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New specialty vet clinic in Langford



Ribbon cutting at the official opening of WAVES animal emergency hospital in Langford on June 5. <https://westshorevoicenews.com/new-animal-specialty-emergency-hospital-opens-in-langford/>

by Mary P Brooke | West Shore Voice News

● **WAVES is open in Langford.** The new West Coast Animal Veterinary Emergency Specialty (WAVES) Hospital is a “veterinarian’s vet” service accepting cases for pets that require further diagnosis, scanning, surgery or orthopedic attention.

Located in the growing west shore that continues to welcome more families to the region, the animal care medical service is expecting to see a booming business. Other than a veterinary hospital located in Victoria, this is the only service of its kind in the Greater Victoria area. It’s about providing full time critical care, internal medicine, surgical, and rehabilitation departments under one roof.

The official opening at the WAVES facility at 947 Langford Parkway was held on Wednesday afternoon June 5. The ribbon cutting event including short speeches, cake and coffee was hosted by the Westshore Chamber of Commerce and attended by City of Langford Councillors Matt Sahlstrom, Lanny Seaton and Norma Stewart. That followed a soft opening of the premises held about eight weeks ago.

WAVES is headed up by four partners: Dr Erinne Branter (Internal Medicine), Dr Suzanne Smith (Emergency Veterinarian, Rehabilitation Practitioner), Dr Christian Bolliger (Surgery), and Dr Erin Simmonds (Critical Care).

The event was a special day for the 35 clinic staff who are clearly impassioned in what they do to care for animals.

“Our main procedures are orthopedics, emergencies and ultrasounds and endoscopies. Our unique offering to our clients are minimally invasive and vascular procedures,” says Dr Branter.

There is no primary care as available at regular veterinary facilities. They do not do vaccinations or any regular checkups. It’s all about taking care of those special health circumstances and emergencies. They are an ‘emergency room’ for urgent pet care, providing triage and treatment.

People with pets requiring emergency care (such as after a sudden major emergency) may take their pets to WAVES, including in the evening. They’re open 7 days a week, 8 am to midnight.

The facility itself includes reception, exam rooms (separated for cats and dogs), specialty rooms, and three surgical rooms. Care wards are also separated for cats and dogs for rehab, says Branter. There is an underwater treadmill for animal physiotherapy.

“This is the first service of its kind on the island,” said Branter quite proudly amidst the excitement of the event held outdoors in front of the premise.

Located in a busy retail mall at Langford Parkway and Jacklin Road, there is the added touch of dedicated parking in front of the clinic for WAVES clients.

Langford is big on attracting businesses to their city, and this is another example of a unique and robust enterprise making Langford their home. Businesses and services contribute to the economy including jobs. Small animal emergency veterinarian, reception/client care, and tech assistant positions can be available. **WSV**

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Vancouver Island: Level 3 drought

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Several streams are approaching critical environmental flow thresholds for ecosystems and fish, says BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. [above: Sooke River, June 5].

● **With weather conditions expected to remain warm and dry** in the coming week, dropping water levels saw the Province announce a Level 3 drought rating for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Announced June 7, the Level 3 drought conditions call for voluntary water-use reductions for all surface water and groundwater users, including residents, industry, farmers and municipalities.

Local water conservation bylaws may differ from provincial water conservation targets due to local supply and demand, and the availability of storage in lakes, reservoirs or groundwater. Residential, agricultural and industrial water users who are located within municipalities and regional districts are encouraged to observe local water conservation bylaws where they exist.

The annual Level 1 water conservation restriction for residents of the Capital Regional District (Greater Victoria) has already been in place since May 1 and applies to September 30. That restriction focuses on lawn watering restrictions: two days per week (Wed & Sat for even addresses, Thurs & Sun for odd-addresses), 4 to 10 am and 7 to 10 pm, but also outlines voluntary avoidance of washing vehicles and boats, cleaning driveways and decks by sweeping instead of power-washing, and reducing indoor water use in appropriate ways (not running tap water unnecessarily, taking shorter showers, and running full loads when washing clothes and dishes). <https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/drinking-water/water-conservation>

“While some streams on Vancouver Island, especially those backed by storage reservoirs, have adequate flows, several important salmon streams are approaching critical environmental flow thresholds for ecosystems and fish, including juvenile trout and salmon,” says the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. “Environmental conditions are being closely monitored in case there is a need to implement specific actions to protect salmon and other fish within streams,” it was stated in a news release.

If voluntary reductions of water use are insufficient to maintain flows above critical levels, BC says it may consider regulating water usage under the Water Sustainability Act. Specific actions could include temporarily suspending water licences or short-term water approvals to restore flows to minimum critical levels in the affected streams. Ministry staff are contacting water users to encourage water conservation and to educate users about potential water regulation.

Water users on all islands are reminded to ensure that water intakes are screened to Fisheries and Oceans Canada standards to prevent fish from being pulled into water systems as water levels drop. Low water levels can prevent the passage of salmon and increase susceptibility to disease or death due to low oxygen and warm water temperatures. **WSV**

Real Estate Snapshot: May 2019 (West Shore)

Average Sale Price (# of sales)	Single Family Homes	Condos
Langford	\$695,452 (72)	Langford \$407,043 (23)
Colwood	\$697,353 (20)	Colwood \$421,750 (2)
Sooke	\$565,368 (42)	Sooke \$248,000 (1)
Gr Victoria	\$856,061 (402)	Gr Victoria \$471,925 (242)

Townhomes	
Langford	\$506,019 (18)
Colwood	\$732,250 (2)
Sooke	\$450,300 (9)
Gr Victoria	\$634,946 (91)

● **In May**, the average house price in Langford fell below the usual \$700,000 threshold, while Sooke maintained its \$550,000+ mark. Condos are really only available in quantity in Langford (where medium-to-high density is a goal) compared to Colwood and Sooke (which maintain a semi-rural character).

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FEDERAL ELECTION WATCH 2019

P As the October 2019 federal election campaign season starts rolling, we welcome the input of our readers.

Feel free to write to *West Shore Voice News* with suggestions about what you feel the main election issues are – or should be.

What outcomes are you looking for in the Canadian society and economy – for your family, community or business? What direction do you think politics should take in Canada? What sort of questions would you like us to be asking the local candidates?

We're at news@westshorevoiceneews.com to receive your comments or suggestions. ■

Thanks, it is a continued honour to serve the readership of the west shore and beyond. ~ **Mary P Brooke**, B.Sc., Cert PR ~ Editor & Publisher

REGIONAL NEWS

Colwood Council censures & sanctions one of their own

by Mary P Brooke

● In a five-hour special meeting of council on Thursday evening June 6, Colwood Council brought significant pressure upon Councillor Cynthia Day for her words and actions as occurred during a December 2018 dispute over city staff removing trees and a rock wall from municipal property in front of her home.

Councillor Day said she felt she was protecting her rights as a citizen for peaceful protest and as for any citizen her right to public process.

She said she was not serving in her duties as Councillor when defending trees and infrastructure out front of her residential property (the trees and wall were on municipal property but permission had been granted by the City several councils ago).

The City had authorized removal of the trees and rock wall for safety reasons after a tree had previously fallen onto a neighbour's property, generating a public complaint that the city decided to act upon.

However, following a series of motions in which Mayor Rob Martin and Council found Councillor Cynthia Day in breach of the city's code of ethics over behaviour directed at city staff during the incident (and finding herself arrested by RCMP in the process), Council then used that as their basis for passing motions to censure Councillor Day for "inappropriate actions" they say resulted in "the impact of those actions on staff and our community".

Mayor and Council then proceeded to work through a series of possible sanctions against Day. She will need to issue a written apology to city staff and is removed from at any time serving as Acting Mayor for a period of one year commencing June 6, 2019. They stopped short of barring her participation on committees or disallowing travel expenses — these two options were among the sanctions options that were listed in the agenda as a series of punishments.

Councillor Michael Baxter articulated the power of civil disobedience and that in the course of history it has usually been seen in a positive light. He felt the censure was enough, without adding sanctions to the weight of pushback from council on this one councillor.

Day is the only woman on a council that among them includes business men, engineers, police and former air force). The superficial optics of that were not particularly good, with the heavy-handed approach of 'men in suits' supported with austere legal counsel seated to the left hand of the mayor, delivering an unrelenting series of assessments and judgments against the only woman among them. In what felt like and operated as a quasi-judicial process, one wonders if things would have felt different or produced different results if the accused had been male.

Mayor Martin said it would take time for trust to be rebuilt following this extended incident of Day's actions. Indeed, for a member of council to be arrested and to have hurled what remained an unsubstantiated motive at staff did reflect well on the rest of council early in their first term.

Other than Martin (who served two terms as councillor before becoming mayor in the October 2018 election), and Councillor Day and Councillor Gordie Logan (both who have served several terms on council), the rest of council is brand new to elected politics. In December they were still finding their footing and tempo; this incident didn't help them establish their public image with the greatest of ease.

Councillors Logan, Dean Jantzen and Doug Kobayashi articulated the higher calling of being an elected councillor, saying elected officials are held to a higher expectation of example to the community.

It should be noted that it was by way of TV and radio media that most of



Colwood Mayor Rob Martin (left) and the city's legal counsel, at June 5 Special Meeting.



Colwood Councillor Cynthia Day (with her representative Bill McElroy to her right), at June 5 council meeting, with Councillors Michael Baxter and Doug Kobayashi listening.

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Correction

● The Hallmark made-for-TV movie that was shot on location partly in Langford this spring was first aired May 18 on the Hallmark Channel. We mistakenly reported last week that the production was cancelled. What was unclear was whether another airing would happen this summer. According to IMDb, *Sailing into Love* will be aired again on Saturday June 15 at 1 pm. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10136854/> ■

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Day's comments were heard by the public on and around December 3 and 5, 2018. Clips of live-action news coverage by CHEK News and CTV News as well as an interview on CFX Radio were presented as evidence. Day's call to using media as a way to garner public empathy or support was effectively held against her.

Councillor Day had a representative beside her at the council table (Bill McElroy), as well as her husband Tim providing technical support regarding the Days' residential property on Charnley Place. Day repeated her point during discussion of almost every point and motion that she had acted as a private citizen — not in her role as Councillor — when protecting the trees and rock wall on her property that were in fact authorized by the city over two decades ago.

Day was calm and articulate throughout, defending her position with dignity during what was really quite an extensive bombardment of disapproval from her peers.

It was gracious that Councillor Day herself voted in favour of the motion that requests her apology to staff. But for those who know her, not really a surprise. Day has proven over many years to be fully respectful of and responsive to her community.

The entire affair which included many in-camera council meetings, production of extensive documentation by staff, attention from the media, and friction at council meetings, serves to highlight an important dynamic in modern political reality: what are the boundaries between the role of elected official and their personal or private life and rights of citizenry.

There is already a challenge to finding people willing to serve in politics. This whole incident brings into focus the sacrifices and limitations ending up with impact on individuals who choose to serve their community. To what extent do our societal roles impact our personal liberties?

About 40 members of the public attended the meeting, including former Colwood Mayor Dave Saunders, an active RCMP officer, residents and neighbours. Four staff actively participated in the meeting including the Corporate Officer and the acting Chief Administrative Officer. Colwood Communications Manager Sandra Russell — whose comment on the situation was covered by TV media in December 2018 — attended in the audience.

The meeting held in air-conditioned council chambers ran from 7 pm to just after midnight, with one 10-minute recess. Proceedings of the meeting were digitally recorded. **WSV**

f The majority of concern expressed about this on Facebook was about why this meeting needed to be held in public, or at all. At last count on FB: 1,365 people reached & 740 clickthroughs to: [h t t p s : / / westshorevoiceneews.com/colwood-council-censures-sanctions-one-of-their-own/](https://www.facebook.com/westshorevoiceneews.com/colwood-council-censures-sanctions-one-of-their-own/)



Colwood Councillors at June 6 meeting (from left): Dean Jantzen, Gordie Logan, Stewart Parkinson.

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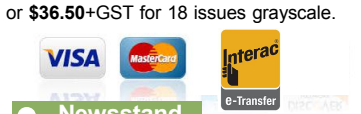
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Sooke Night Market opening night



Local produce, crafts, wearables and other items are for sale at the Sooke Night Market every Thursday evening 5 to 8 pm, now to Sept 5. On the grounds of the Sooke Region Museum

Opening night June 6

West Shore Voice News ~ Chelsea Kirkpatrick

Track & Field day for elementary students at Royal Bay Secondary



Nearly 1,000 students from 17 elementary schools in SD62 gathered for a day of track and field activities. The students in Grades 3, 4 & 5 competed in events like shot put, 800m, 400m, 100m and relay races on the track and field at Royal Bay Secondary in Colwood on Friday June 7.

West Shore Voice News ~ Evan Lindsay

The Eclectic Collection

by Sooke Community Arts



at the South Shore Gallery | June 1 to 14

Paintings, photos, pottery, carved pieces and more in the gallery at the back of the store at 2046 Otter Point Road in Sooke. Exhibit on til June 14.

West Shore Voice News ~ Chelsea Kirkpatrick

Taste of Millstream featured SD62 musical treat



Performances by Belmont Drum Line, Dunsmuir Music Program, and Belmont R&B band during outdoor fundraiser at Millstream Village in Langford on Saturday June 8. Drum Line performed *Don't Stop Me Now* and *Bohemian Rhapsody* by Queen as well as a song titled *Jam Nation*. Dunsmuir Band closed the set with YMCA. Food vendors set up booths including Cobbs, Milestones, Serious Coffee, and 900-degree Pizza offering samples of their signature dishes. Proceeds go to music programs at two SD62 schools in the west shore: Belmont Secondary School and Dunsmuir Middle School.

West Shore Voice News ~ Evan Lindsay



8th Annual Goddess Run June 1

The race brought out 1,200 participants and some top elite runners: Westhills 10K – Sofia Donnecke (43:21), Klyn Athey (45:04) and Melissa Brunner (46:06); BMO 5K – Lucy Smith (20:26), Sophie Mallory (21:55) and Liv Rabien (23:20).

Brynn Feather for Goddess Run

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● Another NDP MP has decided to call it quits ahead of the October 2019 federal election. Christine Moore who is the MP for Abitibi-Témiscamingue (in Quebec, near the Ontario border) was first elected in 2011 as part of the Jack Layton 'orange wave'. She says she will continue to serve her community but doesn't see being an MP as the right fit.

"My friends, I will not resign myself to conforming to this old way of doing things. I will continue to advocate for progressive ideas and to promote Abitibi-Témiscamingue," she said in a statement sent out by the federal NDP office on June 7.

"The work of an MP, when you pour all your heart and energy into the job, can be incredibly demanding. It is even more so when faced every day with the inertia and hypocrisy of old political parties," she said.



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LANGFORD ON THE MOVE TRAFFIC INFO



June 4 to 11. Annual line painting on all city roads. Most will be done at night and outside of peak traffic times. **June 10 & 11.** Annual bridge maintenance throughout city.

More traffic advisories:
www.langford.ca

An Eclectic Collection. Art exhibit by Sooke Arts Council, at South Shore Gallery, Sooke. June 1 to 14. www.sookecommunityarts.com

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.bclcg.ca/FGSbudget

District of Sooke Regular Council Meeting. Mon June 10. 7 pm. www.sooke.ca

City of Colwood Regular Council Meeting. Mon June 10. 7 pm. www.colwood.ca

Westshore Chamber of Commerce Mixer hosted by Pacific FC at Darcy's Pub, 737 Goldstream. Wed June 12. 5 pm.

Sooke Night Market. Thurs June 13. 5 to 8 pm. Thurs nights thru summer. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

Climate Action Committee. Transition Sooke. Thurs June 13. At Harbourside, 6669 Horne Rd. 7 pm.

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

'Sailing into Love'. Made-for-TV movie shot in Victoria and Langford. Rebroadcast on Hallmark movie channel (W Network). Sat June 15 at 1 pm.

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

2nd Annual Scleroderma Victoria Walk. Sun June 23. Juan de Fuca Rec, 1767 Island Hwy, 10 am. Register, donate: www.sclerodermaabc.ca

<https://westshorevoicenews.com/events/>



Pacific FC vs FC Edmonton. Sun June 23. 3 pm. Westhills Stadium. www.pacificfc.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 at Westhills Stadium (Langford). Sooke Canada Day (Sooke Flats), Noon to 10 pm. Fort Rodd Hill (Colwood). Craigflower Manor community event 9 to 6 (View Royal).

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

Eats & Beats at Esquimalt Lagoon in Colwood. Sat July 20. 1 to 8 pm. www.colwood.ca

Langford Mayor's Golf Tournament. Bear Mountain Resort. Thurs July 25. www.langford.ca

Sooke Fine Arts Show. July 26 to Aug 5. At SEAPARC. www.sookefinearts.com

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Twoonie Tuesday

• **Twoonie Tuesday** in Sooke is all about collecting donations of \$2 or more, for the Sooke Food Bank. The popular activity is held on designated Tuesdays by the Sooke Harbourside Lions. They are available with donation collection cans in retail areas around the Sooke core. The June 4 collection day brought in \$5,774 for the Sooke Food Bank, says Jan Todd. **WSV**
 << Annie Evans & Anne Marie St Laurent for Twoonie Tuesday, outside Shoppers Drug Mart in Sooke, June 4.

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Education Policy reviews more courses by Mary Brooke West Shore Voice News

• At the SD62 Education Policy committee meeting on June 4, there was an in-depth review of some new Board / Authority Authorized (BAA) courses that if approved by the Board at their June meeting will be available in the curriculum for Fall 2019. The committee is chaired by Trustee Bob Phillips.

There was lengthy discussion about English Language Learning (ELL) courses called ELL Strategies for Success (Gr 10, 11, 12) and ELL Academic Literacy (Gr 11 & 12). Formerly known as 'English as a second language', ELL aim to enhance the student's understanding of other courses that are taught in English (e.g. math, science). This improves a student's overall comprehension and skill development. In many cases, ELL students are immigrants or refugees, which brings other challenges for teachers and administrators in the sense of what grade level the student will be placed in (often their age is older than their level of English allows for communicating with their peers). Assessment of life history, culture, and what trauma the new students may have been exposed to is all part of an attentive approach to effective placement.

Also up for approval are Fabric and Fibre Arts (10, 11, 12) to fill the gap lost by sewing not being taught in life skills classes and allows for artistic creativity.

Recreation 12 allows for a more relaxed involvement in physical activity that is not based in team sports and offers skills to carry forward into adult life. The course provides an opportunity to be in the community and includes a component on Health and Wellbeing. **WSV**

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