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## McKenzie Interchange update for Mar 24-30: Go a bit slower on Hwy 1

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Motorists travelling on either side of the Highway 1  
McKenzie Interchange construction zone are asked  
to observe a 50 km/h construction speed limit dur-  
ing connection and testing of the CRD water main,  
March 24 to 30.

● Drivers are advised to watch for tem-  
porary shifts in the travelling lanes on Highway  
1 as work continues on the McKenzie inter-  
change, the BC Ministry of Transportation & In-  
frastructure advised on March 23.

From Saturday, March 24 through Friday,  
March 30 while the water main system is con-  
nected and tested, traffic will run on the same  
temporary alignment that was put in place for a  
limited time in February.

For southbound traffic, the highway will  
have a bend on either side of the Admirals/  
McKenzie intersection, and northbound traffic will  
have a minor diversion north of the intersection.

These temporary alignments are designed for  
safety at 50 km/h. Drivers are asked to keep moving  
through the construction site while following signs,  
watching for workers, and obeying the construction  
speed limit of 50 km/h.

Traffic advisories are online at [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca) and about the McKenzie  
Interchange project see <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/mckenzieinterchange/> **WSV**



Cyclists waiting for the light  
at Hwy 1 & McKenzie.

## SD62 tries for more public participation with two monthly committees

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● What does it matter that the long-time format of holding a monthly Edu-  
cation Committee of the Whole (ECOW) meeting is getting replaced with two new  
committee meetings each month?

With only about three months left in the 2017-2018 academic year, Sooke  
School District 62 (SD62) Superintendent Jim Cambridge sees it as a way to  
receive more input from stakeholders, including parents. "The board is working on  
being more transparent," said Cambridge in his report at the March 13 SD62  
board meeting.

The new Education Policy Committee will meet on the first Tuesday each  
month, the new Resources Committee will be on the second Tuesday, with public  
board meetings on the third Tuesdays.

Education Policy Committee  
discussions will include student edu-  
cation and school district policies, in  
other words "how and why we do our  
business," said Cambridge. Resource  
Committee discussions will include  
budget, transportation, and capital pro-  
grams. A few trustees will sit on each  
committee. Reports and "possible  
motions" will come forth from commit-  
tees to the board, which could consoli-  
date any remaining policy threads un-  
der Cambridge (2009-2018).

The ECOW on April 10 at Jour-  
ney Middle School is the last ECOW.  
ECOWs have also been an opportu-  
nity for trustees and the public to tour  
each school location where the meet-  
ings were held, with the principal at  
each school having that opportunity to  
showcase the school and the achieve-  
ments of students and teachers. **WSV**

## Randall Garrison leads pipeline protest

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● Over two hundred protestors  
arrived at Randall Garrison, MP's  
Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke com-  
munity office on Friday morning,  
March 23, to voice their oppo-  
sition to the Kinder Morgan pipeline  
project.

Addressing the crowd as-  
sembled in front of his Tillicum-  
area office, Garrison said: "Kinder  
Morgan should never have been

approved. The seven-fold increase in tanker traffic through our waters is not some-  
thing we can accept. One spill could destroy traditional food and ceremonial fish-  
eries of four First Nations and tens of thousands of jobs in recreational fishing,  
tourism, and whale-watching that depend on the clean environment."

Garrison has maintained that a 15% spill recovery and a spill response  
time of six hours, the current standard in the Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke area, is  
unacceptable. He has opposed the Kinder Morgan pipeline and advocated for  
coastal protection since first serving in local politics on Esquimalt council.

The protestors, responding to an indigenous-led Kinder Morgan resistance  
movement call-to-action, gave speeches, sang and displayed signs as a part of a  
national day of action to defend the water.

During a 2015 campaign event in Esquimalt, Justin Trudeau stated that  
Kinder Morgan would undergo a new approval process. "In 2016, Prime Minister  
Justin Trudeau approved the project under the same rubber-stamp system that  
the Conservatives used," says Garrison. At a town hall in Nanaimo last fall, Trudeau  
stated that his government's Oceans Protection Plan was dependent on Kinder  
Morgan going through. Randall Garrison says he finds this position disturbing:  
"Especially as the Oceans Protection Plan will provide no actual improvement in  
spill response."

Garrison wrapped up by encouraging the protestors: "Keep going, this pipe-  
line will not be built." **WSV**



Garrison addresses pipeline protest crowd.

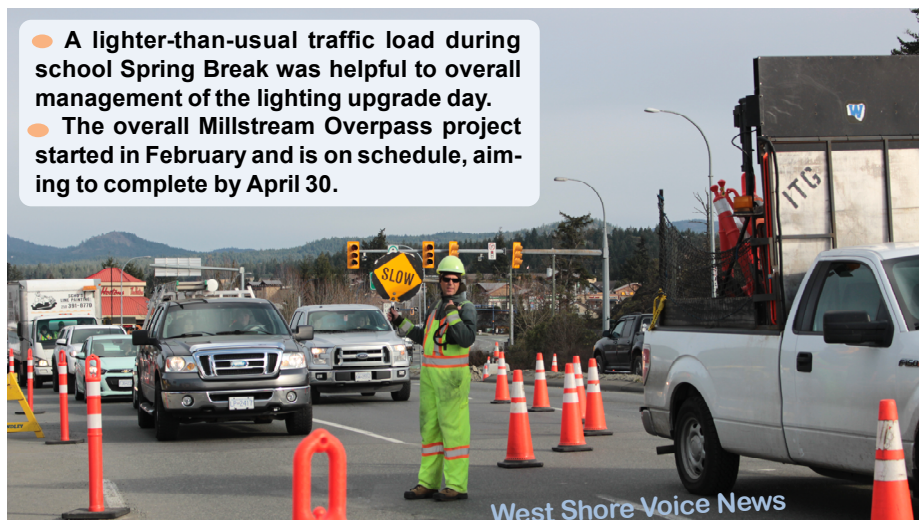
## Millstream Overpass lighting upgrade pulled off without a hitch

by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice News



It was a team effort to pull off Millstream Overpass (Hwy 1 Exit #14) lighting im-  
provements for 14 hours (7am to 9 pm) on Wed March 21 -- by Raylec Power, BC  
Hydro, City of Langford Engineering, and motorists, cyclists and pedestrians who  
took alternate routes or waited patiently during short traffic flow interruptions.

- A lighter-than-usual traffic load during school Spring Break was helpful to overall management of the lighting upgrade day.
- The overall Millstream Overpass project started in February and is on schedule, aiming to complete by April 30.



Millstream Overpass traffic management on the McCallum commercial side.

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Facebook meets its maker, itself



Mary P Brooke  
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WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

Facebook came face to face with its own destiny this week. Based from the beginning on profiteering under minimal government regulation by the volunteered private data of its users, Facebook now feels the pain of having its own information lifted for the benefit of someone else. For their breach of trust to protect the data of millions of users, the social media giant is now being called on the carpet by national governments and is losing support from major advertisers. And they've lost billions in stock market value. All in a matter of days.

It was a train wreck waiting to happen. What's most astonishing is how long it took everyday users to wake up to having been lambs to the slaughter. Even Facebook's selfmade-billionaire founder Mark Zuckerberg said this week during an interview on CNN that regulation of the social media industry is overdue.

In this editorial space we have never pulled punches about the open secret that Facebook has been selling away our digital souls. It's been a headshaker that grandma, your weekend fun buddy, your work pal, or your neighbour will spill out photos and details of personal moments online for all forever to see. Not just details of their own, but (knowingly or otherwise) also those of their family and others who rely on them for trust and security. Even a play-by-play record of digital phone call specs is apparently just one of many types of data mines that has been going on behind the scenes, it was revealed this week. And not just your own, but those of anyone you are friends with on Facebook.

You may not have anything to hide, but what is left for you yourself to cherish? Or to protect? An understanding that seems to have been rapidly lost to most users in this digital cloud era is that without privacy there is a loss of opportunity to recreate one's self or one's space. [Star Trek fans may reference the pros and cons of the Borg collective vs human individuality.]

Any user of social media is contributing a thumbprint of themselves to the cloud forever, for who knows who to see, manipulate, sell, or use for purposes by which they can win and you may lose. Even with those personal preference surveys in email or on websites that you can fill out to get points or coupons, it's only a thin ruse to micro-manage your shopping habits. In some ways it's kind of silly of the 'clever' marketers: are you a robot that always buys the very same products?

And here's a similar but even more significant thread... all this loss of data privacy pales by comparison to the loss of DNA rights when people gleefully volunteer their chromosomes to mail-away DNA tests. Your very essence is then lost to the corporate gene pool forever. Read the fine print... are you one day ready to meet your clone?

Being in business to make a profit for shareholders is not a crime. In fact, success with that is the pinnacle of achievement in our capitalistic economic system. The saddest part in this data-nabbing scenario is how people hold so little value for their own personal data that they freely give it away, never to be regained. If it has such little value, why are major corporations making a fortune using it?

And the flip side of this is corporations (including municipalities) that are increasingly creating information silos, thinking their perceived markets (customers or citizens) are only interested in (or need to hear) the singular or crafted messages that they wish to present through websites or their own social media feeds. Marketing, public relations and journalism are cousins, but they are not the same thing -- the variation lies in the goal and the means used to get there.

Audiences are multi-faceted and can think in more than one channel at a time. Which brings this essay space to its usual return point, that journalism and

Horgan fires up LNG

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And just when few people expected to be hearing about LNG in the NDP/Green renewed political landscape of BC, it was announced on March 22 by Premier John Horgan that he has opened the door to at least one possible LNG project. Some serious players are involved in the project -- notably Shell Canada, South Korea's Kogas, Japan's Mitsubishi Corp and PetroChina Co Ltd; they are reportedly meeting next week to discuss their options, with a final announcement expected later this year. The consortium's proposed \$40 billion

LNG Canada project for Kitimat (extraction, pipeline, export) would enjoy a deferral of having to pay provincial sales tax (PST) until revenues are actually rolling in from liquefied natural gas production, as well as seeing electricity billed at regular industrial rates (instead of a higher LNG rate that was set by the former BC Liberal government).

As in any business deal, each side offers generally something to sweeten the pot. What LNG would bring to BC is stable long-term revenue (potentially \$6 billion over 40 years), and for the producers the 'let's make a deal' tone of the tax framework is likely attractive, including the component of freezing the carbon tax at \$30/tonne.

What Horgan is now up against is not only public opinion on the climate protection side of things, but a blustering stance from the BC Greens about "an undue burden on existing industries and the public to reduce their emissions beyond what is already required", as stated by Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver, adding: "We would no longer have confidence in government (if the LNG deal went forward unamended)."

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the delivery of information to the public by independent media is a failsafe in a democratic system. Without a public conversation on broader matters, we as citizens are simply having information dumped out to us in a pre-fab, managed fashion. Journalism keeps it real and opens up the discourse to other voices.

Facebook has always claimed to have never been tied to the same responsibilities as news publishers. In fact, under US law they are seen simply as a technical platform that delivers digital information. Businesses by nature will seek to profit by their activities. So, bottom line in all this mess of privacy breach is essentially the lack of regulation to hold public delivery of information to account. It's like having a highway for vehicles but no rules of the road to keep people safe.

The very definition of publishing is that a message of any kind is released to more than one other person, and/or released beyond a private exchange. The time is long past due for holding all digital social media platforms to the same publishing standards as those who deliver professional journalism, i.e. newspapers (print/online), TV/radio and their digital versions.

At last, recognition of the need for professional journalism will again arise, acknowledging that content not only should be -- but deserves to be -- curated and put into context for the benefit of responsible delivery to readers, viewers and information consumers. Free speech is essential, but would you dress it in rags or at the very least in a respectable fashion, let alone good taste or great style?

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New BC Lieutenant Governor announced during Governor General's visit

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BC lieutenant-governor-designate Janet Austin, OBC was welcomed this week by BC Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon and BC Premier John Horgan. The March 20 announcement of Ms Austin to her upcoming post as the 30th Lieutenant Governor of BC took place during the visit of Governor General Julie Payette in Victoria March 20-21 during which she took part in ceremonies at Government House and toured navy vessels.

"As someone who has dedicated her career to championing women's equality and social change, she is a wonderful choice to represent Her Majesty The Queen in this great province," said Guichon.

"Ms. Austin is a business leader and change-maker who has dedicated her career to helping people and building community," said BC Premier John Horgan.

Austin is presently CEO of the Metro Vancouver YWCA. She will assume her post as Lieutenant Governor in the coming weeks, replacing Judith Guichon.

Guichon's pinnacle moment in her approximately five-and-a-half years as Lieutenant Governor could be seen as her decision to usher in a progressive government led by the NDP with Green support, following the 2017 provincial election in which the BC Liberals were seen not to hold the confidence of the people.



Premier Horgan announces breaks for LNG, March 22

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## OCPs in the growing west shore

by Mary P Brooke, West Shore Voice News



Colwood Council and a full audience heard a detailed presentation from development consultant Mark Holland at their March 19 Committee of the Whole.

● In most west shore municipalities in recent years, the understanding of what really shapes a community has begun to mature among elected officials and public alike. Who really guides the process of building and growing a town, and who does the planning and the day to day work to see it manifest? This is becoming more evident as west shore municipalities have reviewed their Official Community Plans in large part to deal with burgeoning growth and a need to guide the development of housing and overall community function.

In a socioeconomic reality of challenges with affordability (housing and overall living costs), and concerns for the environment and overall quality of life, this seems to be underpinned by a general public feeling that residents want their municipalities to do a better job of 'getting it right'. In other words, try to sort out some of the problems with housing (land/zoning/permits), transportation (roads and public transit), tax base (commercial development and housing density) while maintaining the tone and flavour of a community that makes it unique.

In this day and age of government purporting to be engaging with a process of transparency, the public input component seems to have been taken very much to heart. That seemingly lightweight public forum activity or putting little sticky notes with scrawled out comments onto poster boards had some strong play in recent years. In Sooke and Colwood the sticky-note process was undertaken in various locations around town and online on a wide range of issues, and in Langford more specifically for input on public interest in recreation development.

What happens to that information is in some ways luck of the draw -- who grinds out the true meaning of those notes and into what? Do we end up seeing just a long series of lists, or something more synthesized and put into context? Is it a junior planner assembling a bundle of stuff too onerous for busy councillors to wrestle into a vision, or a team of architects and planners who start with a vision and allow public input to fertilize it? How does the pulse of the community get translated into public policy? There's often a huge chasm between those two points. But the three growth-oriented municipalities of Langford, Colwood and Sooke

## Langford Council backs community initiatives

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● On March 19, City of Langford Council approved funding for a number of community initiatives in 2018.

To help promote the local film industry \$2,000 will go to the Vancouver Island South Film and Media Commission. To help support the affordable housing

community, \$1,500 will go to the M'Akola Housing Society for their Westshore Indigenous Festival.

For this year's Canada Day celebration \$1,500 will go to the Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse. The Royal Canadian Legion in Langford will receive \$2,500 for their Remembrance Day luncheon and \$3,000 for a Christmas Dinner.

The Goldstream Nature House gets \$1,000 for their Chums sponsorship program. The Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society will receive \$1,500 for Bike to Work Week. For mentoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria and areas receives \$1,000. To promote literacy in Langford, \$500 goes to the Your Literacy Connection. For grad at Lighthouse Christian School, a \$1,000 grant was issued.

## Spring break west shore donor clinic achieves 91% of target

by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice News

Mobile blood donor clinic in Colwood, March 19. >>

● The blood collection tally at the March 19 west shore blood donor clinic in Colwood was 91% of target (92 units collected). That's even with the donor attendance goal of 101 being surpassed. There were 10 deferrals, often due to people having travelled and not enough time passing before they are again allowed to give blood. <https://blood.ca/en/blood/abcs-eligibility>

Typically, only 50% of Canadians can donate at any given time and 1 in 60 actually do, says Ann Chabert, Territory Manager, Canadian Blood Services.

An upbeat community spirit was palpable in the room at Church of the Advent where the complex mobile unit was set up on Monday. People were cheerily greeted, directed to the computer-station check-in, and comfortably seated in the waiting area. Nurses worked the room to screen donors, draw blood, and help with any followup health issues. Technicians stacked the drawn blood on refrigerated trays. Volunteers helped with cookies and juice.

The next two west shore region clinics are on Mon April 9 at the Sooke Legion 12:30-7:30pm, and Mon April 23 at Royal Bay Secondary, 9-4. WSV



are working at it. By comparison rural Metchosin seeks no growth, and the outlying Juan de Fuca aims for attentive adjustments to its OCP including water.

Political pressures of the 2018 municipal election loom like a brick wall ahead. Sooke has been pretty quiet on the OCP front after their 2017 'Plan Sooke Now' initiative withered with the first report at the Council level. Langford came out of the gate last year with proposed bold changes for the core area to ultimately attract office development and jobs, and will be revealing some new architecturally-driven plans this summer. Colwood for the last few months has been thrashing back and forth with the frustrations of the development community as that municipality's OCP drafts near completion.

For about a year and half in 2016-2017, Colwood offered seemingly endless public input opportunities to its residents through its 'Making Waves' initiative. At their Committee of the Whole on March 19, Colwood council still seemed to hold like the lead flag in a parade a desire to bend over backwards for taxpayers -- not to not just listen to taxpayer input but to let that tail wag the dog. Things like 'saving trees' vs taking a textured approach to ecological sustainability shows political drive gravely overshadowing the practicalities of rejigging their community development toward a taxbase-driven need for responsible housing growth.

It's the developers of the west shore region who have sounded the alarm. It makes sense that their focus is on Colwood, where there is room to grow in a beautiful geographical region without needing to intensely densify (as in Langford) or to grapple with rural-vs-growth duality (as is embedded in Sooke).

At their own expense, the west shore development community has put planning and development consultant Mark Holland on the case. On March 19, in a 1-hour 45-minute hour presentation with question period, Holland plowed through the nuggets of his 75-page document in a respectful professional manner but with a tone of urgency to clean up and smooth out the 2nd draft of the Colwood OCP. Careening to the edge of soon botching the success of affordable housing and progressive community development in Colwood for the next 10 years might be one way to summarize the plea. At this 11th hour, the Colwood OCP (desirably approved ahead of campaign season) seems to have sought to please the public at the expense of housing affordability. And does the document reflect due diligence for integrating the complexities of other bylaws (like zoning) as well the BC Building Code? Holland suggested 'not so much' and Colwood Mayor Carol Hamilton responded with a vague indication that revisions are still in progress.

Holland went so far as to say that Colwood Council should "go back to the community with some hard choices", that the OCP is "nowhere near ready" and that the "community doesn't understand what's going on".

Developers want "to build more of what the community wants, not less," said Holland. Communities rely upon developers to produce housing. Holland says various aspects of the current 2nd draft Colwood OCP would impede the ability of developers to do their job -- i.e. build houses for people -- in a way that is achievable and affordable. In Colwood if development costs are upwardly pressured, this only makes real estate prices higher down the road.

All eyes are on Colwood to see if they can avoid becoming a bulwark of upscale living in a time of great financial stress for most homeowners in Greater Victoria. They have an opportunity to set an example with the deliberate application of urban ecosystem goals and work with a sense of openness and trust with the developers who they need for making their community's dreams come true.

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The Dry Grad Carnival being organized by the Royal Bay Secondary School Parent Grad Committee will receive \$2,000 dependent upon the provision of some community contributions (e.g. tree planting, cleanups). A similar funding contribution and reciprocal student effort is provided to Belmont Secondary. WSV

## New longer hours at Alistair MacGregor, MP's Langford constituency office

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● Effective Tuesday March 20, Alistair MacGregor's Langford community office for the Cowichan-Malahat-Langford constituency at 3202B Happy Valley Rd is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 am to 3 pm. Appointments available at other times. 1-886-609-9998 WSV



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**Easter Long Weekend:** Fri Mar 30 (Good Friday) thru Mon Apr 2.

**Bear Mountain Bike Festival.** Mar 30-Apr1. [victoriabikerace.com](http://victoriabikerace.com)

**Easter Eggstravaganza** Sat Mar 31. 10:30 am to 12 noon at SEAPARC in Sooke. Crafts, bouncy house, Easter egg hunt 10:30 am (age 1-4), 11:15 am (age 5-7). Entry by donation to Sooke Food Bank. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)



**17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt.** Sat Mar 31 on grassy area behind JdF library, 1767 Island Hwy. 10am. Kids up to age 13.

**Salmon Saturday Drop-in.** Sat Mar 31. Charters Interpretive Centre, 2895 Sooke River Rd. 11am-2pm. All ages. See displays, demonstration hatchery, see salmon fry, explore along the river. [www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events](http://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events)

**Back to School** (Langford, Colwood, Sooke) Tues Apr 3 after spring break. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**West Shore Parks & Recreation** spring-summer registration starts 6 am Thurs Apr 5. [www.westshorerecreation.ca](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca)

**Blood Donor Clinic.** Mon Apr 9. Sooke Legion, 6726 Eustace Rd, 12:30-7:30 pm. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**SD62 Education Committee of Whole.** Tues Apr 10. Journey Middle School, Sooke. 7pm. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**8th Annual Farm & Film GALA.** Wed Apr 11 at EMCS. [sookefoodchi.ca](http://sookefoodchi.ca) [www.awarenessfilmmight.ca](http://www.awarenessfilmmight.ca)

**Highlands Music Coffee House.** Sat Apr 14. Caleb Pike Heritage Park, 1980 Millstream Rd. 7-9 pm.

**Communities Street Clean-Up (Sooke).** Sat Apr 14. [www.transitionsooke.org](http://www.transitionsooke.org)

**Electricity in Your Home.** Emergency prep info session, Tues Apr 17. Metchosin fire hall. 7pm. [www.metchosinfire.ca](http://www.metchosinfire.ca)

**SPEAC (SD62 District PAC) Meeting.** Wed Apr 18. Millstream Elementary. 7 pm. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**West Shore Parks & Rec board meeting.** Thurs April 19. JdF Library. 7pm.

**Children's Art Show.** Fri Apr 20. 3:30 to 5 pm. Coast Collective Art Centre. [www.coastcollective.ca](http://www.coastcollective.ca)

**Victoria Home & Garden Show.** Apr 20-22. JdF Rec, 1767 Island Hwy.

**West Shore Arts Council** silent auction fundraiser. Sat Apr 21. 7 pm. Royal Colwood Golf & Country Club. [www.westshorearts.org](http://www.westshorearts.org)

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## BC Arts grants for post-secondary students

West Shore Voice News

● **BC arts students** enrolled in a wide range of arts disciplines at post-secondary institutions may be considered for grants of up to \$6,000 through the BC Arts Council Scholarship Program, deadline April 30, 2018. The program aims to support emerging professional artists to develop skills by assisting with the costs of post-secondary pre-professional training. Details here: [www.bcartscouncil.ca/guidelines/artists/youth/scholarship\\_awards.html](http://www.bcartscouncil.ca/guidelines/artists/youth/scholarship_awards.html) **WSV**

## Cosplay hits Victoria big-time

<< **ComicCon fun Mar 17 & 18** at the Victoria Convention Centre  
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More cosplay next week, March 30 WSV.



Sophia Romanduk ~ West Shore Voice News

## 'Arise' west shore arts fundraiser

West Shore Voice News

● **The West Shore Arts Council** is hosting *Arise*, a fundraiser in their 30th anniversary year to help foster more arts engagement in the growing westshore community.

"We have not had a fundraiser like this in many years. Since it is our 30th anniversary we felt it was time to come to our community to help assist us," says West Shore Arts Council president Laura Davis.

Live jazz vocalist, live painting, silent auction, interactive art, including the "Registroid", appys, DJ and dancing. The event will be held at the Royal Colwood Golf and Country Club April 21, 7 to 11 pm. Tx \$25. [www.westshorearts.org](http://www.westshorearts.org) **WSV**

## Sooke community cleanup

● **Local teams** of Sooke area residents will be in friendly cleanup competition on Saturday April 14. The idea is to make the area "truly spick

and span" prior to the Sooke Region Earth Day Celebration on April 22 the following weekend, say Transition Sooke organizers.

Cleaning up along roadsides, under bushes, beach or park, highway or byway, even backyards and garages... whatever the results, a fun photo with all the collected stuff is what gets submitted with the final registration form.

Registration is free. Bins for garbage, recycling and metal will be provided and teams will be supplied with gloves and bags. [www.transitionsooke.org](http://www.transitionsooke.org)

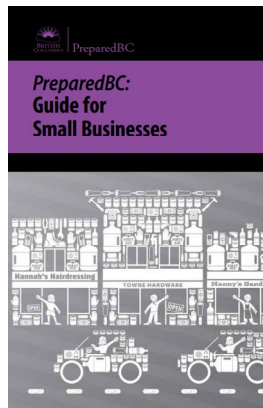
Roadside litter aside, the Sooke region has a major problem with illegal dumping. Earth Day coordinator Marlene Barry says one day's work clearing up under one bush uncovered hazardous waste (e.g. needles, diabetes test strips, old medicines) and produced about two gallons of garbage but also many reusable items and someone's discarded ID. **WSV**

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**Earth Day.** Sun Apr 22. 2018 theme: End Plastic Pollution. [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) | Earth Day Party at Sooke Community Hall including Repair Cafe, vendors, family activities, upcycled fashion show, evening dance, zero-waste food trucks.

**Blood Donor Clinic.** Mon April 23. Royal Bay Secondary, 3500 Ryder Hesjedal Way. 9-4. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**SD62 Public Board Meeting.** Tues Apr 24. Admin office, 3143 Jacklin Rd. 7 pm. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**Viva La WestShore 2018.** Fri Apr 27. 7 to 11 pm. Olympic View Golf Club. [www.westshore.bc.ca](http://www.westshore.bc.ca)

**SD62 School Bus registration 2018-2019.** End of April. Date tba. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**HSBC Women's Sevens Rugby Tournament.** May 12-13. Westhills Stadium, Langford. [www.worldrugby.org](http://www.worldrugby.org)

**Sooke Rotary annual fundraiser.** Dinner at Prestige Hotel with silent auction. Sat May 12. Tx \$60 at Little Vienna Bakery or email [rogertemple48@gmail.com](mailto:rogertemple48@gmail.com)

**Kingfisher Preschool Family Fun Day.** Sat May 26. Sooke Family Resource Society, 6672 Wadams Way. Send your SFRS stories to [info@sfrs.ca](mailto:info@sfrs.ca)

**BC Minimum Wage** up to \$12.65 on June 1, 2018.



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## TRAFFIC INFO - LANGFORD ON THE MOVE

**March 26 to 28.** Jacklin Rd between Sooke Rd & Division Ave. Daily 9 am to 3 pm. Traffic delays during sewer main installation.

**Current, to Apr 30.** Construction of improvements to the Millstream Overpass at Veterans Memorial Parkway. Some traffic closures/delays (except Fridays ahead of long weekends, and Mondays of long weekends).

**Current, to mid-June/July.** Jacklin Rd closed (Jenkins to Terlane) to facilitate nearby construction efficiencies. Detour through the Belmont Market construction site on the new Division Ave.

**Current, to summer 2018.** Leigh Road at Langford Parkway Railway Crossing. Completion of Leigh Road Railway Crossing to Langford Parkway.

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

For other short-term traffic advisories visit [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)



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