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Outlying areas of Juan de Fuca may yet get CRD piped water

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The Capital Regional District (CRD) Board decided on Jan 10

to accept BC government mediated changes to their Regional Growth Strategy that (if all municipal councils agree) would allow CRD water to be piped into Juan de Fuca.



BREAKTHROUGH

The primary concern of five (of 13) municipalities in the CRD was that allowing water out to JdF beyond Sooke would support or promote urban sprawl.

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Director Mike Hicks has made presentations to municipal councils around the CRD for a couple of years now, toward effecting this change to get CRD piped water available to residents in areas west of Sooke. >> (WSV file photo: July 2017)



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● **The outlying area of Juan de Fuca west of Sooke may yet get piped water through the Capital Regional District (CRD).**

The CRD Board at their meeting on Monday January 10 approved a revised draft Regional Growth Strategy (RGS). Revised draft approval follows a successful mediation process with the BC Government (completed December 7, 2017 and announced January 5, 2018), to resolve disputed provisions related to managing growth, water servicing, climate action, food systems and transportation.

CRD Board Chair Steve Price (Mayor of Sidney) in referring the RGS to municipal councils for acceptance, said it addresses the interests of all the parties and sets the stage for how the region will approach future growth.

Adoption of the RGS bylaw requires all CRD municipalities to approve the growth strategy. Mediation was triggered in February 2017 when seven municipalities (Saanich, Central Saanich, North Saanich, View Royal, and Highlands over the urban sprawl/water issue; Colwood and Esquimalt over other concerns) declined the RGS. Provincial legislation provides specific dispute resolution mechanisms to settle an RGS that does not receive unanimous municipal acceptance.

"The mediation process was a very positive experience" says Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JdFEA) Director Mike Hicks. "I hope that all councils will support the mediation compromise that came out of the process so we can put this dispute behind us." He further explained that OCPs in Juan de Fuca must be consistent with the RGS, and that once the RGS is finally approved that OCP documents in the JdFEA can finally be brought up to date.

There is a backlog of work, says Hicks, and that Juan de Fuca constituents need zoning for development. Hicks appealed to fellow directors to endorse the mediated RGS "to give some neighbouring residents in the Juan de Fuca to connect to CRD water, and give all JdF residents the opportunity to pass their OCPs and be an equal partner in the CRD region".

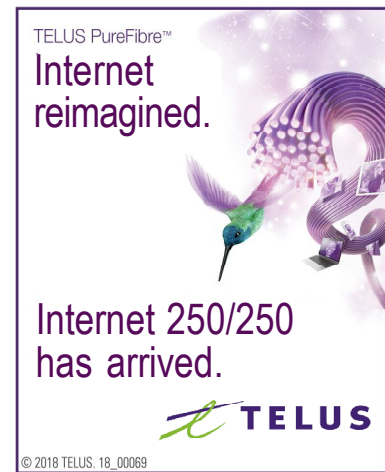
"OCPs have to be consistent with the RGS. So we basically don't have any. We have been paralyzed and this (the hoped-for approval in 60 days) will set us free," Hicks told *West Shore Voice News*. Within the JdFEA are OCPs for Port Renfrew, Shirley/Jordan Driver, Otter Point, East Sooke, Willis Point, Malahat, and resource lands (forestry lands outside the watershed).

The scope of solutions generated by mediation were in these areas: vision, population projections, economic development, climate action, transportation, food systems, growth management and water servicing. Solutions included revised policy provisions, updated mapping and population projections, updated content related to food systems and climate action, and terminology edits.

The next step in the process is the 60-day referral of the document to municipal councils for acceptance. If all councils accept it, the Board can then adopt the RGS as bylaw. It would update the existing growth strategy, first adopted back in 2003. The RGS guides decisions on regional issues, provides population and employment projections to the year 2038, and updates policy regarding water servicing, growth management, the environment and infrastructure, housing and community, transportation and economic development.

The region's 2016 census figures were not yet included in the proposed new RGS, pointed out North Saanich Mayor Alice Finall during Monday's meeting, but said that waiting for that amendment would delay the approval process. Esquimalt Mayor Barb Desjardins (former CRD Chair) said that detail can be brought up to speed after the RGS might be passed.

As a note on political strategy, the neighbouring semi-rural District of Sooke and the predominantly rural District of Metchosin were supportive to Juan de Fuca's RGS efforts from the start. "Sooke and Metchosin stood by us the whole time," says Hicks. "With that stance, they indicated to the other municipalities that they were supporting the position of Juan de Fuca and prevented unanimous approval until the water issue was sorted out." **WSV**



Friday, January 12, 2018

Attempted break-in at TD Bank in Sooke

West Shore Voice News

The drive-thru at TD Bank Sooke is tucked away behind the building, out of sight from the street. (WSV file photo 2017: driveway access) >>



ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN

● **At the TD Bank branch in Sooke** there was an attempted break-in, through the wall at the drive-through area behind the building at 6670 Sooke Road.

Early in the morning of Thursday January 4 the attempt had been made. At 7:27 am that morning, Sooke RCMP received a call regarding the discovering of the potential break-and-enter.

Sooke RCMP says officers attended to find damage to the area around the drive-thru ATM. The garbage can and deposit slip holder had been ripped off the wall. A hole about six inches wide was found cut through to the inside of the bank. Entry was not gained.

Investigation resulted in Gregory John Cunningham, 34, of Sooke, being arrested and charged with Break and Enter, Possession of Housebreaking Instruments, and Possession of Methamphetamine. Cunningham was taken into custody and is scheduled to appear in court January 18, says Sooke RCMP Detachment Commander S/Sgt Jeff McArthur.

TD Sooke branch manager Erich Falk was unable to comment on the incident this week while the RCMP investigation remains underway.

This is the only significant crime incident at the Sooke branch since it opened in 2012 in Sooke town centre. **WSV**

Island Health e-records system shows "deep mismanagement"

West Shore Voice News

● **BC Health Minister Adrian Dix released a report on the review of Island Health's IHealth system** on Friday, January 12. The Ernst & Young (EY) report, *Review of Island Health's IHealth Electronic Health Record System*, makes nine recommendations and outlines findings in the areas of system planning, implementation, governance, leadership and budget.

"The report found that the implementation of IHealth has been one of the most significant changes of practice for many hospital staff members and physicians," said a Ministry of Health release.

"It is clear that there was deep mismanagement of the project: it was not properly planned or implemented, with some issues thought to be preventable if the health authority had leveraged advice from other Canadian experiences," it was stated by the BC government. "This coupled with the pre-existing and long-standing contentious relationship at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (NRGH) created an extremely challenging situation. As a result, the project is significantly delayed and facing serious financial pressures."

The initial \$173.5-million budget will need topping up. Island Health estimates an additional \$54.1 million is required to complete the project.

Dix accepts the report's recommendations. "Ultimately, this decision is about doing what is best for patients, as well as those who provide care for them. Patients deserve access to timely, integrated quality care, and successfully implemented electronic health-record systems can support that by delivering the most current health and medication information when and where it is needed."

Dix said a mediator will support stakeholders moving forward together. "I am deeply troubled by some of the findings and believe that it is not good enough to merely continue forward. We must do this together," Dix said. Simple things like "communicating with each other and reporting progress" will be required.

Island Health has been directed to apply the learnings from this report, to plan future acute-care electronic health-record implementations, and map out a measured and realistic plan that is funded appropriately. **WSV**

Strident 2017-2018 flu season

West Shore Voice News

● **The number of people getting influenza infections** continues to rise across Canada, with 15,572 laboratory-confirmed cases for the season as of January 6. That's almost double the first-week-of-January stats for 2017, as reported by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The majority of cases continue to be the H3N2 type of Influenza A, a strain that tends to cause more severe illness, particularly among the elderly and children. Usually the B strain of flu happens at a later phase in the flu season, but this year is concurrent; it is appearing with about 20 times more detections so far this season than for the same time period in the last seven years). Overall this year, people age 65+ are the most affected by flu. There have been 54 reported flu deaths in Canada this season (of those, five children) and 1,850 reported hospitalizations (68% of those seniors). **WSV**



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Facebook now oppressing journalism news feeds

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● The 'in your face' social media giant that is Facebook claims to have improved social relations for people around the world. Yet you can as easily find critique all over the Web about the social isolation and mental-emotional challenges that intensive use of social media contributes to, including suicide in response to cyber-bullying.



Too big to fail?

Social media users can easily lose perspective. What? You're not my Friend on Facebook or didn't Like my latest cute-puppy photo? Oh no, you've crashed my world!

Disturbing is this week's Facebook announcement that they have shifted their algorithms to pull personal posts (people who they unilaterally determine that you 'know') to the top of your Facebook feed, with the deliberate intention of disrupting the dominance of legitimate news streams and business feeds. While they make this sound like a favour to all the individual users of their platform -- saying it will reduce the incidence of fake news -- what it really smacks of is the same ol' aggressive Facebook business dominance against others whom they consider a threat. Once you're that big, sometimes the only way to go is down.

It wasn't too long ago that Facebook blurted out that it wasn't in the news publishing business, that it only provided a platform for others to post whatever they want. This was in the aftermath of the proliferation of 'fake news' deemed to have interfered with the US presidential election in 2016 across many major social media platforms. Facebook said at the time they didn't want to take the responsibility for filtering, implying it would be akin to censorship on the free and open Web. But that seems to have been a ploy to stall for time until they could figure out a way to further usurp the journalism-based news industry which has, yep, also used the invasive but free Facebook platform to enable their reach.

Facebook is still just a glorified tech-tool, not a producer of original journalism. They will be the first to agree that they are not a news-creator. If you care about getting real news (i.e. facts gathered by way of principled journalism), you won't rely on Facebook to manage that for you. If you continue on Facebook, you may wish to Friend, Like and follow the local and regional news feeds that you still want to see prominently represented in your interface.

All things start with a basic spark of an idea and grow from there. The world knows the history of Zuckerberg and Facebook ... it was started to gain him a social life on his university campus at the time, and then to be the biggest and best social media interface, apparently at all costs. Facebook started in a take-no-prisoners manner that is clearly intended to continue.

Most people take part in social media, and as such have voluntarily handed over any semblance of boundary and privacy as they pour their hearts and special photos into faceless servers, out there forever. Handing over your children's photos to the world... will this come back to bite them later?

Yes, thousands of news producers around the world utilize a Facebook platform and don't necessarily pay out of pocket for it. "Free and always will be" says Facebook. They win bigtime by repackaging user data to continue invading our privacy and building their massive fortune. Even Zuckerberg himself says it's nearly impossible to find new ways to spend what he has amassed.

No one minds being or wanting to be wealthy. We all say we'd love to win a million bucks in the lottery or see a business succeed to glorious heights. Call this old fashioned if you like -- but essentially taking away people's identity and repackaging it for shareholder gain (yeah, yeah, you signed a waiver when you joined Facebook) is not a kind way to get there. ■

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Extended #MeToo movement has challenged socio-sexual freedom



Tina Brown
Author/Editor



Catherine DeNeuve
Actress & Producer

● In a quick TV news clip blasted across international news networks this past week, French actress and producer Catherine DeNeuve called the #MeToo movement a witchhunt. Similarly, high-power American magazine editor Tina Brown in a CBC-TV interview on the topic before Christmas readily observed that all revolutions have innocent casualties.

For every man who has been lumped into this swirling abyss and every woman who has publicly lashed out about a range of 'touching' encounters, let's get some further perspective here. ... This new puritanism that seems to be sweeping North America in particular is a strange denial against the fact that sexuality is part of the human experience (or is perhaps a backlash to an oversexualized culture) The full version of this editorial is posted on the EDITORIALS page at www.westshorevoicenews.com

'BC Premier made the right decision about Site C'

West Shore Voice News

● By a margin of two-to-one, BC residents said in a survey that the province made the right call to finish the Site C hydroelectric dam project. This is according to an Angus Reid poll that also showed 23% of respondents not able to decide. Of respondents, 52% said the Horgan government's decision to continue construction was the "right decision", twice as many as 'the wrong way to go' (26%). Apparently four-in-five past BC Liberal supporters (78%) say the government made the Site C decision, with support also seen among 44% of NDP voters and 42% Green.

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BC Premier John Horgan (left) and his older brother Pat Horgan. >>

● BC Premier John Horgan was "very much in family mode this week", upon the passing of his oldest brother, Pat Horgan on January 6.

The Premier's office announced on January 11: "It's with great sadness that we announce that Pat Horgan, Premier John Horgan's brother, passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2018. Pat passed away from cancer at the age of 71. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends."

A service will be held in Pat's home community of Port McNeill on February 10. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the BC Cancer Agency in support of lung cancer research. Messages to the family can be sent by email to: shirpath04@gmail.com

According to the Premier's staff, John Horgan, 58, looked up to brother Pat Horgan as a father figure. John Horgan has another brother Brian and a sister Kathy. His mom passed away about nine years ago. John Horgan was born in Victoria, the son of Pat and Alice Horgan, who had four children.

John Horgan has been the MLA for what is now the Langford-Juan de Fuca riding (including Sooke), since 2005. WSV

Horgan speaks highly of Vancouver Mayor

● Upon hearing of Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson's decision to not seek re-election in 2018, BC Premier Horgan released this statement:

"I have known Gregor Robertson for many years. He was a trusted colleague when we worked together as MLAs in Victoria, and he is a valued partner as we work with local governments to make life better for people."

"From transit and transportation, to housing and homelessness, Gregor has been a passionate advocate for people. He can be proud of the work he and council have done to make Vancouver the greenest city in the world. WSV

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Electronic health systems across Canada

● In the wake of a disappointing review of electronic-health-records implementation within Island Health the BC Ministry of Health says that health-care systems across Canada and globally are adopting electronic health systems to deliver health and medication information where and when it is needed.

They make a patient's health information easily transferable, giving each care provider access to a complete medical record, including any diagnoses, tests and examinations recorded by other providers, helping ensure accurate diagnosis and appropriate care.

Electronic health-record systems can also give patients access to their own health information and support their active participation in their care. WSV

Colwood looks ahead into 2018

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Back to council business after the holidays, Colwood Council at their January 8 meeting (from left): Jason Nault, Lilja Chong, Rob Martin, Carol Hamilton (Mayor), Gordie Logan, Terry Trace, Cynthia Day.

● Looking forward to developments like the Brooks Westshore independent school on Sooke Road, the residential-commercial development by Omni Group at Colwood Corners, and further residential growth in the Royal Bay area, City of Colwood Mayor Carol Hamilton is excited about 2018.

At their January 8 council meeting, Mayor and council dealt with some public backlash over what turned out to be a mis-communicated upcoming closure of a section of Seafield Road (Heatherbell to Selleck) -- something that won't happen until the new road in the upcoming new development there is fully operational to City standards, Hamilton said. WSV

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New strategic plan for schools in the west shore

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

While discussion of the Strategic Plan was kept tight and short at SD62's Education Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday evening, January 9, the document itself is fairly extensive, as will be the impact of its implementation throughout schools in Langford, Colwood and Sooke over the next several years.

Parents of students attending SD62 schools will have received an email in recent weeks, asking for their input. Busy families -- if they haven't already -- might want to at least read the Strategic Plan document to be up to speed with the ideas, whether or not they have the time or inclination to send an email with comments.

Comments may be emailed to info@sd62.bc.ca and the deadline for that has been extended (from January 12) to end of the day on Thursday, January 18.

The entire teaching/classroom system will be impacted by the new document that has been in the works for a few years now.

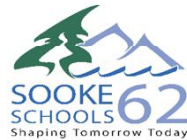
The current Superintendent Jim Cambridge will be retiring at the end of July 2018, with a new (yet to be hired) Superintendent filling his much-accomplished shoes. The current board is comprised mostly of long-term trustees, some of whom may not run again in October 2018. The Strategic Plan is in part of a legacy document to try and ensure that the many

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accomplishments of the 2014-2018 board in particular will be preserved into the future.

SD62 is the fastest-growing school district in BC, with about 500 more students expected to register into schools in Langford, Colwood and Sooke each year during the next five years. WSV

Greenaway Realty takes regional approach

REAL ESTATE FEATURE

West Shore Voice News

A pair of keen Realtors are taking a new slant on serving the public with real estate services in the west side region of Vancouver Island.

Clive and Kirsten Greenaway opened their independent Greenaway Realty office in the hub of Sooke town center back in September 2017. The high-profile location at 2044 Otter Point Road (corner of Sooke Road) is attracting attention.

This people-oriented husband-wife team is focussed on not just selling real estate (specializing in being the buyer's agent), they offer property management services too.

Being a buyer's agent means the Realtor is working for the person seeking to spend money on a property purchase. Listing Agents, by comparison, essentially work for the interests of the seller.

Property management is not about fixing leaky faucets or mowing the lawn. With the Greenaway team as licenced property managers, there is a full service for the owner of a rental property, including valuation of an accurate rental rate, marketing, showings, tenant screening/selection, security/rent collection, lease

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"We are excited to be serving a wide range of buyers and property owners in Sooke, Colwood and Langford," says Clive Greenaway. "We keep our clients informed of changes in real estate law and practices, we're a professional service," says Kirsten Greenaway who is the agency broker.

Their properties for sale and rent are posted at www.greenawayrealty.com WSV

West shore real estate prices way up in 2017

Comparing 2017 year-end to one year previous, actual house sale average prices were virtually unchanged in Langford (\$684,132 at 2017 year-end compared to \$685,942 in Dec 2016) though the data-adjusted HPI jumped by almost \$83,500. Colwood sales prices skyrocketed, with an actual average increase of \$142,565 in the one-year period (house sales in Dec 2017 averaged \$728,373 in Colwood compared to \$585,808 in Dec 2016); the HPI in Colwood rose \$102,600. In Sooke, the overall sale price of single family homes dropped about \$42,000 (from \$527,854 in Dec 2016 to \$485,718 in Dec 2017) though both are still around half a million dollars to live in a fairly remote semi-rural area; nevertheless, the Sooke HPI went up \$48,500 in the one-year period. Stats at www.vreb.org WSV

International students a big part of SD62 in the west shore

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News



SD62 International Student Programs: Principal Laura Schwertfeger gave an update, Jan 9.

The International Student Program is a significant revenue-generator for Sooke School District 62 (SD62). Students come to study for one or more years of public education in the west shore, paying for tuition and accommodation.

In a presentation January 9 by SD62 Principal of International Students Programs, Laura Schwertfeger (at an Education Committee of the Whole meeting) addressed trustees, staff, and stakeholder reps about international students, ELL/English Language Learner students (formerly ESL) who stay as part of the community, and overall supports for welcoming.

Schwertfeger -- who most recently has travelled to Switzerland to promote the west shore as a progressive place to get an English-speaking education -- said students are presently in SD62 schools from about 20 countries. Most of the students attending in SD62 are from China (about 30-40%), Germany, Japan, Mexico, and Brazil. There are also students visiting from Vietnam, Russia, Austria, and Australia.

The greatest number of International Students are in Langford-area schools "which speaks to housing availability", said Schwertfeger. There are 40 visiting students at Belmont Secondary, 20 at Ruth King Elementary, and several at Spencer Middle School.

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SD62 aims to balance the numbers from a range of originating countries. Most International Students come for language development but also from English-speaking countries like Australia for a short-term cultural experience.

Vietnamese students are often here long-term, for 2 to 4 years. The number of Russian students has increased recently and more are coming from Iran.

The program team has visited about 30 different countries. Agents and partners to do most of the presentations, while SD62 staff personally attend areas of "significant potential".

In Switzerland "the appetite to come to Canada is significant compared to going to the US," said Schwertfeger. Last fall about 1,600 participants attended her presentations in Switzerland over two days.

Another aspect of the International Program is "moving to an intercultural mindset" with cultural diversity supports offered to teachers, staff, students and community. WSV

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Blood Donor Clinic. Mon Jan 15, CFB Esquimalt, 1575 Lyall St. 9 am to 4 pm.
www.blood.ca

City of Langford Planning & Affordable Housing Committee. Mon Jan 15. 5:30 pm.
www.langford.ca

District of Sooke Regular Council Meeting. Mon Jan 15. 7 pm. www.sooke.ca

Public comment about proposed new School District 62 Strategic Plan up to **Thurs Jan 18** by email to info@sd62.bc.ca. PDF of Strategic Plan document at www.sd62.bc.ca

Blood Donor Clinic. Mon Jan 22, Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. 12-7 pm. www.blood.ca

SD62 board meeting **Tues Jan 23** at 7 pm (new time). www.sd62.bc.ca

Family Learning Tour. Sat Jan 27. 10am to 1pm. Free event. JdF Rec Centre, Royal Bay Secondary, & Centennial Centre. www.sookewestshoreliteracy.ca

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Vision Westshore 2018. Thurs Feb 1. 5 to 9:30 pm. West shore mayors panel discussion, dinner. Olympic View Golf Club. \$85 members. www.westshore.bc.ca

BC Liberal Leadership voting by members province-wide. Feb 1 to 3. Results to announced Feb 4.

Licensed Preschool Open House at SEAPARC Leisure Complex in Sooke. **Fri Feb 2.** 3:30-4:30 pm. Registration opens Feb 7 at 9:30 am. www.seaparc.ca

BC Family Day. Mon Feb 12.

Blood Donor Clinic. Mon Feb 12. Sooke Legion, 6726 Eustace Rd. 11:30am-6:30pm. www.blood.ca

BC Legislative Assembly resumes after winter break. **Tues Feb 13.** www.leg.bc.ca

Victoria Seedy Saturday. Sat Feb 17. 10-3:30. Victoria Conference Centre. \$7. www.jamesbaymarket.com

Sooke Seedy Saturday. Sat Feb 24. 10-3. Sooke Community Hall. Free admission. www.sookefoodchi.ca

BC's building, plumbing and fire codes. Feedback on proposed technical changes can be made online up to **Feb 28, 2018:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/construction-industry/building-codes-standards/the-codes/public-review>

Carbon monoxide (CO) is colorless & odorless. If using a wood stove, propane or natural gas to heat indoors, then install CO detectors.

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News at The Cloth Castle

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Amongst the pattern books and fabric remnants at The Cloth Castle you can pick up a free grayscale copy of West Shore Voice.

● **The Cloth Castle** is one business on Goldstream Avenue in Langford town centre that might sell their property as mixed-use development of land owned by the adjacent Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Goldstream Avenue in Langford town centre gets rolling in 2018 (pending final adoption of City of Langford Bylaw 1750, for which 2nd/3rd reading was approved Jan 8).

The popular textile supply store is coming up to their 48th business anniversary in October. They've been busy morphing their inventory information to an online interface, with online sales being seen as the future for their business, says business owner Sylvia Ratcliffe. **WSV**



The Cloth Castle textile store is coming up to their 48th anniversary as a retail mainstay on Goldstream Ave in the Langford city core.

Mainroad ready for more snow



● **Snowfall on Christmas 2017** meant a day on the job for workers at Mainroad South Island. "We still expect more snowy winter conditions this season (could be February)," said Mainroad operations manager Leon Bohmer this week at the Mainroad office in Langford. Heeding weather forecasts, Mainroad will get out and use a spray of diluted brine (salt) to pre-treat highway areas such as the Malahat and portions of Hwy 14 to help prevent snow from bonding onto the road surface, says Mainroad South Island manager Rick Gill. **WSV**

TRAFFIC INFO

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Jan 5 to 19. Traffic delays and pedestrian sidewalk detours for roadside construction on Goldstream Ave (Grainger Rd to McMurdo Tce).

Jan 8 to 26. Intermittent interruptions on Treanor Ave (Millstream Rd to Ashley Pl). 7:30am 4:30pm, road construction, BC Hydro installations.

Tues Jan 16. Traffic delays/detour Peatt Rd (Arncote Ave to Brock Ave) 8:30 am to 4:30 pm for BC Hydro work.

Thurs Jan 18. Peatt Rd (Arncote to Brock) 8:30am to 4pm. Traffic Delays/detour during CRD Water works.

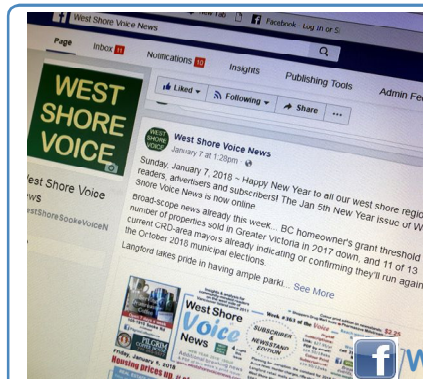
Until mid-summer. Traffic interruptions for sewer installation along Bray Ave, Carlow Rd, Linda Lane (west of Jacklin & Goldstream).

30th anniversary of blue box curbside recycling



● It was **30 years ago**, in 1988, that the Capital Regional District (CRD) started their region-wide recycling pick up service from blueboxes at the curbside of every home in Greater Victoria. It is a well-established slice of life on Vancouver Island, to recycle your paper, cardboard, plastics, cans and jars at the curb every two weeks. You pay for the service within the CRD portion of taxes collected by whatever municipality you live in.

Sustainability challenges this decade are focused on solid waste including sewage system sludge, maximizing the Hartland landfill space to 2050, and still what best to do with kitchen scraps. **WSV**



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BCHydro work along Highway 14 this coming week

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● **Some upcoming BC Hydro work** alongside Hwy 14 (Sooke Road) will result in traffic delays. Traffic through the work zones will be reduced to single lane, alternating traffic, says the utility's Vancouver Island – Sunshine Coast Community Relations office.

On Tuesday January 16 in the 5500/5600-block stretch (Goodridge Road to Laidlaw Road), expect delays 9am to 3pm. On Thursday, January 18 expect delays just east of Kangaroo Road, 9am to 3pm.

These are just two portions of the poorly lit, poorly sight-lined provincial Hwy 14 where vehicle accidents frequently occur. **WSV**

Music for the new year

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● **A group of young students** at Willway Elementary in Langford gave a brief performance for SD62 trustees, staff, and guests ahead of the school district's first Education Committee of the Whole meeting of 2018 on Tuesday evening, January 9. **WSV**

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