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INSIGHTS FOR WEEKEND READING

# JOHN HORGAN NOW LEADS BC

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by Mary P Brooke  
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## THE POWER OF POLITICS

He stuck to it, and it worked, with the support of thousands.

- What to expect first:**
- no bridge tolls
  - +1¢ carbon tax
  - minimum wage up
  - review Site C
  - ban corporate donations
  - explore proportional representation
  - improve child care



Premier-designate John Horgan addressed media June 29 outside Government House after being asked by Lt Gov Judith Guichon to lead BC.

Like a short made-for-TV movie, the plot was laid out but excitement built quickly with some unexpected twists and turns.

**By 5:30 pm** Thursday June 29 the BC Legislature under the BC Liberals had collapsed. Sixteen years led first by Premier Gordon Campbell and then Premier Christy Clark ended swiftly with a 44-to-42 vote: BC NDP and Greens ganged up on the BC Liberals and it was over... quietly at first until the Liberal MLAs had left the chamber, then with an outburst of celebration among the BC NDPs and Greens.

**By 6 pm** Christy Clark had made her way through a hallway funnel of an applauding crowd as she exited the Parliament building and was -- not too far away, on Rockland Avenue -- walking up the steps at Government House to meet with Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon. The meeting lasted over an hour, for as it turns out, Clark was attempting to persuade Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon to dissolve the house and call another general election (something she said she wouldn't do).

**So much weight** on Guichon's shoulders. The vice-regal position is not often tasked with making a decision that is essentially the outcome of an election in which almost 2 million people voted. Now we see it sometimes does come down to the power of one.

**Guichon** essentially sent Clark packing. Speaking briefly to the media around 7:30 pm outside Government House, Clark was skilful in her choice of words but her usual full-on energy was not quite there. She said the Lieutenant Governor had "retired to make her decision". But it was learned later that Clark had been asked to resign.

**That could not have been easy** for Guichon, who has donated to the BC Liberals and was happy enough as a rancher to have the TransMountain pipeline run through her property.

**In a sense**, Guichon had been put on the spot by Christy Clark's strategy of recent weeks. BC had essentially been left without a robust operating government for over seven weeks since the May 9 election. And then a flip-flop to what sounded like an NDP Throne Speech (written by the BC Liberals) was asked of the Lieutenant Governor. On June 22 Guichon delivered a long speech that was clearly not of BC Liberal content or philosophy.

**Maybe** it was in fact the language required by parliamentary convention for the LG to say on the morning of June 22 in the legislature that she found the assembly "unfit" and that a Speaker needed to be appointed before she could read the Throne Speech. But the tone and style of delivery seemed to surprise Clark and others. Guichon may have just been getting warmed up to the June 29 outcome.

**Anyhow**, there was BC NDP leader (Official Opposition Leader) waiting in the wings. Not just on June 29 as the chips were falling, not just in the last week or so in the legislature, and not just for seven weeks since the May 9 outcome. Becoming premier has been a taste in Horgan's mouth for decades. He has by now built a couple of decades of his life around what came to pass around 8:15 pm last night.

**And so** with a 'we've got this' sort of Tweet that pre-empted his exit from Government House around 8:20 pm that evening, Horgan then emerged into the summer evening sunlight with a new dawn ahead of him. He thanked his supporters and promised to do his level-best. It was not a wild election night speech, or even a staunch declaration of how the earth had moved. Everyone was tired after a long day, and a rapid-fire post-election period. Horgan even joked about how he was hungry and preoccupied with getting something to eat.



Swearing in an NDP/Green cabinet coming as soon as next week.

John Horgan walked with media as he approached the doors of Government House, in the early evening of Thursday, June 29.

"There are 87 members just elected, 26 for the first time, of those 14 NDP, 2 Green, and 10 Liberal. It's an extraordinary opportunity for a new legislature to work together cooperatively." ~ Premier-designate John Horgan, after speaking with the Lieutenant Governor, June 29 [Full transcript at www.westshorevoiceneeds.com](http://www.westshorevoiceneeds.com)

**It was a sublime moment.** Apart from applause and some high-fives, the festivities were brief. Where the big shift happens is in the next few and many days that follow. A new permission, if you will, to see and do things differently in BC -- for a wider range of people in a more pro-active and caring way.

**Clark said** in one of her media followups that the NDP have been left with well-balanced books and a good economy. Well, that is the job of government under any leader's watch. Citizens certainly hope that good financial management will continue and be undertaken by any government. But the tone and vision had to change. That was certainly evident from the chaotic result produced by voters on May 9.

**True leadership** for the people is something you just can't fake. It takes hard work, patience, rolling with some nasty punches, and carrying on for the long haul. In that, Horgan has already shown that he's in it for the people. Now he has a chance to show what effective change and growth does look like for everyone along the spectrum. That's the dream. One day long ago he dreamt up becoming Premier. Let's now see the dream unfold now in some wonderful ways for beautiful BC.

**But it will be tricky**, like for a premie that may have to fight for its life for a while before stabilizing. A coalition-style government like the one now operating in BC is workable, but inherently fragile. Its continuation will require ongoing good will and agreement between the dealmakers. In this case the BC NDP and BC Greens wrote up an accord that they both say they intend to operate by.

**In BC now** there are 43 Liberal MLAs and effectively 43 NDP-Green votes in the legislature (after a Speaker is appointed from the governing side of the house). Any number of things can set it toward demise, not the least of which would be simple absence of one or

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"By coming together in a spirit of cooperation, I am confident that we can grow the industries and sectors at the heart of the province's prosperity, while promoting clean growth and innovation and investing in public transit and green infrastructure." ~ Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, upon congratulating John Horgan, June 30

more MLAs from any given vote.  
**Horgan is fortunate** to have in BC Green Leader Andrew Weaver -- with whom he must now walk step-by-step -- an articulate thinker who is so far maintaining if not stewarding the principles of progressive governance. Weaver's default role seems to be that of being the rudder on the ship. While 'who made him king' rears up for some (about Weaver), it's really a big responsibility and a thankless task to be the linchpin between two heavy duty players. Weaver seems by temperament and intellect to be well-suited for it. Today he said he is thrilled with the level of collaboration.

**The Greens need the NDP** as much as the NDP need them. It's actually better that one party's number of seats so greatly outnumbers the other; if they were in the same heavy-weight class, a rough and tumble for supremacy would likely soon ensue. The Greens can achieve a lot of their agenda under the mighty wing of the 41-seat NDP, and the NDP need the Greens' three seats to stay in power. Horgan and Weaver both seem level-headed enough to realize that upsetting their peachy apple cart shouldn't happen any time soon. Their agreement has a "no surprises" clause.

**Bottom line**, British Columbia is now far better set for a path to a wholesome future than before May 9. There is vision, energy, and fresh desire for a cooperative type of governance. Fingers crossed that BC benefits soon in many areas, such as housing, social programs, jobs, health care improvements, MSP program overhaul, tech economy boost and more.

**British Columbians** can give themselves a high-five for, ultimately, electing a plan that could work very well for the people. The Legislature is expected to be back in action by September. **WSV**

**EDITORIAL**

IEWS & INSIGHTS FROM THE WEST COAST WEST SHORE VOICE

**Canada tries to get it right**

● **Canada Day comes around every year on July 1.** But not like this year. This is Canada's 150th year since confederation, the sesquicentennial!

A few years ago there seemed to be a sagging level of interest in wearing Canadian pride on one's sleeve. But since 2015 within the open arms of multi-culturalism, paying attention to the middle class, and applying innovation to new and old sectors of the economy, it seems that this country has re-achieved its true Canadian flavour. As Canadians we are robust, winter-management types who are so-polite. But together, Canadians



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also set a tone of wanting to do better, wanting to be more. We seek this as a culture, and it's quite rare if not unique on this planet.

Canada tries to get it right. This country has shown leadership for women in politics, LGBTQ rights, and multi-cultural diversity. However, other than the tech sector which has a momentum all its own, Canada lags behind in shaking its core socioeconomic identity away from natural resources and struggles with a housing market that has become a complex financial investment instrument.

But like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, this will probably soon get shaken off. With some insightful and courageous investment this country could re-enliven its economy and move into the



**Favourite coffee mug:** every day is Canada Day at the WSV news office.

future with some fresh and long-term economic prosperity as well as a housing profile that supplies enough rooves over heads to affordably go around.

It's exciting to be part of this transitional phase as Canada at first stumbles, then picks itself up and walks bravely into the ultra-modern future. There's that ancient Chinese proverb proposing it's a curse to live in exciting times. However, in 2017 all but the most disadvantaged among us (duly noted) can take pride in a country that shines like a beacon in a deeply troubled world.

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This week's lyric feature, for the BC-NDP who worked in the trenches for 16 years:

“The faces all around me, they don't smile they just crack | Waiting for our ship to come but our ship's not coming back | We do our time like pennies in a jar | What are we saving for? ... Something's always coming, you can hear it in the ground ...”

~ lyrics from *Believe*, by *The Bravery* from their *'The Sun and the Moon'* album (2007)

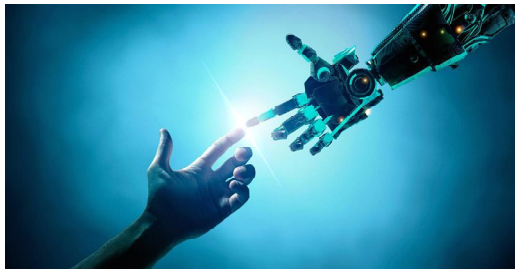


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**Grad season of the future**

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● **In this graduation season,** I will take the opportunity to publicly congratulate my son, James Twigg, 29, for this season completing his Masters degree in Artificial Intelligence (AI) at Simon Fraser University, built upon his undergrad degree in applied math from UVic.

As AI charges all of us into the future, it is the science/math/tech-educated among us who will be driving the edge of everyday change in our society. The counterpoint to that is determining the socio-economic and ethical questions of merging the robotic mind into an interface with the human mind and our practical circumstances including jobs. That's where politicians and governments come into play, giving us good laws and regulations to live by. Together, it's a brave new future, for wise souls to create and guide. ~ MPB

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**Interac e-Transfer down June 30**

● **Clearly demonstrating** how dependent Canadians have become on online and mobile banking, on June 30 an Interac e-transfer network system failure interfered with long week financial management, timely bill payments and month-end commitments. The five big banks were impacted. Retail and ATM Interac were not affected, and other web-banking functions were also ok. The problem was not yet resolved as of 4 pm PDT. **WSV**

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**Weaver: "Canadians united by shared values"**



**BC Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver** at the BC Legislature last month.

● **BC Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver,** issued a statement in celebration of Canada Day: "Canada Day is a time to celebrate the pride we share in our beautiful country and all it has to offer," Weaver said.  
"Canadians are united by our shared values of collaboration, diversity and generosity. These are core values to BC Greens and fundamental to how we represent the people we serve."  
"We will continue to uphold these Canadian values as we approach the next sitting of the BC Legislature. This long weekend, I wish everyone across BC and the country a happy Canada Day!" **WSV**

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**Guichon: guiding the Parliamentary system**



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● **The Hon Judith Guichon,** BC Lieutenant Governor, issued the following statement around 6 pm on Thursday, June 29: "As Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and as the representative of Her Majesty the Queen of Canada, I have met with Premier Clark and will accept her resignation. I have asked Mr. Horgan to form a government, he having assured me that he can form a government which will have the confidence of the Legislative Assembly." The BC Liberals will now form the Official Opposition, something they say they're good at from pre-2001. The NDP and Greens signed an accord at the end of May, to work together for progress in BC legislation and affairs of government. Clark's lengthy meeting with Guichon pushed available media time to quite late by the time Horgan had met with the Lieutenant Governor, but TV media managed to catch the item for their late-night newscasts. **WSV**

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## A strategic plan for water

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REGIONAL RESOURCES

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has a Strategic Plan for the Greater Victoria Water Supply System. They're holding five open houses to inform residents about it. The west shore open house is on Thursday, July 13 at Juan de Fuca Rec Centre, 1767 Island Highway, in Colwood (5 to 7 pm).

In 1999, the first Strategic Plan for Regional Water Management was completed. The plan, updated in 2004 and 2012, has focused on water quality and watershed protection, options for demand management considering future service populations, and infrastructure priorities.

Areas of focus for the 2017 plan include water supply system infrastructure investment, adapting to climate change impacts, preparing for emergency and post-disaster water supply, addressing changing trends in water demand, and planning for the future use of the Leech Water Supply Area.

The CRD watershed area is protected for at least 50 years. The Sooke Reservoir holds and supplies most of the water to over 370,000 residents of Greater Victoria. The reservoir capacity was pro-actively expanded in 2002 to accommodate the demands of forecasted regional growth. Water supply levels drop each summer but the reservoir reaches full capacity again by late fall or year-end.

Dropping into one of the open houses is an opportunity to learn about how the CRD plans to provide an adequate, long-term supply of high quality, safe drinking water through the Regional Water Supply System and provide feedback for consideration in the final plan. www.crd.bc.ca/waterplan

## Bark mulch fires start from cigarette butts

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The number of bark mulch fires has begun to decline in the area of the west shore that is served by the Langford Fire Department. That's largely due to educational efforts.

"Prior to 2014, we were attending over 50 bark mulch related incidents between mid-June and mid-September when temperatures were at their highest," says Langford Fire Chief Chris Aubrey.

"After our intensive education efforts, in 2015 we had 26 fires, in 2016 there were 27 fires, and to date in 2017 we have had 12 fires which is a significant reduction. But we won't slow down our education efforts," Aubrey said this week. "We are already almost half-way to 2016's total and we are still in June. July and August are the busiest months for these types of fires."

"Most smokers try to be fairly responsible but we still see people toss cigarette butts out their vehicle windows or into bark mulch beds in urban areas," says Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention Lance Caven.

"It drains fire department resources to attend these totally preventable fires," says Caven. Costs include personnel, water, gear, and vehicle operations.

"When we split our crews up to deal with a bark mulch fire, that only leaves two guys at station ready to respond. That could put a strain on things if something bigger comes in. Volunteers can be called from home, but that usually includes a time delay for reaching an incident."

Last week, Langford Fire had three bark mulch incidents to deal with. One at an apartment building in the Millstream area, one at a commercial building near RONA, and one outside the liquor store at West Shore Town Centre.

There are alternatives to bark mulch for landscaping, including river rock and lava rocks. Caven is happy to work with businesses to explore options.

This Canada Day Long weekend, people are reminded to fully extinguish any campfires. "Make 'cold soup' by stirring the ashes around until you can put your hand in and it's stone cold," says Caven.

No fireworks should be set off illegally. Sky lanterns can also be a problem, as you're "sending a lit fire into the air and there's no control".

The area is drying up due to heat and wind. Presently the Fire Danger Rating in Langford is Moderate. That can quickly change from day to day. For its danger rating, Langford follows what the province has set for the south coast, says Caven. People can check www.BCWildfire.ca for daily readings.

Caven has been a firefighter for 26 years. He moved up to the Assistant Chief position on June 19, after Chris Aubrey became Fire Chief on June 16 upon the retirement of long-time Langford Chief Bob Beckett.

## Happy Canada Day 150 from Randall Garrison, MP

Happy 150th Birthday Canada and Happy Canada Day to Sooke and the Westshore! "Sooke and the Westshore are so representative of Canada: the Canadian can-do attitude; respect and partnership with First Nations; a community where people look out for each other and pitch in to make the community better for all. These attributes are always prevalent across the riding that I am so honoured to represent."

I hope all residents get a chance to enjoy family, the outdoors, our wild west coast and the many community events in the region this long weekend. We need to take every opportunity like this weekend to celebrate Canada, its natural beauty and our extended families and communities.

But we must also remember that this anniversary marks a very painful period for Indigenous Peoples, who continue to suffer deep inequality. So on Canada's 150 anniversary, let's commit to meaningful reconciliation, and to making Canada more equal, just and inclusive.

I hope to see many of you at the Sooke Canada Day events and to everyone else I join you in saluting Canada, our great Nation. ~ Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke)



Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke)

## Sooke Fire Dept: four fires in five hours

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FIRE SAFETY

Sooke firefighters handled a brush fire near the Galloping Goose trail at Coopers Cove in the Sooke Basin area, June 25. From left: Lieutenant Darcy Abell, Firefighter Simon Gormley, and Training Officer Matt Barney.



Sooke Fire Dept

Summer has begun and it's hot out there! Last weekend it really "felt like the kickoff to summer in Sooke", says Sooke Fire Chief Kenn Mount.

"There was a lot of energy in the community. But also some carelessness, causing a lot of effort and work around the community."

In a span of about five hours last Sunday, June 25, there were four incidents that Sooke firefighters dealt with. Conditions were hot (temperatures reached about 30°C) and it meant pulling volunteer firefighters away from family time and personal weekend time.

Chief Mount says the four incidents were well-coordinated and required a complex application of various resources around the region to deal with the rapid-fire sequence of events.

The first call was a roof rescue in East Sooke (where the firefighters kindly also helped the fellow finish cleaning off his roof). Firefighters were already out training for rope rescue that day, so the timing was oddly coincidental.

Then there was a brush fire to deal with in the Saseenos / Coopers Cove area. A hot cigarette butt had been tossed into the bush along the Galloping Goose trail area. Some kayakers helped advise firefighters of the location.

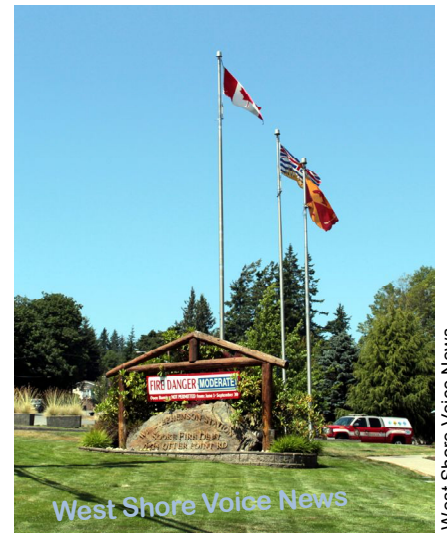
"The fire was less than an acre in size and we managed it easily. As a Rank 1 surface fire it wasn't growing rapidly. But it was difficult to access, down the Galloping Goose. We could see it was from cigarette butts. Passersby on the Galloping Goose were alarming us... some smoke happening... they could smell it and see it. The fire was growing as we were getting there. The kayakers were very helpful," says Chief Mount.

Meanwhile, there was a medical call in the Sooke core village area. "We were close by," says Mount. Then there was a call-in for a hedge on fire near the ball field in the Sooke River Road area.

That Sunday's multiple scenarios were "a unique situation", says Chief Mount, with one apparatus going one way, and the other going the other way, to deal with the two brush fires.

The Fire Danger Rating for Sooke for this coming weekend is Moderate. But that can change. Chief Mount hopes everyone will use common sense. No tossing of cigarette butts, and remembering to put out campfires.

"There should be no smoking in general," says Chief Mount. "It's about health and wellness. In this day and age, do you really need to be smoking and hiking at the same time?"



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The Fire Danger Rating in Sooke is set at Moderate heading into the Canada Day long weekend. Several days of dry weather are expected over the 3-day weekend and into next week.

## Audit of CRD Emergency Management Program

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The Capital Regional District (CRD) is one of four local governments selected for a performance audit of its emergency management program by BC's Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG). Audits are carefully selected based on the likelihood and potential severity of a program disruption.

"Because large-scale emergency events like tsunamis and earthquakes are a risk to our region, emergency management is especially important," says Barb Desjardins, CRD Board Chair. "We are looking forward to this opportunity to learn and continually improve — for the safety and wellbeing of the capital region."

An audit plan will be developed and an expert advisory committee set up. The AGLG working with local government staff to collect evidence and validate gathered information by conducting interviews and reviewing documents. A final performance audit report will be substantiated by evidence gathered. Shared with the local government for input and to ensure accuracy, the report will then published on the AGLG website. www.aglg.ca

The CRD partnered with the Province in March 2016 to establish a regional emergency management partnership (REMP). The partnership promotes increased cooperation, collaboration and integration between all levels of government during all phases of emergency management. It also enhances emergency preparedness and strengthens regional communications and training.

The REMP steering committee endorsed its first strategic plan on February 2017, which outlined goals, targets and strategies with three priority areas of focus: 1. Understanding regional emergencies, hazards and vulnerabilities to support loss prevention, mitigation and preparedness; 2. Planning for collaborative emergency response, business continuity and disaster recovery by regional partners; and 3. Enhancing the REMP's governance, capabilities and efficiency.

The REMP is a collaborative approach to regional emergency planning (province and municipalities) in the case of a regional or multi-site emergency. www.crd.bc.ca/service/fire-and-emergency-programs/emergency-management

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# Westshore Centre for Learning & Training GRADE 12 GRADUATES



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2017



The Westshore Centre for Learning & Training (a division of SD62) GRADUATION CEREMONY for 65 students was held 4 pm on TUESDAY JUNE 27, 2017 at the Royal Colwood Golf Club

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In cap and gown, graduates of the region-wide Westshore Centre for Learning and Training gathered for their formal photo, June 27 at the Royal Colwood Golf Club. WCLT offers a range of courses, locations, classroom and instruction arrangements in Langford, Colwood, Sooke and the Juan de Fuca area.

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Your Voice in the Legislature

## Horgan: September comes up fast

● Upon becoming Premier-designate on Thursday evening, June 29, John Horgan included in his comments to media about the importance of education in BC and making sure that class sizes are suitable for the best possible learning scenarios.

He said he appreciated that students were on their last day of school before summer break (not thinking about school!), but that September comes around in the blink of an eye. **WSV**

## SD62's new board chair the youngest in BC

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

● Sooke School District 62 (SD62) has a new Board Chair. Ravi Parmar was acclaimed to the position on Thursday evening, June 27, at a public board meeting. The position started immediately. He switched into the hot seat for the remainder of that meeting. And right after the meeting he was signing paperwork as part of gearing up for this new responsibility.

Outgoing chair Bob Phillips emphasized that "leadership comes from the corporate board, not the chair". But Phillips is eager to see fresh young leadership in education at the board level, and was actively supportive of Parmar becoming the next chair.

Some of Phillips' advice upon stepping down was that "boards run better when people can say what they need to say" and that the face of the board should be "multi-faceted, including at events at the schools". He noted that administrative leadership in today's digital world carries with it a heavy load of constant contact through email and social media.

Parmar wasted no time 'getting digital' on social media that night, receiving hundreds of Likes and notes of congratulations.

Ravi Parmar, 22, is in his first term as an SD62 trustee (elected in Nov 2014), and the youngest school district board chair in BC. He is a

political science and admin student at the University of Victoria. Phillips has stepped down after two years as board chair, but stays on as a trustee (a position he was first elected to in 1996).

SD62 Trustee and Vice-Chair Dianna Seaton was nominated for the chair position by Trustee Wendy Hobbs (herself a



Incoming SD62 Board Chair Ravi Parmar with outgoing Board Chair Bob Phillips, at the June 27 SD62 board meeting.

former chair), but Seaton declined saying it was not a good time for her to take on that level of commitment.

In a short speech, Ravi Parmar said he appreciated the leadership opportunity and would not let people down.

Attending to witness the move of Parmar into the chair's seat was newly-

## New course supports EA career direction

● Inclusion Support is a new course approved by SD62 trustees. The course as available to Gr 10, 11 & 12 students (first just at Belmont as a starting point for 2017-2018), provides course credit for in-class/in-school peer assistance that students are in many cases already providing to classmates who require assistance.

Students will work alongside Educational Assistants (EA's); CUPE is on board for it. Trustee Denise Riley (Education Standing Committee Chair) said it would give SD62 students an edge in applying for post-secondary education in areas that could help them get EA positions in their future careers. **WSV**

## 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 (new chair June 27), Bob Phillips (chair to June 27), Neil Poirier.



... from the Board of Education  
Sooke School District 62

[www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

elected MLA Mitzi Dean (Esquimalt-Metchosin) whose electoral area includes Colwood and Metchosin which are both in the SD62 catchment area. Parmar and Dean are both deep within the John Horgan NDP team, as are Phillips and trustees Neil Poirier and Margot Swinburnson.

When asked about his immediate plans, Parmar said: "School board business does slow down over the summer but I do expect with the potential for a new government and our capital and land acquisition needs there may be periods over the summer where the board may meet." The next board meeting is scheduled for August 29.

SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge praised Bob Phillips' leadership and dedication: "Bob has worked extremely hard on development of a strong corporate Board which represents the values of the community and aspirations of

parents for their children."

Cambridge said that SD62 has been fortunate to have "solid committed experience on the Board" with three current trustees having previously served as board chair.

Phillips told *West Shore Voice News* that "the Bernie Sanders factor" really hit home for him. In other words, there were no young leaders in the US democratic race last year. Phillips, still on the board, feels he and his other long-time trustee peers can be a strong guiding influence to the present chair, setting an example for future boards.

SD62 operates public schools in the west shore, serving the families and students of a fast-growing region that includes Langford, Colwood, Metchosin, Sooke, Highlands, East Sooke and Port Renfrew. **WSV**

# Edward Milne Community School Award Recipients 2017

AWARDS as announced June 15, 2017 during an evening event at Edward Milne Community School.

This is PART TWO  
See the June 23 issue for Part One.

## SUBJECT AWARDS

Mutiple subject awards were given in these subject areas at various grade levels

(names can be posted online at reader request):

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**HUMAN ECOLOGY**  
Fibre Arts/Textiles  
Foods and Nutrition

**CULINARY ARTS**

**INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION**

**SCIENCE**  
Junior Science, Chemistry, Physics,  
Biology, Environmental Studies

**MODERN LANGUAGES**  
French, Spanish

**MATHEMATICS**  
Junior, Senior, Calculus

**SOCIAL STUDIES**  
Socials, Geography, History, Law,  
Economics, First Nations, Psychology

**VISUAL ARTS**

**BAND**

**FIRST NATIONS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** - Alison Sudlow

**HOME HARDWARE PRACTICAL ARTS AWARD** - Justin Logan

**MOST IMPROVED STUDENT AWARD - JR:** Laticia Dorsey-Taylor  
**SR:** Reece Anderson, Nyomi Thomperello

**NEILA SANGHA MEMORIAL TROPHY** - Kailee Purnell, Drue Julien

**MIKLENIC MEMORIAL TROPHY** - Yann Joslin, Tia Helfrich

**PATTERSON HUMANITARIAN AWARD** - Ashleigh Tregear



## One strong voice can speak for many

Sooke is lucky to have Gail Hall as a highly-participatory citizen in this town.

While not every one of her points about the 2016 Annual Report would have been friendly to the ears of Mayor and Council at tonight's Council, the depth and breadth of Hall's overview of Council performance in 2016 was a masterful overview of the not-so-well-met challenges faced by this council last year and into 2017.

Gail Hall began her comments by saying the Annual Report public input session should have been a separate meeting with display boards and an opportunity to discuss the municipal report with staff and other members of the public. As has been done in the past.

"Sticking it in the middle of a regular meeting is inappropriate." Hall said this decision was "one more failure as far as I'm concerned". She continued: "2016 is the worst year that I have ever sat through council meetings or anything else to do with this particular council."

"I don't see excellence anywhere in this room this year," said Hall. In her commentary, Hall explored how committees have been taken away, citing two problems. Having no committees "separates the public away from meetings where things are casual, but more importantly takes away the opportunity for those who sit on committees to learn and maybe come forward next time to run for council." She added: "There's no place anymore for the public. You're supposed to be here for the public."

Hall's remarks included a pointed rebuke over the handling of budget items, spending by Mayor and staff on expense accounts, leasing of parking lots that are either not well-used or well-promoted, contracts for roadwork that were not approved by council, and more (in a broad historical context).

"You're taking away from the average person the ability to take part in this place we live in, and did, at one time, love," said Hall to the rapt attention of Mayor and Council in a quiet room.

The videotape archive of the June 26 Regular Council meeting will be available on the [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca) website. It's worth listening to. *WSV*

As of June 30, 2017 this article had been viewed by 315 people on Facebook at [WestShoreSookeVoiceNews](https://www.facebook.com/WestShoreSookeVoiceNews)



Sooke municipal activist Gail Hall (left) at a District of Sooke public input session at Sooke Community Hall in September 2013, in discussion with Sooke Councillor Kevin Pearson.

## Cell tower angst handled at Sooke Council

In followup to a long Committee of the Whole meeting (June 19) at which Councillors (chaired by Bev Berger) heard public input mostly on the health and aesthetic problems regarding proximity to monopoles as proposed by Freedom Mobile (Shaw), Sooke Council (June 26) said it was not up to the municipality to produce a proactive report. They will wait for the proponent (one rep for each pole location) to get back to Sooke staff. Potentially still aiming for the July 10 meeting. Yeah, Shakespeare may have it right: much ado about nothing? *WSV*



## DISTRICT OF SOOKE Public Applications

being accepted for:

### Development & Engagement Committee

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](http://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](mailto:corp@sooke.ca)

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English 12  
Pre-Calculus Math 11  
Physics 11  
Social Studies 11  
Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10  
English 10  
Math 9 /Literacy  
Foundations Level 6

**AFTERNOONS**  
12:30 to 3 pm  
Pre-Calculus Math 12  
Biology 12  
English 12  
Pre-calculus Math 11  
Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 11  
Chemistry 11  
Social Studies 10  
Science 10  
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# WHAT'S GOING ON

Ad deadline: July 5 for July 7 WSV

# West Shore Voice News

LIST YOUR SUMMER EVENTS! Send info to news@westshorevoicenews.com

## SCHOOL'S OUT! Have a safe summer!

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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](http://www.canadadaysooke.com)
- **LANGFORD** - City of Langford tent at Goldstream Farmers Market (10-2). Free hotdogs, flags and tattoos for the kids starting 10:30am. Canada Day Cake. [www.cityoflangford.ca](http://www.cityoflangford.ca)
- **COLWOOD** - Canada Day 150 free at Fort Rodd Hill. 11-4. [www.pc.gc.ca/fortroddhill](http://www.pc.gc.ca/fortroddhill)  
Also see: [www.colwood.ca/news-events/colwood-celebrates-canada-150](http://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](http://www.spirit150victoria.ca)

**PHARMACIES:** Sat July 1. **Pharmasave Sooke** open 10am-5pm, 6716 West Coast Road in town centre. **Shoppers Drug Mart Sooke** open 8am-10pm, 6660 Sooke Rd, in the Evergreen Mall.

**COFFEE SHOPS:** Sat July 1. **The Stick** (6715 Eustace) closed, but open at SpeedStick (6715 Eustace) 8am-2pm, and Prestige Oceanfront Resort lobby 7:30am-2pm. **Kelz Bakery** in Sooke - closed. **Pilgrim Coffee House** in Colwood - closed.

## Summer safety

West Shore Voice News

- **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 tips:
  - **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 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**



## Summer Reading Club

West Shore Voice News

• **Kids up to age 12** on Vancouver Island are invited to head to their library to "Walk on the Wild Side" during Summer Reading Club 2017. It helps build and maintain reading skills. "It's really important for kids to get outside, get active, and have fun during the summer," says Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Executive Director Rosemary Bonanno. "But it's also so important to maintain reading skills while not in school. A little bit of reading each day goes a long way." Registration includes reading record, bookmark, and stickers. A weekly prize draw can be entered. Readers who finish their entire reading record are eligible to receive a special medal and enter a grand prize draw. And with several books read, overdue fines can be waived. July 4 to August 22 for both programs. Free registration at any VIRL library, or at [www.virl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club](http://www.virl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club) **WSV**

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### Juan de Fuca Emergency Program

Wishing grads on Vancouver Island a future filled with fun, awareness and a willingness to take on important challenges.



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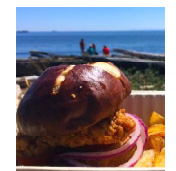
This market info courtesy of West Shore Voice News, in support of finding and eating fresh, locally grown food:

**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

**SOOKE COUNTRY MARKET** Saturdays 10-2 May-Oct | Otter Pt at Eustace in town centre

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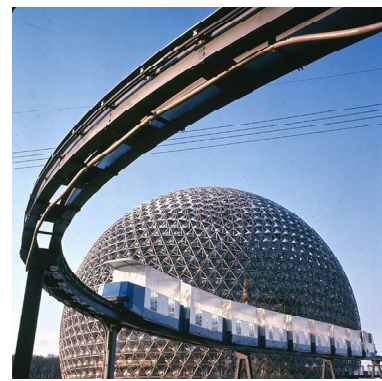


**JULY 15 Eats & Beats** 1-9pm [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)



## RETRO: Canada's 100th Birthday

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• **The 1967 International and Universal Exposition or Expo 67**, was a general exhibition, a Category One World's Fair held in Montreal from April 27 to October 29 in that year for Canada's Centennial. People travelled from all over Canada to see exhibits and enjoy festivities.

From a cultural development viewpoint, the most important aspect of the "first category" classification was that the exposition needed to cover the full range of activities of contemporary people in the society of the day.

The iconic spherical USA Pavillion included a minirail. **WSV**



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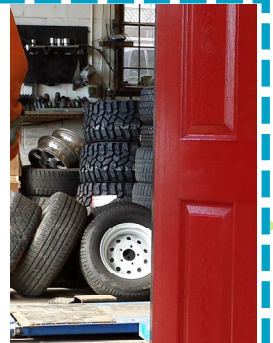
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- **Sooke Car Show and Shop & Swap.** Sun July 23 by Sooke Fall Fair. at Sooke Flats. 10-3. [www.sookefallfair.ca](http://www.sookefallfair.ca)
- **31st Sooke Fine Arts Show.** July 28 to Aug 7. At SEAPARC. [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com)
- **Sooke Salmon Enhancement Chinook Salmon Derby.** Sat Aug 5 & Sun Aug 6. \$60/rod. Awards dinner & prizes. [www.sookosalmonenhancement.com](http://www.sookosalmonenhancement.com)
- **7th Annual Langford Show & Shine.** Sun Aug 20. 10am to 3pm. On Goldstream Ave in Langford town centre. In lieu of registration fee, accepting non-perishable food and financial contributions for Goldstream Food Bank and/or Wounded Warriors. [www.cityoflangford.ca](http://www.cityoflangford.ca)

'Seeking Salmon' exhibit. Sooke Region Museum. Sun June 25 to April 2018. [www.sookeregionmuseum.ca](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)

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