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**July 2018 federal
cabinet shuffle:
a complex response
to US pressures &
shoring up
protections for the
progressive edge**

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Trump & Putin:
July 17 in Finland

Trudeau:
July 18 in Ottawa

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current events on Facebook
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**New BC crown corporation to develop
the trades & build infrastructure**

● **A diverse and qualified workforce** will be supplied for select major public infrastructure projects through a newly created Crown corporation, BC Infrastructure Benefits Inc. (BCIB), it was announced July 16 by Premier John Horgan. A requirement of 25% trades workers being apprentices will be part of Community Benefits Agreements through BCIB. "Wages have been negotiated to align with industry wages, based on prevailing construction rates." Indigenous peoples, women, and other traditionally under-represented groups will now have priority access to employment and training opportunities, the Premier said. **WSV**
BC News release: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018PREM0057-001406>

**Rock the
Shores drew
community-
wide crowd**

● **The diversity** of people's ages and lifestyles who attended the three-day Rock the Shores outdoor music festival July 13 to 15 could have possibly been the highest achievement of the event put on by Victoria-based Atomique Productions. Atomique assembled a suitable pop-up venue and people did come.

Games and sprinklers for the kids, deck chair seating for older folks, VIP section under shade, a variety of food and games for everyone, water refill stations, lots of bins for recycling and garbage, and ample parking that was well organized -- Atomique set themselves up right for success. That included a wide selection of musical genres throughout the weekend -- pop, rock, country, indie and world-famous, Canadian and international -- and scheduling their biggest-name act for the last performance on Sunday evening. Brian Wilson brought the old Beach Boys sounds to the warm summer evening of Colwood. **WSV**

FULL ARTICLE: www.westshorevoicenews.com/?page_id=12237

**WEST
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Concert coverage last weekend by
Sophia Romanchuk & Mary P Brooke



Crowd pressed up to the stage to
hear Brian Wilson live, July 15.



Litter of Sooke-branded 642 beer cans (product of Bad
Boy Brewing) on the field at Rock The Shores, July 15. >>

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

POLITICS

● **It was more than political theatre** on Wednesday July 18 in Ottawa. The cabinet shuffle that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau rolled out with the Governor General at his side was the soft-launch of a layered, all-fronts offensive on forces that could very well wear away at the fabric of Canada if not checked, and checked hard, in 2018-2019.

Sure, it's like a game of checkers seeing which MP or Minister got appointed or shuffled. But the bigger game board is Canada's economy, now needing protection from the impact of Trumpian views on tariffs and national protectionism, including the US president's blurred boundaries with adversaries while challenging his country's traditional allies. To Trump it might just be his business style. But this week's federal cabinet shuffle makes it very clear that Trudeau sees the many threads that could be pulled to unravel Canada's economic stability.

We're a small country, barely aware that in many ways we've been playing in the sand just to the north of a huge sea monster -- the USA with its huge economic and military force. In the hands of Trump, an unleashed or unwound America could not only leave Canada out in the cold but hobbled or very nearly crushed.

The word 'diversification' has been added to the International Trade Diversification portfolio now under Jim Carr; Canada needs to be less reliant on the US as its main export market. There is a new 'tough guy' Ministry of Border Security and Organized Crime under Bill Blair (former Toronto police chief); Canada needs to deal with the cost and processing of assylum seekers who cross into Canada from the USA and potential complications with cannabis being soon legal in Canada but not federally in the US.

It got some pushback for being politically-incorrect on CBC's



**Dominic
LeBlanc**



Bill Blair


Power & Politics on Wednesday when political pundit Tim Powers observed that Trudeau is playing the alpha-male card against bully-Trump by placing Blair in the Boundary portfolio and Dominic LeBlanc in Intergovernmental Affairs, Northern Affairs and Internal Trade. Both of them built like football players, neither of them shy of any necessary political fight. Jim Carr also came across as the tough guy during recent federal pipeline political decision-making. The right optics and brimstone to deal with Trump and some provincial differences.

Meanwhile, maintaining the progressive edge, there is a new Seniors ministry, but with an underpinning -- held by Filomena Tassi in the Hamilton steeltown area (near the US border) given the impacts of steel tariffs; this helps deliver to Cabinet, a sense of the pulse of real impacts of the 25% steel tariff trade-war.

Full July 18 article / full shuffle
list: www.westshorevoicenews.com/?page_id=12269 **WSV**

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Sunday evening concert crowd (still 25°C at 7pm) on the lower fields behind Juan de Fuca Rec Centre.

Editorial

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WEST SHORE VOICE

Picking on plastics straws



Mary P Brooke, B.Sc., Cert PR
Editor & Publisher

● **McDonald's** recently announced it will be phasing out plastic straws by 2020, replacing with paper straws. Starbucks said it would eliminate single-use plastic straws at its 28,000 locations by 2020, being replaced by recyclable strawless lids and alternative material straws. These are just two responses to a global push to discourage the use of plastic straws and other one-time use plastics.



Phasing out plastic straws.

Why pick on straws, when there are so many single-use plastics out there: beverage lids, cutlery, dishware, bags, dental floss picks, etc (and whose to say some of these don't get re-used)? Apparently straws contribute to about 150 million tonnes of plastic filling the oceans; by 2050 apparently there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish. Not sure how they end up in oceans so much ... they're also in landfills and many other places.

Banning plastic straws is an easy and relatively non-controversial place to start for almost anyone who wants to contribute to cleaning up the environment. Straws are something we can all easily identify with. Bendable straws and those of many colours are fun at parties, and helpful when angled for anyone who requires the straw to be positioned -- say, when driving or even bed-ridden.

Straws are not easily cleaned properly, hence the single-use -- it's part of public health standards in the modern food industry. Over a century ago, when drinking tubes were first introduced as a way to give formula to infants there were cases of infection and even death due to unclean tubes. In decades past, drinking tubes of other materials haven't held up too well (break or disintegrate). Probably even today most restaurants have probably appreciated the durability and cleanliness guarantee of plastic straws compared to paper.

Straws will endure in some form. As far back as 3,000 B.C. there was a gold drinking tube inlaid with blue precious stones (apparently found in a presumed Sumarian tomb -- Google it!). It will be interesting to see what new forms of drinking tubes that modern industry comes up with as we trounce on plastic straws. ■

BC NEWS

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Taxi industry modernization: slow steps

● **It will be a while yet** until ride-sharing services like the ones offered by Uber and Lift will be available in BC. On July 19, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Claire Trevena announced that with the goal of 'getting it right', the province still wants to examine how the existing taxi industry and the livelihoods provided for taxi drivers and companies will not be negatively impacted. **WSV**

BC seeks public comment on clean growth

● **BC is developing a long-term clean growth strategy** for release in Fall 2018. Public comments can be made on eight discussion papers. This style of public engagement is not in survey format with pre-set questions at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/cleangrowthfuture/>. Comments must be composed by the participant, with name and email address required (region and age indicators optional).

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy said July 20 that the new clean growth strategy (CGS) will bring together BC's action on climate change. Work is underway on BC's energy roadmap to drive sustainable economic growth with cleaner energy and fewer emissions.

The CGS will be integrated with the province's Economic Development Strategy, #BCTech Strategy and Emerging Economy Task Force and will set out a vision for a clean growth future and a pathway to greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets. The plan will be expanded as new opportunities arise, with further public input opportunities on priority areas.

The first set of intentions papers covers proposed actions in three key areas -- transportation, buildings, and clean growth for industry. The intentions papers are available for comment for the next five weeks -- from July 20 to 4pm on August 24, 2018. Individuals and organizations may send additional information by to clean.growth@gov.bc.ca by August 24, 2018.

Written submissions meeting the posting criteria will be posted publicly and online comments will be summarized in a final report.

Priority areas for comment have been recommended by BC's Climate Solutions and Clean Growth Advisory Council: Zero Emission Vehicles (Clean Transportation); Support for Cleaner Fuels (Clean Transportation); Clean Energy Vehicles -- Commercial Vehicles (Clean Transportation); Building Energy Labelling Requirement (Improving Buildings); Financial Incentives (Improving Buildings); Stronger Codes and Standards (Improving Buildings); Low Carbon Buildings Innovation Program (Improving Buildings); Training and Certification (Improving Buildings). **WSV**

Wireless in courthouses around BC

● **Wireless network high-speed internet access** (Wi-Fi) is now available to the public at 27 courthouse around BC including: Victoria Provincial & Supreme Courts downtown; Western Communities Provincial Court in Colwood; Lower Mainland (Vancouver plus New Westminster, North Vancouver and Port Coquitlam).

Current Shaw clients can access Shaw Open, while Shaw Guest services are available for courthouse attendees who are not Shaw clients, once they have created a free user account. **WSV**

Horgan: Greyhound part of larger issue

● **"We were aware** they (Greyhound Canada) were in distress," said Premier John Horgan during a media teleconference on July 16. "There is a crisis of transportation in western Canada, and we're going to deal with it that way," he said, referring to discussions and collaboration with the other western provinces to find a solution to providing bus transportation as part of a transportation network mix. Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Claire Trevena met with her provincial counterparts on July 12 and Horgan after the premier's summit in New Brunswick this week said premiers would ask Greyhound to extend the notice period "to make sure people have safe and reliable transportation options". **WSV**

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SD62 facilities update presented to Langford Council

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News



City of Langford's Director of Planning Matthew Baldwin (at podium) introduced SD62 representation for a brief presentation about school district facilities expansion, at the July 16 Langford Council meeting (SD62 reps from left): Secretary-Treasurer Harold Cull, Superintendent Jim Cambridge, and Board Chair Ravi Parmar.

● A succinct, well-honed presentation about Sooke School District 62 (SD62) facilities expansion in the west shore was delivered by top SD62 officials (Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer, and Board Chair) to Mayor and Council at the City of Langford Regular Council meeting on July 16. The large third-floor Council chambers room was warm (air conditioning had been down all day).

SD62 came prepared with promotional brochures and summary overhead presentation, supporting the more detailed notes provided in the Council agenda. Most of the information was already known to city officials as land procurement, building development projections, and population counts have already been discussed amongst SD62 and Langford over the last several months and years.

SD62 serves families in the broader west shore: Langford, Colwood, Sooke, Highlands, Metchosin and Port Renfrew. But 60% of SD62's new, expanded and renovated schools will be in fast-growing Langford where families are flocking for relatively affordable housing/rentals. To provide 4,400 more student spaces in the SD62 area over the next few years, priorities are to build a new elementary and new middle school on land already acquired by SD62 in Westhills, and to acquire a site and build a new elementary school in the Happy Valley/Latoria area. Millstream Elementary will be replaced with a new, larger school.

Royal Bay Secondary in Colwood is getting 600 more seats while land is being sought to build a second highschool in Langford where Belmont Secondary is already at capacity. Land long-held by SD62 in Sunriver Estates in Sooke will finally soon see construction of an elementary school; Sooke Elementary will be replaced with a new school on its present site within town on Sooke Road.

Premiers' summit in New Brunswick this week: Horgan on trade with US, cannabis legalization, Greyhound buses, internal trade & health care

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● At the Council of the Federation summit -- a gathering of Canada's premiers in St Andrews, New Brunswick July 18 to 20, BC Premier John Horgan represented British Columbians' concerns:

Trade with the United States: "Economic growth, jobs and prosperity for British Columbians depend on strong and fair trade relationships. I spoke with Canada's premiers about forming a united front to stand up against unfair and unfounded trade sanctions by the United States, and continuing to support Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in his actions to protect Canadian jobs. We discussed a new, focused strategy to support Canadian workers, by reaching out to Americans about the benefits of trade between our countries. As a part of this strategy, we will build on our strong relationships with state governors in a mission to Washington, DC, during the winter meeting of the National Governors Association in February 2019."

Suspension of Greyhound services: "Greyhound's surprise decision to suspend services west of Ontario will affect many people, especially those living in rural and remote communities. BC's call for support from the federal government was met with a commitment to work on the problem together. Along with other provinces, BC will urge the federal government to work with Greyhound to extend the notice period, to make sure people have safe and reliable transportation options."

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SEAPARC announces facility redesign

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New concept design for CRD's facility expansion at SEAPARC Leisure Complex.

● A concept design for the expansion of the SEAPARC Leisure Complex in Sooke has been approved by the The Sooke and Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission (SEAPARC) board, it was announced July 20 by the Capital Regional District (CRD).

"The Commission is very excited that after 10 years of discussion we are close to building a fantastic fitness facility for our residents," said Mike Hicks, SEAPARC Chair. "Careful consideration is being given to the location of the expansion," says Steve Knoke, SEAPARC Manager. The new facility will be flexible, efficient and work with SEAPARC's existing site. "SEAPARC wants to create an open inviting and accessible place for our residents to improve their health and wellness," says Knoke.

In April 2018, SEAPARC Leisure Complex received a \$1.24 million grant from the Strategic Priorities Federal Gas Tax Fund. This grant together with SEAPARC's capital funding is being used to invest in the new \$2.75 million fitness facility and multi-purpose expansion space. Property taxpayers in both the District of Sooke and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area contribute an annual levy to SEAPARC.

The project architect is Studio 531 Architects Inc. The preliminary design phase now includes concept review and considerations around physical location, ease of customer access, administration and operations effectiveness, and efficient use of existing facility resources.

The proposed site is on the west side of the existing SEAPARC building, adjacent to the current multi-purpose rooms and board room. Construction is expected to run 11 months in 2019 (February through December). More details: www.crd.bc.ca/project/capital-projects/seaparc-leisure-complex-expansion



Existing SEAPARC frontage, 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. Programs: www.seaparc.ca

committed to support an effective transition towards cannabis legalization, and will continue to share information and work towards this goal. We will be urging the federal government for clarity around drug-impaired driving enforcement and screening, funding for education and awareness, and respecting provincial jurisdiction on regulatory decisions and sales."

Internal trade: "We need to make sure trade across provincial borders works for people and businesses, especially given the U.S. administration's protectionist measures. The premiers agreed to take steps to move faster on reducing trade barriers within Canada. In addition to the ongoing work at the Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, we will be holding a meeting of first ministers this fall, that will be focused on the economy and addressing productivity, competitiveness and improving trade."

Health care: "I reiterated BC's support for a national pharmacare program. We need a plan that makes sure people can afford the prescription medicine they need, without further burdening the provinces with new health costs. The premiers agreed to push the federal government on a number of issues, including improving access to pharmacare by removing cost barriers for people, and ensuring federal pharmacare funding is long-term, adequate, secure, flexible, and takes into consideration present and future cost pressures."

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Rugby World Cup Sevens. #RWC7s. Streaming live from San Francisco, July 20 to 22. www.cbcsports.ca

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

District of Sooke Regular Council Mon July 23 7pm, **Special Council** Tues July 24 7 pm. www.sooke.ca


Sooke Night Market. Thurs July 26. Thurs nights 5 to 8 pm til Sept. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

Neighbourhood Nights at Royal Bay Meadow Park (Latoria near Metchosin Rd). Family picnic in the park. Thurs July 26 (also Aug 2, Aug 9, Aug 23), 6 to 8 pm. www.colwood.ca

32nd Sooke Fine Arts Show. Purchaser's Preview July 26, tix \$35. Full show: July 27 to Aug 6 at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. Docent Tour Sun July 29 (art talk & behind the scenes) 1:30-2:30pm, included with admission. Artz4Kids - Tues July 31, 2-4 pm. \$2 after 2pm for 12+ (Kids under 12 free). Artz4Youth - Tues July 31, 4-7 pm. \$2 after 2pm. Seniors Teas - Wed/Th Aug 1-2, 2-4 pm. included with admission for Seniors 65+ / \$3 extra for under 65. www.sookefinearts.com

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

View Royal roadworks - single lane alternating / traffic delays July 19 to 31 on Island Hwy from Helmcken Rd to Colwood Interchange.



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

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 library, 1767 Island Hwy. 8:45 pm. www.westshorecreation.ca

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REGIONAL NEWS

Lawn bowling draws a young crowd



On a warm summer evening, July 19, young lawn bowlers played in 36 teams to raise funds for cystic fibrosis.

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

● **Lawn Summer Nights** is a four-week social event being held at the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club in Beacon Hill Park this month. Part of a national activity in 17 cities organized through Cystic Fibrosis Canada, all proceeds help with cystic fibrosis research. After just two nights, the Victoria-based chapter had raised \$44,000; they're aiming for \$100,000 by the end of the fourth Thursday night, July 26.

Usually thought of as an activity for seniors, lawn bowling has attracted a 25-to-35-year-old set for these evening parties on the two lawns at 100 Cook Street. Figuring out the game and developing some expertise with throws seemed almost as much fun as the food, beer, a bit of dressing up in team costumes, and enjoying the evening sunshine.

Funds brought in by the 4-person teams are raised through team sponsorships, pooled from other activities, and online. On site, funds are raised through dinner and beverage ticket sales.

Victoria organizer for the event since 2013, Sheleena Gutierrez, says funds support 42 clinics across Canada, as well as research at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto, plus general awareness (public education), and advocacy for medications to be covered in pharmaceutical plans. **WSV**

Rugby Canada in San Francisco

● **Rugby Canada's** Men's and Women's hand-picked teams for the World Cup Sevens 2018 competition are in San Francisco this weekend July 20-22. Live at www.cbcsports.ca with evening summaries on CBC TV. A new playoff format was developed for this event, where every game needs to be progressively won in order to participate in the championship. **#RWC7s**

Game schedule: <https://www.cbc.ca/sports/rugby/rugby-world-cup-sevens-schedule-results-1.4726781> **WSV**

TRAFFIC INFO

LANGFORD ON THE MOVE

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.

NOW OPEN. Jacklin Rd (Jenkins through to Sooke Rd) following several months of upgrades. Still some traffic delays for sidewalk, signalized light installations, and final layer of road asphalt. Detour on Division Ave through Belmont Market construction site.

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

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BC-wide ban: campfires & open burning

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● **High temperatures** and no rain in the immediate forecast, brought on a complete ban on open burning and campfires (on private and public land) as of noon on Wednesday, July 18 within the Coastal Fire Centre until October 19, with the exception of Haida Gwaii and the fog zone. This is to help prevent wildfires caused by human activity (so-caused in 69% of cases since April 1), protect public safety, and help keep critical firefighting resources available for naturally occurring wildfires.

The ban includes open fires of woody debris in outdoor stoves; portable campfire apparatuses that are not CSA/ULC approved; tiki torches, fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, chimineas, burning barrels; binary exploding targets (e.g. rifle target practice).

Fines and penalties range from \$1,150 to \$10,000; court conviction fines can be up to \$100,000.

The Coastal Fire Centre covers all of the area west of the height of land on the Coast Mountain Range from the US-Canada border at Manning Park, including Tweedsmuir South Provincial Park in the north, the Sunshine Coast, the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and Haida Gwaii.

To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call 1-800-663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. Current information on wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality: www.bcwildfire.ca

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

Coast Collective Art Centre. Galloping Goose: Urban & Rural Landscapes exhibit. Aug 22 -Sept 9. Meet the artists Sat Aug 25, 1-3 pm. www.coastcollective.ca

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

City of Colwood. Mon Aug 27. Council meeting 7pm. OCP public hearing, 3rd reading and possible final approval. www.colwood.ca

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

Elections BC - 2018 Municipal and School Trustee Nominations Period: Sept 4 to 14 [General Voting Day Oct 20]. elections.bc.ca

Saw Mills: More than Machines. EXHIBIT June 24 to Nov 2 at Sooke Region Museum. 2070 Phillips Rd, Sooke. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

Hot weather & staying cool JULY

Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
LANGFORD / similar for most of the West Shore						
HIGH 24°	27°	27°	29°	29°	28°	27°
NIGHT 16°	16°	17°	18°	17°	17°	17°

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● **There was a bit of reprieve** July 19-20 from a stretch of super-hot dry days mid-month, but temperatures pushing 30°C on the west shore are coming again during the week of July 23 to 28.

The Weather Network forecasts steady hot dry heat through to next weeked, with highs of 29°C for Langford and Sooke for Wednesday July 25 (and that's before the 'feels like' component that is compounded by any humidity/wind).

Ways to stay cool outdoors include wearing loose clothing and a hat, staying under an umbrella, hanging out in the shade, and staying hydrated. Use air conditioning in your vehicle or at least a cross-breeze with open windows.

Ways to stay cool indoors include keeping windows covered to block direct sunshine. With technology: fans make you feel cooler and air conditioning actually cools the room; both will push up your electricity bill. Ceiling fans rotating counter-clockwise create cool downward airflow. The new Dyson 'bladeless' fans have powerful air projection (blades are hidden within the pedestal), drawing air like a vacuum cleaner and pushing it out into a ring.

Some communities of homes have a shared heat extraction system (such as the energy distribution through underground hot/cool water pipes in Westhills in Langford).

Very young children and the elderly are particularly susceptible to challenges from prolonged heat exposure, as is anyone with a condition that compromises the body's ability to regulate temperature. **WSV**

Sawmills exhibit exposes history in the Sooke area

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● **Sawmills: More Than Machines!** is the exhibit on now until November 2 at the Sooke Region Museum. It's an in-depth look at the human and mechanical history of sawmills in the region. While the sawmill is seen as an individual enterprise, they have been central to communities.

Technology and social role are both explored in the exhibit (upstairs on the 2nd floor). Artifacts, photos, and archives from the museum's collection are incorporated to show how a town formed around mills, skid roads and other points of activity.

The museum says that in the Sooke area, the Kapoor sawmill was owned by one of the early BC Sikh families. The mill included bunk houses divided by ethnic origins, including Chinese, Sikh, and Europeans, and had amenities such as a school for the children of the workers. The closing of the Sooke Forest Products mill in the 1980's had an impact far beyond the loss of jobs – it signaled the change of a community.

The exhibit opened June 24 during the museum's annual Open House and Salmon BBQ. The community was invited to loan or donate unique or rare artifacts to the exhibit, proving an authentic relationship to Sooke's logging history. **WSV**

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