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## SD62 discusses national child care

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

At the Sooke School District 62 (SD62) board meeting in Langford on April 24 there was a brief discussion about a 'National Daycare Strategy', as Trustee Dianna Seaton had attended a recent discussion on the topic with Karen Vecchio, MP (Elgin-Middlesex-London) who is Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women and for the Conservative party is the Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development.

Even though the BC public school system is not funded for pre-Kindergarten (early childhood) education, a few trustees weighed in about how a rural/urban divide would need to be addressed in terms of funding levels, and that there is a shortage of qualified ECE's.

Seaton said that "ECE training is all over the map". She suggested that one reason a day care strategy may concern the SD62 school board here on south Vancouver Island is because "kindergarten is too late" for the diagnosis of some learning issues in children.

Trustee Bob Phillips noted that in Quebec there is universal daycare made possible by a higher tax rate. "Somebody has to cost out a program that works," said Phillips. If Quebec's subsidized child care program could be adopted nationwide it could boost the economy, said Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz last month. A national child care program could allow 300,000 more women to participate in the workforce, he said in a speech at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. He added that encouraging more people into the workforce would also enable Canada to permanently raise its growth capacity without generating higher inflation.

Seaton pushed for a letter to be sent to the federal minister. Trustee Denise Riley asked if the session that Seaton attended with Vecchio is bi-partisan.

Trustee Margot Swinburnson suggested that the SD62 board write a letter noting at least two things -- that the shortage of ECE's is likely associated with low wages and that co-op style day cares are underfunded.

SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge suggested that the letter could include details about the study that SD62 has conducted this academic year where ECE instructors have participated in Kindergarten classrooms throughout the district. Cambridge said that perhaps the SD62 project could be scalable for use across BC. **WSV**

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Transition at the helm West Shore Voice News

SD62 Superintendent Jim Cambridge says he has done two 'days of transition' so far with incoming Superintendent Scott Stinson who will take over in the top job at the west shore school district starting August 1, 2018. Cambridge has listed a lot of details in this process. "It feels like a great transition so far," he said at the SD62 board meeting April 24. **WSV**

## Parents providing positive feedback on BC child care supports

It's a new program that will "take some time to roll out," said Premier John Horgan in a media session April 27. "One month in, 63% of child care spaces in BC are now part of the program," he said about the child care cost support of up to \$350 per child that was first announced March 28.

Horgan says he sees emails and text messages from families who are happy about it. Expectations for a 10-year plan to be in full swing in the first few months is unrealistic. He's happy with the program's success so far, being "delighted" that many parents are pleased.

"Many providers are concerned, this is new to them," but issues are being worked through. The Premier said the program "will have a profound impact on families and economies right across BC"

Horgan reminded media that what became known during the 2017 election campaign as the "\$10 a day child care promise" is a 10-year program being rolled out in phases. Horgan has oft-repeated that the \$10/day" verbiage was contributed by child care proponents, but that the NDP felt it was clear the initiative would have to roll out in phases for various reasons: overall budget, increasing the number of Early Childhood Education (ECE) providers, and available facility space.

As of March 28, providers have applied for fee reductions for more than 18,000 children, and more providers are opting in to savings for families every day. The fee reduction will save parents up to:

- \$350/month for each child in group infant and toddler care.
- \$200/month for each child in family infant and toddler care.
- \$100/month for each child in group care for children age 3 years to kindergarten.
- \$60/month for each child in family care for children age 3 years to kindergarten.

"Child care is one of the largest expenses for families, and the fee reduction will help make their lives more affordable," said Minister of State for Child Care Katrina Chen last month when the program was announced.

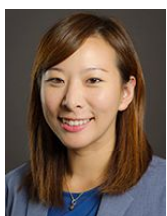
In addition to the child care fee reduction initiative, another affordability measure will be introduced in September 2018.

The government says that new affordable child care benefit will help reduce child care costs for lower-income families by up to \$1,250 per month and will support 86,000 BC families each year by 2020-21. **WSV**



BC Premier John Horgan at the March 28 announcement of child care cost savings for parents.

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Katrina Chen,  
Minister of State  
for Child Care (MLA  
-Burnaby-Lougheed)

## Royal newborn baby boy

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A new little prince was born in London, UK on Monday April 23 to Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge and Prince William, Duke of Cambridge.

A few days later the world learned the baby's name -- Louis Arthur Charles -- who is now fifth in line to the British Throne behind his grandfather Prince Charles, his father Prince William, his brother Prince George, 4, and his sister Princess Charlotte, almost 3.

The name Louis is shared with Prince George, whose three names are George Alexander Louis.

It was noted in global media that April 23 was apparently also Shakespeare's birthday in 1616.

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Attack on Toronto urban pedestrians challenges ‘terrorism’ definition, highlights misogyny

By any description, the vehicular attack upon innocent pedestrians pretty much at random on a busy stretch of Yonge Street in Toronto on Monday April 23 was terrifying. Of the persons hit, 10 died and 14 were taken to hospital with injuries. Many more bystanders, witnesses and first responders are also left with the emotional impact of the event, as well as families, friends and co-workers of the victims.



by Mary P. Brooke, Editor

In total now, police have charged the 25-year-old accused with 10 counts of first degree murder and 16 counts of attempted murder (two more people directly impacted in the attack did not go to hospital with injuries). Of the deceased, eight were women. The rented van that was used by the accused to run down people by driving down the wide pedestrian sidewalk for a distance of over 2 km was clearly in fact a weapon. Intentionally instilling fear in people is by any dictionary ‘to terrorize’. But in our day and age of political correctness and the implications of terrorism as an action described in criminal law, the Canadian government has so far said this is not officially terrorism of national concern, i.e. cannot be linked to a known terrorist group such as ISIS, or cannot be associated with intent by another nation or group of nations. But under the Criminal Code (Section 83.01) it sure seems to fit the definition of terrorism [see footnote]. Lawyers and pundits will debate it, but the fact remains that the federal government seems to want to downplay the terrorizing intention of this act (see mainstream media for reports on the perpetrator’s inspiration from the Incel movement) and seemingly turn an official blind eye to the danger that a vehicle in the wrong hands (more accurately, in the wrong mind) is a weapon. No one wants social chaos.

By attempting to assuage the worries of Canadians by officially declaring this incident as not being terrorism, might be upheld as technically correct in terms of present criminal law. But no doubt there is a societal need to examine the many ways that disenfranchised members of society come up with to take out their frustrations on innocent victims. What seems to be coming to light is the many broader forms that a source of terrorism can arise from. In this case, the perpetrator is thought to be supportive of a misogyny-informed movement that takes out their frustrations on women as their target.

In this particular case, the anti-woman factor echoes the Montreal Massacre of 1989 in which the killer declared women as the source of his troubles and openly murdered 14 women college students at random based on gender.

Violence against women is nothing new. It is still seen in many cultures around the world and is likely as old as humanity itself (except for some bright moments in history such as the range of options and levels of power apparently available to women among the Celts and some Viking tribes, to name two). Sort-

Pitching for a weir

Alistair MacGregor, MP supports local efforts to have the Cowichan Weir raised as “green infrastructure” on the Cowichan River. In the House of Commons this week he asked that the Dept of Oceans & Fisheries commit to funds for the project, to overcome critically low river flow rates due to climate change. Slow-moving water with higher temperatures poses a risk to fish and fish habitat. Holding back more lake water will ensure an adequate supply of water flow in summer months. **WSV**



Alistair MacGregor, MP (Cowichan-Malahat-Langford)

ing out gender issues and evolving as a society are the challenges. Public education for everyone is essential. Supportive underpinnings for women and families -- including child care and equal pay for equal work -- will go a long way toward levelling out the playing field. With economic self-determination there is elimination of absolute dependence on the patriarchy, and provides choices. There are so many other insidious ways that women are oppressed in home, workplace and society that the list is long. Oppression is not just societally set up as by men toward women, but also women toward women. [This is an overview, not targeted at individuals.]

Society delivers a wide range of constraints and demands on people through socioeconomic systems and cultural expectations. If some adults (of whatever gender expression) become so frustrated that they choose to attack others, it’s time to re-examine the system.

Women must not for a moment let their guard down; if we do, it’s kind of like letting weeds regrow in the garden. In Canada, women gained the right to vote only 100 years ago, contraception has only been somewhat reliable for about 50 years, and abortion rights are relatively new in law and pretty much brand new pharmaceutically.

Good news -- in just the last 10 years or so there seems to be a bursting at the seams that has recently evolved a desire for gender-balanced governance. A good start, when placements are based on qualification.

Women generally feel more empowered in this 21st century (for some women this is very new and it has unleashed a torrent of pent up response, e.g. the MeToo movement). However, the Toronto attack did

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highlight that what is old arises new again (perpetrator only 25 years old). It’s particularly worrisome to see young men (presumably raised in an enlightened era) also finding among themselves a woman-hating substrata. This is not wholly the fault of individual men, but stems largely from a system that in varying degrees oppresses anyone who somehow doesn’t manage to scramble to the top of the heap. ■

**Footnote**  
**Definition of Terrorism in Canadian Law**  
As published (verbatim) by the Canadian Department of Justice [www.justice.gc.ca](http://www.justice.gc.ca)  
In Canada, section 83.01 of the Criminal Code defines terrorism as an act committed “in whole or in part for a political, religious or ideological purpose, objective or cause” with the intention of intimidating the public “...with regard to its security, including its economic security, or compelling a person, a government or a domestic or an international organization to do or to refrain from doing any act.”  
Activities recognized as criminal within this context include death and bodily harm with the use of violence; endangering a person’s life; risks posed to the health and safety of the public; significant property damage; and interference or disruption of essential services, facilities or systems.” **WSV**

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**Pill press legislation in BC**  
In a move against the illegal production of illicit opioids and to help keep them off the streets, the BC government is toughening regulations on pill-press machines and other similar pharmaceutical equipment, it was announced April 25. "Police have asked for more control and monitoring of who has use of pill presses," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, as a way to disrupt supply.  
The new Pill Press and Related Equipment Control Act is comprehensive legislation that is part of a broader scheme of initiatives intended to help law enforcement address the fentanyl crisis in BC. The bill aims at restricting ownership, possession and use of equipment that can be used to make illicit drugs, such as automated pill presses, gel cap machines and pharmaceutical mixers. The act will limit lawful ownership of pill presses.  
“No illegal drugs are safe,” said Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. **WSV**



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At [www.canada.ca/emergency-preparedness-week](http://www.canada.ca/emergency-preparedness-week) there are further resources to help individuals, families, and businesses prepare for a wide range of emergencies.

Printed materials about emergency preparedness are available during regular office hours at Sooke Fire Hall #1, 2225 Otter Point Road, Sooke. **WSV**



Sooke Fire Chief Kenn Mount at Fire Hall #1: "Be prepared for a range of emergencies."

### SD62 budget surplus, new committees

by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice News

● **For several previous years** financial 'pressures' were the mainstay of Sooke School District (SD62) budgets as the rapidly-increasing load of students, teachers and overhead grew in the west shore. But for 2018-2019 it appears SD62 will have some "potential relief" as SD62 Treasurer Harold Cull called it at the April 24 board meeting. After incremental expenses of about \$4.53 million (including \$2.422 million in salaries and benefits and \$800,000 for eight more classroom teachers, \$150,000 in additional bussing costs and \$365,000 more for the new BC Employer Health Tax) are used up from incremental revenues of \$4.88 million, the relief factor is about \$352,000. About \$250,000 of that will be held in reserve as recommended by the government via auditors KPMG, Cull told trustees.

Per-pupil funding received from the BC Government went up from the current year's \$7,301 per full-time student to now \$7,423 for 2018-2019. With a current estimate of 10,641 students starting classes in Fall 2018, that produces \$98.486 million in revenues. That's up from \$93.729 million in 2017-2018, therefore producing a grant revenue increase of \$4.757 million. A bit more revenue increase (about \$125,000) comes from higher International Student fees (now \$12,500/year).

Also on April 24 the board approved a committee structure shift to bring discussion of education policy and resources into two monthly committees; there are no longer any public Education Committee of the Whole meetings that were

held in schools around the region as a direct way for the public and visiting delegations to see the schools up close. Resolutions coming from the new committees will make their way to the board level for approval.

The last time there was a student rep seated at the SD62 board table was when now-Chair Ravi Parmar held that role. A student rep position has now been reinstated. **WSV**

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### OCP timeline challenged by Colwood Councillor Rob Martin

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

● **In recent months** it has been become quite clear that City of Colwood council has unsettled the west shore development community with aspects of the close-to-approved new Official Community Plan (OCP).

After more than a year of broad public input -- including from residents, planners, designers, businesses and developers -- the development community still (in recent months) kept speaking up at Council meetings and Committee of the Whole for better wording and better vision in the OCP so that housing affordability and attracting more of a commercial tax base to Colwood could in reality be achieved.

In a somewhat surprising move given this late stage of the process (the OCP received 1st reading on February 13, with revisions underway in the 2nd draft of the OCP since then), Councillor Rob Martin introduced a motion at Council on Monday April 23.

Martin was asking that Council consider a motion to suspend the OCP approval process until after the October 2018 municipal election. That's primarily because Martin still hears concerns in the development community and sees the upcoming election as a window of opportunity for residents "to decide how Colwood will look and grow moving forward for the next decade".

Developers build the supply of homes that people need, but they must work within a municipality's OCP guidelines. "Staff have worked hard developing our newest Official Community Plan," said Martin in a release last weekend. "The OCP is very much a collaboration of input from the political, public and staff..."



Colwood Councillor Rob Martin recently declared his intention to run as a Colwood mayoralty candidate in the Fall 2018 election.

but it appears that significant changes are needed to the draft OCP."

Martin's motion was seconded by Councillor Lilja Chong but Council defeated it, with Councillor Cynthia Day articulating that the public deserved a bit more notice of a discussion to suspend OCP approval, given how much public input had been given over the past year or more. The last-minute motion will now appear, however, on the next Council agenda on May 14. **WSV**

### Plant sale May 12 to support Colwood Campus garden project

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A garden getting started at SD62's Colwood Campus (April 2017 file photo).

"Blueberry, raspberry and strawberry planters can be pre-ordered by email: [dlodewijk@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:dlodewijk@sd62.bc.ca)

"A garden getting started at SD62's Colwood Campus (April 2017 file photo).

planters," says Lodewijk. "Saanich Native Plants will be on site with a variety of native plant species. In addition, Earl Claxton Jr who is an elder of T'sawout First Nation will share traditional knowledge about native plant species. Marge Emery will have information about propagation and care of mason bees. Judy Campbell will sell cedar wood creations her husband makes including cedar planter boxes, wishing wells, garden benches, and lattice. Local artist Rebecca Barnard will have a selection of Mother's Day handmade cards and gifts for sale.

This year the garden project did not receive support funding from the YMCA (a spillover effect from the YMCA apparently seeing less government funding in this area), which has left the Colwood Campus project with a shortfall of \$14,000 (labour and supplies) compared to last year, says Lodewijk. But some new partnerships are in the works coming up in June, she says.

Meanwhile, garden boxes that were previously being rented at Colwood Campus by members of the public are now issued to Colwood-area elementary school classes and teachers to support the demand from various schools in the district. **WSV**

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**City of Langford Special Board Meeting.** Mon Apr 30, 5:30 pm. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**SD62 Bus Registration 2018-2019.** Starts May 2. Routes can be viewed now at: [www.sd62.bc.ca/about-sd62/transportation](http://www.sd62.bc.ca/about-sd62/transportation)

**Sooke Community Choir 'Hits' concert** (modern pop songs, including sing-along). At Sooke Community Hall Fri May 4 & Sat May 5 at 7:30 pm & Sun May 6 at 2pm. Tx \$20 at [www.ticketrocket.co](http://www.ticketrocket.co) or 1-855-842-7575 (free under age 16). [www.sookecommunitychoir.com](http://www.sookecommunitychoir.com)

## Swiftsure races start May 26

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● **The 75th Swiftsure International Yacht Race** May 24 to 28 by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club attracts crews from around the world and thousands of spectators. On Saturday May 26, Clover Point is the best location to view the five race starts, after 8:51 am. The race finish time is 6 am on Monday May 28. The Swiftsure Race Tracker shows live positions of competing yachts: [www.swiftsure.org/swiftsure-public-events/](http://www.swiftsure.org/swiftsure-public-events/) **WSV**

## TRAFFIC INFO LANGFORD ON THE MOVE

### Weekdays to Fri May 04.

7:30 am to 5 pm. Traffic delays for utilities & frontage works, 2854 Peatt Rd at Hockley Ave.

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

**Current, to Apr 30.** Construction of improvements to the Millstream Overpass at Veterans Memorial Parkway. **Two left turn lanes now open.** Some traffic closures/delays (except Fridays ahead of long weekends, & Mondays of long weekends). Some night work.

**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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## Belmont Residences welcomes the public to their show-home opening: May 5

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Belmont Residences is a new master-planned, 24-acre, 440-unit multi-phase development. Housing options include 1-bdrm (approx 622 sq ft), 2-bdrm (approx 878 sq ft), & 2-bdrm+flex (approx 1,050 to 1,224 sq ft) homes with prices starting from the low \$300,000's to low \$600,000's.

The 2,500 sq ft Belmont Residences Sales Centre features a site model showcasing one of Langford's most anticipated new communities and detailed information about the first building. Visitors may tour a fully-furnished 2 bedroom + flex display home.

The public opening will include a preview of the new U-Bike service, which is officially expanding to the City of Langford in partnership with Belmont Residences. Visitors will be invited to grab a bike and explore the nearby neighbourhood, parks, and amenities including the adjacent Galloping Goose Regional Trail.

The sales centre is at 915 Division Avenue (corner of Jenkins Avenue), across from the Westshore Town Centre.

Belmont Residences comprise seven residential market and rental buildings targeting first-time home buyers, working professionals, and downsizers. The development is enhanced by 160,000 sq ft of commercial amenities (being developed by Crombie REIT), including a landmark Thrifty Foods spanning 53,000 sq ft.

Adjacent to the Galloping Goose Regional Trail and numerous parks, lakes, and outdoor spaces, Belmont Residences is set to become a vibrant centre for the City of Langford. Calling itself the new heart of the West Shore, Belmont Residences is being seen as the 'it' place for those seeking an urban-meets-suburban lifestyle.

The Belmont Club area will include common spaces, kids room, music/craft rooms, and multi-purpose spaces.

[www.belmontresidences.com](http://www.belmontresidences.com) **WSV**

## Two lanes for left turns on Millstream Overpass

● **Traffic Update LANGFORD:** As part of the construction of the Millstream Dual Left Turn Lane Project, the second left turn lane is now active. As of April 27, City of Langford Engineering said: "Drivers are encouraged to use both left turn lanes now open on the Millstream overpass." In addition, a second left turn option now exists on Peatt Road turning left (north) onto the Millstream overpass where -- until now -- the traffic backups could be lengthy. **WSV**



Millstream Overpass in Langford, April 23

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**BC Legislative Assembly in session** to May 31, then summer break. Fall session starts Oct 1. [www.leg.bc.ca](http://www.leg.bc.ca)

**Sooke Fine Arts Show** artist submissions open to June 4. Show dates July 27-Aug 6. [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com)

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

**Rock the Shores Contest.** Win 2 week-end passes (general admission July 13-15) courtesy of *West Shore Voice News*. By Fri June 8 write to [news@westshorevoicenews.com](mailto:news@westshorevoicenews.com) and tell us what makes a great rock song. One winning entry to be announced June 15; all entries will be published.

**Garden Days.** Sun June 17 at Royal Roads University, 2005 Sooke Rd. Complimentary access to Hatley Park gardens all day. [www.hatleypark.ca](http://www.hatleypark.ca)

**Rock the Shores - outdoor weekend rock concert.** On the grounds at Juan de Fuca Rec Centre, 1767 Island Hwy, Colwood. Fri Jul 13, Sat Jul 14, Sun Jul 15. Single-day tickets & weekend passes. [www.rocktheshores.com](http://www.rocktheshores.com)



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## West Shore Parks & Recreation passes available for summer

by Mary P Brooke, West Shore Voice News

● **'West Shore Parks & Recreation** (WSPR) voted at their last board meeting to increase a number of activity and program fees starting September 2018.

Meanwhile the May-to-August passes are on sale at the current rates. For May 2018 only there is a regional pass that can be used at 14 centres in the Greater Victoria area, for a one-time fee of \$25. And with that you can also get a discount of \$25 off the purchase of an Annual Regional Pass if you convert the May pass by June 30.

A summer pass for \$99 gets you over \$40 in savings. The pass can be used to drop in all summer long to the pool, weight room, skating, and some fitness and sports activities. Passes are available now, and will not be pro-rated if purchased after June 1, 2018.

A new 'corporate health pass' is available for business partners, with up to a 20% discount on annual passes.

More details on all of this are shown in the May-August activity guide online at [www.westshorerecreation.ca](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca)

West Shore Parks & Recreation is owned by five municipalities (Langford, Colwood, View Royal, Metchosin and Highlands) which each make proportional financial contributions based on a tax-based formula that is currently undergoing debate.

A consultant's report is expected to be released publicly soon, which in part will examine how the WSPR financial commitment structure might change now that Langford has at least seven new recreational facilities compared to when the WSPR agreement was first put together years ago.

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