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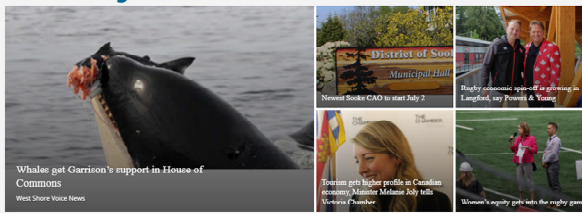
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Rugby weekend descends upon Langford

by Mary P Brooke **West Shore Voice News**



An enthusiastic bunch of Rugby Sevens team captains at their traditional Captains Photo event, this year held at the 14th hole at Bear Mountain Resort golf course.

● **Twelve Women's Sevens rugby teams descended on Langford** earlier this week, in preparation for this weekend's HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series tournament at Westhills Stadium.

They spent the week in training as well as taking part in official HSBC events, mentoring events for youth at various schools in the west shore and Victoria, and photo ops. They've been staying at Bear Mountain Resort and Four Points Sheraton, and getting to see the city.

Training has been done indoors at the Al Charron Rugby Canada National Training Centre and outdoors right across the road at Westhills Stadium.

The teams (captains) are here from Australia (Sharni Williams), Brazil (Raquel Kochhann), Canada (Ghislaine Landry), China (Yan Meiling), England (Abbie Brown), France (Fanny Horta), Fiji (Rusila Nagasau), Ireland (Amee-Leigh Murphy Crowe), New Zealand (Sarah Hirini), Russia (Alena Mikhailsova), Spain (Anne Fernández de Corres), and USA (Nicole Heavirland).

Canada is the host for this fifth of six tournaments. Canada won gold in the previous tournament in Japan in April. After this May 11-12 tournament over Mother's Day weekend in Langford, teams – including Canada – will have just one more tournament to vfy for their best result and that will be in Biarritz, France on June 15 and 16.

Canada Women's Sevens Team Captain Ghislaine Landry says the goal was to qualify this season. "I like where we're sitting (in 2nd place, with 20 points ahead of France)," she said ahead of the tournament. "But the way the season is going we're just going to keep pushing for performances and let the rest take care of itself," she told *West Shore Voice News*.

For Canada, is there any team you're worried about in this competition? "At this point, everyone! It's a tough series," says Landry. "Everyone's playing really well. There's no easy game any more. We'll take it one game at a time. But yeah, everyone's a threat now," said Canada's captain in a confident and relaxed manner.

Landry says that community events have created a busy week. "All the teams have been out at the schools in the area. To have rugby in the community and coaching with little kids, whether it's Canadians or other teams, we love it," she said.

The USA team mentored students of the Sports Performance Rugby Class at Belmont Secondary on Thursday, in the school's back field. "They will do some skill development, get exposure to international athletes, and experience some role modeling with strong athletes," said Charlotte Hailey who teaches the rugby sports performance class at Belmont. **WSV**



USA Rugby Women's Sevens shared some tips with Sports Performance Rugby students at Belmont Secondary in Langford on May 9.

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Rugby event adds \$3.7 million to Langford economy

by Mary P Brooke, Editor
West Shore Voice News

● **This one weekend of HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens tournament action May 11 & 12** at the newly expanded Westhills Stadium has generated \$3.7 million into the Langford economy.

Rugby Canada Chair Tim Powers was on hand for the finals on Sunday. He was pleased with the stadium and training centre combo as a "world class facility", and was impressed with how Langford pulled off a high-energy, well-attended event that reached past sports into being a high-impact community event.

Step by step, Langford Mayor Stew Young has worked to unfold his vision for the impact of sport in his city. Declaring last month that Langford is now going about 'building a national sport capital' as the Pacific FC inaugural game brought a buzz to Westhills Stadium, Young has also methodically integrated rugby into Langford.

The training centre behind the stadium combined with Rugby Canada moving their administration from Toronto to Langford last year, has now been built upon with the stadium expansion and soon also a playpark, rock wall, and eventually more bleachers (seating about



Rugby Canada Chair Tim Powers (left) and **Langford Mayor Stew Young** at the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens tournament at Westhills Stadium May 12. 10,000) and even a hotel with conference center.

"Sports and entertainment at Westhills Stadium puts Langford at the centre of economic activity," said Mayor Young. **WSV**

Mitzi Dean: women in sport

● **Ahead of the finals** at the women's rugby tournament half-time, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin) took to the field with a message of celebrating women in sport in BC.

"Congratulations to all the athletes. The BC government is proud to support HSBC Canada Women's Sevens," she said at the microphone, wearing hot pink.

"Sport is a driver for change. Especially for women. Sport empowers women and girls and builds a more equal future," said Dean.

"These athletes will inspire the next generation of women and girls to get into and stay in sport."

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MLA Mitzi Dean & Rugby Canada's longtime outgoing Media Relations & Communications Manager Bryan Kelly.

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Editorial Space

Big changes emerging for Langford, thanks to a sports capital vision



by **Mary P Brooke**
Editor & Publisher

● **When change seems like it suddenly happens**, that's just the end of it all. Changes evolve from a series of small moving parts that have their own short cycles of start, roll out, and end. When a number of small changes take place, together something big emerges. If you're watching, the outcome is usually not a surprise. But people are busy and not everything is obvious. When the big change comes, sometimes it's a surprise.

So if you suddenly feel like Langford has a higher profile as a sports and entertainment nexus, you'd be right. The steps to getting there have been in many sectors. Building things (like an expanded stadium), attracting things (like a new professional soccer league), and organizing things (like planning the road system to provide access to it all) – those were the footsteps.

The big rugby tournament at Westhills Stadium this past weekend shone a light on all this. A new level of community presence has been achieved. And not just in sports, but for the broader business community and the community at large. Something feels different, new, and of the future.

Life is complex, so when something just pops up as if it's new, this seems refreshing. But behind a bright shiny new thing is a lot of vision, hard work, and an investment of time, money and energy by many people, organizations and enthusiasts. Bravo to all that it takes in Langford to pull off this next big step to fulfill the city and region as a national sports capital. ■

The stress of parenting slowly being recognized as requiring action

● **From starting a strategy** for child care delivery in Sooke to the death of child left behind in a hot vehicle in Burnaby, this week's news made it even more societally obvious as to just how overwhelming it is to be a parent who probably also works long hours to support a family and deals with all the complexities of modern life. All directions that any government can take to ease the burdens on families -- whether that's with services, housing affordability, tax credits, or awareness programs -- is to head in the right direction. ■

Colwood hires a new CAO for risk-taking & creativity

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

● **The hiring of a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)** doesn't always make headlines. But Mayor Rob Martin and Colwood Council and staff were pleased this week to announce that Robert Earl will be joining the City of Colwood as CAO effective August 6, 2019. And this one change at the top of city staff could make waves, in a good way.

The new CAO – Robert Earl – comes to Colwood from the Town of Banff where he has served as Town Manager for the past 15 years. Prior to that, Earl was CAO for two other districts in BC: Invermere and Port Edward.

Colwood is at a strategic point in its development as a municipality with both local and regional forces to contend with including housing affordability and transportation gridlock. The new CAO appears to bring ingenuity to the table at a time when change is pretty much commanded by circumstance as the order of the day.

"Earl is a strategic and results-focused leader who has been recognized as one of the top five administrators in Canada," it was stated in a City of Colwood news release on May 9. The experienced administrator was profiled in David Siegal's book *Leaders in the Shadows: the Leadership Qualities of Municipal Chief Administrative Officers*. He empowers his team to take risks, be creative and continually seek out ways to improve municipal programs and services.

"We are excited to add Robert's extensive experience and strong leadership to the Colwood team," said Colwood Mayor Rob Martin. "He will be instrumental in helping Colwood realize its incredible potential as an exceptional seaside community with a high quality of life and a recognized commitment to environmental sustainability."

There were more than 80 applicants for the Colwood CAO job posting which closed in March. The Mayor and members of Council made up the interview panel and say they are confident they've found a hands-on CAO who exceeds the

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Mitzi Dean addresses the feminist file

West Shore Voice News

● **Gender equity** was on everyone's mind at the 'Feminists Deliver' opening get-together in Vancouver on Friday, May 10.

Two MLA's spoke during the launch of the weekend-long conference: Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin) is also the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity. Melanie Mark, MLA (Vancouver-Mount Pleasant) is the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

Also attending was Shane Simpson, MLA (Vancouver-Hastings) who is Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

Mitzi Dean was the lead speaker, announcing \$200,000 in government funding "to help support these necessary conversations" as will take place this weekend. "After years of cuts and underfunding by the previous government, we know it's important to support grassroots organizations," said Dean.

Dean said the conference was coming together at an important moment as women's voices are being acknowledged. "A coalition of women who are transforming systems, fighting for



Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity, **Mitzi Dean** (center) at the *Feminists Deliver* conference in Vancouver on May 10 justice and being advocates for child care. Women continue to be the targets of violence and discrimination," said Dean, adding that it's especially true for indigenous women.

Feminists Deliver is being called an opportunity to advance women's and feminist organizations in BC. "The urgent needs of grassroots women, girls, Trans, two-spirit and non-binary people can and will only change when we disrupt and challenge the status quo together," said Minister Mark. **WSV**



City of Colwood Mayor
Rob Martin



Incoming Colwood
CAO **Robert Earl**

advertised qualities: a proven strategic leader who is enthusiastic and creative and can inspire staff and demonstrate innovative and cost-effective approaches to service delivery.

Colwood's previous CAO, Ian Howat, announced his plans to retire back in November 2018. He served several years under former Colwood Mayor Carol Hamilton. "Mr. Howat provided outstanding leadership and a steadfast commitment to the Colwood community in his tenure as CAO," it was stated by the City of Colwood. **WSV**



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Sussex family arrival: It's a boy! West Shore Voice News



Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor (age 2 days in this photo) is 7th in line to the British Throne.

● **With a name fit for an interesting international life**, the new royal baby – son of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle (Duke and Duchess of Sussex) – was introduced to the world on May 8. Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor was born on Monday May 6 at 5:26 am BST weighing 7 lb 7 oz.

The introduction of Archie to the world's media was at Windsor Castle, after the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh met their eighth and newest great-grandchild for the first time.

Seventh in line to the British throne, Archie is destined for a royal life but perhaps without the trappings and duties of a royal title. At the Queen's discretion, the little boy could be bestowed with the title of Earl of Dumbarton (one of Harry's subsidiary titles) or Lord Archie Mountbatten-Windsor. For now he is Master Archie Harrison.

His cousins who are 3rd, 4th and 5th in line to the throne are the children of Prince William and Kate: Prince George (age 5), Princess Charlotte (age 4), and Prince Louis (age 1). **WSV**
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Wanted: heads-up on derelict boats in the CRD area

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

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Safe disposal of a boat

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There was a time in days long past when it was a whimsical notion to see or hear about an abandoned or partially-sunk vessel. The imagination runs wild with the history of it all ... what happened to cause the boat's demise, what happened to the people on board, how long has it been there, is there any treasure (or parts)?

"Derelict boats and discarded plastics pollute our waterways and put boater safety at risk," said Minister of Environment and climate Change George Heyman last month when Premier John Horgan announced the appointment of Sheila Malcolmson, MLA (Nanaimo) to the new position of minister's special advisor.

The federal government has an abandoned boats program to support assessment and removal of abandoned vessels.

The CRD says that abandoned and neglected boats impact the health and safety of our shorelines, especially if fuel, chemicals or garbage are leaking into the marine environment.

<https://westshorevoiceneews.com/new-special-advisor-on-marine-debris-protection/>



The Florence Filberg burned through the night in the Sooke Harbour Basin, July 3.

Mary Brooke & Jennifer Brooke - MapleLine Magazine

^^ This is *not* the way to dispose of a derelict boat: the Florence Filberg was set on fire in the Sooke Harbour Basin on the night of July 3, 2009. The blaze drew crowds. The perpetrators somehow thought the crowds on the shore wouldn't nab them in photos. [News photo by Mary Brooke and Jennifer Brooke, as published on the cover of MapleLine Magazine, Vol. 1 No. 4, Fall 2009 issue]

Reporting an Abandoned Boat. If you see a boat that looks abandoned, you can advise the CRD at 250.360.3030 or toll free 1.800.663.4425 local 3030. They will look for this sort of information if you can provide it: Exact location | Vessel name and description | License number or other identifier | How long it's been in that location | Some photos **WSV**



See one? Say something.

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Hazardous materials on boats

Common hazards on boats.

To protect yourself and the environment, be aware:

- Some boat components may contain asbestos, lead, PCBs or other hazardous materials which can be harmful to your health. Just like when you begin a renovation at home, precautions are needed to ensure that these materials are handled and disposed of safely.
- Before you start taking things apart, a hazardous materials survey may be required to identify any potential materials that may be harmful to your health or require special disposal.

Other hazardous materials (hazardous waste) may include:

- Asbestos: Some common materials in boats that contain asbestos include: Window caulking/putty | Electrical wire insulation/wrap | Linoleum/vinyl sheet flooring | Gaskets | Sealants/adhesives
- PCB light ballast (fixtures) | Hull paint (containing heavy metals) | Lead painted surfaces **WSV**

- **Got a boat you no longer want? Donate your boat.** In the Greater Victoria area, you can donate your boat to a worthy cause: Sail and Life Training Society (SALTS) or the Disabled Sailing Association of BC
- **Beyond repair?** You can recycle most of its parts. Visit www.myrecyclopedia.ca to see how and where you can recycle everything from oily bilge water and propane tanks to engines and electronics (but make sure you're aware of any hazardous materials on board before you start taking things apart). Boats free of hazardous materials, prohibited items and recyclable materials can be disposed of at Hartland Landfill. See www.crd.bc.ca/boat

How to safely dispose of your boat: Learn how to dispose of your boat waste. Asbestos-containing materials (ACM) are accepted at Hartland Landfill by appointment only. ACM must be double-bagged in approved UN-rated 6 mil poly asbestos bags (available at safety supply stores).

- Determine if your boat's paint contains heavy metals. Leachable metal paints are prohibited from Hartland Landfill by provincial regulation, requiring disposal through a hazardous waste contractor. A qualified professional can collect samples to determine if your boat can be accepted at Hartland.
- Apply for a controlled waste permit. Once you've removed and properly disposed of recyclables and any hazardous materials, the remainder of your boat is eligible for disposal at Hartland Landfill. Email for a disposal permit and/or testing instructions. Once you have obtained a permit, call Hartland Landfill at 250.360.3410 to make an appointment for disposal.

Service providers:

A list of 18 providers for Hazardous Materials Survey, Testing and Removal Services are listed on the www.crd.bc.ca/boat page, under the 'Common Hazards on Boats' section. **WSV**

Abandoned boat program

What is the abandoned boat program?

In December 2016 the CRD Board directed staff to initiate and coordinate a consistent, regional approach to deal with abandoned vessels. In early 2017, the federal government also announced a 5-year Abandoned Boats Program (ABP) to support local initiatives to clean up coastal waters. CRD staff then organized several regional meetings, gathered information regarding vessels that appeared abandoned throughout our region, and applied for funding through the Abandoned Boats Program.

The Abandoned Boat Program has two components:

The Education, Awareness and Research component funds public education projects aimed at raising awareness about boat owner responsibility, including proper end-of-life management practices. It also funds research on environmentally responsible boat design and recycling of end-of-life boats.

The Assessment and Removals component funds boat removal assessments, and the permanent removal and disposal of abandoned and/or wrecked small boats.

In March 2018 the CRD learned that it will receive federal funding from both components of this program, including \$50,000 to help increase public awareness about the environmental and safety risks posed by abandoned boats across the region.

With this funding, the CRD will be able to ask residents for help identifying derelict vessels and ultimately reduce the volume of abandoned boats littering our waterways in the future through responsible boat ownership education, including end-of-life best practices and recycling and disposal options.

CRD staff are working closely with municipalities, regional districts, Islands Trust and local First Nations to coordinate efforts that address abandoned boats under the federal ABP initiative, including this newly-funded education program.

In addition to the \$50,000 grant, the CRD also learned that it will receive \$10,400 in federal funding to assess the condition and removal costs of 10 vessels identified as abandoned in Tsehum Harbour on the Saanich Peninsula. These boats must be assessed by March 31, after which CRD staff will apply again to the ABP for funding to remove and dispose of them.

Additional applications for both assessment and disposal funding will be made on an ongoing basis as abandoned or derelict vessels are identified across the region.

To supplement the federal program, the CRD also approved funding to handle the disposal of marine debris associated with the abandoned boats (e.g., docking, ropes, and miscellaneous flotsam and jetsam). **WSV**

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Five fires in nine days in Langford: all of them due to cigarette butts, says Fire Chief Aubrey

by Mary P Brooke, West Shore Voice News



Langford Fire Rescue

Brush fire last week that resulted from a tossed cigarette butt.

● **Already there have been five cigarette-related fires in Langford** in just over a week (May 1 to 9), and it's only yet just the middle of spring. That's a period where weather had been warm and there had been no rain for over a week. Ground areas were dry.

Apparently no fines have been issued.

The five fires were attended by Langford Fire Rescue. To extinguish these fires it utilizes resources like operating the trucks, the time and availability of firefighters, equipment to be reassembled, and protective gear washed afterward. And of course water.

"It is unfortunate that we have to remind everyone that cigarettes need to be properly disposed of each year as it gets warmer," says Langford Fire Rescue Chief Chris Aubrey.

"I believe people get into a habit over the winter – when it's wet – of tossing them into flower beds or outside their car window. But those behaviors cause problems when it gets dry throughout spring and summer," said Chief Aubrey on Friday afternoon May 10.

The temperature in Langford had reached to around 25°C that afternoon, before cooler weather set in on Sunday.

The locations of all these early-season fires have all been around parking lots of businesses or apartments, says Aubrey.

"One fire this week started as a fire in a flower bed but escaped into the surrounding brush and took longer to extinguish," he explained.

"In most cases we send our Brush truck with two firefighters and it takes about 30 minutes for them to attend, put the fire out and return to service. Had we been in High or Extreme conditions that fire would have likely required one or two engine crews to put out and would have spread much faster," said Aubrey.

Signs around town say: "Bark mulch and cigarette butts don't mix. Please use your ashtray." **WSV**

As of last count, 9,775 of you had viewed our post about cigarette butt fires on Facebook, with 2,831 engaging to click through to the article at <https://westshorevoicenews.com/five-fires-in-langford-in-nine-days-due-to-tossed-butts> And thanks for sharing: 80 of our online readers shared the Facebook post, to help spread the word.

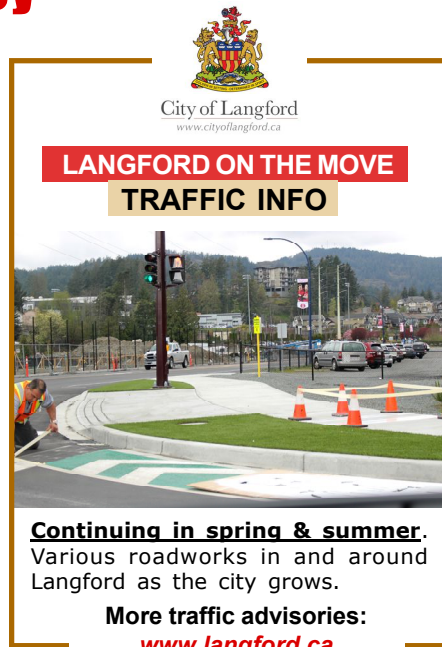
Alistair MacGregor speaks up for salmon & coastal communities

● **On May 1 in Question Period** in the House of Commons, Alistair MacGregor, MP (Cowichan-Malahat-Langford) asked Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to protect Pacific wild salmon and coastal communities.

ALISTAIR MACGREGOR: "Mr. Speaker, the west coast suffered through a decade of Conservative mismanagement of Pacific wild salmon, including cuts to DFO and gutting habitat protection. Now we have a Liberal government that has spent billions of dollars on a leaky pipeline and will increase tanker traffic in our sensitive marine environment, putting salmon and whales at risk. Vancouver Island coastal communities have had enough. They want a full recovery plan. Will the Prime Minister listen to them, and to coastal leaders like Chief Bob Chamberlin, and protect wild salmon?"

PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU responded in the House: "Mr Speaker, protection of wild stocks in BC is a priority for our government. With the province we created the BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund contributing \$100 million. We also endowed \$5 million for the Pacific Salmon Endowment Fund. Fifteen of 16 southern BC chinook runs are endangered, threatened, or of special concern. We understand the concerns of fishing and tourism industries. But these closures will be crucial in helping recover these stocks. We know that putting the interests of salmon first is putting British Columbians first."

See Alistair MacGregor delivering his question, and the response from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at this YouTube link: https://youtu.be/XzsC_gtQNLE **WSV**



WHAT YOU'VE BEEN SAYING ON FACEBOOK ABOUT THESE HUMAN-CAUSED FIRES



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Sherrilyn Caron: Let's start fining some of these losers. I'm tired of seeing "wildfire season" warnings when what we really mean is "stupid people season".

Bill Appledorf: Tobacco should have been banned decades ago.

Jacque Ellsmere: Yes, fines and jail time.....there are no excuses.....since sooo many people suffer health issues from the smoke, lives are lost, or are evacuated from their burning homes, forests and wildlife are killed, not to mention the damage done to our planet in general! Our governments and policing of this issue need to step up and actually punish /educate these people.

Rod Rego: Similar issues in California with careless campers and improperly extinguished campfires (but also other issues over there as well such as power lines and lightning and some suspected and some prosecuted arson).

Dianne Isabelle: I posted a vehicle make model and plate/driver description last week online of a driver throwing out a cigarette and it was removed.

Estelle Padeloup: Fines will never be enough, some prison time may have them be more cautious.

Rob Gemmell: Dry conditions + burning things = bad idea.

Sharon Dunford: You can't fix stupid.

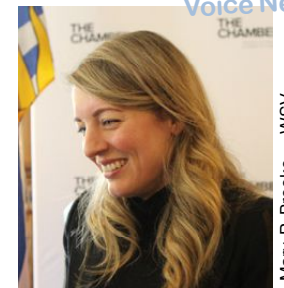
Maureen Reynolds: I am true believer now. No open burning at all. In a campground with proper metal ring. Nowhere else and fires completely extinguished. We have to stop these fires, so stupid.

Sherrilyn Caron: Let's start fining some of these losers. I'm tired of seeing "wildfire season" warnings when what we really mean is "stupid people season". **WSV**

Tourism to get higher profile in Canadian economy, Minister Mélanie Joly tells Victoria Chamber

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

● **"Tourism is the second biggest industry in BC.** Our government believes in this sector," said Mélanie Joly, federal Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie, in her opening remarks at a Victoria Chamber of Commerce lunch at The Union Club in downtown Victoria on Monday, May 13.



Mélanie Joly, federal Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie, pre-announced key points of a new economic program for boosting for tourism.

To an audience of about 70 people, Minister Joly made a good case for news that is exciting to the tourism industry: there will now be a seventh economic table in the federal economic sectors profile. This might sound administrative, but it opens a lot of doors for expanding tourism across the country, including fostering investment in tourism products and services, job creation (both skilled and general labour), and crafting a new process through which skilled immigrants can bring themselves and their families to Canada.

Later on, someone in the audience told Joly that her enthusiasm and level of engagement for tourism are greatly appreciated, with concurrence in the room on that.

This business crowd got the inside scoop, as the official announcement doesn't come nationally until after the long weekend on May 21.

In BC, Joly sees added attention to tourism – including by federal Deputy Ministers assigned to focus on it in several ministries – with the expenditure of \$60 million over two years.

Joly has high hopes for the new program that the government will fully roll out on May 21. The program will include support for winter and off-season product development, a boost to culinary tourism, stronger indigenous tourism, highlighting LGBT tourism as a new sector, and promoting tourism investment in rural and remote regions.

Food is a big interest in tourism and an incentive to travel. Joly says that 30% of international tourism choices are based on the anticipated gastronomy of the trip destination, whereas apparently only 8% of international travellers choose Canada as a destination based on the exploration of food. She feels that can change.

Remote and rural areas that are losing their traditional fishing, mining or forestry industries can look to tourism as a way to turn around their local economies.

She also gave examples of how certain industries – like airlines – can think about themselves as part of the tourism industry instead of just as transportation. With this attitude to inclusion for a wider range of businesses and industries, tourism as a whole can experience almost a spontaneous boost from a shared awareness of cross-industry common goals.

Joly's clarity about the small- and medium-size enterprise (SME) sector was appreciated by the Chamber audience. She said that 99% of businesses in the tourism sector are SME's and that generally they have no time to lobby government and organize themselves. The new program will apparently demonstrate an awareness of that.

About 180,000 new jobs could be created in the tourism sector with the support of the new tourism program, said Joly. **WSV**

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Alistair MacGregor, MP: protecting salmon & fishing communities

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Garrison continues his fight to protect orcas

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● **Randall Garrison, MP this week:** Why does the federal government's Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) recovery program include no mandatory measures to curb freighter and oil tanker traffic across the Swiftsure Bank habitat of that marine mammal species?

That was the question posed by Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke) in the House of Commons on Monday, May 13.

"SRKWs are under immediate threat of extinction, yet the government's recovery plan announced Friday lacks urgency and fails to take on the major threat to the SRKW from oil and other shipping interests," said Garrison. "While the government has banned local small craft from the Swiftsure Bank, the most critical area of SRKW habitat where they spend one-third of their time, it will continue to allow more than 13,000 freighters and oil tankers to transit the bank," said Garrison, who has followed this issue in his constituency for years.

With the Liberal's recovery plan clearly ignoring the real culprits of large oil tankers and freighters, Garrison asked: "Will the government take immediate action to realign the commercial shipping lanes to move the major noise and pollution threats away from the Swiftsure Bank?"

The SRKWs are also under threat by deterioration of their natural environment including from large scale noise pollution. There is a serious decline in their primary food source, Chinook salmon, which currently the federal government is trying to stave off with recreational fishing bans this spring and summer.

But Garrison says that's not the right approach. "The current coastal protection measures by the Liberals would do exactly nothing to enhance Chinook salmon stocks along the coast, or support local initiatives working to put more fish in the water," he said.

"The recreational and sport fishing industries have always provided the core of donors and volunteers for local habitat and fisheries enhancement programs. But now fishing communities on Vancouver Island are being hit hard by fisheries restrictions and can't continue to be the only ones trying to increase fish stocks," added Garrison. "No local angler wants to catch the last salmon or see the orcas go extinct."

Garrison asked for an immediate increase of the promised \$142 million over five years, to at least \$142 million annually for habitat restoration and salmon enhancement to help struggling communities: whales, the chinook, and the local fishing industry and culture on Vancouver Island. **WSV**



Randall Garrison, MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke)

Garrison's question to the Liberal Government about whales & salmon is on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHc4odHnFwc>



Centre for Whale Research

Sooke hires new CAO after a dry spell

by Mary P Brooke, Editor ~ West Shore Voice News

● **Another shift in District of Sooke municipal leadership** is coming up with the arrival of a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Norm McInnis will start as the District of Sooke's CAO on July 2. The announcement was made at the May 13 Regular Council Meeting; the official appointment will happen at a regular council meeting ahead of July 2.

The CAO position is the top staff position, to which all other municipal staff report. The CAO guides Mayor and Council with the proper delivery of policy and interpretation and development of bylaws. The CAO oversees all operations of the municipality, reporting to Mayor and Council.

In the past 10 years or so, the CAO position has been in the news for either clashes with Mayor and Council, CAO missteps, questions about the hiring process, long absences at a cost to the taxpayer, or how the vacant post was filled in various ways by other staff and/or an officially appointed Interim CAO.

The District has been without a CAO since February 2018 after the departure of Teresa Sullivan from that position; the manner of her in-house hiring became a matter of public debate at the end of 2015 and her approval of some costly contract expenditures without the knowledge or approval of Council during 2016 created rancor in the ranks. The interim CAO in 2019 has been Don Schaeffer who with a broad background including media and publishing did a lot to steady the ship and get things organized for the new permanent CAO now arriving mid-2019. It's been District of Sooke Mayor

Maja Tait in office during 2014 to now while all of this has transpired.

Tait said the search for a CAO this year was lengthy and that the competition robust. In welcoming McInnis to the team, she said: "We also wish to recognize and thank Grant Smith of Waterhouse Executive Search for his focused efforts in sourcing out excellent candidates for Council's consideration".

"Norm's experience, communication skills and commitment to service excellence was fully demonstrated in his role as CAO with the District of Fernie, BC. He will be a great addition to Sooke as his background aligns with the strategic direction of Council and the vision we share for our community," Tait said in a release. **WSV**



Norm McInnis starts as the new Sooke CAO on July 2, 2019.



District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait during the medical clinic expansion announcement, April 26, outside Sooke municipal hall.

Building a profile of child care services in Sooke

Compiled by Chelsea Kirkpatrick West Shore Voice News

● **Sooke has grown** in the past decade, going from a town of under 10,000 to almost 15,000 in less than a typical generation. More babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children are needing care as families go to work.

There are quite a few home daycares and child care services in the Sooke area. Some are listed with Island Health (VIHA). The District of Sooke has recently received grant funding to document presently offered child care services in the Sooke area then presumably to coordinate the information for community use and perhaps facilitate more child care spaces as required (something the SD62 school board says it wants to take part in). Here's our first take on what's out there:

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Kingfisher Pre-School [Ages 3-5] 105-6672 Wadams Way kingfisherpreschool1@gmail.com | 250-642-5152

Kid's Quest Day Care [Age 5-12] 6038 Sooke Rd sookekidsquest@gmail.com | 250-514-5038

Happy Face Day Care [infant, toddler, preschool] 2659A Otter Point Rd Susie at niblacks@shaw.ca | 250-642-0422

Happy Campers - Otter Point [Ages 5-12] 2080 Otter Point Rd Lucy at lucy-ann@happycampers.ca | 250-391-0909

Choo Choo, Let's Go Childcare Centre / Centre de Garde [Ages 1-5] 2340 Sunriver Way | info@choochoolets.go.com | 778-352-3456

Ecole Petits Pieds [Ages 0-5] 476 Becher Bay Rd littleelves10@yahoo.com | 778-425-0188

Kid's Cottage Daycare [Ages 1-4.5] 6760 Steeple Chase Deborah | 250-920-9334

Kyla's Country Corner Daycare [Ages 1-5+] countrycorner123@gmail.com | 778-679-0683

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SD62 Aboriginal Education Grade 12 Grad. Wed May 22. At Camosun College, 4 to 8 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca

Victoria Shamrocks Senior A Lacrosse. Season starts Fri May 24 at Q Centre. www.victoriashamrocks.com

SD62 Public Board Meeting. Includes final look at the 2019-2020 budget. Tues May 28. At the board office, 7 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca

Beach Food Fridays & Saturdays at the Colwood Waterfront starting May 31 (May 31 & June 1; June 7 & 8; June 14 & 15; June 21 & 22; etc). 12 to 7 pm. Lunch or dinner from local food trucks with free, live, local music from 5 to 7 pm. www.colwood.ca

Sunnier Estates 7th Annual Community Yard Sale. Sat June 1. Rain or Shine. 8 am to 2 pm. 90+ homes participating. Yard sale items, crafts, BBQ, baked goods and more! Bring small bills, big smiles! GPS address: 2350 Sunriver Way. Info: sooke.sunriveryardsale@gmail.com

EMCS Grade 12 Grad. Sat Jun 1. UVic, 1 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca

Rock the Rink. Competition of youth rock bands. Sat June 1. Doors open 6:30. Competition 7-10:30 pm. West Shore Parks & Rec, 1767 Island Hwy. www.westshorecreation.ca

International African Children's Choir. Sun June 2. 10 am. Sooke Baptist Church, 7110 West Coast Rd. By donation. 250-642-3424. www.africanchildrenschoir.com

Royal Bay Secondary Grade 12 Graduation. Sun June 2. At UVic, 11 am. www.sd62.bc.ca

Twoonie Tuesday. Tues June 4. Fundraiser for Sooke Food Bank by Sooke Harbourside Lions. Canvassers around downtown Sooke. www.sookefoodbank.org

Belmont French Immersion Graduation. Wed June 5. 5 or 6pm (tba). Belmont Secondary School, 3041 Langford Lake Rd. www.sd62.bc.ca

International Education Grad. Sat June 8. At Belmont Secondary School, 3041 Langford Lake Rd, 1:30 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca

Belmont Secondary School Grade 12 Grad. Sun June 9. Two ceremonies at UVic. 11 am & 3 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca

SD62 District Retirement & Long Service Evening. Thurs June 13. 6pm at Royal Colwood Golf Club. www.sd62.bc.ca

Picnic in the Park & Dirt Jam. Sat June 15. 11 am. At SEAPARC. Sooke.

Father's Day. Sun June 16.

EMCS French Immersion Graduation. Thurs June 20. 5:30 pm. EMCS, 6218 Sooke Road. www.sd62.bc.ca

2nd Annual Scleroderma Victoria Walk. Sun June 23. Juan de Fuca Rec, 1767 Island Hwy, 10 am. To register, donate or support a walker: www.sclerodermabc.ca

SD62 Public Board Meeting. Tues June 25. At the board office, 7 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca

Westshore Centre for Learning & Training Graduation. 4 pm. Wed June 26. At Westin Bear Mountain Resort, 1999 Country Club Way. www.westshorecentre.com

SD62 last day of school before summer break. Thurs June 27.

Canada Day. Mon July 1. Community events. Pacific FC game with concert (Langford). Sooke Canada Day (Sooke Flats). More details to come.

2019 municipal taxes due on Tues July 2. Check the website of your municipality for details.

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Never leave a child in a car unattended

West Shore Voice News

A 16-month-old boy died on Thursday May 9 -- a day that reached 27°C in parts of the Greater Vancouver -- after being left alone in a hot car for about nine hours.

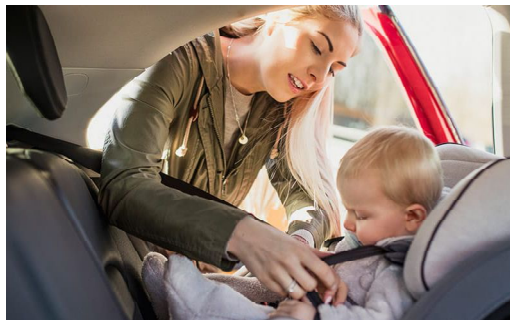
The toddler was found unconscious in a car in a medium-density urban residential neighbourhood of Burnaby near a child care centre around 5:45 pm. That when calls came in through 9-1-1. Burnaby RCMP said the child was transported to hospital, where he was declared deceased.

Burnaby RCMP held a media conference the next day to "drive home the point" to not leave children unattended in vehicles at any time but "especially as the weather heats up".

The reminder from Burnaby RCMP Chief Superintendent Deanne Burleigh also included advice to "deliver children where they need to be delivered", which implied that the driver in this case may have forgotten or was unaware that the child was in the vehicle.

The child's father was at the scene. Both parents are reportedly cooperating with police. Charges have not been ruled out. **WSV**

More: <https://westshorevoicenews.com/toddler-dies-after-being-left-in-hot-car/>



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Buckle in your child, and always check to see that babies and children have been delivered to their intended destinations, not left in cars.

Kids at the rugby game

PHOTOS by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

Parents, grandparents and caregivers brought along infants, toddlers and preschoolers to the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens tournament at Westhills Stadium in Langford on the May 11-12 Mother's Day weekend. Family moments, so cute! **WSV**



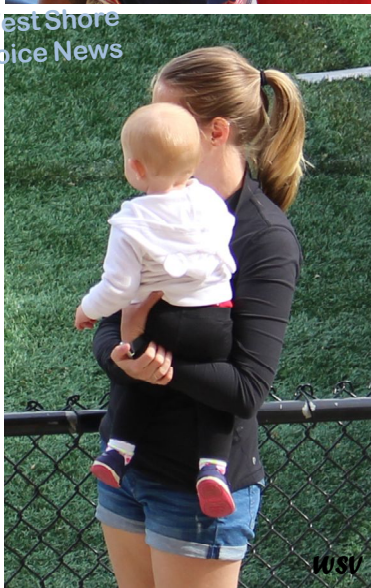
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Park rangers and conservation officers will have an increased presence for the May long weekend (May 18 to 20) to help ensure public safety and help protect the sensitive natural environment and ecosystems in the parks.

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