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## Salmon hatchery halted over zoning permit issues

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The organizers of a new salmon hatchery have been involved in discussion for six months with the staff at the District of Sooke regarding the location of the hatchery being in a flood plain.



Artist's rendering of the new salmon hatchery now under construction alongside the Sooke River.

But a building permit has not yet been issued for construction of the new Jack Brooks Hatchery at the Sooke River.

"Meanwhile, we have proceeded with the building as the salmon are returning in October and we could not wait," said Mike Hicks, Director, Juan de Fuca Electoral area, who is helping coordinate the project. "The building is totally open and can be inspected at any time," said Hicks. The foundation is in, and trusses are up. Hicks also noted that a hatchery being located in a flood plain where the interaction with the fish is entirely the point – to the benefit of restoring and enhancing the salmon population.

District of Sooke staff visited the construction site on May 23 with an order that halted construction on the project which began in December 2018. Apparently there are concerns about construction within a flood plain. The municipality had demanded that the Juan de Fuca Salmon Restoration Society apply for an exemption to allow it to build on a flood plain. Apparently now the Capital Regional District (CRD) is helping out with the paperwork that will be required to admit the building permit request that is going before District of Sooke Council at their regular council meeting on Monday May 27.

The District has been without a permanent Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) since last year. Interim CAO Don Schaeffer only just this week issued the stop work order, with the project appearing to be proceeding in violation of the municipal rules.

Significant funds for construction of the new hatchery were raised by Hicks and the Juan de Fuca Salmon Restoration Society including the donation of in-kind services by several equipment operators and many suppliers who probably had timeline restrictions of their own. **WSV**

Longer version of this article: <https://westshorevoicenews.com/hatchery-construction-on-hold-awaiting-building-permit/>

**f PUBLIC COMMENTS** about this Hatchery article posted at <https://www.facebook.com/SookeVoiceNews/> 3,032 views & 1,028 engagements [in the first 42 hours]

**Anne Boquist:** "Why not enforce all the others that are in violation? Why pick on work that is being done for the benefit of our community and environment by volunteers? Businesses are allowed to continue (even supported by the District of Sooke) in buildings that have never even applied for permits on FARMLAND! What is going on in our little town? Senseless." **James Fisher:** "Very typical District of Sooke <snip> that turns a blind eye when it works for them and target and abuse residents when it's in their best interest. They are an embarrassment." **Kyle McDonough:** "I think the mayor has some explaining to do."

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## Woman pushed off cliff at Thetis Lake: witnesses wanted

by Mary P Brooke  
 West Shore Voice News

A 29-year-old Sooke woman was injured after being pushed over a 40-ft cliff into the water below at Thetis Lake Regional Park in View Royal on a warm pleasant Sunday May 19 on the May long weekend. West Shore RCMP are investigating the troublesome prank but haven't much evidence to go on yet. They are asking witnesses to come forward [250-474-2264 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477].

The victim reportedly swam to shore and later received medical attention for serious bruising all along the front of her body including her legs, abdomen and chest. Apparently no deeper internal injuries were found, said West Shore RCMP Cst Nancy Saggar on May 23.

"She was out hiking alone at the time, and did not know anyone at the top of the cliff or at the bottom," said Saggar about the victim who was pushed from behind after having an apparently non-confrontational conversation with three women who are about 20 to 30 years of age. Content of the conversation is not known, said Cst Saggar. Apparently the three unidentified women were drinking alcohol. "Definitely someone saw this," says Saggar.

Saggar said that diving or cliff-jumping is "highly risky" and "head injury risk is huge". A male bystander at the bottom of the cliff asked the victim (as yet unnamed) if she needed help after she swam to shore. She declined.

Reinforcement of the no-diving, no-drinking rules at Thetis Lake is up to the Capital Regional District (CRD), said Saggar. CRD owns and operates the park. CRD Senior Manager of Corporate Communications, Andy Orr, says CRD is working on a response but declined to say more while the incident is under police investigation.

On May 22 View Royal Mayor David Screech said he questions whether safety management can be enforced. "I would support a ban on cliff jumping. I think we need more enforcements in the park, especially of the no alcohol rule," Mayor Screech told West Shore Voice News. **WSV**

## BC Supreme Court says Trans Mountain Pipeline serves national interest

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BC will appeal the BC Supreme Court decision – announced May 24 – that effectively quashed the province's attempt to impose laws that would stop expansion of the Trans Mountain Pipeline that carries crude and refined oil from Alberta to the coast of British Columbia (bitumen is shipped by tanker ships from there to refineries outside of Canada). Many in BC have been worried about what is called 'catastrophic effects' of an oil spill that realistically would inevitably happen at some point, a position supported by BC Premier John Horgan.

In a statement on Friday, BC Attorney General David Eby said: "While we are disappointed with the decision, our courts have an important role to play in upholding the rule of law. That is why we referred this question to the courts in the first place. Our government always said this case would likely be heard before the Supreme Court. In fact, we asked the federal government to join us in a joint reference to the Supreme Court of Canada. We continue to believe that we have the authority and the responsibility to defend our environment and economy, so we will exercise our right to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada."

Alberta's Premier Jason Kenney ... /

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## Trudeau government sets up panel to decide who gets journalism support funds

Editor ~ West Shore Voice News

This week the Government of Canada identified eight organizations – including the Unifor general trade union (which is has nothing to do with delivering journalism) – now charged with determining which news organizations will receive about \$600 million in tax credits and incentives. The funds are intended to prop up the news-producing industry that has been financially pummelled by Facebook, Google and the swelling over of any-user social media into the realm of journalistic publishing.

"You have people who are dead set against the government giving any kind of money to media," said Canadian Association of Journalists president Karyn Pugliese this week.

**West Shore Voice News will always remain independent.** We respond to the federal government's dangerous anti-democratic move, in part, with a quote from *The New Yorker Magazine* (by Masha Gessen, May 24, 2019):

"...journalism – unlike, say, medicine, law, or architecture – is a profession that any person can practice. There are no licensing or education requirements, and we journalists generally think that this is a good thing: the public can decide which journalists are worth reading or watching, and the law can intervene in those rare cases when journalism causes harm. The last thing we want the US government, or any government, to do is to start deciding who is and who is not a journalist." **WSV**

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**EDITORIAL**

by Mary P Brooke, B.Sc., Cert PR ~ Editor & Publisher

WSV EDITORIALS ADDRESS TIMLEY TOPICS OF BROAD SOCIAL INTEREST

**We're all in the disposal game together**



Mary P Brooke

● **This week it made international news** that 103 containers of garbage and recycling in a messy mix had made its way in 2013-2014 to the Philippines labeled as "plastic for recycling". A chunk of it was handled or processed, as now just 69 of the containers of unwanted material are being sent back to Canada, coming in through the port at Vancouver by the end of June.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is paying the \$1.14 million price tag for Bolloré Logistics Canada to ship the material back to Canada.

ECCC says the mixture of paper, plastic and household waste will be treated to meet Canadian safety and health requirements including those of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's International Waste Directive, and will be disposed of by the end of this summer. But they cannot yet identify the final destination of the treated product. Not likely will much or any of it be recycled after such a weathered journey of cross-contamination.

It's easy and certainly right to expect that blame is to be found with the disposal company Chronic Inc. The costs associated with the preparation, transfer, shipment, and disposal of the waste will be assumed by the Government of

Canada but ECCC says the federal government is also looking at ways to hold the responsible parties to account.

But none of us is without blame in the broader scope of this. It could be your recycled plastic bottle, your crunched up cardboard cereal box, or your soiled paper waste in that mixture of stuff returning from overseas. Further to the point, everything we dismiss out of our sight – even with the best of action and intention – still must be dealt with somewhere, somehow.

Short of vaporizing all this consumer waste with some sort of futuristic molecular atomization process yet to be invented, we must still deal with the fact that discarded things don't just disappear – they become someone else's problem on our behalf. And the challenge is becoming greater now that the western world is learning it can no longer just dump on other countries and consider the problem solved. ■

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**Finance committee starts BC-wide Budget 2020 consultation tour in Colwood: registration opens May 27**

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● **The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services** – a parliamentary committee of the legislative assembly – will kick off its Budget 2020 province-wide public input meetings on Monday June 10 in Colwood.

Public input is being held in June this year instead of September, allowing more time for consideration by ministries.

The contribution of priorities and ideas on what should be in the next provincial budget is invited by the committee from individuals, businesses, organizations and communities.

The June 10 meeting will be held at the City of Colwood municipal hall, in council chambers, from 8:45 am to 4 pm. British

Columbians can participate in person or by teleconference.

Colwood is within the Esquimalt-Metchosin riding for which Mitzi Dean is the MLA. Dean also sits on the seven-member touring budget input committee. In her role as Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity she says that each ministry is expected to include gender-based analysis in their budget submissions to the Minister of Finance.

The series of 15 meetings runs from June 10 to 21, three of which are on Vancouver Island.



Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity, Mitzi Dean, during a Literacy Day event in Colwood in March 2019 [WSV file photo]

The full committee membership is: Bob D'Eith, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission (chair); Dan Ashton, MLA Penticton (deputy chair); Doug Clovechok, MLA Columbia River-Revelstoke; Rich Coleman, MLA Langley East; Mitzi Dean, MLA Esquimalt-Metchosin; Ronna-Rae Leonard, MLA Courtenay-Comox; and Nicholas Simons, MLA Powell River-Sunshine Coast.

There will be opportunities to share written input, make an audio or video submission, or fill out a survey online beginning Monday, June 3.

The full BC-wide consultation closes at 5 pm PDT on Friday June 28. The committee aims to release its report in late July or early August.

Registration to reserve a time with the committee opens Monday May 27 at 9 am, at: <https://bcleg.ca/FGSbudget> **WSV**

<https://westshorevoicenews.com/finance-committee-visits-colwood-for-budget-2020-consultation/>

**Sooke CAO selected from large batch of applicants**

West Shore Voice News



Norm McInnis selected from among 150+ candidates.

● **As reported last week**, the District of Sooke has hired a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO): Norm McInnis will start in the job July 2, 2019.

How did he end up in the job? There were statements made by some in Sooke this past week that the search done by Waterhouse Executive Search was unsuccessful and that a direct-hire recommendation then followed through Interim CAO Don Schaeffer. As a matter of record, in 2016 McInnis followed Schaeffer as CAO in Fernie, BC.

To clarify what happened, Sooke Mayor Maja Tait has responded to questions from *West Shore Voice News* with this statement:

"Waterhouse Executive Search was engaged on November 27, 2018 as the result of a Request for Proposals in the amount of \$17,000 plus expenses. Over 150 applicants applied for the position. Waterhouse provided a shortlist of 10 exceptional quality candidates in March which included Norm McInnis. From this 10, Council selected four to interview from a set of questions

prepared by all Council members. So that all members of Council could be involved in the process, interviews were conducted in April and the offer made to Mr. McInnis. Our Corporate Officer provided administrative assistance and coordination; our Interim CAO Don Schaeffer was not involved in the process. Mr. Schaeffer will be with the District until June 30, our Corporate Officer will be the Acting CAO until Mr. McInnis commences work on July 2."

The CAO job posting issued December 7, 2018 highlighted Sooke's 'Wild by Nature' branding to highlight tourism and related service sectors. The municipal area was represented as "a unique balance of retail, commercial, tourism and service sectors that attract young families, first-time homeowners, independent businesses and active retirees". And more context: "A rich First Nations and pioneer history, strong public volunteerism, and a vibrant arts calendar." With Sooke in the process of developing a new Official Community Plan (OCP), the posting said that Sooke is aiming to "retain a small-town, semi-rural character while undertaking controlled strategic development in proximity to Langford, one of Canada's fastest-growing municipalities".

All staff reports to the CAO, and the CAO reports to Council. **WSV**

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**Cannabis on ALR land: regulation now up to municipalities**

● **All cannabis production** in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) is now classified as farm use. Applications to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) are no longer required for cannabis production in the ALR, it was reported by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to their membership this week. UBCM says that the removal of this safeguard means it is incumbent upon local governments to regulate ALR land within their boundaries if they wish to prohibit certain forms of production. **WSV**  
<https://westshorevoicenews.com/alc-no-longer-reviewing-cannabis-production/>

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### Langford: big changes underpinned by city centre zoning revisions

by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice News

Changes to the Langford development landscape continue with gusto as the city of over 40,000 people grows with its vision to offer a wide range of residential, commercial and recreational foundations and opportunities.

At the May 21 City of Langford Council Meeting, Bylaw 1828 was given first reading. That's the Langford Official Community Plan Bylaw, Amendment No.30, 2019.

The city's planning and subdivision department has been working with Montreal-based consultant architect Dr Avi Friedman for a few years now to update Bylaw 300 which currently contains the Downtown Langford Design Guidelines. This work has included studies of Langford as a whole, the recently expanded City Centre (including Westhills Stadium and upcoming playpark, climbing wall and eventually a new hotel), and stakeholder engagement sessions to gather and distribute information.

The new 'comprehensive, blended document' will now be called 'General Guidelines for Langford City Centre' in which 'Downtown Langford' will now be

called 'Langford City Centre' and 'Downtown Pedestrian Commercial Development Permit Area' morphs to 'City Centre Development Permit Area'.

Single and multi-family dwellings can be built in the city centre development area. Parking lots and structures are expected to incorporate wiring for electric vehicle charging stations. Consolidation of multiple lots will be encouraged to increase greenspace potential.

Aging in place and accessibility strategies are encouraged for future housing in city centre neighbourhoods along with a goal of preserving and increasing the stock of safe and affordable housing.

Various neighbourhoods are identified and outlined in the new proposed bylaw amendment, including: Matson, Strathmore, Claude, Deville, Centennial Park, City Hall, Fountain, South Centre, Veterans Park, and Goldstream East.

Mixed residential and light industrial use (including studio/living space and/or separate tenancies) will be encouraged, if there's an appropriate 'fit' with surrounding land uses.

Activities will be promoted for the city centre but with a regional focus which incorporates transportation considerations. The enhancement of pathways and small parks will connect neighbourhoods throughout city centre.

The city will provide incentives to new development that present innovative solutions to reduce the carbon footprint of buildings or that help reduce the reliance on fossil fuels by intended residents. **WSV**

### Pacific FC: brought more to the field May 18

by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice News

More power and edge was evident in the Pacific FC performance in the sunny Saturday afternoon home game May 18 at Westhills Stadium.

Goals by Marcus Haber and Ben Fisk in the 2-2 tie match against York9 FC were gratifying to team, coach and fans. "Even at 2-1 we created chances," said Pacific FC Coach Michael Silberbauer.

"We had the opportunity to close it down and keep playing. The boys made a really good effort," the coach told media after the game.

In the second half the team kept playing and searching for chances. Two scores saw the team moving forward on the score sheet. "I'm happy for them," said their coach.

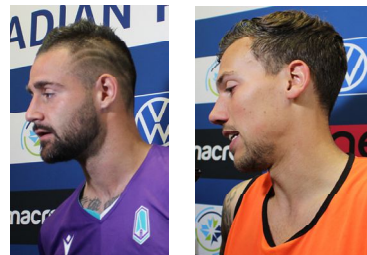
"Marcus was a constant threat. Ben was moving around and got a couple of chances. Jose running around trying to create some-



Pacific FC coach Michael Silberbauer after the May 18 home game.



Following a low-key result in the May 15 rainy-weather evening game against Calgary FC, in the May 18 game Silberbauer was looking for performance and "to go out and show the home crowd that they are willing to fight and play attacking football, and they surely did that". He said their attitude and the chances they created were great. "You try and you keep doing it." **WSV**



Forward Marcus Haber Midfielder Ben Fisk

West Shore Voice News photos by Mary Brooke

thing had a shot as well. We kept pushing forward," said Silberbauer.

With a gruelling start of season schedule with several back-to-back games and a lot of travel, it's been a big job for the team just to recover from game to game.

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### Lifestyle adaptations in new townhomes that aim for workable price-point in Langford

by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice News

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With the price-point of new homes somewhat softened compared to a few years ago, but with would-be homebuyers still stridently challenged by the CMHC 'stress test' to qualify for mortgage financing, that combination is seeing developers coming up with more compact homes on smaller lots.

In Westhills this weekend, there was a community open house that saw interest in two townhome options that reflect changing lifestyle needs and changing realities for financing.

**Family:** In a three-level stacked floorplan for families, the 4-bedroom Family Townhome entry is alongside the garage and leading to the rec room, then requires walkup to the living/dining/kitchen area and a further walkup to bedrooms on Level 3. Price-point is around \$650,000 for about 2,250 sq ft which is sizeable but within a floorplan with definitive lifestyle impacts.

**Loft:** The smaller Loft Townhome floorplan of about 1,350 sq ft puts the emphasis on two extra bedrooms being on the second level when actually the main living area (including master bedroom) is on main. This is targeted at an older demographic of downsizers and anyone who seeks one-level living but with



**Townhomes under construction** in the Nova Lands area of Westhills, on Meridian Avenue near West Shore Parkway in Langford (May 2019).

additional space for family visitors or a home office upstairs. Price point is in the \$550,000 range.

Compared to most condos, townhomes still offer a bit of grassy yard space or patio area for a potted garden; there's a garage for vehicle or storage, with driveway for parking.

Statistics from the Victoria Real Estate Board show the April 2019 townhome price-point in Langford being about \$100,000 lower than the Greater Victoria average.

Houses (aka single family homes) with rental suites – which for years have been a successful formula for bank financing for would-be homeowners and investors – are apparently not moving so quickly in 2019, says Westhills Real Estate Sales and Marketing Manager Rob Muller. Product over \$800,000 is moving slowly, he says.

That's as the effects of the financing stress test and also provincial government pressures to lower the price point of homes (with the goal of freeing up homes for residential goals over investment goals) have slowed market momentum bit by bit since early 2018. **WSV**

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### BC Supreme Court says Trans Mountain Pipeline serves national interest

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... / continues an approach of saying that BC tinkering with the court system is with the intent of impeding Alberta's main economic generator, the energy industry. His predecessor (former Alberta Premier Rachel Notley) instituted a boycott of BC wines as a form of retaliation last year.

Federal Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer this week announced a broader scope for pipelines and conduits for economic reasons, calling it an energy corridor – not just for petroleum products but also telcom communications networks. Scheer said that over the past four years oil companies have walked away from investing in Canada: "Those companies – Kinder Morgan, Enbridge and TransCanada, continue to invest in pipelines – just not in Canada." Trudeau's Liberal government has for its entire first term said it aims to balance economic and environmental concerns.

BC Premier John Horgan has always said that British Columbians expect his government to protect the environmental well-being of coastal waters upon which much of the BC economy, tourism, recreation and spirit-based indigenous culture is interwoven in addition to the protection of nature itself for all the right reasons.

The BC coast is arguably one of the few remaining pristine areas of natural environment in the world that is in close proximity to developed urban areas in a way that serves the developed economy around it. An oil spill – even if cleaned up – would take an enormous toll on the short-term and probably long-term economy of BC by leaving the natural environment with the impact of some irreparable damage.

Theoretically, a federal approach would take the needs of both provinces into account. This week Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a major investment of \$15.8 billion into shipbuilding for the Coast Guard (on both the west coast at Vancouver and east coast at Halifax), which is part of underpinning the infrastructure required to service any spill-related needs.

The BC Supreme Court decision serves to perpetuate the difficult balancing act that Premier Horgan has on his political plate, between his support of his environmental base and recognizing the need for energy development (with the LNG project at Kitimat being an example). Horgan also needs to satisfy the BC Greens whose three seats in the BC Legislature prop up the NDP minority government and whose environmental agenda is unlikely to waver. **WSV**

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- City of Colwood Committee of the Whole.** Mon June 3. 7 pm. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)
- 'The End of Ice' with author Dahr Jamail.** Tues June 4. 7 pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 1962 Murray Rd, Sooke. By donation. [www.transitionsooke.org](http://www.transitionsooke.org)
- Twoonie Tuesday.** Tues June 4. Fundraiser for Sooke Food Bank by Sooke Harbourside Lions. Canvassers around downtown Sooke. [www.sookefoodbank.org](http://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](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)
- Sooke Night Market** starts June 6. Thursday nights through summer. [www.southregionmuseum.ca](http://www.southregionmuseum.ca)
- International Education Grad.** Sat June 8. At Belmont Secondary School, 3041 Langford Lake Rd, 1:30 pm. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://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](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)
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- City of Colwood Regular Council Meeting.** Mon June 10. 7 pm. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)
- Westshore Chamber of Commerce Mixer** hosted by Pacific FC at Darcy's Pub, 737 Goldstream. Wed June 12. 5 pm.
- Picnic in the Park & Dirt Jam.** Sat June 15. 11 am. At SEAPARC. Sooke. [www.seaparc.ca](http://www.seaparc.ca)
- HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series.** Watch Canada Women's Sevens playing in Biarritz, France. June 15 & 16. <https://www.world.rugby/sevens-series>
- Father's Day.** Sun June 16.
- EMCS French Immersion Graduation.** Thurs June 20. 5:30 pm. EMCS, 6218 Sooke Road. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

- 2nd Annual Scleroderma Victoria Walk.** Sun June 23. Juan de Fuca Rec, 1767 Island Hwy, 10 am. Register, donate: [www.sclerodermabc.ca](http://www.sclerodermabc.ca)
- Pacific FC vs FC Edmonton.** Sun June 23. 3 pm. Westhills Stadium. [www.pacificfc.ca](http://www.pacificfc.ca)
- SD62 Public Board Meeting.** Tues June 25. Board office, 7 pm. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://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](http://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). In View Royal at Craigflower Manor. More Canada Day events to come.
- 2019 municipal taxes due** on Tues July 2. Check the website of your municipality for details.

- District of Sooke Regular Council Meeting.** Mon May 27. 7 pm. [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca)
- City of Colwood Regular Council Meeting.** Mon May 27. 7 pm. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)
- 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:sooke.sunriveryardsale@gmail.com)
- EMCS Grade 12 Grad.** Sat Jun 1. UVic, 1 pm. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)
- An Eclectic Collection** exhibit by Sooke Arts Council at South Shore Gallery, 2046 Otter Pt Rd, Sooke. June 1 to 14. [www.southshoregallery.ca](http://www.southshoregallery.ca)

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**Alistair MacGregor & Jagmeet Singh toured the Duncan Farmers Market**

Setting the political summer growing season into motion, Cowichan-Malahat-Langford MP Alistair MacGregor – himself a small farm owner-operator in the Duncan area – toured the Duncan Farmers Market on Saturday May 18 with NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh (MP for Burnaby South). They were there to appreciate locally grown and produced foods and artisan products and to meet with vendors and constituents. **WSV**



On a sunny Saturday May 18 afternoon, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh with his wife Gurkiran toured the Duncan Farmers Market with Cowichan-Malahat-Langford MP Alistair MacGregor.

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**Colwood opens beach to lunch & dinner: Fri & Sat thru summer**

A casual beachy vibe with food and music at the ocean in Colwood is a big summer hit. Starting May 31, every Friday and Saturday will see Beach Food Fridays & Saturdays midway along the lagoon on Ocean Bouievard. From 12 noon to 7 pm. Do it at least once and you're probably hooked. **WSV**



Colwood beach food [2018 WSV file photo]

**WEST SHORE VOICE**  
**FEDERAL ELECTION WATCH 2019**  
West Shore Voice News will be covering two federal ridings in particular for this election, for areas of the west shore:  
-> Cowichan-Malahat-Langford incumbent Alistair MacGregor, MP (NDP)  
-> Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke incumbent Randall Garrison, MP (NDP)

**Construction of the new Petro-Can service station** with accompanying future Tim Hortons restaurant continues in 6200-block Sooke Road east of Sooke town center, a project of T'Sou-ke Nation. Official opening was first to be in August then December 2018. **WSV**

**Map of housing units for vulnerable: online**

Over 2,760 housing units have been built or are underway in Greater Victoria by the BC Government for a range of needs among families, students and seniors including indigenous, affordable rental, supported housing, rapid response to homeless, students and women's transition. "We try and target vulnerable groups and the highest level of need," said Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin) this week. The housing across Greater Victoria is part of 20,000 units of new housing underway in nearly 80 communities across BC. A map showing the location of all announced projects in BC, including those in Greater Victoria is online at <https://www.bchousing.org/homes-for-BC> **WSV**

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