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## Melanie Mark: making her mark

by Mary P Brooke  
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● Upbeat and excited to be doing the full scope of her high-profile job as the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training since July 2017, Melanie Mark also proudly carries the role of matriarch as a member of her nation and clan and house. "I take on those responsibilities out of respecting our family."

"I don't have a private life," with all that's on her plate, she says. "The public doesn't understand intergenerational trauma" – something front of mind for Mark for what her extended family experienced through the residential school system.

She is Nisga'a, Gitksan, Cree, Ojibway, French and Scottish and a proud mother of two girls – Maya, 15, and Makayla, 7.

Melanie Mark was appointed Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training on July 18, 2017. A lifelong champion of children, youth and her community, she was elected MLA for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant in 2016 and re-elected in 2017. She is the first female First Nations Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and the first female First Nations Cabinet Minister.

On a typical day there are meetings, travel and public appearances. In the evening – sometimes quite late -- she'll get calls from former youth in care who she has taken under her wing. She also recently married.

What keeps her going? "I had such an allergic reaction to injustice, I want change. I get lit up when I have a feeling that something's just wrong," Minister Mark told *West Shore Voice News* this week.

Saying she's always been known for "having a big mouth and seeing through a glass half full" has given Mark the "courage to stand up against the storm". If something's wrong, her response is: "What are we going to do about it?"

First chatting with Ms Mark at the Royal Roads University (RRU) grad scholarship funding announcement June 26 in Colwood, it was an opportunity to ask about the setbacks that propelled her forward. She also talked about maintaining her broader family ties even though they "see her as different" as she propels ever forward in the mainstream society that originally held the source of her oppression.

She gets comments from relatives like "we're not like you", and from a First Nation chief (who referred to her as a chief) saying she "sits alone" at their leadership table (because she now is a cabinet minister in the mainstream government) and belongs to a 'different family', the BC NDP.

So, oddly enough, battling to change the system from within both immerses Mark in a number of sociocultural worlds while also



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Minister Melanie Mark is known for inviting people to "get into the canoe and paddle together", for the power of collective impact.

isolating her into somewhat unexpected but powerful silos: an almost 24/7 public eye and being a perpetual fighter within a political system that embraces functional conformity.

Here's what contributes to her confidence: "Most of my life was not about choices, it was about resilience. I didn't choose to grow up in poverty. I didn't choose to be a victim of abuse. I didn't choose to live in a racist society surrounding me in the workplace and at school," she fluidly articulated. For Mark, resilience is about never being a passive victim.

What is she doing differently for her daughters? "As a mother I have made a concerted effort to protect my children from abuse." And she is quick to note that she does not mean abuse from within native community. "Abuse has no name".

Mark's early life was one of "a feeling of helplessness". But she listened to mentors. "I've had amazing people in my life that saw things in me that I didn't see in myself," she said this week. That included a rugby coach who saw tenacity and courage, a lawyer who saw an advocate, and teachers who saw smarts and intelligence. For her, these leaders "extended the vision of hope", including "apply for this, try this, don't quit".

"I was surrounded by and set up for failure in our society," said Mark, who grew up in social housing, frequently changed schools, and endured various types of abuse while in poverty. "I am setting up my daughters for possibility and opportunity. I will empower them, but the choices are going to be up to them," she said.

Some of this powerful understanding of adversity's damage to the human spirit is of course now beneficial in her work leading the post-secondary education system for the province. Starting with Premier John Horgan's now well-known mantra that "education is the great equalizer", she is proud that one of the first acts of the new NDP government last year was to waive fees for adult basic education. And there is now free post-secondary tuition for youth in care, and no fees for English language learning programs.

Particular to the west shore, the Ministry is collaborating with RRU and Sooke School District 62 (SD62) to try and improve the below-provincial-average transfer rates of local Grade 12 grads into post-secondary. One of the solutions could be to offer a variety of unique entry-level courses at RRU so that students can still live at home and avoid some of those initial housing and transportation costs that come with relocating to college or university afar. **WSV**

## BC sets stricter guidelines on using the term 'organic'

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● The deadline is fast approaching for organic food and beverage certification.

The BC Ministry of Agriculture reminds producers that in one month, a new strengthened regulatory approach for domestically marketed organic food and beverage products will be in place in British Columbia.

Beginning September 1, 2018 the BC government is regulating the term 'organic'. This means food and beverage products marketed in BC as 'organic' will be required to be certified through an accredited federal or provincial program.

The modern system will provide consumers with confidence that the BC organic agriculture products they enjoy are backed up with standards and requirements for the key words and phrases used to describe and market them.

Uncertified producers in the province marketing their food or beverage products as 'organic' will face the possibility of penalties, including a \$350 fine.

The new regulations were originally announced in 2016. Non-certified producers have been provided with a



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lengthy transition period to September 2018 to allow the time to complete the certification process.

Where this poses potential issues for both small or independent food growers and for consumers in search of natural foods, is that small and independent food growers may face, at various times and in various ways -- financial, organizational or personnel challenges. This requirement for more rigorous qualification and scrutiny of their product potentially opens the door to bigger businesses edging into the local and regional food markets in ways that may threaten farmers' livelihoods and consumer choice.

Further information on BC's organic food and beverages and amendments to the current provincial regulation: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/animals-and-crops/organic-food-and-beverages> **WSV**

## BC-wide reminder to conserve water

● Extremely warm and dry weather conditions prompted the Province on July 30 to announce a Level 3 drought rating for much of coastal BC, including Vancouver Island. Voluntary water-use reductions are asked of all surface-water and groundwater users, including municipal, agricultural and industrial users.

Some important fish-bearing streams on the island are approaching critical environmental flow thresholds for ecosystems and fish, including the Koksilah, Chemainus, San Juan and Salmon Rivers. Maximum water conservation is encouraged in these and other low-flow watersheds. Angling closures may go into effect if the warm temperatures continue to negatively impact stream flows. If required, there could be temporary suspension of water licences or short-term water approvals to restore flows to minimum critical levels in affected streams.

Municipal water conservation bylaws may differ from provincial water conservation targets, due to local water supply and demand, and the availability of storage (lakes and reservoirs) or groundwater. The Capital Regional District (CRD) has Stage 1 restrictions in place now to September 30. Check the lawn watering schedules based on house address, at [www.crd.bc.ca/water](http://www.crd.bc.ca/water)

In the CRD, established trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetable gardens may be watered by a hand-held hose with a shut-off device or hand held container, or micro/drip irrigation system, on any day at any time.

Water conservation at home includes limited outdoor watering, choosing drought-tolerant vegetation, and less water use in bathrooms. For farms, an irrigation scheduling program using real-time weather data is recommended. Industry should reduce non-essential water use and use water-efficient equipment. **WSV**

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News business jargon: some insights

Publisher's Note



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● **It's great when people are curious** about the news process. Here's a question from someone in the community this week: "What's the difference between an exclusive, breaking a story, and a scoop?"

**Getting an exclusive** means the story (generally something considered significant or particularly interesting) that is covered just by one news service (publication or media outlet). It's usually a one-time photo-op or event that can't or won't be replicated.

**Breaking a story** usually implies some or a lot of pre-release legwork to dig up information on something recognized as significant to the community, and being the first news service to release that item.

**A scoop** means being the first news service to present a news story that many others will also soon likely report; you got it first, and/or technically made it first to front page or Internet. ■

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REGIONAL NEWS

Metchosin Councillor Moralea Milne killed in car crash

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● **Flags outside District of Metchosin municipal hall** were at half-mast on July 30 in honour of Councillor Moralea Milne. Ms Milne, 68, suddenly passed away on Saturday July 28, in a vehicle crash in Surrey.

A public service will be held Sunday August 5 at 2 pm at the Metchosin Municipal Grounds, 4450 Happy Valley Road. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own recyclable water container as this will be an earth-friendly service to honour Moralea's passion and commitment to the environment, the District said on Thursday.

Crash investigators determined that the driver of an oncoming vehicle had disregarded a stop sign. It was a head-on crash.



Moralea Milne (1950-2018)

District of Metchosin website

"Today is a very sad day for everyone who knew and worked with Moralea, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family now," said Metchosin Mayor John Ranns in a news release on July 30.

"Moralea made many thoughtful contributions to important policy decisions on Council and her voice will be missed. She cared deeply about Metchosin and the environment and in addition to being an outstanding Councillor, served her community well in many other ways," Mayor Ranns said.

"Moralea was first elected to the District of Metchosin in 2008. During her tenure she served on many important committees and Boards including, Finance and Administration Committee Chair, Finance and Environment Committee Chair, Environmental Advisory Committee, West Shore Parks and Recreation Society Board Member, CRD Regional Housing Trust Fund, Greater Victoria Public Library Board, among others. She was an active and dedicated member of Council," it was stated in the Metchosin news release.

"Moralea was known for her diligence in all financial matters, always with the goal of getting the best value for taxpayers as well as being instrumental in solidifying the great relationship between Metchosin Council and Beecher Bay Scia'new First Nation," said Mayor Ranns.

"Our hearts go out to Moralea's family, she leaves behind a wonderful and strong family and I know they will be a great source of comfort and support to one another," it was posted on the District of Metchosin website on July 30.

Colwood Mayor Carol Hamilton opened her Council's meeting on Monday evening July 30 with her heartfelt expression of support for the Milne family. "There are some heartbroken people in the District of Metchosin today," said Hamilton. Colwood Council members signed a card expressing their sympathies.

"My condolences go out to her family on behalf of the City of Langford," said Langford Mayor Stew Young. "Such a tragic loss, the whole region lost a great representative of the people. Her commitment and dedication to making Metchosin a better place for her residents will be missed and difficult to replace."

District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait offered her condolences: "I am saddened by the sudden passing of Councillor Moralea Milne. Moralea served her community with kindness and a gracious heart. I wish Moralea's family and friends comfort and strength during this very difficult time," said Tait.

Premier John Horgan (whose riding in the west shore for many years included Metchosin) said: "I am so saddened that Councillor Moralea Milne has passed. Moralea's work on the Metchosin Council enriched the lives of her community members. From her unwavering advocacy for the environment, to her steadfast commitment to the relationship with the Scia'new First Nation, Moralea served her community with care. Metchosin and British Columbia have lost a great friend, and I will miss everything about her. My heart goes out to Moralea's family. I wish them comfort and strength during this very difficult time."

Milne was not planning to run for re-election in Metchosin. She was travelling with her husband (age 73) at the time of the accident; on Monday he was reportedly in hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 37-year-old driver of the second vehicle was also injured in the crash.

"Donations in lieu of flowers to the Metchosin Foundation are appreciated," said the District of Metchosin in a news release and the family in the city-wide obituary. **WSV**



Moralea Milne (left) serving with her peers on the West Shore Parks & Recreation Board. [West Shore Voice News file photo: final meeting of the WSPR board before disbanding, June 14, 2018].

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Real estate: July 2018

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● **Greater Victoria area real estate** stats for the month of July 2018 were released on August 1 by the Victoria Real Estate Board. Let's start with the basics.

**In the west shore**, the average sale price of single family homes sold in Langford was \$723,388 (48 sales) which is up by \$29,219 from June. In Colwood the average was \$774,180 (22 sales) which is down by \$13,395 from June. In Sooke the average sale price was \$552,100 (21 sales) which is down by \$26,536 from the June average sale.

**For overall Greater Victoria** the average house sale was \$929,543 in July 2018. Other than in February of this year, the average house price in Greater Victoria this year has been above \$900,000 (Jan \$925,715; Feb \$876,397; March \$903,052; April \$917,793; May \$921,046).

Monthly sales volume this year increased steadily from January (431) to May (755) then edged lower in June (708) and and July (651). Summer is traditionally a slower sales period after the springtime burst usually seen March-May each year as homeowners with families try to set up summer move dates ahead of school starting in September or generally take advantage of good summer weather for relocation.

Notably, the inventory of properties for

Average prices for single family homes			
Area	Single Family House Price in July 2018	Single Family House Price in June 2018	Differential
Langford	\$723,388	\$694,169	higher by \$29,219 in July
Colwood	\$774,180	\$787,575	fell by \$13,395 in July
Sooke	\$552,100	\$578,646	fell by \$26,536
Greater Victoria	\$929,543	\$889,097	up overall by \$40,446

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sale has steadily increased each month in 2018. From a low point of 1,384 properties for sale at year-end 2017, inventory in January at 1,481 grew month by month up to 2,607 in July 2018. The market supply is being replenished. This results from a few different factors: prices are high and going higher; the mortgage stress-test has eliminated easy fluidity for low-end sellers and first-time buyers; and the economy is some ways more uncertain (tariffs affecting some industries and the cost of living in general).

As well, uncertainty has resulted for the higher-end sector by their reaction to the looming BC Speculation Tax which has already chilled the interest of buyers in the higher end of the market. Those same factors that the current BC government hopes will free up more housing are in fact creating market uncertainty that is beginning to spook some development projects, which perhaps have minimized, slowed or even been cancelled. BC housing policy that ramps up construction of affordable housing projects is numerically achieving 'roofs over heads' for people at the low end of socioeconomic scale – a good thing. But for people looking to buy a regular home with regular income, the prospects are not likely to improve under current conditions.

Last month condos sold in Langford on average broke the \$400,000 price point, selling at \$407,343. In Colwood in July condos sold at a whopping \$532,450 (over \$100,000 higher than the June average). Condo product is infrequently available in Sooke (no sales in June or July). Condos overall in Greater Victoria in July sold at \$474,924 which is drop by over \$10,000 from June.

In the townhome market in July, the overall Greater Victoria average dropped by over \$52,000 from June to July 2018, setting at \$563,718. In Langford the townhome average was \$486,473, in Colwood \$671,880, and in Sooke \$563,718. **WSV**

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Some of the **public response** to this article on Facebook (Aug 2) included the views that foreign buyers are pushing up the market, and that relatively low prices in Langford are achieved with small lot sizes.

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## Coming up: 8th Annual Show & Shine

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● **"The Langford car show** is a great family event and the location on Goldstream Avenue at the fountain is a spectacular pedestrian friendly venue," said Langford Mayor Stew Young this week.

The 8th Annual Show & Shine held in mid-town Langford will be on Sunday, August 19, 10 am to 3 pm.

"Langford has a great car culture and is known for hot rods, classic cars and of course we are home to Western Speedway with racing still on Saturday nights for over 70 years."

Young said this is a great opportunity for car owners to get their cars out of their garages and showcase them to thousands of enthusiastic car buffs.

"The Langford show and shine grows every year and is



Langford Mayor Stew Young announcing car show winners chosen by public popular vote at last year's Show & Shine (August 2017).

Langford's biggest crowd gathering with hundreds of cars and over 10,000 residents and visitors taking part in the show. Looking forward to seeing lots of different cars, good weather, live music, beer tastings and just great fun for all," said Stew Young.

This year some of the organizational improvements include online registrations, and vehicles being displayed in categories.

In lieu of car exhibitors paying a registration fee, this year the City will accept non-perishable food and financial contributions for the Goldstream Food Bank and/or Wounded Warriors.

The event is free for the public to attend. **WSV**

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**Early registration** for the 170 car spots was encouraged earlier this summer. Dash plaques available this year. Show info at [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

^^ Walkabout, no bicycles, dogs must be on leashes.

### TRAFFIC INFO

#### LANGFORD ON THE MOVE



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**Sunday, August 19, Langford Show and Shine car show.** 10 am to 3 pm. Road Closures: Goldstream Ave, from Peatt Rd to Veterans Memorial Pkwy, portions of both Bryn Maur Rd and Claude Rd will be closed to all through traffic from 7 am to 4 pm. Peatt Rd will be congested and it is recommended to use an alternate route. Event Preparation: Overnight and early morning street parking for the roads affected by Show n' Shine will be unavailable on the night before the event.

**NOW OPEN (with some interruptions). 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.

**Summer 2018.** Along Langford Pkwy near stadium and arena. Completion of Leigh Rd Railway Crossing over to Langford Pkwy.

**Continuing / 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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## Municipal Election Watch 2018

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### Michael Baxter in the running for a seat on Colwood Council

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● **A new name in the race** for Colwood council is Michael Baxter. A Colwood resident, Baxter officially confirmed this week that he is planning to run in the October 20 municipal election. Nominations officially open September 4.

Baxter has over 40 years experience working for municipal governments in the UK and BC, including 10 years working for Colwood as the Director of Engineering. He has worked part-time as a consultant since his retirement from government.

"I feel that I would bring a strong knowledge of Colwood and the workings of municipal government to this role," said Baxter in his announcement news release. "I have long had a passion for this community and would like to continue to contribute to its success."

Baxter was the staff lead for the high-profile Solar Colwood project several years ago that saw a grant of \$3.9 million come to the City to support installation of solar panels, electric vehicle charging stations and numerous energy saving projects that have saved homeowners money on their energy bills. He also itemized in his news release that he led the successful resolution of the City's past sewer challenges, and the completion of the Wale Road project.

"Municipal work can be complex," he says, "but I have a lot of experience in making change happen," said Baxter. [www.MichaelBaxterinColwood.ca](http://www.MichaelBaxterinColwood.ca)

Running for Mayor of Colwood, known to date, are current Mayor Carol Hamilton and two-term Colwood Councillor Rob Martin. Councillor incumbents seeking re-election include Cynthia Day, Gordie Logan and Jason Nault. Current councillors Terry Trace and Lilja Chong are not seeking re-election. Therefore, of the present six-seat



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Michael Baxter announces candidacy for Colwood Council

council that leaves three seats open, which heralds a big change in the face and possibly direction of Colwood in the next four years.

Issues in the Colwood race are likely to include the Official Community Plan and overall community development including greenspace preservation, sewer expansion, challenges to overall housing affordability, transportation as relates to employment commuting, and the local economy including jobs. **WSV**

## Slates in municipal politics

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● **There is no slate** of candidates (i.e. more than one candidate running a joint campaign) in Sooke, as was clarified this week by Mayor Maja Tait and Councillor Ebony Logins. While any two or more candidates may have similar views on issues in the community, to date there is no declaration of any slates in any of the west shore municipalities for this fall's election.

Logins says that in the 2014 election she and Tait used the same campaign manager -- Diane Bernard. That -- in and of itself -- does not make a slate (i.e. two or more names presented to the voters as a block). **WSV**

## 2018-2019 academic year gets started under new SD62 Superintendent Stinson

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● **The first SD62 Board meeting** of 2018-2019 and the first under new SD62 Superintendent Scott Stinson will be held on Tuesday, August 28 in the SD62 board room, 7pm.

Stinson shifts over from SD63 (Saanich) where he was most recently an Assistant Superintendent, but also was a principal in SD62 in previous years. He attended as an observer at the last SD62 board meeting under outgoing Superintendent Jim Cambridge, on June 26. Cambridge retired July 31.

The new board room in the SD62 administration building at 3143 Jacklin Road has been recently equipped with an upgraded sound system including microphones for each trustee and executive staff person to use. Skylights nicely brighten the room during daylight hours. There is a table for stakeholders (including Principals, Teachers, CUPE, and parent leadership) at the back of the room, facing the board.

This week SD62 Vice-Chair Bob Phillips said the board is pleased about Stinson coming into the job. "He will help us maintain the course," said Phillips. **WSV**

### Evergreen mall frontage in Sooke

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● **The large Partners REIT sign** outside Evergreen Shopping Centre in Sooke says 'Proposed New Development', with suggested commercial units of 1,000 to 4,200 sf. Frontage there in 6600-block Sooke Road at the roundabout in town centre would be ideal for the right retail shop or office. A fire five years ago (July 31, 2013) destroyed the previous building at that front portion of the mall. **WSV**

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

**32nd Sooke Fine Arts Show.** July 27 to Aug 6 at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. Continues through Monday of the BC Day long weekend. [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com)  
**'Collaborations'.** Meet the Artists: Fri Aug 3, 7:00 to 9:00pm. Exhibit runs Aug 1 to 19. [www.coastcollective.ca](http://www.coastcollective.ca)

**Sooke Music & Art Festival.** Sat Aug 4. In John Phillips Memorial Park, 2197 Otter Pt Rd, Sooke. Free family-oriented event with activities, live music, food on site. 11 am to 9 pm. [www.sookemusicfestival.com](http://www.sookemusicfestival.com)

**BC Day Long weekend.** Sat Aug 4 through Mon Aug 6. BC Day on Monday Aug 6 is a statutory holiday.

**Story Walk™ Wednesday.** Wed Aug 8. 6-7:30pm. Mount Work Regional Park (Highlands). Drop-in nature trail walk, all ages, with children's storytime. [www.westshorerecreation.ca](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca) | [www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events](http://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events)

**Sooke Night Market.** Thurs Aug 9. Thursday nights 5 to 8 pm til Sept. [www.sookeregionmuseum.ca](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)

**Neighbourhood Nights** at Royal Bay Meadow Park (Latoria near Metchosin Rd). Family picnic in the park. Thurs Aug 9 (also Aug 23), 6 to 8 pm. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)

**'Emergence'** at South Shore Gallery. Exhibit official opening Sat Aug 11, 1 to 4 pm. Exhibit runs Aug 11 to 25 in support of the Sooke Food Bank. 2046 Otter Point Rd, Sooke.

**National Band of the Naval Reserve** concert. Sun Aug 12, Ed MacGregor Park, 6700-block of Sooke. 2 pm. Free.

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon Aug 13. 12 to 6:45 pm. Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

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**Movies on the Hill.** Thurs Aug 16 behind the JdF library, 1767 Island Hwy. 8:45 pm. [www.westshorerecreation.ca](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca)

**RCMP Musical Ride.** Sat Aug 18 & Sun Aug 19. Hosted by Sooke Lions Club. Matinee on Saturday, sunset ride on Sunday. [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride)

**Langford Show and Shine.** Sun Aug 19. 10am to 3 pm. Car show along Goldstream Ave from Peatt Rd to Veterans Memorial Pkwy. Free, walkabout. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**John Horgan's annual summer BBQ in Sooke.**

Sun Aug 19. 12 noon to 2 pm at Sooke Flats. Members of the local Langford-Juan de Fuca community are welcome. Free to attend.

**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](http://www.coastcollective.ca)

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon Aug 27. Sooke Legion, 6726 Eustace Rd. 12:30 to 6:30 pm. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**City of Colwood.** Mon Aug 27. Council meeting 7pm. OCP public hearing, 3rd reading and possible final approval. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)

**SD62 Public Board Meeting.** Tues Aug 28. At the school board office. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament.** Thurs Aug 30. Bear Mountain Golf Course, Langford. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**SD62 Back to School.** Tues Sept 4. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**Elections BC - 2018 Municipal and School Trustee Nominations Period:** Sept 4 to 14 [General Voting Day Sat Oct 20]. [elections.bc.ca](http://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](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)

Exciting new changes coming to the WSV website in time for municipal election coverage. Stay tuned!

WEST SHORE VOICE

## REGIONAL NEWS

### RCMP Musical Ride coming to Sooke: August 18 & 19

West Shore Voice News

● The RCMP Musical Ride was last on Vancouver Island in 2017 at Royal Roads in Colwood as part of Canada 150 Celebrations, and before that in 2013 at the Saanich Fairgrounds.

"This time around we wanted to do something special for Sooke," says former Sooke RCMP Detachment Commander Steve Wright who is now retired, living in Sooke, and volunteering with the Sooke Lions Club.

About 20 people are helping organize the event, including members of the two Lions Clubs and Lioness Club in the area. The Sooke Community Association is participating with the event as it is occurring at Fred Milne Park. "As well we have involved people outside of our club as well for their expertise in specific areas," says Wright.

The matinee on Saturday August 18 will start at 2 pm (gates open at noon). The sunset performance on Sunday August 19 sees the gates open at 4 pm for the 6 pm show, concluding close to the 8:20 pm sunset.

"The musical ride is a long-standing tradition in the RCMP and is well known around the world," says Wright. "Members who are successful in getting on the ride travel around Canada and the world representing our iconic Force."

RCMP officers participating in the formal equestrian showcase make an exclusive three-year commitment -- no other policing duties. Transferring to Ottawa, members train for about a year, then travel for two more. Members apply and then must pass a one-month equestrian course.

Horses mainly travel in tractor trailer units. For overseas travel, they fly. Horses are trained from an early age to travel and the horses all take it in stride.

Special memories from Saanich in 2013: "We raised a lot of money for two children's charities (\$65,000). We had a lot of fun working with other Lions Clubs to put on an amazing two-day event that is affordable for families," said Wright. "It is very special for us to host a world class event in Sooke. We have tried to sell as many tickets as possible in Sooke prior to selling them elsewhere," he said this week. Tickets are available in Sooke at Shoppers, Pharmasave and the RCMP Detachment; also at Willow Wind Feed in Langford and Esquimalt Dry Cleaners.

As a treat for local seniors, two RCMP Members and their horses will make a special visit to Ayre Manor in Sooke town centre where they will talk to the residents and display the horses to people who may not be able to attend the crowd-size performances.

The National Band of the Naval Reserve will perform both days as the pre-show entertainment. The band will also do a free concert in Sooke on Sunday August 12 at Ed Macgregor Park, 2 pm.

There are 2,200 tickets to be sold for each performance. Portable bleachers and some chairs will be the available seating; people will not be allowed to bring their own lawn chairs due to limited room. "We are not using the artificial turf. We will be using the lower field closest to Sooke Road," says Wright.

Planning for this event started five years ago right after the Musical Ride in Saanich. "We applied to host the Musical Ride immediately following our last show. We started our planning sessions for the event in Sooke in January 2018 when we were awarded the Musical Ride, says

More info on the Musical Ride:

Facebook: [SookeMusicalRide](https://www.facebook.com/SookeMusicalRide)

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The RCMP Musical Ride delighted crowds at the Saanich Fairgrounds in 2013.

Wright. Premier John Horgan is planning to attend one of the performances.

Organizers suggesting buying tickets ahead of time, and not wait until the August 18 and 19 performance days. All tickets \$5. There will be a food concession and RCMP Musical Ride merchandise for sale -- cash only. All profits go to the Canadian Cancer Society - Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock. **WSV**

## BC Arts Council: some new appointees

West Shore Voice News

● Five new members have been appointed to the 15-member BC Arts Council (BCAC) board; one member has a renewed term. Most council members are from the mainland; from the Victoria area are Ian Case and Dean Heron.

Appointed by Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture Lisa Beare, the council "represents diverse cultural and artistic communities throughout BC". Sector expertise represented in the new and renewed board members include: symphony, digital media, theatre, international performing arts development, ballet, and business development banking.

BCAC adjudication is considered an independent peer-review process." Depending on council members and the sectors they represent, may affect application outcomes.

Program areas include operating assistance, project assistance, book publishers, awards for individuals, and touring. Guidelines may from time to time require revision.

The Council meets at least four times a year, with one annual meeting outside major urban centres.

In 2017-18, the BCAC provided \$24 million to help artists and cultural organizations flourish in more than 200 communities. In Budget 2018, BC increased BCAC support by \$15 million over the next three years, with \$29 million going to BCAC for 2018-2019. Funding goes to professional artists, arts

## BC Day weekend

## Warming up to mid-20s

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## West Shore RCMP News: Shots in residential area

● On Tuesday July 31 around 10 pm, West Shore RCMP responded to a report of gun shots being exchanged between persons of two vehicles (truck and SUV) in a quiet residential area of Langford near the Ronald Rd and Chan PI intersection. Witness told investigators the vehicles then sped away toward nearby Sooke Rd (Highway 14). Shell casings were found. More: [https://westshorevoicenews.com/?page\\_id=12533](https://westshorevoicenews.com/?page_id=12533) **WSV**

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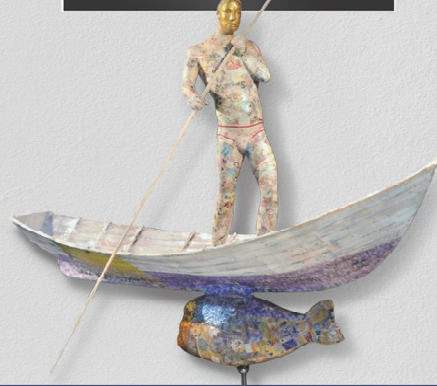
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Contact: 250-642-4378

## Sooke FINEARTSSHOW



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organizations and community initiatives, in addition to training and scholarships, and a youth engagement program. **WSV**

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