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Tugwell wildfire tough to

contain

As of 11:25 am Saturday July 7, the wildfire northwest of Sooke near Tugwell Creek was being held (unlikely to spread) at 80% contained after reaching a burn area of 100 hectares, said the West Bo Wildfire Service.

Voice News Resources on Saturday included 88 firefighters, seven water ters.

> ging) on private forestry land. A nearby beeapparently not adversely affected.

started July 2 at a 4



tenders, heavy equip- Fire retardant being dropped from an aircraft onto the fire ment and three helicop- near Tugwell Creek, northwest of Sooke, July 4. [Photo by Al Wickheim, from a distance of about 10 km.]

The fire started in 100 hectares, smoke has periodically reached into the slash (leftovers from log- Greater Victoria area contributing to grey skies and minor air quality issues for some residents.

"Less wind and some rain would help," said Juan keeper's operation is de Fuca Emergency Coordinator Jeri Grant on Wednesday evening, July 4.

"Winds are variable and some fire crowning is mak-Since the wildfire ing this a hazardous fire for air and ground crews," said Al Wickheim, Community Coordinator of Otter Point - Juan de hectare size and in- Fuca Emergency Program. "We could hear the fire crackling creasing at one point to from where we were," he said Wednesday evening. **WSV**

Summer reading & literacy: Premier Horgan shows up to read stories to children



Premier John Horgan enjoyed some reading time with young children at the bright new public library in James Bay, Tuesday July 3.

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

Voice

Premier John Horgan and Education Minister Rob Fleming read stories to young children and chatted about how fun it is to read over the summer months while school is out.

The small gathering took place at the sx*enx*en tenex*James Bay Branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library on Tuesday afternoon, July 3.

Premier Horgan clearly enjoyed the interactive time with his very young audience, supervised by smiling parents. He told the kids that after reading a fun story to them that he would be going back to his office to do more reading as part of his job.

People who just happened to be at the library that day and the parents had this event as a spontaneous opportunity to chat briefly with the Premier over plates of mini cupcakes. One older woman (clasping a library book under one arm) clearly expressed her gratitude to Horgan for "all he is doing" for people in BC.

While this event was held in downtown Victoria, the Greater Victoria Public Library system also includes libraries in the west shore: the Westhills and Goudy branches in Langford, and the Juan de Fuca branch in Colwood.

Colwood Councillor Rob Martin is chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library board. Martin says libraries are increasingly becoming community gathering places (more page 3). **W\$V**

4th Annual Eats & Beats draws a big crowd **West Shore**

by Mary P Brooke West Shore Voice News

There was a huge turnout for the 4th annual Eats & Beats outdoor beach gathering at Esquimalt Lagoon in Colwood today July 7. The weather Westwas perfect -- room temperature, almost Voice no breeze, no rain.

> City of Colwood Mayor Carol Hamilton gave a welcome on behalf of City and Council at the break after the first band at about 2pm. Members of Council attended at various times through the afternoon. "Thank you to everyone who attended Eats & Beats 2018, making it a resounding success... see you all next year," said Hamilton after the day was done.

> Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin) took a lively long walk among food vendors, market, and displays, Live music by six bands ran 1 to 8 pm.

> There were thousands of people, most of whom arrived in the hundreds of cars parked along roadsides for kilometres. There was also bus service, and other people were dropped off and walked down to the oceanfront.

> People lined up at the food trucks for a variety of treats including hot foods (poutine, burgers, and more) and of course ice cream.

> > Tables with some cover of beach

Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin) enjoyed a bit of outdoor time at the 4th Annual Eats & Beats beach party

umbrellas were full, and other people ventured onto the sand to enjoy treats and family time by the ocean.

in Colwood, July 7

Attendants were on site directing traffic, and West Shore RCMP had a presence in their vehicles.

Some vendors tried out Eats & Beats for the first time, including Oak Bay Bicycles (West Shore) with picycles there for people to try out for a quick spin. WSV





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WSV EDITORIALS ADDRESS TOPICS OF BROAD SOCIAL INTEREST



Justice system: buck stops with the individual



Mary P Brooke.

Charges -- a lot of them -- were laid this week against the driver of the large transpor truck that crashed into the bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos team on April 6. If any of the charges stick, the driver is likely to spend a long time behind bars.

This is just one situation where it behooves a look at how our justice system focusses on the individual at the endpoint of a likely a series of actions or misjudgements on the part of many others.

For instance, why was the intersection of Hwys 35 & B.Sc., Cert PR Editor & Publisher 335 left with no stop sign for one direction, but required it of the other, especially apparently locals and others knowing that a stand of trees created a visual block (a previous crash there years before was an indicator)? Would the owner/trainer at the driving training school or the school's accreditation system have failed at some level? Will they find that perhaps some electronics on the truck may have malfunctioned, putting a manufacturer at fault?

Not to any way excuse the actions of the driver fatefully caused the crash, but things that lead to a sad scenario are often not held accountable by the legal system. Likely the intersection will be upgraded, training might be improved, and recommendations may be made to manufacturers. All of it after the fact.

Lack of understanding about business model

 Not everyone marches to the same beat. In the world of earning a living, many people are suited to collecting a paycheque as an employee, and usually the security of this sort of arrangement is appreciated. Other people are better suited to being self-driven entrepreneurs or running a corporation; this brings out their best drive to achieve and they work hard despite the risk of cyclical downturns. Neither system is innerently bad, just different.

When a community or government distrusts business it is a misfortune for everyone. The community loses out on the full enthusiasm of businesses that might back them, and the businesses are often unfairly targeted with a range of creative taxes (note: there are people and families behind those businesses).

All sectors have 'bad apples'. Such as employees who milk the company



by wasting time or resources or not working to their full potential; and some businesses bend the rules too far. But those are not the majority of cases. Businesses in particular deserve a fairer shake in a sociopolitical culture in BC that seems to be grinding away at business mojo.

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New: Liquor & Cannabis Regulation B

The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch has been renamed the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, representing its new additional responsibility of licensing and monitoring the retail sale of non-medical cannabis in British Columbia, it was announced July 5 by the Attorney General.

By early August 2018, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch will open its application process. Meanwhile, detailed information regarding eligibility requirements for prospective non-medical cannabis retail licence applicants is now available online.



stores now online.

The site at www.gov.bc.ca/cannabisregulationandlicensing also informs prospective licensees about the rules governing cannabis retail stores, and the necessary security screening requirements.

The regulatory framework for private cannabis retail stores focuses on meeting the BC provincial government's goals for legalized cannabis that prioritizes public health and safety, including keeping cannabis out of the hands of minors and reducing the illegal market. Therefore, the application review process will include rigorous security screening and robust licensing requirements.

In addition, the Province recognizes that local governments and Indigenous nations are often best equipped to make decisions based on their own community needs. When an application is received, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch will notify the appropriate local government or Indigenous nation when the proposed location is on a reserve, Nisga'a Land, or treaty settlement land. The branch must receive a positive recommendation in order to consider the application. The positive recommendation will be considered, but is not binding on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch. WSV

Partnerships to support • To help families be provided new licensed child care spaces in BC

with child care, Budget 2018 announced a \$221-million investment in the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund. more details were announced July 6:

• Streamlined application process and a continuous intake, rather than fixed application dates, allows child care providers to apply for funding when they need it, even if they are planning longer-term projects. Helps ensure continual supply of licensed child care spaces. • Boards of education to have 100% eligibility (up from 90%) of their total project cost (\$500,000 maximum), for child care spaces they create. • For the first time: prioritizing or targeting funding to public-sector partnerships -- including local governments and boards of education -- that are looking to create child care spaces with other non-profit providers. These partnerships may apply for up to 100% of the total cost of their project (to \$1 million maximum). Parents will benefit from public projects that provide greater stability and help protect them from lease or fee increases. • Successful applicants for Childcare BC New Spaces funding must participate in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative to help ensure that the new spaces remain more affordable for BC families. • Child care spaces created by child development centres or Indigenous communities remain eligible for 100% their project costs, up to a maximum of \$500,000. This will help ensure that children throughout BC will continue to have their physical and cultural needs met through programs that are tailored specifically for them. • Not-for-profit organizations will be supported to create new child care spaces, with these organizations remaining eligible for up to 90% of their total project costs, up to a maximum of \$500,000. Private child care providers remain eligible for 75% of the total cost of their project, up to a maximum of \$250,000.

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Internship programs help spark innovations for students, industry

Students throughout BC are benefiting from a provincial investment of \$10 million in internship programs that connect budding researchers with industry partners to solve real-world problems.

'Research internship programs are giving our students and researchers the skills, knowledge and experience they need to advance our knowledgebased economy and build the best BC," said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and

"These students are doing innovative work

West Shore Those states that will support technology, nealth and business sectors, so that everyone can prosper and thrive. Partnerships between students, industry and our postsecondary institutions are helping to support a strong, sustainable 21st-century economy,' said Mark.

> The investment promotes innovation in BC by funding internships through Mitacs, aenational not-for-profit organization that builds partnerships between undergraduate and graduate students and researchers, post-secondary institutions, and industry and community partners.

> Mitacs interns are able to apply their expertise to challenges that are affecting business and communities today, in

> > Voice

Basic income

The BC Government announced July 3 that it's looking into how implementation of a basic-income in BC might be done. Three researchers will explore the feasibility of a basic-income pilot project, and look at how basic-income principles might be used to improve the existing income and social-support system in BC. WSV

Election of new Mexican president tips trade balance discussion West Shore Voice News

Mexico might seem off the political radar of most Canadians. But the landslide election of a new left-leaning president in Mexico on July 1 could be seen as a Canada Day gift to the economy of this country.

With the USA now sandwiched between two ews progressive political forces, north and south, there is a somewhat brighter glimmer of hope that North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) negotiations and tariffs in that mix might have a fighting chance for more success in favour of Canada.

Mexico's now president-elect Andres Manuel López Obrador will take office December 1. That's after the November mid-term elections in the US. So it's possible that progress with NAFTA talks may limp along until December or even early January 2019. But Trudeau and López Obrador say they look forward to cooperating on an agenda to create good fields such as technology, jobs for people in both countries, it was stated in a health, business and engineer- news release from Trudeau's office on July 2.

ceptually), former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper had private meetings with key US trade officials at the White House, July 2. As a private citizen, Harper had not notified Trudeau or the Canadian government of his trip to Washington.

> By contrast, former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (who led the development of the original NAFTA agreement that was saw a draft ready in 1992 and finalized in 1994) has been cooperated with and supporting Canada's and Trudeau's efforts to keep renegotiation of NAFTA on an even keel.

The US slapped a 25% tariff on Canadian steel and 10% on aluminum starting June 1. On July 1 Canada retaliated with a matched \$16.6 billion set of tariffs on a wide range of products that are sold into Canada by US producers. This will see higher prices for Canadian consumers.

US protectionism and tariffs imposed on Canadian goods shortly after the 1929 start of the Great Depression, saw Canada turn to trade with Commonwealth countries as an imperfect but available economic lifeline for the next 10 years. WSV

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Belmont Residences continues to see strong sales momentum West Shore Voice News



Construction of the Belmont Market commercial portion of the 24-acre Belmont Residences development has become part of the Langford viewscape [photo July 5].

■ The Sales Centre for Belmont Residences on Division Avenue in Langford has been abuzz as empty-nesters and first-time homebuyers have been scooping up units and registering for future announcements.

Director of Development with Ledcor Properties Inc., Marcela Corzo, isn't surprised and explains how Belmont Residences was designed to meet the needs of this evolving demographic. "It really is that elusive blend of affordability, proximity to the city, shops and restaurants, recreation and nature," says Corzo.

'We anticipated fast traction, but the pace of sales really speaks to the pent-up demand for housing in this region that caters to an active, community-based lifestyle and is still within financial reach," she says.

The Sales Centre had a preview opening May 5, with sales becoming active June 16. On that first sales weekend over 30 homes were sold in the Belmont Residences condo building.

Director of Sales, Peter Gaby, says most of the sales have been to residents of the Greater Victoria area. "Most of the traffic in the Sales Centre is people who already reside in the region. It's exciting to see how happy these locals are to finally find a home that meets their lifestyle

West Shore Voice Needs and is within their budget. Many of them have been waiting a long time for a place like Belmont Residences to arrive on the market," says Gaby.

"The statistics are interesting and reflect what we anticipated for sales. To date, 57% of the sold units sold have been purchased by people over age 50. These are the empty-nesters typically downsizing," says Gaby. Meanwhile, 43% have sold to people in the 20+ demographic, first-time homebuyers. "There is also a smaller mix of people buying who have children under the age of six," he says.

Working professionals are also expected to find Belmont Residences to be a desirable location for handy access to both city and outdoors. Langford and the west shore region are expanding, stretching beyond the core urban centre of Victoria/Saanich that can be reached via the Galloping Goose Trail, by bus, or by vehicle on an ever-improving network of roadways.

Situated on a 24-acre property alongside the Galloping Goose trail, the Belmont Residences planned community will eventually be comprised of seven buildings (market homes and rental), integrated with 220,000 sqft of commercial amenities (being developed by Crombie REIT including a landmark Thrifty Foods spanning 52,700 sqft), all of it mingled within green space, walking paths and access to natural surroundings like lakes, parks and trails.

This planned community is making a footprint as the new heart of the westshore. The buildings reflect the Westcoast surroundings with naturally-inspired architectural elements and amenities that support an active lifestyle, like kayak racks, bike washing stations and co-work spaces for the telecommuting residents. The developer sees the project as "urban-meets-suburban living". Nearby to Sooke Road (Hwy 14), it's handy for heading out to Sooke and beyond.

To get an overview of the community and what Belmont Residences offers, the onsite Sales Centre at 915 Division Avenue (off Kelly Road, near Jacklin Road and Jenkins) in Langford and is open Saturday through Thursday, 12 to 5 pm. Prices start in the low \$300,000's for a 1-bedroom unit, ranging up to the \$600,000's for 2-bedroom+flex units. Potential homebuyers can register online at www.belmontresidences.com to receive updates and information. WSV

Libraries & recreation help support youth &

COMMUNITY by Mary P Brooke West Shore Voice News

Coming up to the end of his two-year term as Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL) board, Colwood Councillor Rob Martin expresses pride about two new branches opened within the 12branch GVPL system (the Westhills branch in Langford and the new building for the branch in James Bay), but says the main branch in downtown Victoria "is bursting at the seams".

Library buildings must be built by the municipality, with GVPL providing all collections, fixtures and operations.

"A library is a strong pillar of a community," says Martin. "It says a lot about who and what you are as a community".

As the Internet makes information more widely available and pushing that traditional book-lending function into olime roles and modes of availability (including online), libraries are growing into providing a broader community role.

They're a place to meet, including for families to explore books and play or for parents to take a break and read outside of smaller accommodations that many families live in nowadays.

"The library turns into the community living room and a

visits were made to GVPL branches. Of those, about 2.4 million were in person and about 4.1 million online.

GVPL has 5.4 million items in their collection, with 88% of that still on paper, the rest being e-materials.

An initiative that really



The Juan de Fuca Library branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library system, in Colwood.

shows the reach of GVPL to serve their member communities is their venue partnership program. Passes for free admission can be checked out by adults, youth and families to visit the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Craigdarroch Castle, the Maritime Museum, the Royal BC Museum, Robert Bateman Centre, and the Saanich Recreation Centre. "This helps citizens engage back into our community as much as possible," says Martin.

Martin is also pleased that the GVPL provides book-loans to inmates at the William Head munity," he told Institution in Metchosin, something that was com- News. plex to set up in terms of security. The program is run time with kids when by a GVPL staffer on his they're young, it own volunteer time. West Sihelps them stay

Martin also served as connected with community hub," says Martin. chair of the West Shore community and out In 2017, about 6.6 million Parks & Recreation board of the corrections (2012-2016). He is most system," Martin proud of bringing the Rock says. WSV the Shores outdoor week-

end concert to the JdF grounds each summer. Rob Martin is run-

ning for mayor in Colwood this fall.

"I got into politics



Colwood Councillor Rob Martin has chaired the GVPL board since 2016. His term as library chair ends with upcoming municipal election in October.

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Parking Lot Interruptions at Eagle Ridge Community Center and Langford Lake parking lot during geotechnical drilling by BC Hydro. July 6 to 8. Some traffic interruptions on Langrord Lake Road. www.langford.ca

West Shore Triathlon in Langford. Sun July 8. Traffic delays 5:30 am to 1 pm. See bike/run routes in Traffic Info Feature below. www.langford.ca

Ayre Manor 10th Anniversary Afternoon Tea. Sun July 8. 2 to 4 pm. RSVP required. www.ayremanor.ca

Blood donor clinic. Mon July 9. 9 am to 3:45 pm. CFB Esquimalt, 1575 Lyall St. www.blood.ca

City of Langford Planning, Zoning & Affordable Housing Committee. Mon July 9. 5:30 pm. www.langford.ca | City of Colwood Regular Council Meeting. Mon July 9. 7 pm. www.colwood.ca | District of Sooke Regular Council Meeting. Mon July 9. 7 pm. www.sooke.ca

StoryWalk. Nature walk & outdoor storytelling. Wed July 11.

Free, kids age 8-16, with paying adult, at DeMamiel Creek Golf Course, Sooke. www.seaparc.ca

WorkLink 40th Anniversary celebration. Thurs July 12. 11 am to 4 pm. At the west shore office location, 202-3179 Jacklin Rd. Official presentation at 12:30 pm. Dunk tank! www.worklink.bc.ca

Sooke Night Market. Thurs July 12. Thurs nights 5 to 8 pm til Sept. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

TRAFFIC INFO

LANGFORD ON THE MOVE City of Langford

Friday July 6 to Sunday July 8. A portion of the parking lot at Eagle Ridge Community Center and Langford Lake parking lot will be closed for geotechnical drilling by BC Hydro. Sunday, July 8. West Shore Triathlon. Traffic delays 5:30 am to 1 pm. Bike route: Glen Lake

Rd, Sooke Rd, Luxton Road, Happy Valley Road, Latoria Road. Run Route: Langford Pkwy, Ed Nixon Tr, Goldstream Ave, Leigh Rd, Leigh Pl. Now to Wed Aug 1. Intermittent single-lane alternating traffic on Hannington Rd in Bear Mountain, 7 am to 5 pm. For BC Hydro installations & road construction.

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

Current to summer 2018. Leigh Rd at Langford Pkwy Railway Crossing. Completion of Leigh Rd Railway Crossing over to Langford Pkwy (near the sports fields).

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

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West 6 to 7:30 pm. Wed's to Aug 22. www.westshorerecreation.ca July 12. Pearkes Rec Centre, 3100 Tillicum Rd Saanich. Refugee (Safe Third Country) Town Hall. Thurs Hosted by Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke). 7 pm. All welcome. www.randaligarrison.ndp.ca

> Rock the Shores. Outdoor weekend rock concert. Juan de Fuca Rec Centre lower fields, 1767 Island Hwy, Colwood. Fri Jul 13, Sat Jul 14, Sun Jul 15. Singleday tickets & weekend passes. www.rocktheshores.com

> Public Input about Highway 14 improvements. Deadline Sun July 15. Feedback to the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure online at www.gov.bc.ca/highway14 or by emailing to highway14@gov.bc.ca

West Shore Blood donor clinic. Mon July 16. 9 am to 3:45 pm. Vancouver Island Technology Park, #2201 - 4464 Voice News Markham St. www.blood.ca

Tide Ticklers Guided Walk. Mon July 16 (register by July 11). 10-11am at Witty's Lagoon. Hands-on for kids up to age 5. Free. www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events

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Communities in Bloom. Mon July 16 to Wed July 18. Provincial judges touring Sooke.

Summer Skate Fest. Tues July 17. 2 to 4 pm. Free. Sooke Skate Park. Food, giveaways, demos. BMX, skateboards & scooters welcome. www.seaparc.ca

Art in the Park & Classic Car Show. Sun July 22. 10 am- 2:00 pm at Sooke River Campground on Phillips Rd, Sooke. www.sookecommunityarts.com

32nd Sooke Fine Arts Show. Purchaser's Preview July 26. Full show: July 27 to Aug 6 at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. www.sookefinearts.com

Blood donor clinic. Mon July 30. Sooke Legion. 6726 Eustace Rd. 12:30 to 6:30 pm.

Sooke Music & Art Festival. Sat Aug 4. 2197 Otter Pt Rd. www.sookemusicfestival.com

14th Annual Vancouver Island Pagan Pride Day. Sat Aug 11 at Sooke Region Museum. 10-4. www.vipaganpride.org

Blood donor clinic. Mon Aug 13. 12 to 6:45 pm. Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. www.blood.ca

Movies on the Hill. Thurs Aug 16 behind the JdF Hwy. library, 1767 Island 8:45 www.westshorerecreation.ca

RCMP Musical Ride. Sat Aug 18 & Sun Aug 19. Hosted by Sooke Lions Club. Matinee on Sat, sunset ride on Sunday. www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride

Langford Show and Shine. Sun Aug 19. 10am to 3 pm. Along Goldstream Ave from Peatt Rd to Veterans Memorial Pkwy. www.langford.ca

Blood donor clinic. Mon Aug 27. Sooke Legion, 6726 Eustace Rd. 12:30 to 6:30 pm.

Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament. Thurs Aug 30. Bear Mountain Golf Course. www.langford.ca

SD62 Back to School. Tues Sept 4. www.sd62.bc.ca

What's your view West Shore Voice News on CRD Parks land acquisition & management?

Survey online to October 8, 2018

West Shore **Voice News**

What do you want to see in the parks in the Greater Victoria area? Here's a chance to contribute your ideas (up to Oct 8) in the CRD Regional Parks Funding Priorities Survey: https://www.crd.bc.ca/ project/regional-parks-funding-priorities

The regional park system has grown by about 4,600 hectares (to 13,000 hectares) during 2000 to 2017. This growing park system helps protect the environment and biodiversity in the region, and provides residents with opportunities to connect with nature through outdoor recreation.

> Visits to regional parks and trails have increased 40% in the last seven years (5.2 million in 2010 to 7.3 million in 2017).

In 2018, the CRD has allocated about \$13.4 million for Regional

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Parks Service to protect natural environments and continue to offer safe and high quality outdoor recreation experiences to park visitors. Of this amount, about \$1.1 million is dedicated to develop and improve infrastructure within regional parks and trails.

The survey gives CRD residents an opportunity to indicate what priorities in parks and trails should be given budget priority, and which activities should regional parks and trails focus on for the next 5 years. There seems to be a theme of determining what CRD taxpayers would support more: land acquisition or maintenance, enhancement and promotion of what is already in the system.

The survey takes about 10 minutes, with some lists of options to indicate your

degree of preference, but also some open ended questions about directions for environmental protection, land acquisition costs and goals, and resident vs visitor usews that you may want to think about. wsv

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Langford: digging in for sewer expansion

Work on the sanitary sewer system in the Humpback area will begin July 9 and carry through to November. The weekday construction from 7 am to 5 pm is for extension of the sanitary sewer system along sections of Lakehurst Drive, Mount Wells Drive, and Sooke Lake Road, says the engineering department, City of Langford, Sewers will also be extended along Shavlee Place and Corrine Place. WSV West

Last week for Hwv 14 input

The current online survey about improvements to Highway 14 (Sooke Rd) is available online to July 15 at www.gov.bc.ca/highway14 or comments can be emailed: highway14@gov.bc.ca

Is the approach to encouraging public transit use (six new bus pullouts) the right approach for major expenditure? There have also been recent improvements with lighting, safety signage, speed readers, and line painting plus specific bridge improvements and work along Otter Point Rd.

Are crosswalks working well in town centre? What about the no-left-turns at Townsend Road that have impacted business and community -- can that be reversed? Are there enough signalized intersections (in addition to the one coming at Sooke River Road)?

What about the confusing road name change to West Coast Road after you're west of Otter Point Road?

With the Premier being MLA for the area that includes Hwy14dependent Sooke, this is an optimal time for input. WSV



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