs, Rheanne Artindale, Julianne Babbage, Mia Bautista, Christopher Berkeley, Jordyn Borsellino, Madison Carnegie, Margaret Collins, Kieran Connor, Desiree Cumming, Grace Dobie, Ninian Dougall, Lexey Dumont, Mariyah Dunn-Jones, Elora Fe, Elizabeth Fitzner, Tyson Friesen, Matthew Holmes, Kolby Ihlen, Quinlin Johnson, Serena Laur, Jiayi Li, Yeu-Shiuan Lin, Savannah Lundquist, Cory Mills, Bobby Nex, Celina Palko, Jenna Patterson, Madeleine Price, Michael Rosko, Delaney Ryan, Nyomi Thomperello, Mikayla Tracy, Lajah Warren, Justice Wilce-Panter, Chenyu Xu, Haoze Zhang, Siyu Zhou, Kaixi Zou

4.0 Grade 12 year - 4.0 GPA an A average - Noah Demelo, Nicholas Gakena, Hagen Harold, Elena Hoath, Drue Julien, Kaitlyn McKelvey, Matthew Miller, Aliya Poirier, Delamara Purdy, Kailee Purnell, Alison Sudlow, Oliver Tonneson

Principal's Award Effort 4 Year & 4.0 - Effort Roll in every term over a 4 year period and a 4.0 GPA in their Grade 12 year - Nicholas Gakena, Hagen Harold, Drue Julien, Kaitlyn McKelvey, Matthew Miller, Delamara Purdy, Alison Sudlow and Oliver Tonneson

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VOLUNTEER VICTORIA/YOUTH NOW CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- TEEN MENTORS:

Ella Constandinou, Aidan Eccleston, Dylan Heisler-Shirlaw, Craig Phipps, Michael Ross, Soleil Saxelby, Alison Sudlow, Mikayla Tracy, Hailey Walsh, Elena Weidmann-Smith, Rori Wood

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TOP ACADEMIC PLAQUE

Grade 9 - Emma Westcott
Grade 10 - Simon Herold
Grade 11 - Lucy Bridal
Grade 12 - Matthew Miller

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- Matthew Miller
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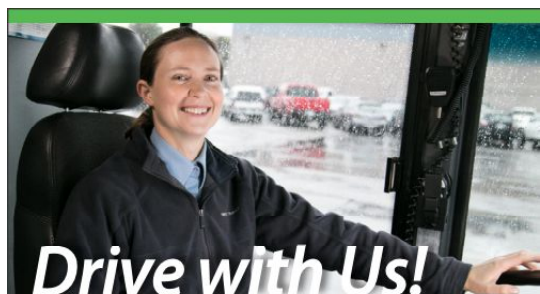
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- Matthew Miller.
To a Gr 12 student, chosen by staff, who has shown the most outstanding citizenship during his/her senior years at this school.

CRD celebrates contribution to The Great Trail

● **Up in the hills**, a ceremony to celebrate completion of the Capital Regional District's Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail and a 9km extension to the the Cowichan Valley Regional District's Cowichan Valley Trail was held June 23. Both trails close a gap in the route of The Great Trail.

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Once fully connected, The Great Trail will stretch nearly 24,000 km from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arctic oceans, through every province and territory, linking Canadians in nearly 1,000 communities. On Vancouver Island, The Great Trail spans from Nanaimo through the Cowichan Valley to Victoria.

CRD Board Chair Barbara Desjardins described the new Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail as "a major visitor opportunity in the vast 4,090-hectare Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park".

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

● **The 2003 Regional Growth Strategy** allows the extension of piped city water in CRD's 13 municipalities but not the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA). After years of input the CRD have developed the 2016 RGS to update and replace the 2003 version. In order for the 2016 RGS to be adopted, 100% of the municipalities must be in agreement. The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area does not receive a vote and must abide by the municipality's decision.



Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Director Mike Hicks.

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The new 2016 RGS states that piped water may be considered in the JDF if the local governments (East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Port Renfrew) define areas of service in their Official Community Plan (OCP). It states clearly that if water is considered for extension, 100% of the cost is the responsibility of the applicant and not the CRD.

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The completed draft 2016 RGS was sent to the 13 municipalities for their unanimous approval. Four municipalities, North Saanich, Saanich, View Royal and the Highlands rejected the RGS on the basis they did not want the Juan de Fuca electoral area's residents receiving piped water. They reasoned that the extension of water would result in "urban sprawl".

I have argued for many years that water is a God-given right and if we can possibly connect our residents at no cost to the taxpayers, it is our duty to do so. I have also argued that OCP's and zoning bylaws control density, and water is not a factor in urban sprawl. Metchosin proves this theory as they allow all their residents access to water and have the lowest rate of growth or "urban sprawl" in the CRD.

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Because the municipalities cannot agree, the CRD have initiated a mediation process in an attempt to reach an agreement. The process will take 6 months and as I discovered at the last CRD Board meeting, the JDF was totally excluded from the process. I made a motion and the CRD Board considered my request for a 1 hour meeting with the mediator to submit the JDF views and concerns. Rather than this, the Board graciously offered for me to be considered for the CRD representative on the mediation process. My motion was withdrawn, two other directors in addition to myself were nominated for the position and lo and behold, Directors Isitt and Jenson from Oak Bay and Victoria were elected rather than myself. Thankfully Mayor Ryan Windsor of Central Saanich and Mayor Tait made a motion which was approved to request my 1-hour meeting with the mediator.

In my opinion, this mediation process will fail. I am confident that our tremendous neighbors of Sooke, Metchosin, Langford and Colwood will never waver and we will finally arrive at Binding Arbitration. The Provincial Government will get involved, appoint a professional, non-biased arbitrator who will consider all the facts and arguments and make a fair ruling whether to give the JDF water or to deny the JDF residents the same right as municipalities.

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I wish to sincerely thank Mayor Maja Tait, Councillor Rick Kasper and the Sooke councillors for their support and getting us this far. This is, in my opinion the most important issue the JDF will ever face. It is not just about water but the relevance of our citizen's groups, our OCP and the right to semi-govern ourselves. My team is ready, our argument is sound and I am confident that we will ultimately win.

Viva La Juan de Fuca!

~ Mike Hicks, JDFEA Director



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● **The sizzling aroma** finds you as you wander through the pathways around the various booths at the Sooke Night Market.

On Thursday nights on the grounds of Sooke Region Museum, this is the 3rd year of the 5 to 8 pm night market (June to Sept). It's the second year for Norman Ensil and his Cape Links & Coils Sausage Company cart.

Ensil makes all his own sausage and hot dog products, and cooks them on some new mobile equipment right there in the outdoors.



Norman Ensil at his Cape Links & Coils Sausage Company cart at Sooke Night Market (June 8).

His booth will also be at Sooke Canada Day at Sooke Flats next weekend, on Saturday July 1 for Canada Day 150. And on other weekends he's outside at The Stick in the Mud Coffee House on Eustace Road.

He has offered delicious samples in recent years at Appetite for Art, Rotary Auction, and A Taste of BC. His products are purchased by Sooke Harbour House and are for sale at Kelz Sweet & Savory Bake Shop on West Coast Road in Sooke.

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Congratulations to All SD62 Graduates...

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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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GRAD SEASON! Congrats grads & families!

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

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: SD62 Westshore Centre Graduation 4pm. Royal Colwood Golf Course. www.westshorecentre.com

District of Sooke municipal office open late **Tues June 27** to 8pm for tax payments (also Thurs June 29), 2205 Otter Pt Rd. www.sooke.ca

Wed June 28: SD62. Journey Gr 8 Bon Voyage 10:30 am. **Spencer Year End Assembly** - tba. John Muir Year End 1:10 pm. Poirier Gr 5 Farewell - 1:15 pm. Lakewood Year End - 1:15pm.

Thurs June 29: SD62 year-end assemblies: **Sooke Elem** - 9 am. **Millstream** 10:30 am. **Happy Valley** - 10:30 am. **David Cameron** - 10:40 am. **Wishart** - 10:45 am. **Colwood Elem** - 10:45 am. **Ruth King** - tba. **Savory** - 12:45 pm. **Hans Helgesen** - 1pm. **Sangster** - 1 pm. **Poirier** - 1:15 pm.

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

Sooke Night Market. **Thurs June 29.** 5-8 pm. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

District of Sooke municipal office open late **Thurs June 29** to 8pm for tax payments. 2205 Otter Pt Rd. Taxes due July 4. www.sooke.ca

Sooke Community Choir **Sat July 1** Sooke Flats 12:30 pm & Victoria Spirit of 150 Celebrations, Inner Harbour 2:50 pm.

SEAPARC Pool re-opens. **Sun July 2.** See program guide at www.seaparc.ca

Summer Camps at SEAPARC. **July 4 to Sept 1.** See details starting page 15 in the Summer Program Guide at www.seaparc.ca

Blood Donor Clinic. **Mon July 3** at Sooke Legion. 11:30 am to 6:30 pm. www.blood.ca

Municipal Property Tax Deadline. **Tues July 4.** Check with your local municipal office for payment details. www.sooke.ca | www.cityoflangford.ca | www.colwood.ca

Business Boost. Every other Wednesday **starting July 5** at Sooke Region Chamber office, 9am-1pm. www.sookeregionchamber.com

The Stick in the Mud. 10th anniversary. **Fri July 7.**

Composting demo. **Sat July 8.** Courtesy of Compost Education Centre, at Sooke Country Market (Zero Waste Sooke booth). Otter Pt Rd at Eustace, 10am-2pm.

Sooke Philharmonic Fling. **Sun July 9.** 2:30 pm. Outdoor concert. Ed Macgregor Park. www.sookephil.ca

Eats & Beats at the Beach, Esquimalt Lagoon. **Sat July 15.** 1-9pm. www.colwood.ca

Sooke Car Show and Shop & Swap. **Sun July 23** by Sooke Fall Fair. 10-3. www.sookefallfair.ca

31st Sooke Fine Arts Show. **July 28 to Aug 7.** At SEAPARC Leisure Centre. www.sookefinearts.com



Before your trip in the back country make a plan. Leave your plan with a friend or family member. **Stick to the plan!**

Juan de Fuca Emergency Program

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Canada Day 150. Sat July 1

- **SOOKE** - at Sooke Flats, 2259 Phillips Rd. 9am public pancake breakfast, kids entertainment in picnic area 9-11 am, opening ceremonies 12 noon. Food vendors. Afternoon music: Sooke Community Choir, Virtual Elvis - Scott MacDonald, Johnny Vallis; plus kids' games. Evening band: Phoenix. Fireworks 10 pm weather permitting. Organized by Sooke Lions Club, major sponsor District of Sooke. www.canadadaysooke.com
- **LANGFORD** - City of Langford tent at the Goldstream Farmers Market. Free hotdogs, flags and tattoos for the kids. 10am-2pm. www.cityoflangford.ca
- **COLWOOD** - Canada Day 150 at Fort Rodd Hill. 11-4. www.pc.gc.ca/fortroddhillFREE Also see: www.colwood.ca/news-events/colwood-celebrates-canada-150
- **SPIRIT of 150 VICTORIA.** Main stage on BC Legislature lawn (June 21 to July 1): concerts, family zone, fireworks. **Fri June 30:** Live entertainment 5:30 to 9:30 pm. **Sat July 1:** Live entertainment 3 to 10:15 pm; fireworks 10:20 pm. www.spirit150victoria.ca



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Summer safety tips

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- **Summer is a fun season**, but there are always a few things to consider about safety outdoors.
- Juan de Fuca Emergency Program** coordinator Jeri Grant has a few ideas:
- **Weekend camping:** Make sure your campfire is completely extinguished & the embers are cold before leaving your campsite.
- **BBQ season:** Always position the grill away from combustible objects. Buildings, fences, deck railings and landscaping can easily and quickly ignite
- **Working in hot weather:** drink plenty of liquids, stay away from alcohol or sugary drinks, as they can cause you to lose body fluid which can possibly lead to heat stroke.
- **Life jackets:** The most effective piece of safety equipment while on the water.
- **Reduce the risk of sunburn** and skin cancer: long sleeves, wide-brimmed hat and UV-protective eyewear. Use sunscreen with SPF of 15 or higher.
- **To report a #wildfire** call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 from a cell phone. This info is crucial to ensure wildfires are responded to asap. **WSV**

This summer weekend outdoors

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- **Summer is here!** The south island forecast includes temperatures in the high-20s for this weekend June 24 & 25, with sunny skies. No rain!
- The **Sooke Country Market** runs 10am to 2pm every Saturday til October, at Otter Point Rd at Eustace in Sooke town centre. **Goldstream Farmer's Market** on Saturdays runs 10-2, at Veterans Memorial Park in Langford town centre.
- Also, if you're into composting and crop gardening, maybe drop in to the 'Bubbles & Bees' 25th anniversary celebration at the **Compost Education Centre** in Victoria on Sat June 24 (12-3 pm) at 1216 N Park St.
- On Sunday June 25, the **Sooke Region Museum** is holding their 40th annual Open House, together with the annual salmon barbecue, 12-2pm. It's free! Opening that same day at the museum is the **'Seeking Salmon'** exhibit about the history and importance of salmon in the Sooke region (exhibit runs to April 2018).
- When outdoors** this summer, remember all the safety tips... wear a hat, sunscreen and UV-protective eyewear. Remember to stay hydrated (drink water before you feel thirsty). Seek shade as required.
- If going on a hike**, leave a trip plan with a friend or family member (and stick to the plan)! **WSV**

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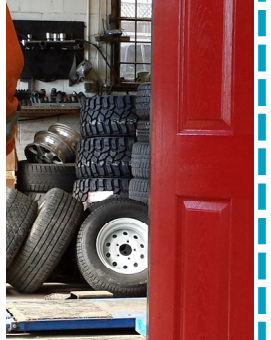
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District of Sooke municipal news

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- The District of Sooke is seeking volunteers for a committee that will review how the process of building development applications and permits can be made more efficient. The **Development & Engagement Committee** will include public appointees and Council members. Deadline to apply is July 7 (see pg 1).
- After many years of discussion at Council, there will be some new playground equipment for **Broomhill Park** in Sooke. Some of the equipment is rusting. Families have been using the park less and less over the years. Doing the replacement will bring fresh interest and safer use of the park. Funds up to about \$60,000 will be drawn from the district's park enhancement budget.
- Again this year, the District of Sooke municipal office will be open late so people have more opportunities to pay their **property taxes** ahead of the July 4 deadline. On both Tuesday June 27 and Thursday June 29, the Sooke municipal office at 2205 Otter Point Road will be open to 8pm. Bring your homeowner grant paperwork. Property tax notices were mailed out a few weeks ago.
- **More seasonal lighting** is being purchased by the District of Sooke, for jazzing up the town at Christmas time (town centre, District office, Legion area). About \$10,000 per year has been budgeted for the next five years for this initiative.
- Mayor Mayor Tait reported on some unique **self-cleaning wash-room** equipment that she learned about at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference in Ottawa this month. "We can do better than a porta-potty at the boat launch," she reported at Council June 12. **WSV**

This market info courtesy of West Shore Voice News, in support of fresh, locally grown food:



GOLDSTREAM FARMER'S MARKET - Sat 10-2 to Oct 21. Veteran's Memorial Park, in Langford city centre.

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

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