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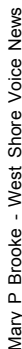
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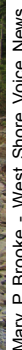
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by Mary P
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Implementing changes that could stick



Mary P Brooke

● **Getting elected** gives a government the authority to run things through their own lens. As the October 2019 federal election fast approaches, a politically vulnerable Liberal prime minister is showing more composure and thoughtfulness than people might be giving him credit for.

While chaos swirls around him and opposition attacks arrive like bombs daily, he is still trying to roll out changes that will make a difference for the long term. And he's probably just relieved that the US has suddenly dropped the steel and aluminum tariffs that have been killing jobs and spiking up the costs of industrial production.

One of those 'for the betterment of the people' initiatives are Trudeau's announcements this week that social media giants like Facebook and Google will feel some financial pain if they don't start implementing protections for users. Protections that should actually work. At a technology conference in Paris on Thursday, Trudeau unveiled a plan for digital charter to tackle misinformation and violent extremism online, as well as deal with online electoral interference. He said social media giants would be met with 'meaningful financial consequences' if hate speech is not combated.

The next day, Facebook issued a "Notice for People Who Manage Facebook Pages". Well, that's just about everyone. While they profess to be doing this out of "an effort to increase the transparency of pages", by simply revealing the country of every person/user/IP address that manages or updates a page (which they say may include agencies, advertisers, social media marketers or anyone your Page may work with, regardless of the person's level of activity on the Page) shows they really haven't risen to the leadership that society expects of them. They've created a machine without a soul, and they are speaking that same language. A country is a big place, which makes an initiative to work with that one parameter to be a very very small start. Kind of makes you think: 'are you kidding?' in the techno-trenches for so long and coming from a pure profit motive, it's a lot to ask the big Internet interfaces to alter their ego. But change they must. No other entity, no government, will have the financial might to create and run similar services. And so government is doing what it's supposed to do which is to put parameters around things that are impacting society.

People aren't asking for much, but really are asking for the most important things: protection or privacy, a reasonable and clear request for permission to be tracked or to be giving away information, and to be clearly instructed in the simplest terms on how to use particular services and how to detect misuse if it's happening.

This week Trudeau met with Jimmy Wales, the founder of Wikipedia. It's not the most robust of platforms and by relying on volunteer entries, updates and edits the content in Wikipedia is often flawed. But Wikipedia's principle of an open and interactive no-fee encyclopedia of world information is perhaps one of the few remaining crucibles of doing things for the right reasons. Good of Trudeau to seek out a discussion with someone who has the mightiest of intentions while also continuing to expect (or enforce) the best of the mightiest of the financial giants in the online platform industry.

Obviously the Internet is happily here to stay, and infinitely for longer than any government will be in place. To maintain an Intellectual commitment to cause on this issue 'while Rome burns' is the stuff that seekers of 'sunny ways' saw at the beginning in 2015 when as a country a new wave of hope seemed to have arrived. ■

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Small biz innovation to reduce plastic waste

● **On May 17**, the federal government unveiled support for Canadian innovation by small businesses to reduce plastic waste and beat plastic pollution.

Environment and Climate Change Canada says it's working with people across

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the country to protect its land and water from plastic waste. "Not only is plastic pollution harmful to the environment, but the disposal of plastics is a waste of a valuable resource. The Government of Canada is partnering with Canadian businesses to develop innovative solutions to keep plastics in the economy and out of landfills and the environment," the Ministry stated.

Six winners of the Canadian Plastics Innovation Challenge were announced as a part of the Innovative Solutions Canada program. Dealing with issues related to food packaging, construction waste, and the separation of plastics for recycling, these Challenges are a great opportunity to invest in innovative ideas and technologies that could play a role in addressing plastic pollution and moving Canada toward a zero-plastic waste future.

One local small business in Sydney, NS is developing a food packaging solution that would incorporate biodegradable components extracted from marine waste into a cast polypropylene film.

Selected small businesses in this Challenge will each receive up to \$150,000 to develop their idea. The collaboration is intended to "beat plastic pollution, protect nature, and tackle climate change". **WSV**

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Young Sooke surfer Jonah Mayhue missing

~ Editor, West Shore Voice News

● A young Sooke-area man has not been located after he went missing while surfing.

Jonah Mayhue, 29, was last seen on Wednesday May 8 around 11 am, watching two grey whales rubbing on the rocks at the entrance to the Gordon River. An hour later Jonah's surfboard was found on Pacheedaht Beach but there was no sign of him, the family said in a statement on May 15.

Sooke RCMP said on May 11 that they had recovered the surfboard but four days later the extensive search and rescue effort was called off.

This is the family's full statement (issued May 15): "At this time Search and Rescue has suspended its extensive land, air and sea search for Jonah. Jonah used his surfboard to cross the Gordon River at low tide to the West Coast Trail side. After a comprehensive five-day search Jonah has not been located. The huge effort put forth by the Search and Rescue teams, Parks Canada, the RCMP, family, friends, and citizens of Pacheedaht and Port Renfrew provides us with much needed solace. We deeply thank everyone involved in the Search for their unrelenting dedication to finding our Jonah. We will continue to search for Jonah. Anyone with information that could help us is asked to contact Sooke RCMP at 250 642 5241. We request privacy at this time but look



Jonah Mayhue out surfing
[Photo supplied by his family]

forward to sharing everyone's memories of our son and brother." Jonah's parents are Sooke-area lawyer Richard Mayhue and his wife Rebecca.

"The family is very grateful for the dedicated and professional work of those involved in the search," said local businessman David Evans, who is a friend and neighbour of the family. "Jonah's disappearance is affecting the whole town," said Evans. **WSV**

Sooke Family Resource Society mixer

by Chelsea Kirkpatrick

● The Sooke Family Resource Society (SFRS) hosted a mixer to showcase to the community all that they are doing out of their location at 6672 Wadams Way.

SFRS is a non-profit organization with over 50 staff members and 35 volunteers. The volunteers contribute about 4,000 hours of time per month toward various programs and activities at the center.

Last year over 5,000 people were served in various programs through SFRS. That's with a budget of about \$3 million. About 70% of that funding is from government, with about 30% being in grants.

There is also their local thrift store in town on West Coast Road, the profits from which have been channeled back into SFRS programs since the store — operating as a social enterprise — opened in 2015.

SFRS is the only non-aboriginal organization with intact aboriginal contracts to help those communities in the region from Port Renfrew to Sooke.

The mixer was to remind Sooke that they are not part of the ministry, that they share the building with other organizations such as Island Health, Ministry of Children & Family Development, and the West Shore Centre for Learning & Training (Sooke Branch).

The various SFRS programs



Hosting the Sooke Family Resource Society open house on May 16 (from left): Nicky Logins, executive director; Fleur Harvey-Kelly, manager of finance; Karen Hill, executive assistant; and Angela King, administration assistant.

include "play-based learning", prenatal care, support for young adults moving out, and much more. They also serve adults with disabilities from Sooke to Victoria. There is toy lending and a resource lending library. Youth supports include managing short term crisis situations. Info: <https://sfrs.ca>

Only about 15 people showed up for the Thursday evening event ahead of this May long weekend. But food, coffee and desserts were enjoyed by all. **WSV**

Federal candidates getting lined up in Esquimalt-Saanich Sooke

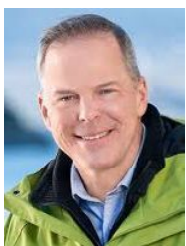
● There are three major party candidates so far in the running in Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke for the federal election coming up October 21.

Last fall, incumbent Randall Garrison, MP (NDP) announced his intention to run again. Garrison continues serving the constituency at this busy time, recently speaking up for more funds to support orcas and to support the local salmon interests and sectors around that. Garrison was a Camosun College criminal justice instructor before winning the Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca riding in 2011 (which later was renamed as Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke thanks to Garrison wanting to include Sooke in the name, before he ran again successfully in 2015). Garrison is presently the critic for Defence and LGBTQ2+.

Running for the Green Party is David Merner who ran a close second to Garrison in the 2015 election as a Liberal candidate. Merner says he switched parties over Prime Minister Trudeau's "broken promises on electoral reform, phasing out fossil fuel subsidies, and the review of the Trans Mountain pipeline". Merner officially opened his campaign office in Saanich this week. Merner is a lawyer with degrees from



Randall Garrison,
MP, incumbent
(NDP)



Green candidate
David Merner



Conservative
candidate Dr
Randall Pewarchuk

Harvard College and the Universities of Alberta, Oxford and Toronto. His candidacy was announced by Green Party leader Elizabeth May in October 2018.

Last weekend the Conservative party announced their candidate for Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke. Their candidate is Dr. Randall Pewarchuk who is a dentist and longtime resident of Metchosin. Pewarchuk said in a news release that he stands for lower taxation "so that you can keep more of your hard-earned dollars". He says there should not be a risk of "losing one's livelihood due to over-aggressive, rushed and questionable green initiatives at the expense of a stable economy".

Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke is a descriptive name for the riding which also includes Colwood, View Royal, Juan de Fuca and Metchosin. The population (2016 census) is 120,834 with 91,056 electors. **WSV**

Remembering Martha Moore

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

● There are few people in Sooke who didn't know or hear of Martha Moore. She was as much a fixture of the long-time Sooke community as is the community hall or the Legion.

Arriving in Sooke in 1972, she embraced the town as her 'forever-home' as many do. But her presence was distinct for the passion and commitment she brought to the true grass roots of the town — particularly traditional food preparation and supporting the veterans community.

Martha Moore died last week at the age of 86. Born in 1933, she grew up during the Great Depression and World War II. Her husband Verne (who pre-deceased Martha in 2015) suffered hearing loss in the war due to explosions and heavy equipment. Martha was always present at Remembrance Day events. She herself had trained in the the Women's Division of the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1957 in Quebec and Manitoba.

In 2015, Martha penned a letter to local media about the importance of voting. A free democracy was won in war by young men who themselves were not even old enough to vote:

"It was good to see the attendance for the all-candidates meeting showing our interest in the future of Canada. Our right to vote has been paid for with the lives of our troops in two world wars. They were all volunteers giving their lives or health. Flanders Fields in Holland has their names and ages on white crosses. All the ones I saw were 17. They would never enjoy high school grad, owning a home or see their children graduate from high school. Their sacrifice can be honoured by us when we vote in elections. That freedom is what they fought for and own. Now we must do our part by being informed and voting. It is the least we can do to show our respect and appreciation for what they gave." — Martha Moore, Sooke

Anyone who met or volunteered alongside Martha will remember her intensive gaze that bore right into you. She would decide right then and there to tell you something that she thought was important. Whether you agreed



'Well of course I would win first prize in the breadmaking category!' Always a strong presence, Martha Moore is shown here dressed up in period costume for the 100th anniversary of the Sooke Fall Fair in 2013.

or not didn't matter. The fact that she spoke up is what made an impression. She sort of made it her business to know everyone's business, but that didn't seem to bother too many folks.

Martha was such a fixture of Sooke that even now-Premier John Horgan (who began his provincial political journey as MLA in the Juan de Fuca riding in 2005) will have many memories of the times she accosted him with her opinion at the Sooke Fall Fair or other community events over the years.

In 2013, Martha won first prize for her bread making at the Sooke Fall Fair and was proud to show off the ribbon with an attitude of 'well of course!'. It wasn't arrogant, it was self-assurance born of long years of experience. She was of her own mind and opinion in a way a mother hen directs her chosen flock.

Sooke Community Hall on Saturday May 25 will very likely be packed to overflowing for the Celebration of Life for Martha Moore. The gathering is scheduled for 2 pm.

Martha leaves behind her daughter Terrie (Steve Shortt), sons Bill and Jim Moore; grandchildren Garrett Poirier, Kyle Poirier (Samantha Laliberty), Sydnee Ogden-Moore; and great-grandchildren Kallen Poirier and Sage Poirier. **WSV**



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May Long Weekend. Sat May 18 to Mon May 20. **Goldstream Farmer's Market.** Sat May 18. 10-2 pm. Veteran's Memorial Park, Langford on Saturdays.

Sooke Country Market. Saturdays May - Oct. 10 am- 2 pm in Sooke town center at Otter Point Rd & Eustace Rd. www.sookecountrymarket.com

Pacific FC vs York9 FC. Sat May 18. Kickoff 12:30 pm PDT. Country western theme. Westhills Stadium. <https://pacificfc.canpl.ca/pacific-football-club-ticketing>

Island Farms 121st Victoria Day Parade. Mon May 20. 9 am in downtown Victoria and on local TV.

City of Langford Council Meeting. Tues May 21. 5:30 pm. www.langford.ca

SD62 Aboriginal Education Gr 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 The 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

Sunriver 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

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. Canners 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

BC Budget 2020. Public Hearing. Mon June 10. 8:45 am to 4 pm at Colwood City Hall, 3300 Wishart Rd. Online registration for public hearings opens May 27, 2019. www.bcleg.ca/FGSbudget



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

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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BC Ferries fuel surcharge starts June 1

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● BC Ferries will implement a fuel surcharge of 1.5% starting June 1.

The company says it closely monitors the cost of fuel. The apply a rebate or surcharge (or neither) under a regulatory process that is independent of fares.

On the Metro Vancouver-Metro Victoria routes (Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay) the surcharge will means 85¢ more for a vehicle and 25¢ more per adult in the vehicle. On inter-island routes the boost is 15¢ for an adult and 45¢ for a vehicle on most routes.

Over the past 15 years, BC Ferries says it has been using a fuel rebate/surcharge mechanism to manage the volatility in the price of fuel. When fuel prices are lower, BC Ferries passes lower fuel prices on to customers through a fuel rebate. When fuel prices are higher, BC Ferries applies a fuel surcharge to cover the additional cost of fuel. There have also been periods with neither rebate nor surcharge in place. The company does not benefit financially from surcharges or rebates.

Five BC Ferries vessels now operate using liquefied natural gas (LNG), which is a cleaner and less expensive fuel source than the ultra-low sulphur diesel as used for their other vessels. LNG is approximately 50% less expensive than diesel, and its use results in fuel savings that are passed on to customers.

BC Ferries' President and CEO Mark Collins said in a news release this week: "Despite fuel switching and other initiatives to burn fuel more efficiently, a fuel surcharge is now necessary. Fuel is our second largest expense. We know that the affordability of travel is important to our customers, and we will continue to take measures to reduce our fuel consumption further through the introduction of diesel electric battery hybrid vessels."

On average, the fuel surcharge will be 1.5% on all routes with the exception of the Port Hardy – Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert – Haida Gwaii and Port Hardy – Central Coast routes. Those routes have a separate mechanism pertaining to the cost of fuel and there will not be a fuel surcharge added at this time.

Caring for the environment, coupled with travel affordability are top priorities for BC Ferries, the corporation stated in their surcharge announcement news release on May 16. "Good fuel cost management has helped hold the cost of travel flat or reduced it every year for the past four years," it was stated. **WSV**

Pacific FC: building the team's steam



● **Pacific FC coach** Michael Silberbauer is adjusting the team as the season evolves.

After Wednesday night's championship game against Calvary FC at Westhills Stadium he said the players are good at passing the



Pacific FC coach Michael Silberbauer after the May 15 game.

ball, and now there's work for achieving goals.

"We need to keep being good with the ball and good in

8th Annual Goddess Run coming up June 1

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Mary Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News (2018)

● **The 8th Annual Victoria Goddess Westhills 10K & BMO 5K run/walk** is an opportunity for women to come together to celebrate the power that we can embrace when we work together to reach our goals.

Race day is Saturday, June 1. Package pickup from 7 am to 8:15 am ahead of the 8:45 am start. Awards at 10:40 am.

In advance, race packages can also be picked up on Wednesday May 29 and Thursday May 30 downtown, and on May 30 in Langford. <http://goddessrun.ca/the-weekend/#schedule-of-events>

A new race route this year will wind through quiet streets and trails, say organizers. With room for every level of runner or walker – as individuals or in teams – there is swag and fun.

Start and finish is at Belmont Secondary School in Langford. Race registration includes a Technical Race Shirt, Souvenir Race Bag, and Finisher Medal and other Sponsor items that will be distributed on Race Day at the event.

Started in 2012, the Goddess Run has raised over \$200,000 for local charities. This year the BC Cancer Foundation is again their Charity of Choice.

New this year is the LUGARO Diamond Maze that all participants will be able to go through and be entered to win Diamonds.

There is also the St Margaret's School Kids Dash and Kids Zone on the Belmont School new artificial turf behind the school (\$10 registration). Follow the cones from the start to the finish, follow the leader. All participants get a medal.

Virtual runners had a registration deadline of May 15. Those runners will receive a souvenir shirt, race bag, and finisher medal by May 31. They are to complete the distance by June 15.

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front of the goal. There are things we can work on and take away from this game," Silberbauer told media after teams were off the field.

"There's so much talent in this group. They're young, they've been heavily front loaded. I believe this team will only get stronger," the coach said with confidence. **WSV**

