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What a difference 10 cm can make

by Mary P Brooke
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HIGHWAY 14 IMPROVEMENTS

● **All six bus pullouts** that have been under construction for several weeks along Highway 14 to/from Sooke were being deconstructed last week. Then to be rebuilt.

The cost to make revisions is about \$90,000. About 10 cm in height was incorrectly measured in the bus pullout feature, with no reason for the error given so far.

The contractor and design team have been asked by the BC Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI) to identify how this error occurred. The pullouts are to be restored to meet accessibility standards for all transit users.

The necessary road widening for these pullouts had recently been completed at all three bus pullout locations -- one pad on each side of the highway at West Shore Parkway, Laidlaw Road, and Harbourview Road.

The pullouts are for the purpose of allowing buses to move fully out of the way of traffic. It's one measure that the BC Government feels will help reduce interruptions in vehicle traffic flow on Highway 14, as first announced by Premier John Horgan in Sooke on January 19. Horgan is MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca.



Jack-hammered concrete: removing a freshly installed bus pad on Sooke Road (April 9).

Highway 14 (Sooke Road) is pretty much the one way in and out of the town of Sooke, population about 13,000. At least 70% of Sooke residents leave Sooke daily for employment and post-secondary in more central regions of Greater Victoria.

MOTI says: "It was discovered that the elevation of the .../

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Friday, April 13, 2018

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From Hwy 1 to Bear Mountain by way of sea & forest views

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

● **A brand new way** to get from Highway 1 over to Bear Mountain Resort and community in Langford was set in motion on Tuesday evening, April 10.

With a simple ribbon cutting and a procession of classic cars up the road, the 3.5 km Bear Mountain Parkway extension was opened to the applause of about 150 people including the developers, contractors, business people and trades who contributed to or worked on the mountainous road access project.

Regular traffic from the Leigh Road Interchange off of Hwy 1 (Trans Canada) began flowing at 7pm. The route is also available from McCallum Road through the Millstream Road commercial section of Langford.

Along the route are banners promoting the many sporting world connections that Langford and Bear Mountain Resort facilitate and support, and some attractive new landscaping as well as natural forest. And of course the views... ocean and the Sooke Hills!

"We're a little different in Langford than anywhere else in BC," said Langford Mayor Stew Young at the ribbon-cutting event, reminding the crowd about the effective zoning and prompt build permit process that the municipal council prides itself on.



BEAR MOUNTAIN PARKWAY

The occasion was also an opportunity to acknowledge the 25th anniversary of Langford's incorporation. Roads, sewers and jobs have helped the city expand over the years, the mayor said. In 1992 at incorporation, unemployment was about 20% said Stew Young. "Now it's about two or three percent."

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Langford Mayor Stew Young opened the Bear Mountain Parkway April 10, 2018

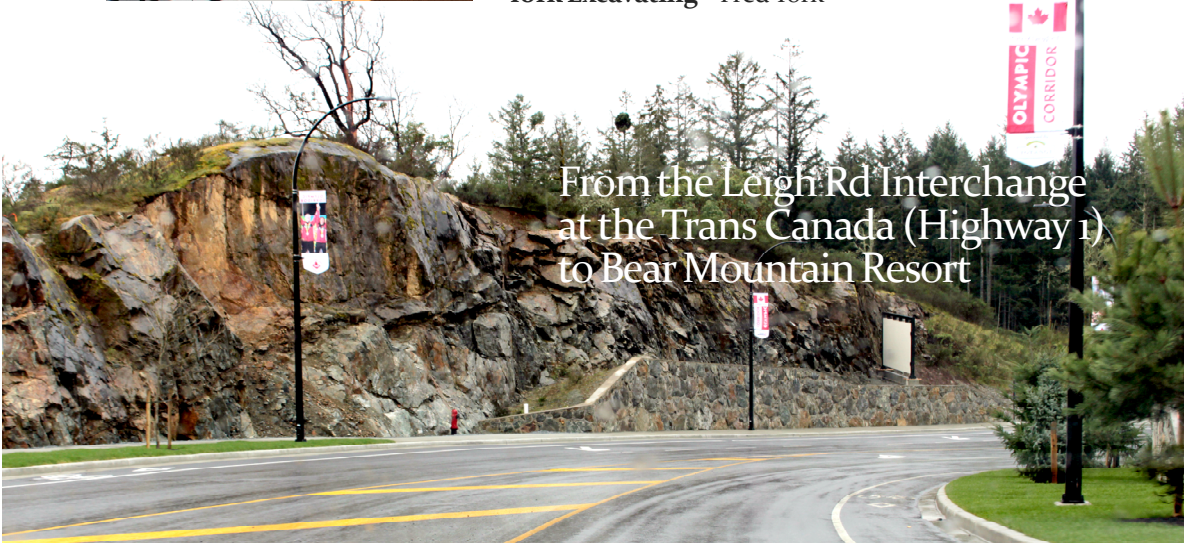


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With special mention to developers in the west shore, and the late Victor Chen, manager engineering construction, City of Langford.

Contractors receiving recognition on Tuesday evening, at the Bear Mountain Parkway opening reception and 25-year anniversary celebration of the City of Langford.

- Allterra Construction** – Raymond Lam
- C1 Contractors Ltd** – Michael Mounce
- Capital City Paving Ltd** – Dave Howells
- Don Mann Excavating Ltd** – Trevor Mann
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From the Leigh Rd Interchange at the Trans Canada (Highway 1) to Bear Mountain Resort

Editorial

SORTING OUT THE NDP ANGST

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Feet to the fire this Sunday

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Mary P Brooke
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● In the hot seat this Sunday will be Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. On Thursday he had headed off to Lima, Peru for a long-planned trip to represent Canada at the Summit of the Americas. But brewing here at home is a calamity that is ready to boil over.

BC and Alberta are at loggerheads over the twinning of the Trans Mountain pipeline (project activity now suspended to May 31 by its corporate owner Kinder Morgan), and their political positions seem immovable now.

The remarkable people-skills that Trudeau has exhibited in other high profile situations (e.g. the much-noted in-control handshake with Trump at the White House last year) will probably be put to their greatest test yet in this, his first term in office. How does one get two NDP Premiers to capitulate even an inch from their understandably entrenched positions that are essential for political survival past their own first terms in office -- John Horgan to protect the natural environment that is the soul of BC, and Rachel Notley to resurrect the oil-rich economy of Alberta.

The private meeting on Sunday April 15 at 10 am EDT in Trudeau's office at Parliament Hill will be relatively short, as media will be addressed by Premier Horgan at 11 am EDT (8 am Pacific) and by Trudeau at 1 pm EDT, followed by Trudeau's departure to Paris, France at 2 pm.

The fact that Trudeau announced the relatively awkward shift in his itinerary literally moments before he boarded the plane in Ottawa on his way to South America on Thursday, somehow indicates the difficulty he had in making a decision about how to finally step into the pipeline issue boxing ring. Trudeau has

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Opening the Bear Mountain Parkway

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Opening the new Bear Mountain Parkway on April 10 (Langford council, from left): Mayor Stew Young and Councillors Denise Blackwell, Roger Wade, Lillian Szpak, Lanny Seaton, and Winnie Siefert. [Councillor Matt Sahlstrom not present for photo]

.../ Langford is big on sports and recreation. Mayor Young and Langford Council have been instrumental in bringing Rugby Canada and Golf Canada to Langford, and expanding the recreational facility footprint in Langford. "Recreation and education are part of everything we do," he said in announcing that discussions are underway for post-secondary options in the west shore.

The other linch pin of Langford's booming success as a robust city is how Langford's leadership supports businesses in the community: "We want them to be successful.... they give a lot back."

The new Bear Mountain Parkway allows for another access route to homes in the Bear Mountain area, particularly for the fire department and other first responders. Mayor Young acknowledged now-retired Langford Fire Chief Bob Beckett for identifying and encouraging the need for alternate fire access to the higher-elevation Bear Mountain community. Langford Fire Chief Chris Aubrey is pleased.

Some of the roadway has a 10% to 12% grade, but with broad open visibility and attractive lighting. The Bear Mountain Parkway was being easily travelled this week by passenger vehicles and trucks of all sizes.

As the biggest project in the city's history, the mayor called the Bear Mountain Parkway "the bridge to somewhere". It ends at Bear Mountain Resort which has become a go-to destination for golf, recreation and leisure. **WSV**

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Many permits yet to go

● The BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources on Friday April 13 released an update on the Trans Mountain expansion project permitting process. In total, 1,187 provincial permits are required, with many involving First Nations consultation. To date 587 permit applications have been submitted to permitting agencies. Of these, 201 have been approved and permits issued. The remaining 386 are being reviewed. Approximately another 600 permits have yet to be submitted by Kinder Morgan Canada Ltd.

All permits submitted must align with the 37 conditions outlined in the provincial environmental certificate, as well as the 157 conditions detailed in the National Energy Board's approval.

Multiple organizations are involved including: • Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and

been criticized of late for remaining passive while Alberta and BC duked it out in Alberta's brief trade war tactics and BC's sidestep move to let the courts decide.

Among media who follow the PM's daily itinerary, there was puzzled chatter about why he took a 'personal day' off mid-week, ahead of his trip. Given Trudeau's load, a day off ahead of a long international trip for contemplation about larger issues is not unreasonable. In fact, it shows good judgement and a deeper awareness of how significant the BC-Alberta issue is, than people give him credit for.

The BC-Alberta crisis leans close to being a constitutional one, over and above the significant impacts for politics in BC and Alberta and for the Canadian economy (jobs and investor confidence). That's enough of a challenge to tackle. But Canadians may also witness the 'Ottawa summit' of western NDP premiers with their prime minister as a moment in which Trudeau demonstrates his most masterful problem-solving yet.

These are tough times for leading Canada -- NAFTA negotiations with the Trump-led USA, taking a bit of a back seat in the USA-led attack on Syria Friday night, legalizing cannabis in a somewhat frenzied hurry, and a true housing affordability crisis. On top of this, brokering a successful outcome from his meeting with Horgan and Notley would be a helpful shining star in Trudeau's leadership cap. ■



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Hwy 14 bus pullouts: fixing 10 cm of concrete

/... concrete pads for the bus shelters was a bit too high. The discrepancy in height is quite small (less than 10 cm), but there is still potential for the curb to be bumped by the bus bumpers when using the pullouts."

"The Ministry explored all possibilities for addressing the concern with the pads, and determined that the best option for getting the pullouts operational as quickly as possible is to remove and rebuild the concrete pads at a lower height," it was confirmed today by MOTI.

"The bus pullouts are still expected to be completed and ready for use this spring as originally announced." Roadside marquee signage shows April 16 to 27 as the traffic-interruption dates during bus pullout reconstruction. Those signs have been up for at least two weeks.

"A number of groups were involved in design and construction, and the ministry continues to work with them to determine the cause of the issue and address the resulting cost increase," says MOTI. **WSV**

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USA missile strike on Syria

● On Friday April 13 around 9 pm EDT (6 pm PDT) the US military together with the UK and France had launched a targeted missile strike on chemical weapon research and development installations in Syria as well as command posts. Risk to civilians was avoided by not targeting chemical weapon storage locations. Prime Minister Trudeau said in statement: "Canada condemns ... the use of chemical weapons ... supports the decision by the US ... and will work with international partners to further investigate use of chemical weapons in Syria." **WSV**



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The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, along with the Ministry of Agriculture, have a dedicated project office supporting these ministries and their permitting requirements. **WSV**



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Communities across Canada support the Humboldt Broncos family

West Shore Voice News

Worldwide attention has been paid all this week to the tragic crash on Friday April 6 of a bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team. Of the 29 passengers on the bus, 16 died: 10 players, the bus driver, two coaches, the athletic therapist, a volunteer statistician and a broadcaster.

The bus collided with a semi-trailer unit. The truck driver had two weeks experience for driving a truck of that size on his own. He was not physically injured but is now receiving trauma counselling.

The RCMP had initially indicated 14 fatalities having occurred as a result of the crash. But within a day, police said in a news release that another person had died (due to a mixup in identities by medical personnel). This week, on Wednesday April 11, athletic therapist Dayna Brons, 26, who had been injured in the crash, died in hospital. She was the only woman on the bus.

The 13 others on the bus were injured, some of them critically. At least one will not be able to walk, but he is already talking about taking up Paralympic sports.

The first funeral of more funerals and memorials to come was held April 12 in Humboldt. Three more were held April 13.

A crowd-source funding page on Go Fund Me -- for victims and those impacted by the crash is at <https://ca.gofundme.com/funds-for-humboldt-broncos>. The page was started by a hockey mom with the Humboldt Broncos Jr Hockey Association Inc within hours of the crash. One week later -- by 9pm Friday evening, April 13 -- the \$4 million goal on the page had been immensely exceeded, reaching \$11,076,609 as donated by 125,884 people. The page has been shared now over 267,000 times, with 127,000 likes, and over 1.7 million views.

The donor list includes families, individuals, hockey clubs and sports teams, businesses (including a bank branch, car dealerships and travel agencies, and Tim Hortons franchises), health associations and schools, and professionals (including financial services, a legal council, and a builders association). Reportedly the funds will be disbursed by a financial professional, and relatively promptly in order to help people with both immediate and longer-term needs such as medical support expenses, home renovations for disabled survivors, and people taking time off work to care for injured loved ones.

Doing a brief review of donations made this week, they ranged from \$5 to \$5,000 (most clustering in the \$20 to \$250 range). Many are made in a person's name but some are anonymous (whether the amounts are large or small.)

Across Canada and in places around the world hockey sticks are being laid to rest against walls, porches and public places. It's a gesture of empathy and support that has been rapidly adopted worldwide following this tragedy to show support for the families, friends and broad team-sport community that has been impacted by the crash.

Thursday April 12 was 'jersey day'... people 'everywhere' wore sports jerseys to demonstrate their support.

Weather conditions were bright and clear on the day of the accident. But the corner at Hwy 35 and Hwy 335 in northern Saskatchewan has been considered by locals for years to be dangerous due to minimal crossing management (a stop sign for one highway but through-traffic for the other) and a tall stand of old-growth trees that might be found to have blocked the sightlines for traffic coming from one or both directions. **WSV**



A hockey stick adorned with ribbon in the green-and-yellow colours of the Humboldt Broncos rests near the entry to the sports-friendly Bear Mountain Resort in Langford.

Mary P Brooke - West Shore Voice News

#1 crisis in BC is housing, says Premier

West Shore Voice News

The crisis of housing in BC is being addressed by the provincial government, said Premier John Horgan during a media teleconference out of Coquitlam on Friday, April 13.

"Time after time, poll after poll, the number one issue is affordable, safe secure housing," Horgan said, adding his government has done their best to address that in Budget 2018, including "demand, supply and security of housing".

For Friday's announcement, Premier Horgan was joined by Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Selina Robinson and reps of various faith-based organization that have 'taken risk' to combine forces to make land and resources available to in total build 414 affordable housing units in Coquitlam, Nanaimo, Richmond and Vancouver.

"Building affordable homes for middle-income people is key to tackling the housing crisis, and we have to work together to get it done," said Horgan. "That's why we've created the HousingHub -- to bring people and organizations together to build the homes people need, quickly."

The HousingHub, a division of BC Housing, will take an active role in finding partners to build new, affordable market-rental housing and owner-purchased housing, giving renters and prospective new homeowners the benefits of long-term stable and affordable housing.

The hub's focus will be on developing homes for people with average incomes between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

"This is part of our commitment to make sure middle-income British Columbians, who have been priced out of housing communities across the province, will have access to homes that people can afford to rent or buy," said Robinson.

"We look forward to forging new partnerships, so that we can deliver the

UN Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

On Friday evening April 13, while the USA, UK, and France undertook a missile strike upon Syria, local MP Randall Garrison was signing the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons with

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safe and secure housing people need."

The hub will work with private land owners, developers, non-profits, faith-based groups, Indigenous organizations, and federal and local governments, to locate, use or repurpose land in communities where affordability is an issue.

The first of these partnerships resulted in a proposal from the BC Conference of the United Church of Canada to build 414 new affordable rental homes for individuals, families and seniors at four church-owned properties in Coquitlam, Nanaimo, Richmond and Vancouver. Each development will include an affordable rental housing component, the redevelopment of the existing church facilities, offices and other programming space. The overall project will receive \$12.4 million from the province for project development costs.

BC will fund the HousingHub launch with about \$20 million. www.bchousing.org/partner-services/housinghub **WSV**

150 community members. "Canada can and must take a leadership role in the movement for nuclear disarmament," said Garrison, who is Vice-Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on National Defence and the NDP's National Defence Critic. **WSV**



Selina Robinson
BC Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Belmont Market announces tenants

West Shore Voice News

The 160,000 sq ft Belmont Market project at Jacklin Road and Division Avenue in Langford is moving along rapidly, announced developer Crombie REIT this week. Phase 1 will consist of over 74,000 sq ft across 14 storefronts, opening in Fall 2018. Confirmed tenants (as of April 2018) include: Thrifty Foods, Scotiabank, A&W, Westland Insurance, Great Clips, Edo Japan, Fatburger, and Good Earth. Other tenants joining Belmont Market in later phases include KFC, Eye Etiquette and Anytime Fitness. The Belmont Residences 440-home community (284 market homes and 156 rental units) is being developed on 24 acres at the same location by Ledcor Property Development. **WSV**



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City of Langford Regular Council. Mon Apr 16. 5:30 pm. www.langford.ca

DeMamie Creek Golf Course (SEAPARC). Wed Apr 18. 3-Par course now open daily. www.seaparc.ca

SPEAC (SD62 District PAC) Meeting. Wed Apr 18. Millstream Elementary. 7 pm. 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

Victoria Home Expo. Apr 20-22. JdF Rec, 1767 Island Hwy, Colwood.

West Shore Arts Council silent auction fundraiser. Sat Apr 21. 7 pm. Royal Colwood Golf & Country Club. www.westshorearts.org

Earth Day. Sun Apr 22. 2018 theme: End Plastic Pollution. www.earthday.org

Earth Day Party. Sooke Community Hall, 10 am to 9 pm. Repair Cafe, vendors, family activities, upcycled fashion show, food trucks, evening dance. <https://planetearthparty.blogspot.ca>

Blood Donor Clinic. Mon April 23. Royal Bay Secondary, 3500 Ryder Hesjedal Way. 9-4. www.blood.ca

SD62 Public Board Meeting. Tues Apr 24. Admin office, 3143 Jacklin Rd. 7 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca

Viva La WestShore 2018. Fri Apr 27. 7 to 11 pm. Olympic View Golf Club. www.westshore.bc.ca

SD62 Bus Registration 2018-2019. Starts end of April. www.sd62.bc.ca



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'HITS' concert by Sooke Community Choir. Fri May 4 & Sat May 5 at 7:30 pm & Sun May 6 at 2 pm at Sooke Community Hall. Also May 12 at 2pm at Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones St, Qualicum Beach. Tx \$20 (free under age 16). www.sookecommunitychoir.com

Duck Day at the Flats. Sat May 5. 12th annual duck race. Sooke River Campground. 11am-3pm (race 12pm). Tx \$5 or 5/\$20. www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/sookeharboursidelions

Wireless alerts will be publicly tested for the first time in BC. Wed May 9 at 1:55 pm (Pacific time), alongside routine television and radio tests.

HSBC Women's Sevens Rugby Tournament. May 12-13. Westhills Stadium, Langford. 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 roger temple48@gmail.com

75th Annual Swiftsure International Yacht Race. May 24 to 28. www.swiftsure.org



ARTiFACTS exhibit to April 29 at the Sooke Region Museum

Asbestos info at HomeExpo Apr 20-22

● **Info on identifying and removing asbestos** before renovations and demolitions begin will be at the WorkSafeBC Spring Home Expo booth next weekend, April 20 to 22 at Juan de Fuca Rec Centre, 1767 Island Highway, Colwood.

Nowadays, the most common risk of exposure to asbestos is from unsafe practices during the demolition and renovation of homes that were built before 1990. Contractors are responsible for protecting their workers from asbestos exposure. "And homeowners planning to renovate or demolish their homes have a responsibility too," says WorkSafeBC.

As part of WorkSafeBC's 2018 occupational-diseases initiative, prevention officers will consult, educate and when necessary use enforcement to ensure contractors and homeowners are complying with the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

Asbestos can be found in more than 3,000 different home-building materials used in the decades leading up to 1990. It's colourless, odourless and harmful when disturbed.

In 2016 in BC there were 85 work-related deaths resulting from occupational disease -- mainly from asbestos exposures decades ago. There is a long latency period (on average 10 to 40 years) between the time the worker breathes in asbestos fibres and when a disease can potentially develop. www.thinkasbestos.com **WSV**

Smoking cannabis in public spaces

● **Once the recreational use of cannabis** comes into effect in Canada (federal government aiming for July 1, 2018), cannabis smoking or vaping will be allowed in Greater Victoria in the same public spaces where tobacco can now be smoked (playing fields, playgrounds, public squares).

An amendment to the CRD's Clean Air By-law No. 3962 was made by the CRD board on April 11 to bring that change into effect.

The Clean Air Bylaw was first implemented January 1, 1999 to make all indoor public spaces 100% smoke-free. As of July 1, 2007 all businesses had to make patios 100% smoke-free where food and beverages are served or consumed.

In September 2016, the BC introduced the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act to include electronic cigarettes.

CRD says the amendment to the Clean Air Bylaw ensures that people of all ages are protected from the potential immediate and long term health consequences related to second-hand emissions from any substance that can be smoked or burned. www.crd.bc.ca/cleanair **WSV**

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Now open: Tues Apr 10 -

Bear Mountain Parkway extension from Leigh Rd interchange at Hwy 1, over to Bear Mountain Resort (3.5 km).

Weekdays April 16 to May 18 - Jacklin Rd (Sooke Rd to Division Ave) traffic delays for water main installation. 7am to 7pm.

Tues April 17. 630 Goldstream Ave. Traffic delays 9am-2pm for TELUS Fibre Optic Upgrade

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).

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