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Federal money activates southbound bus lane project

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

● **Construction and funding for the planned and promised southbound bus lane on Highway 1 (Burnside Bridge in Saanich to Tolmie Ave in the Victoria core) was announced on Wednesday, March 6 in front of the BC Legislature.**

In cold, almost-snowing noon-hour weather, a seemingly hasty media announcement presented a federal lead on the project.

Minister of Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility, Carla Qualtrough, announced the \$4.92 million federal

portion of the project budget. That, combined with the \$11.08 million being paid by the BC Government, sees the project officially underway.

The construction tender will be on BC Bid in the next few weeks. Construction is expected to begin this summer and finish in spring 2020, it was stated by the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI).

For the west shore the long-awaited southbound bus lane project is a winning and welcome component of resolving the westshore-to-core commuter traffic snarl. And it's a helpful piece in the south island transportation strategy idea as announced by Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Claire Trevena in January, which is still under development.

Federally it shows interest in south Vancouver Island projects. As Langford Mayor Stew Young points out, there hasn't been a lot of federal infrastructure funding for island projects in the last few years.

The northbound bus lane was completed a few months ago, saving about 10 minutes of commuting time for the approximately 1,700/hour commuters through the Douglas corridor during peak times.

Minister Trevena said: "Everyone knows how bad that traffic can be." In addition to the practical claims of drivers and transit users shaving time off their commute, Trevena added: "This new southbound bus lane is another step towards getting people moving more efficiently along the Highway 1/Douglas Street corridor. Not only will it save time for people taking transit, but it will help reduce congestion for people driving by moving buses from the travelling lanes.

From the Victoria Regional Transit Commission perspective, said Chair Susan Brice: "Each of these projects is contributing to our overall goal of bringing our customers in and out of the West Shore more efficiently."

Brice says that ridership has increased between 34% and 40% since 2016 on the west shore routes. The #50 Bus serving Langford is the second most-used route in the BC Transit network, said BC Transit Planning Manager James Wadsworth in a presentation to Langford council on March 4. The popular route presently handles 8,800 customers per day in 173 trips. Route 39 carries 3,400 passengers per day in 70 trips. [See more on west shore routes, page 3]

While she was in attendance at the southbound lane announcement, Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps was not one of the speakers. Her city will benefit from lessened traffic congestion as much as the west shore benefits from speedier access to and from the Victoria core. **WSV**



Announcing federal funds to move the southbound bus lane project forward (from left): Victoria Regional Transit Commission Chair Susan Brice; BC Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure Minister Claire Trevena; and Federal Minister of Minister of Public Services and Procurement Carla Qualtrough.

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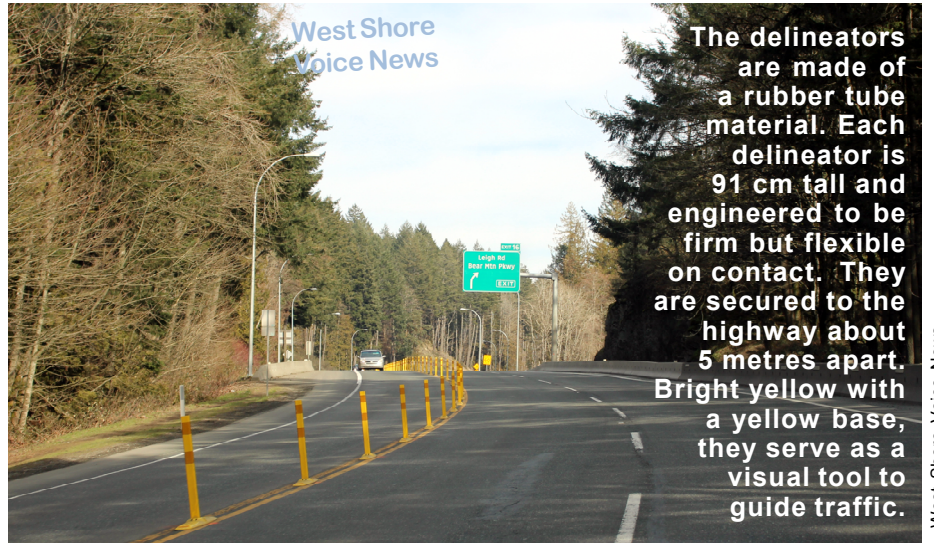
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New lane-delineators on Hwy 1 between Leigh Rd & West Shore Parkway

Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News



The delineators are made of a rubber tube material. Each delineator is 91 cm tall and engineered to be firm but flexible on contact. They are secured to the highway about 5 metres apart. Bright yellow with a yellow base, they serve as a visual tool to guide traffic.

● **The new temporary barrier on Highway 1 (TCH) between West Shore Parkway and Leigh Road Interchange is comprised of rubber tube delineators that were installed starting the night of March 5 and completed on Friday March 8.** This installation follows two fatal accidents in as many months on those curves where natural light is uneven at various times of the day. Consultations were held amongst Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure and City of Langford Engineering staff in recent weeks, in response to urgent need for this safety improvement. Permanent barrier installation requires road-widening (and blasting); work on that will start late 2019/early 2020, according to the Province. **WSV**

Big catch for salmon supporters

West Shore Voice News



The JDF Salmon Restoration Society received a donation of \$95,000 from the Pacific Salmon Foundation on Saturday night, March 9, at a gala dinner at the Victoria Conference Centre. The funds will help with completion of the new Jack Brooks Hatchery on land leased to the Charters River Salmon Interpretive Centre on Sooke River Road. [From left]: Cory Matheson (Pacific Salmon Foundation), Rodge Praud (Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society), Mike Hicks (Regional Director, Juan de Fuca), Bill Pedneault, Wally Vowles, Elida Peers (Sooke Historian), Domenico Iannidinaro (Timber West), Ian Angus (Pacific Salmon Foundation), Gordon Planes (T'Sou-ke Nation Chief), Dave Saunders, and Brian Riddell.

● **"This is a tremendous donation to our hatchery.** We are very grateful to the Pacific Salmon Foundation," said Mike Hicks this weekend, upon the hatchery receiving a donation of \$95,000 at the Pacific Salmon Foundation's fundraising dinner on March 9 at the Victoria Conference Centre.

In recent months, Hicks gathered many other contributions to the new Jack Brooks Hatchery project. With the foundation complete, the physical building will be done by summer. The hatchery components (e.g. tanks, fish trays) will be moved from the old DeMamiel Creek location in time for the annual collection of brood stock from the Sooke River on October 1. **Volunteers:** Elida Peers - administration; Wally Vowles - construction manager; Bill Pedneault - hatchery manager; Mike Hicks - fundraiser; Pat Williams - labour foreman. **Partners/contributors:** Merv Hallgren - legal; Randy Clarkston - planning/design; Dave Saunders - falling and excavation work; Butler Concrete - foundation rock & concrete; T'Sou-ke Nation - foundation sand; Sooke Backhoe - trucking; Wally Vowles - backhoe; Dale Arden - front end loader; Clarkston Construction - concrete forming; Verity Construction - forms; Sooke Home Hardware - lumber, hardware; Queesto Community Forest - lumber, cedar siding; Townsend Bros Construction - framing; Alpine Group - slinger truck services; Shaun Welters - trucking; Matt Banner - rock supply; Andrew Sherret Ltd - plumbing supplies. **Financial Donations:** Rex Coburn & Port Renfrew Marina (\$10,000); Port Renfrew Marina (\$10,000); Harbour Air; Mill Bay Marine Group. **WSV**

EDITORIAL

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In a global society some things hit close to home

West Shore Voice News

Editorial



by **Mary P Brooke**
Editor & Publisher

● **For most of us, Ethiopia seems a world away.** But we might know someone who travels or works there. When Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET302 went down on March 10, causing all 157 passengers to immediately perish on impact, it may have seemed like just another plane crash news story – very sad, but not directly affecting you or I.

However, it turns out one of our freelance writers Sophia Romanchuk did know Micah Messent in her sphere of friends, and they are all mourning this week. Micah was a keen Vancouver Island University grad who loved his job as an Indigenous relations analyst with BC Parks. His natural sense of joy spoken of by friends and colleagues emanates from his photos, including – eerily – those he posted minutes or hours before boarding ET302 on his way to a United Nations Assembly of the Environment in Nairobi, Kenya "to tackle the biggest challenges that are facing our generation" he said in a pre-flight Facebook post. He was a Courtenay guy, just in his 20s, who has by this tragic circumstance quickly brought many of us face to face with how pro-active global interaction has become threaded into our daily lives. Even without knowing this young man, his vibrancy has been somehow infectious. Few of us really know how we will impact this world long-term, especially if that impact results by how we depart.

Premier John Horgan issued a statement on March 11, saying he was deeply saddened: "Micah... was selected to participate in the fourth United Nations Assembly of the Environment, as a delegate of the United Nations Association in Canada, to meet with youth and leaders from around the world. Micah was committed to tackling the challenges he saw around him in the world, both in his work to protect the environment and to advance reconciliation. On behalf of all British Columbians, we offer our thoughts and our prayers to his family and friends." ■

NEWS

Construction to start on eastbound bus-queue jump lane on Sooke Rd at Jacklin

by Mary P Brooke, West Shore Voice News

● **Work will start the week of March 11** to create an eastbound bus-queue jump lane at Jacklin Road and Highway 14/Sooke Road. Highway 14 runs from Veterans Memorial Parkway in Langford up to Sooke and further west out to Port Renfrew. Daily Sooke commuters are likely to benefit most, as well as in-town Langford drivers and transit users.



Buses will soon be able to pull over at this intersection to let cars by along Sooke Road in Langford.

"This gives people one more incentive to take transit and with it, we are opening the door for more commuters to take the bus," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) in a news release. "Along with our commitment to priority bus lanes along the Douglas Street corridor, people will spend less time on the bus stuck in traffic and more time with family and friends."

The eastbound bus-queue lane will start about 100 metres before the Jacklin/Sooke Road intersection, allowing transit buses to bypass congestion and traffic build-up at that key Langford-entry intersection.

The lane will continue after the intersection along Highway 14, before buses will merge back with the flow of traffic.

The project will also reconfigure the intersection of Jacklin Road and Highway 14 to improve safety and sight lines, along with increasing the left-hand turning lane capacity from Highway 14 onto Jacklin Road.

In order to complete the work, crews will rebuild the sidewalk on the north side of Highway 14 and install a new BC Transit bus stop.

Completion is expected by summer 2019.

The \$2 million project is part of a suite of upgrades for the Highway 14 corridor. Back in January 2018, Premier John Horgan announced a series of improvements to make the highway safer and more efficient for drivers, transit users, cyclists and pedestrians; various components of that have been underway and many completed in 2018-2019: <https://westshorevoiceneews.com/new-bus-queue-jump-lane-coming-to-sooke-road-at-jacklin-road/> **WSV**

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Traffic to clear faster after minor vehicle crashes

West Shore Voice News

● **Police will be free to clear minor crash scenes** quickly and get traffic flowing again as BC updates the threshold for mandatory reporting of property-damage-only collisions (PDOs), it was announced March 8 by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

"Having traffic back up because of a minor collision where nobody was hurt doesn't help anyone – and worse, it can lead frustrated drivers to take steps that are unsafe," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

The reporting threshold increase also is expected to save time for officers and ICBC. Most PDO reports relate to collisions involving passenger vehicles. **WSV**

More: <https://westshorevoiceneews.com/minor-collisions-to-be-processed-faster-by-police/>

Sellers' market past 2 years; edges close to buyer's market

● **According to data analysis** by the Victoria Real Estate Board (VREB), the Greater Victoria real estate market continued to be a sellers' market (though a declining one) during the last two years. Between February 2017 and February 2019 the ratio of total residential sales to total active residential listings at month-end was well above VREB's threshold of 20% for seeing a buyer's market. However, the sellers' market status peaked in March 2017 and has essentially gently but steadily diminished since then. Graph: <https://westshorevoiceneews.com/february-2019-real-estate-momentum-and-variable-dynamics/> **WSV**

Colwood townhome project opens up new water views

● **About 400 people** showed up on March 9 for a presentation centre open house at Two Waters development site in Colwood. The townhome community Phase 1 has 61 units, eventually unfolding to 700 units over time. Floorplans include stacked two-storey townhomes and ground-level options with two, three or four bedrooms. Some units will have views of an adjacent riparian area, or the Esquimalt Lagoon area, or the ocean. Construction of the first 14 units will start soon, says Two Waters sales coordinator Laura Chappelle. The first buyer nabbed one on Saturday, and a few more are on hold, she said. www.twowaterscolwood.com **WSV**

Year-round artificial grass helps municipal budget

● **The City of Langford** has begun this season's installation of artificial grass in some public spaces areas around town. "It's a program I came up with three years ago with buy-in from the development community," says Langford Mayor Stew Young. It's a specific ground cover product for medians. Developers pay for most of the cost.

The cost of about \$200,000 per year for this project over the next five years is costlier than installing sod. But it will pay for itself in three years. The overall expenditure comes out of development cost charges and a bit out of the parks and transportation budgets. But artificial grass requires less maintenance (no watering, no pipe installation for irrigation) and eliminates the need for fertilizer, which together with reduced labour costs is an overall municipal cost saving.

"You know, it'll look good year-round," says Young. It pops up on medians, along walkways and other public spaces. "It's just better in the long run to do it." He also remarked on the safety aspect of parks crews not having to work on the medians as traffic whizzes by. The year-round green artificial turf eliminates that danger for workers.

The faux-grass is not as soft as living grass, but it won't be brown in dry summer weather. This adds to the visual appeal of streets around the fast-growing community that sees an influx of more residents and visitors every year. **WSV**

Teens recognized by Langford council

West Shore Voice News

● **Two Langford teens** were formally recognized by Langford Council at their March 4 meeting. Appreciation for Alex Meikle and Michael Smart "for their contribution to bettering the city" was for their selfless and self-motivated project to clear snow away from bus stops around Langford. More: <https://westshorevoiceneews.com/helpful-snow-clearing-teens-recognized-by-langford-council/> **WSV**



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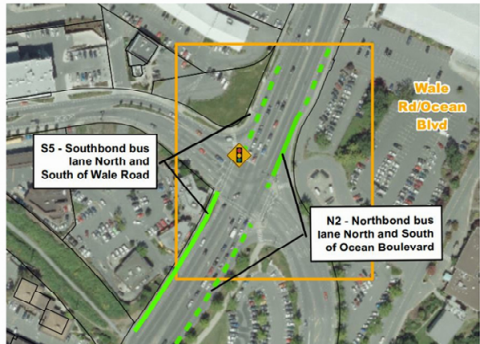
West Shore Voice News During a presentation by BC Transit Planning Manager James Wadsworth to Langford council March 4, a transportation update was given:

● **LANGFORD:** The #50 bus serving Langford is the second most-used route in the BC Transit network. The popular route presently handles 8,800 customers per day in 173 trips. "Route 50 is where all the action is happening in terms of bus lanes," said Wadsworth. The new BC Transit Westhills depot that was officially opened in September 2017 has been a tremendous boon to the west shore. From there Route #39 from the West Shore to UVic carries 3,400 passengers per day on 70 trips. That depot has also facilitated a version of the #61 Sooke bus called the #65 which utilizes the West Shore Parkway over from Sooke Road to bring riders through Westhills before heading downtown (presently carrying 300 people per day in four trips). The dockyard route #46 into Esquimalt has fewer riders (281 passengers per day / 16 trips) but serves a need, said Wadsworth.

● **VIEW ROYAL:** A partial dedicated bus lane (375 m inbound and 510 m outbound) on the Island Highway through View Royal (section between 6 Mile to the Colwood Interchange) including transit signal priority at the 6-Mile intersection and Colwood interchange. A new 1.8 m bike lane will be added in both directions. View Royal is on board for this, says BC Transit, with senior level government funding being awaited to begin the project.

● **COLWOOD:** A northbound queue jump lane is planned for Sooke Road at the Colwood Corners intersection at Goldstream Ave with a southbound bus lane for north and south of Wale Road (commercial area), and a northbound bus lane for north and south of Ocean Boulevard (near Westshore Parks & Rec and the Q Centre). More park and ride options are in the works to help support this, says Wadsworth.

Goldstream Intersection Wale/Ocean Blvd Intersection



BC Transit

● **PARK & RIDE:** Of nine possible locations, recommendations were given as Six Mile Road (in View Royal), Luxton Fairgrounds (in Langford, serving incoming Sooke commuters heading to the core), and Station Ave (in central Langford).

● **GREATER VICTORIA REGION:** The goal of the Victoria Region Transit Future Plan is to reach 12% transit mode share by 2038, up from 6.5% as seen in 2011. The Victoria Regional Transit System carries 110,000 passengers per day. According to the CRD's Origin Destination Survey, in 2011, 6.5% of residents used transit as their main mode of transportation to travel around the region. By 2017, 7.8% of residents were using transit as their main mode, showing a 20% increase in transit mode share over six years. **WSV**

Pacific FC announces schedule

First game: Sunday, April 28

West Shore Voice News

● **Pacific Football Club has released their 2019 Canadian Premier League regular season schedule.** If you're a hometown soccer fan, you'll be at Westhills Stadium a lot this spring, summer and fall!

Matches begin with the inaugural home opener on April 28 through to the end of the Fall season on October 19. The season will consist of 28 regular season games; 14 home, 14 away, and will be separated into two distinct halves: Spring and Fall.

The Spring Season starts Sunday April 28 with a spectacular crowd-pleasing event and wraps up with a bang on Canada Day, Monday July 1. Other spring home games at Westhills Stadium are on May 1, May 18, and June 23.

The Fall season gets underway right away on July 6 at Westhills, followed by home games on July 13, July 20, Aug 24, Sept 4, Sept 11, Sept 14, Oct 2, and Oct 19.

Schedule and tickets: <https://pacificfc.canpl.ca/schedule> **WSV**

Rugby Sevens

● **HSBC Canada Sevens Senior Men's** tournament went down at BC Place in Vancouver, March 9 & 10. Canada finished 10th and now prepares for the next stop of the HSBC World Rugby Series in Hong Kong, April 5-7. On Saturday, Canada lost to Samoa in the first game, but then beat Fiji and Kenya. On Sunday, Canada defeated Spain 33-7 in the Quarterfinals, beat Scotland 19-14 in the Semifinals, but lost to Australia 35-21 in the Challenge Trophy Finals.

Women's Rugby Sevens happens at Westhills May 11 & 12. **WSV**



BC Salmon Advisory Council releases Wild Salmon Strategy recommendations

West Shore Voice News

● **The Wild Salmon Advisory Council has submitted its final recommendations** to develop a Made-in-BC Wild Salmon Strategy for the BC government's review and consideration.

The council made 13 recommendations that include immediate and mid-term actions that have three goals:

- **Increase** the abundance of wild salmon;
- **Protect** and enhance the economic, social and cultural benefits that come to BC communities from wild salmon and other fisheries, placing emphasis on adjacent communities; and
- **Develop** mechanisms, processes, practices and structures to engage citizens and governments in the effective stewardship and management of BC's wild salmon.

The council calls on government to focus on "tangible, achievable, near-term actions that can address the immediate needs of wild salmon and their habitat", as well as establishing "long-term provincial engagement on this issue, recognizing that impact will require ongoing and significant effort."

The recommendations include input and feedback received from community meetings and a public engagement process that welcomed British Columbians' online participation. The engagement took place from fall 2018 to January 2019 and was based on an options paper the council prepared.

The Wild Salmon Advisory Council consists of 14 British Columbians who have a broad understanding of the role that salmon play within BC's environment, for coastal and inland Indigenous communities, and local economies up and down the coast. The council is co-chaired by Chief Marilyn Slett of Heiltsuk Nation and Doug Routley, MLA for Nanaimo-North Cowichan. Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands, is also a council member.

The BC government is reviewing the recommendations as part of its commitment to support restoring healthy and abundant wild salmon stocks in BC. **WSV**

Report with recommendations: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/426/2019/03/Wild-Salmon-Advisory-Council-Report.pdf>

Summary of public engagement: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/b-c-wild-salmon-strategy/>

Will the salmon recommendations help?

West Shore Voice News

● **Salmon conservation and science experts** have reviewed the newly released report, *Recommendations for a Made-in-BC Wild Salmon Strategy*, authored by the industry-dominated Wild Salmon Advisory Council.

The council and the provincial government's approach to developing a wild salmon strategy have been criticized for what is said to be the selective nature of the committee members, failure of the actions to change root causes of the salmon crisis, and perpetuating status quo approaches.

We'll interview some of these critics and write more next week. **WSV**

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District of Sooke Regular Council meeting. 7 pm on Mon Mar 11. www.sooke.ca
City of Colwood Public Hearing 6:45 pm, Regular Council. 7 pm on Mon Mar 11. www.colwood.ca
SD62 Board Meeting. Tues Mar 12. 7 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca
It's Time for a National Clean Energy Plan. Wed Mar 13. Town Hall with Alistair MacGregor, MP. Belmont Secondary, 3041 Langford Lake Rd. 6 to 8 pm. RSVP: <http://alistairmacgregor.ndp.ca/langford-it-s-time-for-a-national-clean-energy-plan> | **Live on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/2012570408798798/>
City of Colwood. Advisory Planning Commission. Wed Mar 13. 7 pm.
SPEAC (district PAC SD62) meeting at Dunsmuir school. Wed Mar 13. 7pm. www.sd62.bc.ca
SD62 Spring Break. Sat Mar 16 thru Sun Mar 31. www.sd62.bc.ca
Ugh! A Slug! Sat Mar 16. 10:30 am-12pm. All ages. Guided walk with naturalist. Devonian Regional Park, Metchosin. www.crd.bc.ca/parks-events
Bloom 11 Opening reception. Sat Mar 16. Coast Collective, 318 Wale Rd. 1 to 3 pm. www.coastcollective.ca
Juno Awards. Sun Mar 17. Watch on CBC. www.junoawards.ca

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SD62 Spring Break. (Mar 16) to Sun Mar 31.
CleanBC Telephone Town Hall (Vancouver Island). Mon Mar 25. 7 pm. Info & registration: www.cleanbc.ca
LEGO Block Party. Wed Mar 27. 4 to 4:45 pm. Sooke Library, 2065 Anna Marie Rd, Sooke.
Popsockets for Mobile Phones. Make one at the Sooke Library. Sat Mar 30. 1:30 to 2:15 pm. Age 12-18 yr. 2065 Anna Marie Rd, Sooke.
Earth Hour. Sat Mar 30. 8:30 to 9:30 pm. www.earthhour.org
PUBLIC INPUT- Changes to BC's Employment Standards Act - first update since 1994. (From Feb 28) to Sun Mar 31. Submissions by email. More info: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/modernizing-the-employment-standards-act/>

Coming up in April

SD62 Back to School. Mon Apr 1. www.sd62.bc.ca
SD62 Adolescent Health Survey results workshop. Wed Apr 10. Dunsmuir Middle School. 4 to 5:30 pm.

PUBLIC INPUT: Active Transportation - bike lanes, walking paths, connections to transit. (From Mar 2) to Mon April 15 (4pm) online at: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/activetransportation/>
DeMamiel Creek Golf Course in Sooke. Season opens Wed Apr 17. www.seaparc.ca
Easter Long Weekend. Apr 19 thru Apr 22. Good Friday Apr 19 (Statutory holiday) | Easter Monday Apr 22.
SD62 Board Meeting - budget. Tues Apr 23. Board office. www.sd62.bc.ca
Blood Donor Clinic. Mon Apr 22. Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. www.blood.ca
Pacific FC Inaugural game. Sun Apr 28 at Westhills Stadium. 4pm. Vanc Island vs Halifax. www.pacificfc.ca

Looking ahead to May

Viva La Westshore. Fri May 3. At Olympic View Golf Club. Westshore Chamber fundraiser for Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island. www.westshore.bc.ca
Rotary Sooke Annual Fundraising Auction/Dinner. Sat May 4. Prestige hotel. Tickets at Shoppers & Little Vienna Bakery. Info 250-642-1789.
Victoria Chamber AGM. Tues May 7. Speakers on Amalgamation: Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps & Saanich Mayor Fred Haynes. 11:30 am. Hotel Grand Pacific. www.victoriachamber.ca
Annual Westshore Learning Plant Sale. Colwood Campus, 2139 Sooke Rd. Sat May 11.
13th Annual Duck Day at the Flats. Sat May 11. Tix \$5 ea or \$20 for 5. Sooke Harbourside Lions fundraiser.
Women's Rugby 7s. Sat May 11 & Sun May 12. Westhills Stadium, Langford. www.rugby.ca
Mother's Day. Sun May 12.
SPEAC AGM. Wed May 15. SD62 office. www.sd62.bc.ca
May Long Weekend. Sat May 18 to Mon May 20.
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Week of March 18 to 24

SD62 Spring Break. (Mar 16) to Sun Mar 31.
St Patrick's Day. Sun Mar 17.
City of Langford Council. Mon Mar 18. 5:30 pm. www.langford.ca
Federal Budget. Tues Mar 19.
Oculus Rift Virtual Reality. Thurs Mar 21. 4 to 5 pm. Age 10+. Sooke Library, 2065 Anna Marie Rd. 250-642-3022
Capital City Comic Con 2019. Mar 22 to 24. Victoria Conference Centre. www.capitalcitycomiccon.ca

Sheringham Point Lighthouse | Winter hours 9 am to 4 pm | www.sheringhamlighthouse.org

Funds available to residents impacted by watermain break in central Langford

Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News



Flooding on Strathmore Rd and Goldstream Ave on February 19 due to a burst watermain.

● On the night of February 19 a CRD underground watermain burst underground on Strathmore Road right near the corner of Goldstream Avenue. It was 8 pm and cold. Water shot up high then flooded down Strathmore for about an hour. About 12 homes (including basement suites), a condo/commercial building and underground parking lot experienced flooding.

"We have currently issued \$6,000 in funding to those who were in immediate need," says Chris Aubrey, Fire Chief, Langford Fire Rescue.

Chief Aubrey explains that the financial assistance reasons were varied and individual based on circumstances. They ranged from covering the cost of home contents (such as beds and clothing), moving expenses to relocate, right up to helping an individual who lost most of his personal possessions as a result of the flood and has been unable to find other accommodation. Others have rented dumpsters so they can dispose of damaged items or to bring in heaters to help dry their homes.

The total amount of the fund is \$10,000, something that was pulled together by Mayor Stew Young and council. "I am not aware of a firm deadline but we will continue to evaluate any additional applications we may get to determine what level of assistance may be required," says Chief Aubrey.

Renters experiencing hardship because of the flooding can apply for one-time funding by writing to Braden Hutchins at administration@langford.ca or by calling Langford city hall at 250-478-7882. WSV

You're Invited!

Facebook Town Hall with Alistair MacGregor, MP
It's Time for a National Clean Energy Plan

Wednesday, March 13th ● 6 to 8 pm

Live at Belmont Secondary School (upstairs, Learning Commons), 3041 Langford Lake Road

RSVP: <http://alistairmacgregor.ndp.ca/langford-it-s-time-for-a-national-clean-energy-plan>

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Anonymous donor gives \$1,000 monthly

● Ayre Manor senior's care facility in Sooke has been receiving \$1,000 per month for the past year from an anonymous donor, says Sandy Pedneault, Chair, Sooke Elderly Citizens' Housing Society (SECHS). This has allowed them to provide some 'extras' for the residents. This is in addition to regular funding for operations.

Ayre Manor offers a 'complete campus of care': Independent Rentals, Assisted Living, Complex Care, and Hospice End of Life Care.

Donors are issued a tax deductible receipt for any donations, says Pedneault. www.ayremanor.ca WSV



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TRAFFIC INFO



Langford Parkway roadworks near Westhills Stadium, March 6.

■ **Spring 2019.** Langford Pkwy adjacent to City Centre Park & Westhills Stadium (access to Langford Lanes & City Centre Park is open). Road construction and associated work continues, at the future signalized intersection with Leigh Road.

■ **Continuing in March 2019.** Various roadway adjustments continue around and around the Belmont Market/Residences construction zone [Jacklin Road, Kelly Road, Jenkins Ave].

More traffic advisories: www.langford.ca