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**Phase 1 of Westshore Urgent Primary Care Centre in Langford announced October 26.**

**New clinic at 582 Goldstream Ave will absorb 5,300 patients who are presently without a family doctor.**



**BC Health Minister Adrian Dix addressed crowd at opening of the Westshore Urgent Primary Care Centre in Langford October 26, 2018.** From left: MLA Mitzi Dean (Esquimalt-Metchosin); Premier John Horgan (MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca); Health Minister Adrian Dix; and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Judy Darcy.

**Touring the new Westshore Urgent Primary Care Centre in Langford on October 26** (from left): Marko Peljhan, Executive Director, Geography 4, Integrated Health Services, Island Health; Langford Mayor Stew Young; Langford Councillor Lanny Seaton; and Langford CAO Darren Kiedyk.

<https://westshorevoicenews.com/langford-gives-permanent-tax-break-to-medical-offices/>

Langford Mayor Stew Young says there will be a tax exemption for new primary care offices in his fast-growing city. It's part of providing more health care by attracting top level physicians and health care providers to the community.

Langford is taking the lead with a no-tax approach that has served well for the city's economy in other sectors, notably by attracting big-box stores over the past decade. As well, businesses of all sizes are charged only once for a business licence in Langford. A strong economic sector has been the underpinning for the demand and growth of housing over the last 10 to 15 years.

"If you build a medical health office – physicians or otherwise – we will never charge you taxes for that," Stew Young said on Friday October 26 during the event at which the Westshore Urgent Primary Care Centre at 582 Goldstream Avenue in Langford was announced. "We won't tax you, if you're providing services to our residents," said Mayor Young about doctors and other health care providers who would come to Langford to set up shop.

The clinic opens November 5 and there will be more offices built at 582 Goldstream Avenue to accommodate more doctors by April 2019, said Marko Peljhan, Executive Director, Geography 4, Integrated Health Services, Island Health.

Peljhan said the broader west shore area (including the full range of Langford, Colwood, Metchosin, View Royal, and Sooke beyond to Port Renfrew) sees about 30,000 people without a primary care physician – about one in 83 people are without a doctor. About 15,000 of those are in the Langford area.

The Westshore Urgent Primary Care Centre at a cost of \$3.4 million is Phase 1 of a multi-phase approach to dealing with addressing that challenge, said Peljhan: "We're meeting the overflow need and attaching people to a physician. We need more in Sooke and closer to Royal Bay, and something else in Langford. As we build more housing we need to consider the health care needs."

The new health care centre (including doctors, nurses, physiotherapy, dietitian and mental health and addictions professionals) includes an acute care bay to which an ambulance can pull up directly. The distance to Victoria General Hospital is 7.8 km.

"This is the best news for health care in our region for 25 years," said Mayor Young. "With the problems of opioids, chronic conditions, and addictions... this is a good first step." "We can handle 5,000 out of the 15,000 who are without a physician, here in Langford with this new facility." After that, we will also soon "take care of the other 10,000". He says the new facility is a first step with a teamwork approach. "We're going to finish it off and make sure nobody is left behind. We'll make sure we are part of the solution," said Stew Young. "Public health, safety, and looking after young families and seniors is really important."

Dr William Cunningham – a Langford-based primary care physician who has been Doctors of BC president and now works in the ER at Saanich Peninsula Hospital – said at the primary care centre opening that "municipalities need to create an environment that attracts doctors".

Deborah Cracknell, Director, Community Health Services for Sooke, Esquimalt and the West Shore, said Island Health is "getting in front of" the need for more primary health care in the fast-growing Langford area. On October 26 she

**Purchase of Evergreen mall in Sooke paves way for medical clinic expansion**



**The West Coast Family Medical Clinic is privately owned by a group of local physicians. The facility will soon be expanded.**

**Evergreen Shopping Centre at the Sooke town centre roundabout has been sold to Skyline Retail REIT.**

by Mary P Brooke West Shore Voice News <https://westshorevoicenews.com/skyline-commercial-reit-buys-evergreen-mall-sooke-medical-clinic-expansion/>

**Within the sale and purchase of Evergreen Shopping Centre in Sooke comes news of an expanded medical services facility.**  
The news came in two parts on Friday, October 26.

**An expanded medical clinic** for Sooke was announced by Premier John Horgan (MLA for Langford-Juan de Fuca which includes Sooke) while announcing a new urgent primary care centre in Langford on Friday afternoon.

Premier Horgan said over 15,000 people in the west shore (that count was later identified by Island Health as specifically Langford) are "not attached to a health care provider" but that the new Westshore Urgent Primary Care Centre on Goldstream Avenue in central Langford will now absorb about 5,300 new patients to be "attached" to a primary health care provider (physician or nurse practitioner).

Island Health says that the fuller west shore region (including Colwood, Metchosin, View Royal, Highlands, and Sooke up to Port Renfrew) has about 30,000 people in need of a family physician or primary care provider.

Expansion of primary care facilities and services in BC is an undertaking of the NDP government under Premier John Horgan.

Health Minister Adrian Dix told media following the official announcement on Friday that the capacity for another five physicians will be added in Sooke by March 31 in 2019, bringing the total doctor count there to 15.

Dix says the government had found that 750,000 people in BC have been without a primary care physician.

About one in 83 people on Vancouver Island are not attached to a family doctor, said Marko Peljhan, Executive Director, Geography 4, Integrated Health Services, Island Health. **WSV**

conducted tours of the new westshore facility for VIPs, guests and media.

The City of Langford was given accolades by Island Health for facilitating speedy construction of the Westshore Urgent Primary Care Centre; building permits had been promptly issued. Construction was completed in 2.5 months.

Premier John Horgan called Langford "the best and fastest-growing" on Vancouver Island. As Mayor for now 26 years, Stew Young and his long-time council have developed today's thriving metropolitan Langford from the ground up. "We want our residents to be happy," said Young. **WSV**

**It was confirmed by West Shore Voice News** on Friday October 26, that Skyline Retail REIT has purchased Evergreen Shopping Centre. Public notice was given to mall tenants on Wednesday night (October 24).

The development potential of the mall had been promoted by previous owner Partners REIT (September 1, 2011 to October 24, 2018), in particular the bareland frontage onto Sooke Road (Hwy 14) where a fire in July 2013 took down the oldest section of the 40-year-old mall (built in 1978 and redeveloped in 2010).

About 10 physicians currently operate out of the West Coast Family Medical Clinic at the busy mall located at 6660 Sooke Road in Sooke town centre. The clinic appointment roster (including drop-ins) is often full by mid-day, indicating pent-up demand for local health care services.

It has not been confirmed whether the existing space at end-unit #1300-6660 Sooke Road will be expanded or whether a new building will be constructed on the frontage portion of the open-air mall property which enjoys direct access from the town-centre roundabout (an attractive feature for Skyline) that was fully completed in early 2016. Skyline Retail REIT president Gordon Driedger says a coffee shop is a consideration for the frontage portion, with office retail alongside.

The open-air Evergreen Shopping Centre in Sooke town centre presently boasts a variety of shops within 72,105 sq ft leasing area with a mix of tenants. It was purchased as part of a nine-property \$50 million package. Anchor tenants are Western Foods, Shoppers Drug Mart and a BC Liquor Store, along with smaller retail outlets for pet supplies, electronics, clothing, dollar store, insurance, tax preparation, and fast food. Four financial institutions service the immediate area with TD next door and RBC, Coast Capital, and CIBC across the street.

There is already a medical lab in the Evergreen mall, but the only X-ray lab in town (with limited capacity in terms of equipment and hours of operation) is located a few blocks away at the corner of Sooke Road and Murray Road. A new primary care facility will likely make possible a new updated X-ray service. **WSV**

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## Tackling primary health care demands by changing the business approach

by **Mary P Brooke**  
Editor & Publisher



**Mary Brooke**  
founded this  
newspaper in 2011

● **As the BC government** tallied the large number of people in this province without a family doctor -- as many of 750,000 -- they also learned about one of the key factors that produces a shortage of frontline doctors. It has to do with life balance and money, and doctors wanting to practice medicine over and above being small business operators.

As Premier John Horgan said during his October 26 announcement about the new Westshore Urgent Primary Care Centre in Langford, physicians want to have time for family life and be able to take vacations. This probably improves the quality of care to patients.

So the considerable reduction in the number of people who are "not attached to a family doctor" is about to tumble fast. The centre in Langford will soon absorb 5,300 of the 30,000 in need on Vancouver Island. And true to their business-welcome philosophy, Langford says new health care offices will never be taxed. ■



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## Did we see youth-vote authenticity in the 2018 municipal election cycle?

by **Jennifer Brooke**  
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<https://westshorevoiceneews.com/editorial-youth-vote-authenticity-in-the-2018-municipal-election/>

● **I'm 20 years old.** I've been around for two elections now in BC: the provincial, and the municipal. But even before I was old enough to vote, I noticed a troubling pattern in many political campaigns that's still very much prevalent: anyone who wants the youth vote caters to all the wrong things about the youngest voters.

You think 'going for the youth vote', and there are some images that come to mind: Justin Trudeau posing for selfies with teenagers (who, in some instances, were actually taking a video, asking him a hard-hitting question about his policies). Trevor Barry calling himself a #n3rd. Even in the States, Hilary Clinton had a Vine account when it was still going.

Politicians of an older generation, in a desperate attempt to get the youth vote, aren't really addressing what youth care about. Trying to show off your knowledge of memes and text abbreviations doesn't get my vote, just an eye roll. What it tells me is that your precious time and energy was put into something superficial when it could have gone to actually addressing our concerns. Understanding a new voting group requires work to get it right, not the use of reactive campaign tactics. Taking youth seriously is inevitable for politicians. My generation is the one that will clean up the mess that baby boomers have left in their wake. Power and privilege will shift from the hands of those who have been clinging to it for too long.

We the youth want affordable housing. We want affordable food and schooling. We want an end to homelessness. We want accessible health care to accommodate the astronomical rates of mental illness. We want an increased minimum wage, and access to higher paying jobs. We want better sex education in schools that is LGBT+ inclusive and heavily discusses consent. We want spaces to learn the languages and heritages our families never taught us so we'd fit in. We want clean air and water by the time we're your age.

Politicians: we're watching, we're smarter than you think, and we know what we need—what the world needs. It's not anything that will evolve from old ways of thinking, or old institutions that keep a select few in power. We were given a messed up world to fix. Come with us to reshape it, or be left behind. Actions speak louder than words. Candidates that genuinely addressed progressive change in a way that youth could get behind seemed to do well on October 20 in several municipalities in the Greater Victoria region. Change has begun. ■

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## Voting for newer values in Sooke

by **Tom Myrick**  
Sooke Resident

<https://westshorevoiceneews.com/letter-voting-for-newer-values-in-sooke/>

● **Are the small-town values** that served Sooke well in the past relevant, or even desirable, for the present and future Sooke? Sooke now has over 13,000 residents and is the second-fastest growing community in British Columbia. It is very different than it was even one generation ago.

One candidate, in attempting to define Sooke values, says "it's about embracing community values and not about how long you have lived here". The candidate then proceeds to list activities that happened in the old days, that only people who have lived here all their lives can relate to.

I have lived in Sooke for nine years and care deeply about this community. However, I have never felt more like an "outsider" than after reading that article from a candidate.

This group of candidates wants to apply these small-town values to a municipality that is nearly a city. The reality is that Sooke is no longer a small town. More and more people will move here, and more and more tourists will visit this beautiful area. We need to elect candidates that understand this reality and will plan for this inevitable growth. There is a lot of nostalgia and romanticism for the "good old days", and that is human nature. However, it is also human nature to remember only the good times and forget the bad times. There is value to reminiscing about the past and learning from the mistakes made back then.

However, the past is gone, we live in the present, and we can influence the future. My votes are going to candidates that don't live in the past. ■

## Voter Turnout

● **Province-wide** voter turnout for the 2018 BC Municipal Elections was 35.6% (municipalities only, not regional districts or school boards). That's up only slightly from 2014 when the estimated turnout was 34.5%.

● **West shore** turnout:

Langford	18.49%
View Royal	29.39%
Colwood	31.53%
Sooke	41.77%
Metchosin	43.60%

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## Interest rate now 1.75% & more increases to come

● **The benchmark (policy) interest rate** was raised by the Bank of Canada by one-quarter-point to 1.75% on Wednesday October 24. That's the fifth time the central bank has lifted rates since mid-2017. And interest rates for mortgages and lines of credit are set for a further upward climb.

Bank of Canada Senior Deputy Governor Carolyn Wilkins said the strategy is about "returning the policy rate to a neutral stance" with an interest rate goal of 2.5% to 3.5% to match inflation. Therefore several more rate increases coming. That's good for people with savings and investment portfolios, but not great news for those who carry debt (including mortgages).

Wilkins said the economy is operating "near capacity" with "inflation close to our target". She said increases in air fares (underpinned by higher fuel costs) caught the bank's attention as fueling inflation. People are "adapting to higher interest rates and changes to mortgage underwriting guidelines", she said, adding that "households are adjusting budgets largely as expected, though we realize it is difficult for those who are highly indebted." Employment and incomes are continuing to grow, and "the quality of new debt is improving," said Wilkins.

Housing activity is seen to be moderating "to a more sustainable level" and the economy is more resilient "which reduces painful outcomes down the road". She inferred that under good economic conditions people should not be struggling with debt, but which may indicate a lack of the bank's real awareness of post-recession economic conditions for the self-employed or small businesses, as well as many folks with low-wage jobs and those who are without home equity.

Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz seemed pleased that the mortgage 'stress test' (which commenced January 1, 2018) and interest rate increases (2017-2018) are having what he calls a positive impact on housing affordability. Meanwhile, those 'on the edge' (buying and selling entry level homes) are frequently taking an economic hit and being held back.

This week Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer said a survey shows 94.9% of respondents (party supporters) feel they are 'not better off now' than in 2015. **WSV**

<https://westshorevoiceneews.com/bank-of-canada-interest-rate-now-1-75-more-increases-to-come/>

## Trudeau grapples with arms deal vs human rights in wake of murdered Saudi journalist

● **Canada under Stephen Harper** signed an arms deal with Saudi Arabia in 2014 that supports about 3,000 jobs at a plant in Ontario and beyond in the parts-supply chain. Products of the deal are thought to be used in human rights atrocities by Saudi Arabia.

Scrapping the \$15 billion deal (details of which are confidential) could cost billions in "possible penalties", Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in a news conference October 25.

Consideration of cancelling the business contract comes amid outrage over the killing of *Washington Post* journalist Jamal Khashoggi who went missing October 2 after arriving at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

Trudeau says Canada is "working with the international community to get answers on the murder of Jamal Khashoggi and ensure that there are consequences", and finding ways to put "leverage and pressure" on Saudi Arabia to get "better answers as to what actually happened" to the journalist.

"Protection of a free press is fundamental to protecting human rights and upholding the stability of prosperity of countries around the world," said Trudeau. **WSV**

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## Bombs mailed to key Democrats & CNN

● **A 56-year-old** Florida man who 'appears to be partisan' and operating alone has been charged with sending 13 pipe bombs to Trump critics. A 14th device was reported by billionaire Tom Steyer, who has called for Trump's impeachment.

None of the bombs exploded. The US Secret Service was commended for intercepting most of the packages before they reached target destinations.

Packages had been addressed to former President Barack Obama, former secretary of state Hillary Clinton, former attorney general Eric Holder, billionaire philanthropist George Soros; two to Rep Maxine Waters (D-Calif); and two to former Vice President Joe Biden.

CNN received a package that was sent to former CIA director John Brennan. One package was addressed to Sen Cory Booker (D-NJ) and another to former director of national intelligence James Clapper at CNN, according to law enforcement sources (as reported by US media).

Rep Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla and former chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee) was shown as the sender/return-address.

While the act of one person, the underlying sentiment for this incident appears to have been stirred up by a reactive response to rhetoric often heard from US President Trump. **WSV**

# Municipal Election Results

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#### LANGFORD



Stew Young

As most would have expected given his solid 26-year run as Langford's Mayor, Stew Young continues for another term. With 3,939 (81.49%) of the votes cast in his city that boasts over 40,000 residents (26,018 eligible voters), Young's next four years are clearly about building upon the foundation of a strong commercial tax base, a business-friendly local economy, a bustling housing market (with affordability component), and an expanding recreational footprint.

While in years past it was about attracting big-retail businesses with low-to-zero tax incentives, now it's about bringing offices and professionals here to the west shore. That will first of all help reduce commuter travel into Victoria/Saanich but will also build a greater synthesis of services on the west shore including medical and health care (this week he announced that new health care offices will enjoy tax-free benefits to set up shop in Langford).

Sports is high-profile in Langford, with prominent teams like the Westshore Rebels (football), Victoria Shamrocks (lacrosse), and Pacific FC (professional soccer). Rugby Canada relocated their headquarters to Langford with now a training centre for the men's and women's teams. Recreation expansion in the last seven years has also included local sports fields, arena, YM/YWCA, parks, libraries, and music conservatory. Child care facilities are starting to increase in number.

And when housing develops in Langford sometimes it's a whole community that blossoms all at once, like the Belmont Residences development (441 new units over the next few years) combined with the Belmont Market commercial development.

Five Langford council incumbents re-elected on October 20 were Denise Blackwell, Matt Sahlstrom, Lanny Seaton, Lillian Szpak, and Roger Wade. New to council but not new to the local city hall scene is Norma Stewart who was included in Stew Young's collective endorsement during the campaign.

The returning council ran on their record of committee work and achievements produced through that level of organization. Returning councillors will continue to head up the same committees, including Blackwell as chair of Planning, Zoning & Affordable Housing; Szpak chairing Protective Services; Seaton chairing Parks, Recreation, Culture and Beautification; and Wade chairing Transportation and Public Works.

The number of schools in Langford will increase in the next few years in response to the demands of an increasing population. Young families with children in particular as well as seniors are seeking the relative affordability of market housing and rentals in Langford and the availability of affordable housing units.

In this campaign cycle, there was a contender for mayor, seeing Robert Fraser get 790 votes. His challenges about increased housing density, staff performance at city hall, and perhaps not enough attention to greenspace over developed park and recreation space did not resonate with a significant number of voters.

Stew Young seems to have a vision of a regional scope for Langford. A deal with Metchosin and Beecher Bay in 2017 produces a bird's eye view of a region where natural habitat is protected as a priority and where job growth continues through attentive development of commercial, industrial and residential spaces.

An issue arose during the campaign season over independent council candidate Wendy Hobbs concurrently running for school board. Hobbs got re-elected to the SD62 board, but was not elected to city council.

Stew Young relies on the business and political networks that he builds throughout his terms of office as a base for succeeding with each next campaign. His non-stop accomplishments speak for themselves.

The City of Langford runs like a business with goals of financial and procedural stability, team work among the leadership, and the execution of strategies based on long-term planning. **WSV**

#### Langford COUNCIL 2018-2022

##### Results:

- **Mayor Stew Young:** 3,939 (81.9%)
- **Councillors (6):**
  - **Lillian Szpak:** 3,466 (72%)
  - **Denise Blackwell:** 3,369 (70%)
  - **Norma Stewart:** 3,207 (66.6%)
  - **Lanny Seaton:** 3,121 (64.9%)
  - **Matt Sahlstrom:** 3,073 (63.9%)
  - **Roger Wade:** 2,948 (61.3%)

**2018 Langford Voter Turnout:**  
Ballots were cast by 4,812 of 26,018 eligible voters (18.49%)

#### COLWOOD



Rob Martin

Riding on the wave of change, two-term Colwood Councillor Rob Martin won the October 20, 2018 election to become Mayor. His 2,348 votes were 57.4% of the votes cast, beating out two-term incumbent Mayor Carol Hamilton who acquired 1,694 votes (41.4%).

Martin primarily indicated to voters that he would listen to the needs of developers for both the housing and commercial development that the community wants and now knows that it needs. Where that requires changes to the freshly-minted Official Community Plan (OCP), so be it. He wants to move forward the city of almost 17,000 people.

In Martin's wake have come four new councillors. Joining re-elected incumbents Cynthia Day and Gordie Logan are new to council (and new to elected politics): Michael Baxter, Dean Jantzen, Doug Kobayashi, and Stewart Parkinson. The gender composition of this council – with only one woman elected – is counter to the prevailing trend in other jurisdictions where women comprise an increasing percentage of elected representatives.

Martin said shortly after results were announced on October 20 that "development needs to happen in a timely manner". Adding: "that's going to be the significant change".

"It's not just that we're 'open for business' but we are 'coming for business', to be partners," said Mayor-elect Martin. He says the community will see that in the first six months of his 2018-2022 term.

"Council is ready to move forward," says Martin. He describes his new Council as "diverse" which is "exactly what I was looking for". He says Colwood council will have fulsome discussions that cover the spectrum and hear all opinions, and that a respectful process will produce better decisions.

Martin feels the key turning point for his success was the October 2 Colwood All Candidates forum where there was public engagement and he made clear his intention to bring commercial development to Colwood.

On election night, outgoing Mayor Carol Hamilton told *West Shore Voice News* that she is proud of Colwood's accomplishments as achieved while she's been mayor for seven years. She hopes the Official Community Plan (OCP) won't be undone. The councillor who took the lead on the OCP (Jason Nault) was not re-elected.

The OCP process undertook an extended period of time to collect an enormous amount of public input and detail, and then was essentially processed by staff into a substantial new document. Public input was heavy on preservation of the natural environment as well as wanting town center gathering places. But the resultant OCP seemed to limp along (with some changes toward the end in summer 2018) to only somewhat address the need for more housing and keeping it as affordable as possible. What it mastered in current detail it lacked in forward-looking vision for the growth that the small city community says it needs. The vote on October 20 changed all that.

A bit of campaign trivia: those bright-coloured homemade 3D checkmarks affixed to Dean Jantzen's election signage drew a lot of unexpected and fruitful attention to his campaign. **WSV**

#### Colwood COUNCIL 2018-2022

##### Results:

- **Mayor Rob Martin:** 2,348 (57.4%)
- **Councillors (6):**
  - **Doug Kobayashi:** 2,703 (66.1%)
  - **Dean Jantzen:** 2,646 (64.7%)
  - **Cynthia Day:** 1,928 (47.2%)
  - **Michael Baxter:** 1,875 (45.9%)
  - **Gordie Logan:** 1,775 (43.3%)
  - **Stewart Parkinson:** 1,767 (43.2%)



Michael Baxter



Cynthia Day



Dean Jantzen



Doug Kobayashi



Gordie Logan



Stewart Parkinson

**2018 Colwood Voter Turnout:**  
Ballots were cast by 4,089 of 12,968 eligible voters (31.53%)

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## CRD: Juan de Fuca Electoral Area

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### SOOKE



Maja Tait

● She was a two-term councillor and now she is a two-term mayor. Maja Tait was re-elected as Mayor of the District of Sooke on October 20 with 2,299 votes (56.4% of the 4,078 votes cast). Tait has built her base over the years in something of a diversified portfolio including many of the key social and economic sectors of Sooke including the sustainability crowd as well as the arts. She took the lead with health and wellness since around 2016, pitching for a hospital for Sooke but saying she'd settle for a primary care centre. It appeared this week that expansion of the existing medical clinic is close on the horizon. She has had no choice but to deal with Highway 14 transportation issues. For those in the electorate who are aware of the importance of influence at the provincial municipal networking level, it was a vote-grabber for Tait to be seen as wanting to retain her position of 1st Vice President with the Union of BC Municipalities.



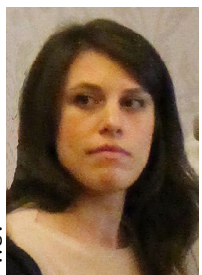
Jeff Bateman

Underpinning every Sooke mayor's troubles in the past 10 years (Janet Evans 2008-2011, Wendal Milne 2011-2014, and Maja Tait 2014-2018) since the influx of newcomers to town – starting with the installation of sewers in 2007 and the recession in 2008 – has been the 'old Sooke, new Sooke' trends of change within the community. It appears this 2018 election tipped some of that 'new Sooke' momentum over the top. New councillors Jeff Bateman, Megan McMath and Tony St-Pierre bring fresh skill sets and diverse backgrounds to council. Bateman has communications skills and has co-led the local Transition movement including zero waste. McMath grew up in Sooke but hopes to have economic success in Sooke against the usual odds of having to leave to make a living. St-Pierre packs along two degrees in areas of urban planning which are sure to help guide the 2018-2022 council with more vision, depth and attention to appropriate detail.



Al Beddows

Logins grew up in Sooke and draws support from an established base of longtime community including the public school system network (she co-coordinates the EMCS Society at the local high school) moreso than the youth vote itself; she returns for a second consecutive term. Al Beddows is retired from the dockyards and has deep roots in the core of long-established Sooke including the Lions Club and the food bank; this will be his first term in elected office. Parkinson topped the vote-count charts this election cycle and returns to Council for a third term (interrupted by one term sitting out) with her broad support in the arts community and long-time connections at the Sooke Legion.



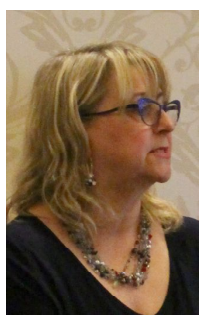
Ebony Logins

This new council is likely to gel relatively quickly, given their shared realization that Sooke is no longer small and will continue to grow (though mainly due to relative housing affordability not local jobs or a robust economic base). And they have a good chunk of the electorate behind them, with 41.77% of eligible voters turning up at the polls. But it will be no surprise if issues surrounding sewer expansion and land rezoning for commercial and industrial end up bogging down progress for Sooke once again.



Megan McMath

And without a stronger commercial tax base, Sooke will -- despite (and maybe because of) its distinct rural forest-seaside character -- continue to be a bedroom community to Langford, Saanich, Victoria and beyond. This will put transportation issues at the top of the heap, and success with that will depend on relations with the BC government for highway access as well as BC Transit for bus service.



Brenda Parkinson

Sooke's remote location also reinforces its need to focus on local food growing, sustainability and emergency preparedness which could take precedence over the time it takes to plan for business growth.

It's unclear how business momentum will grow in Sooke beyond nature-based tourism and spin-off retail such as gifts, art, outdoor gear and coffee shops. Where small industry does develop, job growth will be incremental. Upcoming expansion of the fitness component at the SEAPARC recreation facility is good, but the town still lacks evening entertainment, there is still no youth/senior facility, and the new library is behind schedule.

It's important to examine who didn't win a seat this time around. Two-term councillor Kevin Pearson lost his bid for mayor against Tait, getting about the same number of votes (1,623) that he won last time for council; that showed no growth beyond his base of long-time Sooke residents. Multi-term councillor Rick Kasper (also a former MLA and CRD director) sank below his usual vote result. Herb Haldane and Rick Armour -- both councillors in former terms -- showed vote counts lower than in previous election cycles. Doni Eve ran her first campaign for council achieving just over 1,000 votes from her lifelong connections in town including the writing community. There were simply and plainly just a lot of candidates on the ballot. Jeff Stewart who was a councillor on the very first council at incorporation in 1999 (and since then a grocery store manager) came close with just 16 fewer votes than 6th-position council winner Al Beddows. Phil Rossner (music industry background) and Peter Jonassen (hospitality industry background) pulled in votes around the 800 mark, not enough.

Voters in Sooke are attentive. More so than in previous municipal elections in the town of now over 13,000 people, there appeared to be a collective desire not just for change but for something more synthesized than just heartfelt caring about the town or keeping things the same.

There are indications that Ms Tait may consider running for office at the federal level (2019) or provincial (2021). If that happens, and whether that interrupts her new term as mayor is yet to be seen. If she does take a step like that it would probably be good for Sooke's reach beyond local borders. Meanwhile, one of the first orders of business is to hire a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), as the District has been left with that most senior staff position officially unfilled for most of 2018 (though apparently ably filled in an acting capacity).

The town is poised to move forward. Mayoral candidate Mick Rhodes with a campaign about slowing things down won 135 votes. **WSV**

### Sooke

Councillors (6):

COUNCIL 2018-2022

Results:

**Mayor Maja Tait:**  
2,299 (56.4%)

- **Brenda Parkinson:** 2,250 (55.2%)
- **Megan McMath:** 2,184 (53.6%)
- **Ebony Logins:** 2,157 (52.8%)
- **Jeff Bateman:** 1,785 (43.8%)
- **Tony St-Pierre:** 1,579 (38.7%)
- **Al Beddows:** 1,552 (38.1%)

2018 Sooke

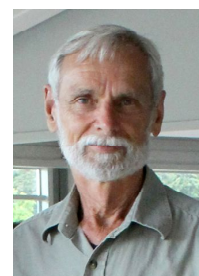
**Voter Turnout:**  
Ballots were cast by 4,078 of 9,761 eligible voters (41.77%)

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## Highlands, Metchosin, View Royal



Mayor Ken Williams was acclaimed.



Mayor John Ranns was acclaimed.



View Royal Mayor David Screech was acclaimed.

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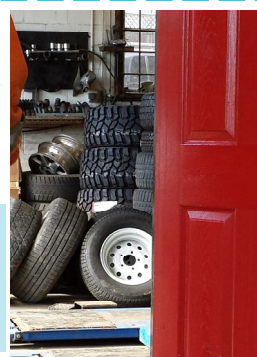
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# Trustee Election

## SD62 (West Shore)



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Election Analysis 2018 7 trustee seats

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**The Sooke School District 62 (SD62) Board of Education** that is comprised of two sets of trustees -- Belmont Zone and Milne's Landing Zone -- sees the return of five incumbents following the October 20 election.

One new trustee is filling a Belmont seat (Langford, Colwood, Metchosin, and parts of Highlands and View Royal) and one now fills a Milne's Landing seat (Sooke and Juan de Fuca). In all that shuffle is a fair degree of balance both regionally and in terms of carrying forward historical knowledge while folding in new players.

Here's how the **vote results** rolled out:

Returning to the SD62 board (number of votes) are: Ravi Parmar (5,760), Dianna Seaton (4,690), Wendy Hobbs (4,669), Margot Swinburnson (2,374), and Bob Phillips (2,282). New to the SD62 board -- each with strong ballot results when compared to incumbents -- are Bob Beckett (4,920) and Allison Watson (2,380).

Beckett, Hobbs, Parmar and Seaton were elected in the Belmont Zone (Langford/Colwood/Metchosin). Unsuccessful candidates in the Belmont Zone were: Trudy Spiller (4,068), Russ Chipps (2,909), Cendra Beaton (2,345), and Blair Sloane (1,848).

Phillips and Watson were elected in the Milne's Landing Zone (Sooke/Juan de Fuca). Neil Poirier did not get re-elected (2,088) and was given a sentimental farewell at SD62's 2014-2018 outgoing board meeting on October 23. The other unsuccessful Sooke-based candidate was Britt Santowski (1,509).

Of the five returning trustees, four have served multiple terms (19 to 22 years) and one (Parmar) is starting a second term.

### Re-elected in the Belmont Zone:

**Wendy Hobbs** has served as chair of the SD62 board in the past, but not for the last few years. That role went first to Bob Phillips (variably chair and vice-chair at different times over the years) and then to Ravi Parmar while still in his first term. As a long-time resident, Hobbs' roots are deep-Langford; she appears to have had a strong ready base of support for return to the school board. Hobbs brings knowledge of the Langford business community as well as SD62 issues over the long term.

**Dianna Seaton** also brings long-time Langford to her base as well as Sooke roots to public education interests of the region. She has seen firsthand the struggles of indigenous students and families while growing up in Sooke. Married to Langford councillor Lanny Seaton, together they are fully aware of the goings-on that help continue to build Langford as a forward-thinking community. Seaton is a strong proponent for inclusion of all students, with a focus on seeing graduation rates increase within SD62 (this school district presents below the provincial average for grad rates).

**Ravi Parmar** is starting his second term on the SD62 board. He has direct and strong connections to the NDP and in particular to the local MLA who also happens to be Premier; both are on the same page about the importance of education. He is under-30 but already well established for his political career including present employment with the constituency office of Agriculture Minister Lana Popham, MLA (Saanich South).

### Re-elected in Milne's Landing Zone:

**Bob Phillips** carries a social work and union worker background and is a self-professed data geek who comes loaded with statistics, trend analysis and quotes to just about every board meeting. His historical tales about west shore education are gems for the archives.

**Margot Swinburnson** is a retired Registered Nurse and keeps a close eye on the health aspects of public education, in particular with attention to how mental wellness is addressed in SD62. She is a vocal advocate for inclusion of the local Sooke aspects of board decisions including safe travel to school and attention to the needs of EMCS amongst the three district highschools.

### New to the SD62 board from the Belmont Zone:

**Bob Beckett** is the former Langford Fire Chief, retired last year after 41 years in the fire service. With no prior knowledge of in-depth education issues, he ran a pretty quiet campaign, participating in some of the opportunities that SD62 trustee candidates were given during the municipal election forums. He emceed the Chili Cookoff prize giveaways in September during that low-key event held at Belmont Secondary.

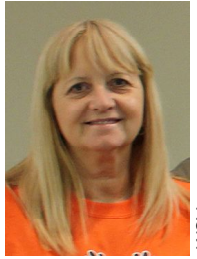
### New to SD62 board from Milne's Landing Zone:

**Allison Watson** first ran for the SD62 board in 2011, and this time she surfaced. A mother of two young

#### Belmont Zone



Bob Beckett



Wendy Hobbs



Ravi Parmar



Dianna Seaton

#### Milne's Landing Zone



Bob Phillips



Margot Swinburnson



Allison Watson



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children (ages 1 and 3), she has a career background in curriculum development and works at Camosun College. At the All Candidates forum for trustees held in Otter Point on September 30, she acknowledged the amount of work that went into the 2018-2021 SD62 Strategic Plan. She hopes to influence decision-making about emergency preparedness in schools.

### Election Night:

As for election night, results for Sooke School District 62 (SD62) school trustees were not officially available until around 1 am Sunday morning, October 21. While the larger municipalities used auto-scanners for tallying ballots after the close of voting at 8pm on October 20, in Metchosin the ballots were counted by hand, which slowed things down. As well, results needed to be combined from within five municipalities (Langford, Colwood, Sooke, View Royal and Highlands) as well as Juan de Fuca. All of this delayed the announcement of SD62 winners, keeping some trustee candidates up into the wee hours of Sunday morning.

### Inaugural:

The SD62 inaugural board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13, 7pm in the board room.

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## SD62

BOARD 2018-2022

### Results

percentages by  
CivInfoBC

Trustees (7):

#### BELMONT ZONE

- **Ravi Parmar:** 5,760 (18.5%)
- **Bob Beckett:** 4,920 (15.8%)
- **Dianna Seaton:** 4,690 (15.0%)
- **Wendy Hobbs:** 4,669 (15.0%)

#### MILNE'S LANDING ZONE

- **Allison Watson:** 2,380 (22.4%)
- **Margot Swinburnson:** 2,374 (22.3%)
- **Bob Phillips:** 2,282 (21.5%)

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# Social Issues & Legal Change



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## Recreational cannabis became legal in Canada on October 17, 2018

by Eryn Chaney, West Shore Voice News



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**Green lights at Castle Naturals in Sooke, on the eve of cannabis legalization.**

● **Recreational cannabis** became legal in Canada on October 17, 2018. Celebrations took place across Canada by cannabis-legalization supporters.

A gathering on the lawn and front steps of the BC Legislature drew about 120 people. Bob Marley music played from loudspeakers as people from all walks of life passed communal joints and shared water bongos to rejoice in the first afternoon of legal weed smoking. The 3-hour event was peaceful but had the expected political edge.

"We're celebrating the good things about legalization, and protesting the bad things about legalization," said Dana Larsen, long-time cannabis rights activist. He talked about removing penalties for homeowners whose marijuana plants might be visible to their neighbours, which is currently set at a \$5,000 fine and possible jail time.

"Cannabis is still being treated like a very dangerous and harmful substance that it is not," said Larsen. Medical professionals are concerned about the effects of marijuana (the THC component in particular) on the developing brain in people under age 25. Driving-while-impaired is expected to increase motor vehicle crashes and in turn health care costs. The federal and BC government have released informational and educational materials about cannabis to every household in Canada in recent weeks.

Activists are still fighting for less harsh penalties, and for the creation of what they would consider to be more fair laws around the non-medical marijuana industry. They also ask weed smokers to keep their purchases as local and organic as possible.

Information is being provided to the public online at [www.GetCannabisClarity.ca](http://www.GetCannabisClarity.ca) as well with printed materials mailed to homes across the country.

A person must be age 19+ to buy, possess, use or grow cannabis in BC. Smoking is not allowed in playgrounds, schools and other public areas. It can be "especially harmful" for people under age 25. Drug-impaired drivers will face serious consequences. **WSV**

## Cannabis legalization advocate Dana Larsen rallied a crowd at the BC Legislature, October 17



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## Proving the point of recreational freedom.



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## Launching the campaign for Proportional Representation

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**BC Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver (left) with BC Premier John Horgan (NDP) at their Pro-Rep rally in Victoria on Tuesday evening, Oct 23.**

● **On Tuesday, October 23** in the BC Legislative Assembly there was something of a debate about the topic of Proportional Representation. It had more to do with a date for when a televised public debate between Premier John Horgan and BC Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson would take place than the substance of Pro-Rep itself.



BC Legislature - Hansard

**Opposition Leader Andrew Wilkinson (BC Liberal) during Question Period in the BC Legislature on Tuesday, Oct 23.**

## Your Pro-Rep ballot must reach Elections BC by November 30, 2018

That evening, Premier Horgan and BC Green Leader Andrew Weaver held a rally in Victoria that attracted a supportive crowd of about 1,000 people.

The premier told the crowd that he comes late to appreciating the benefits of proportional representation. While in opposition prior to 2017, Horgan saw his ideas constantly dismissed because he was not part of government. This helped shape his view to support electoral reform. Horgan voted against electoral reform in BC's first referendum in 2005, but in 2009 voted in favour and in 2017 made it a campaign promise.

"Pro Rep means exactly what it says," said Horgan. "If you get 40 percent of the votes, you get 40 percent of the seats."

The referendum asks BC residents if they want to change the electoral system to a form of proportional representation or keep the current first-past-the-post method. Interestingly, a form of FPTP (a majority of 50% plus one) is what the Pro-Rep referendum needs to win for change of the system.

Elections BC said it mailed 3.3 million referendum ballots to registered BC voters effective October 22. Rotating strike action by Canada Post across the country started that same day, with the first day stopping mail delivery in BC's capital city of Victoria.

The deadline for registered voters to return the ballots is November 30, 2018 but people are reminded to mail their completed ballots early enough to \*arrive\* at Elections BC by 4:30 pm on November 30. Completed voting packages can also be returned in person at any Service BC Centre or Referendum Service Office: [www.elections.bc.ca/rso](http://www.elections.bc.ca/rso)

The vote result will be announced a few weeks after November 30. There is the mechanical process of opening each envelope and sorting the secret-ballot contents away from any delivery-identification material. Voting packages will have the voter's name and address on them; packages are non-transferable to other people. You can vote only once.

Packages are also being sent to registered voters who are temporarily away from their BC homes, at locations elsewhere in Canada and abroad.

Anyone who feels they should have received a package but one does not arrive, may call Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 or visit [www.elections.bc.ca/ovr](http://www.elections.bc.ca/ovr) or visit in person at a Referendum Service Office or Service BC Centre starting November 5. The deadline to request a voting package is November 23. **WSV**



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### Halloween inspires Sooke historic sites tour



by Chelsea Kirkpatrick, West Shore Voice News

● **About 35 people** got onto a bus at the Sooke Region Museum on Thursday night, October 25, for a spooky ride. They were toured around to view or visit various historic or thought-to-be-haunted sites in the Sooke area.

It was an older crowd on the bus this year, many who have lived in the Sooke area a long time. Some wore Halloween costumes. The first-time tour is likely to be popular each year to come.

Stops along the way included Muirside Cemetery on Maple Avenue South and the spot along Highway 14 by the 17 Mile where there have been sightings of a ghost thought to be that of long-ago school teacher Miss Louise. Tales included car crashes and a long history of shipwrecks in the area.

Tickets were \$35 for the 2.5-hour event. That included snacks, hot cocoa and apple cider before the tour started. A good time had by all. **WSV**



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● **Stickleback** (a legendary fish) is the symbol for T'Sou-ke / Sooke, carved in copper on this monument. According to this monument dedicated by Chief and Council of T'Sou-ke Nation on May 6, 2001 there are testimonies that T-Sou-ke translates to "The Beginning". **WSV**

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### Spooky visit to Muirside Cemetery at night.

● **Muirside Cemetery** in Millenium Memorial Park at 1971 Maple Avenue South in Sooke was first established in 1875. The John Muir family arrived from Scotland in 1851. While the cemetery was well-kept in its early history, in later years it fell into disrepair, and with changed ownership of the land, it suffered serious vandalism.

With the assistance of the Sooke Lions Club, the Sooke Community Association and other service organizations, and after a great deal of volunteer work and public fund-raising, the Sooke Region Historical Society was able to open it as a public park in 2001.

Now a designated Regional Heritage site, the park project was recognized in 2004 by the Victoria Hallmark Society with an Award of Merit, and with an Outstanding Achievement Award by the British Columbia Heritage Society. In 2014, the Museum officially turned over the ownership of the park to the District of Sooke. **WSV**



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**Costumes & fun** during a pit-stop at the 17 Mile House Pub. [Above: Karen Stones, of A Sea of Bloom]



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Spooky event reception.

### SD62 looks at levying more tax on housing development

by Mary P Brooke  
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● **At the last meeting** of the 2014-2018 Sooke School District 62 (SD62) board on October 23, there was a presentation about the sourcing of more capital funds to purchase more land for more schools. This is based on the estimate of about 3,687 more students in SD62 over 11 years (2017-2028).

As the student population expands in the west shore (notably Langford, Colwood, Sooke), the SD62 Long Range Facilities Plan has already identified the need for more schools. The immediate priorities for land purchase are for three new elementary schools (one in Colwood, one in south Langford, one in north Langford), a new secondary school in Langford/Colwood, and an expansion of the existing Edward Milne Community School in Sooke. The cost to acquire enough property for these schools (about 15.7 hectares) is about \$49 million (in 2018 dollars).

As SD62 Secretary-Treasurer Harold Cull explained in his presentation, more funds could be levied by charging more 'per door' as new housing is built in the community. This is done through a mechanism called the School Sites Acquisition Charge (SSAC). New high-density housing units as in high-rise compact apartments or condos would see a maximum charge of \$600, medium-high density \$700, medium density \$800, medium-low density (e.g. row townhomes) at \$900; low-density like townhomes to a maximum of \$1,000.

These fees would be charged to developers which (with additional borrowing costs) would generally add to the cost of the final homes for sale.

Trustee Bob Phillips (vice-chair), said SD62 could sure use the money for necessary expansion. But he reminded everyone about who the decision-makers will be; a new board will sit around the table starting November 13.

Associate Superintendent Paul Block gave an enrolment update showing 413 FTE new students in SD62 for 2018-2019. Of those, 343 (83%) are in the Langford, Colwood, Highlands and Metchosin areas, with 70 (17%) in Sooke. Of the 417 total, 199 (47.7%) or almost half are in elementary, 118 (28.3%) in middle schools, and 100 (24%) in secondary. Total enrolment is now 10,857 FTEs.

There was a decrease in the number of students doing distance learning, as more course options and other strategies help to integrate students back into mainstream options.

In other board business, new Grade 11 courses in Sport Management were approved, as were two long-term service field trips of Belmont Secondary students (to Bali & Paris).

Superintendent Scott Stinson in his report said the new K-9 reporting process better engages parents and students. And now 91% of regular-stream students are graduating on time. **WSV**

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<https://elections.bc.ca/referendum/>

**Halloween Skate.** Tues Oct 30. 7 to 8:15 pm.  
SEAPARC. Prizes for best costume. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)

**Happy Halloween!** Wed Oct 31.

**Fish & Chips: All You Can Eat**  
at Moms Cafe Wed Oct 31, 11 am to 3pm.  
2036 Shields Rd, Sooke. 250-642-3314



**Bonfire & Fireworks.**  
Wed Oct 31. 6:30 to 8pm. Camp  
Barnard, 3202 Young Lake Rd.

Sponsored by Otter Point Fire Dept. Fireworks 7:30 pm.

**District of Metchosin Halloween night.** Hot dogs, hot  
chocolate/coffee 6:30 pm. Costume contest 7:30 pm. Fire-  
works 7:45-8:15 pm. [www.metchosinfire.ca](http://www.metchosinfire.ca)

**Sooke Chamber business excellence awards.**  
Fri Nov 2. 5:30 pm. \$95. [www.sookeregionchamber.com](http://www.sookeregionchamber.com)

**Sooke Talks #2.** Fri Nov 2. 7 pm, at EMCS theatre.  
[www.emcsprograms.ca/sooke-talks](http://www.emcsprograms.ca/sooke-talks)

**Salmon Sensation.** Sat Nov 3 at Charters Interpretive  
Centre, 2895 Sooke River Rd. 11am-2pm. Drop-in, all ages.  
Closeup look at salmon returning to spawn. Activities: crafts,  
guided walk. [www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events](http://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events)

**Pumpkin Smash.** Sun Nov 4, see leftover pumpkins  
dropped from the top of a ladder truck by the Langford Fire  
Dept at Millstream Village. 10 am to 2 pm (BBQ lunch 11 am).  
2401 Millstream Rd. Proceeds to Muscular Dystrophy.

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**Westshore Urgent Primary Care Centre** opens  
Mon Nov 5, 582 Goldstream Ave, Langford. 8am to 8pm.

**Blood Donor Clinic.** Mon Nov 5, Church of the  
Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. 12-6:45 pm.  
Appointments or drop-in. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**Pacific FC men's soccer.** Try-outs. Nov 5 & 6.  
Westhills Stadium. [www.pacificfc.canpl.ca](http://www.pacificfc.canpl.ca)

**City of Langford Council.** Inaugural meeting.  
Mon Nov 5. 5:30 pm. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca) | **City of Colwood  
Council.** Inaugural meeting. Mon Nov 5. 7 pm.  
[www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca) | **District of Sooke Council.** Inaugural  
meeting. Mon Nov 5. 7 pm. [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca)

**BC at War Exhibit.** Starts in Nov. Upstairs gallery  
at the museum. [www.sookeregionmuseum.ca](http://www.sookeregionmuseum.ca)

**Island Corridor Foundation & E&N Rail Line**  
Thurs Nov 8. Discussion: ICF and what it does:  
update on E&N Corridor. Holiday Inn Express, 318  
Wale Rd, Colwood. 7-9pm. [www.islandrail.ca](http://www.islandrail.ca)

**Remembrance Day.**  
Sun Nov 11. 11 am. West Shore  
ceremony at Veterans Memorial  
Park. Sooke ceremony at Sooke  
Legion. | Digital: [www.mypoppy.ca](http://www.mypoppy.ca)



**SD62 Board Meeting.** Inaugural. Tues Nov  
13. 7 pm. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

**Peninsula Streams Society Fall Social.** Sat  
Nov 17. 6:30-9pm. Tx \$25 [www.peninsulastreams.ca](http://www.peninsulastreams.ca)

**SD62 Colwood Campus Xmas Tree Sale.**  
Sat Dec 1 to Sun Dec 16. Fundraiser for Grad 2019.  
Mon – Thurs 3-7 pm | Fri – Sat 10 am to 8 pm | Sun  
10 am to 6 pm. 2139 Sooke Rd.

**Mom's Cafe open  
to 3pm on Halloween**

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**TRAFFIC INFO**

**LANGFORD ON THE MOVE**



**Oct 9 to Fri Nov 30.** Langford Parkway adjacent City  
Centre Park will have travel lanes shifted to the south.  
Access to Langford Lanes and City Centre Park from  
Langford Parkway will still be available. This temporary  
lane shift is needed to accommodate underground utility  
construction at the future signalized intersection with Leigh  
Road.

**Oct 30 to Nov 5.** Reunion Ave (Jacklin to Jenkins) closed  
to through-traffic, for roadworks. All four directions at  
Jacklin/Jenkins intersection will have left-turn lanes by  
early November.

For other short-term traffic advisories see:  
[www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**Bear Mountain real estate**



Happy with their finalist award for Best New De-  
velopment were Ecoasis real estate sales and  
marketing reps Ruthanne Doyle (left) and Macken-  
zie Scott.

● At the 2018 Best of the Westshore  
business awards event by the Westshore Cham-  
ber of Commerce at Bear Mountain on October  
25, the Best New Development Home Builder award  
category was won by Colwood-based Royal Bay,  
with runners up both Langford-based: Westhills  
Land Corp and Ecoasis at Bear Mountain. **WSV**

**Award categories review**

● Some in attendance at the Best of the  
Westshore awards event on October 25 reacted to  
some of the category scope or lack of available  
categories. Best Professional Services winners, for example, included photography, interiors and plumbing  
but media and other businesses had been listed for voting – all rather unrelated. There was no category  
for any of Communications, News Media or Design which are a distinct professional area of service that  
is highly utilized by many businesses and organizations. Westshore Chamber of Commerce president  
Mike Reilly says the board will discuss the process of setting categories for next year to perhaps better  
reflect the changing profile of businesses in the west shore. In this its fifth year, the event drew 30,000  
votes online (40% of those Langford-based) for self-listed participants in 40 categories. **WSV**

**Sports & Fitness winners**

● **Winners of Favourite Local Sports Team** were Victoria Shamrocks (1st), Victoria Grizzlies, and Canada Women's Sevens Rugby.

● **Winners of Best Place for Fitness** were YMCA-YWCA Westhills (1st), Westshore Parks & Recreation Centre, and 9Round Langford.

The Shamrocks lacrosse team has just started their new season.

The new rugby training centre that supports Canada's men and women's teams opened in Langford earlier this year. **WSV**

At 9Round, Montana Cameron has developed effective ways of encouraging people to get fit, lose weight, and pay attention to nutrition. **WSV**

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