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EDITORIAL

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

E The socio-economics of Father's Day

● **Father's Day every year** on the third Sunday in June is an opportunity to pause and celebrate the men in our lives who provide leadership, support and guidance to children, youth and families. In recent years the recognition seems to have stretched beyond confining one's 'Happy Father's Day' wishes to just the one man in a household, or even the men of a broader family. Any man who does well to do the best for his children -- or children in the community -- deserves a high-five.

A father can still do well as a father whether inside or outside of marriage. The role of good parenting is often no longer confined to the catchment area of 'one man, one woman, and children of that marriage or re-marriage'. In same-sex

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CRD 2018 Annual Report: First Nations engagement, new wastewater infrastructure, regional housing, & 9-1-1- dispatch centre

13 municipalities and 3 unincorporated electoral areas are within the Capital Regional District (CRD). Amalgamation debate frequently arises -- especially at election time -- but interplay between municipalities on suitable projects and systems seems to have evolved organically in recent years.

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ELECTORAL AREAS: JUAN DE FUCA (East Sooke & west of Sooke), SALT SPRING ISLAND, SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS

● **The Capital Regional District (CRD) 2018 Annual Report** was released June 12. The report includes highlights from 2018 as well as the 2014-2018 term, outlining progress made on strategic priorities while ensuring the efficient delivery of services. It also features key activities of the CRD's other corporate entities, the Capital Regional Hospital District (CRHD) and Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC), as well as many CRD-appointed commissions.

"It's very rewarding to see the work accomplished in 2018 and the progress made on the priorities of the previous Board over the past four year term," said Board Chair Colin Plant. "The new Board quickly agreed on its new priorities and staff have already provided the first quarterly report showing the progress we are making responding to community needs and addressing critical issues this year." CRD reports significant progress in 2018 on advancing First Nations engagement, the construction of new infrastructure such as the Wastewater Treatment Project, and innovative strategies and partnerships, such as the Regional Housing First Program and completion of the South Island 9-1-1/Police Dispatch Centre.

Population growth continues to be a key driver of the regional economy, says CRD. They now show a population count of 413,000 residents, up 12.4% since 2011. This growth and demand drives key CRD infrastructure projects and optimization of services that align with long-term corporate and strategic planning as developed by the CRD Board.

Climate desirability of the region and the lifestyle including recreational opportunities that year-round moderate weather allows is a key factor that for decades has drawn to new residents and retirees to south Vancouver Island. This has impacted housing, demands on infrastructure (including transportation, water, and recreation) and some statistics show may contribute to upswings in the homeless population when the economy becomes less supportive in most other parts of the country where winters are long with cold.

"The report highlights the breadth and scope of what the CRD does on a daily basis and demonstrates how the CRD contributes to an improved quality of life for the residents and businesses in the region," it was stated in a release. "The organization's key accomplishments are being acknowledged in a number of ways, including recognition for the organization for the second year in a row as one of BC's Top Employers and one of Canada's Greenest Employers for 2019."

The CRD prepares a number of other annual reports with more detailed information on how regional, sub-regional and local strategies are being advanced or for regulatory compliance. The 2018 CRD Climate Action annual report summarizes progress on the CRD's corporate and community-focused climate action strategies. www.crd.bc.ca/climate

The CRHC annual report summarizes progress on creating more affordable housing and delivering tenant services including the ground-breaking of new construction and housing development underway (includes overview of 2018 projects, accomplishments and financial highlights).

The CRD develops partnerships with municipalities, electoral areas, First Nations and many other agencies and volunteers to facilitate and deliver projects and services to ensure a sustainable, livable and vibrant capital region. www.crd.bc.ca/reporting | www.crd.bc.ca/about/data/fast-facts **WSV**

couples, the role of 'father' is experienced with new dynamics.

Especially as women become (and should already be) educated and financially self-sufficient, responsible choices can reduce or eliminate the need for both partners to unduly contort their lives and those of their children. Communication is key to what works for everyone.

A father-figure brings a sense of belonging, helping us define where we 'fit' (accepted or rejected, or some blend of both) within our own definition of self as well as society and broader culture. A father's influence is felt even by its absence or imperfections.

A good father is great for kids. But even without a happy or successful experience, one's father still provides context for one's psyche and choices for growth. ■

West Shore RCMP Update

● **It was reported** by West Shore RCMP on May 21 that a Sooke woman was allegedly pushed off a cliff on May 19 at Thetis Lake into the water below, sustaining significant bruising injuries. On June 12 RCMP followed up with a concluding report that no push had occurred, and that the case was closed. **WSV**

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Public consultations on BC Budget 2020

.../ Continued from pg 1 ...Director Lisa Geddes there was a pitch for relieving the Provincial Sales Tax on boaters and small businesses in the boating service industry including manufacturers, maintenance, detailing and sellers who "service, sell to and take care of the recreational boating industry". Committee Chair D'Eith wondered if this presentation should instead go to Treasury Board.

The Federation of Community Social Services of BC addressed the committee, starting with an acknowledgement of "the work this government has done" in providing universal child care, makes changes to the network of care of children who are in government care, and including child care approaches in their poverty reduction strategy. The suggestion was that Budget BC 2020 include more funding for programs and services for people who experience trauma, who are looking for or need a job, who support elderly parents. "The sector doesn't have the capacity to do what needs to be done," said the representative.

Representatives from **Pearson College** explained the important role of the International Baccalaureate school located in Metchosin. Pearson College President Desiree McGraw and Director of Advancement Carly Milloy explained how the private college falls between the cracks of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training; graduates do not get a Dogwood (Grade 12 BC Diploma). The course levels are Grade 11 and 12, plus the equivalent of first-year university; graduates can often get right into second-year university after graduating from Pearson. About 25% of their students are from around Canada, with 75% from locations around the world. About 90% of the students are there with some sort of financial assistance. "We are not a typical private school, we are not elites," said McGraw to the committee. She said that Pearson College — founded in 1974 and receiving \$7 million from government up to 2012 (but nothing after that), is the only educational institution "with no support from the BC Government". Due to the international nature of the student population, many go on to become leaders in their communities around the world, or maintain a global perspective while acting locally. To explore options, Pearson College has had discussions with Education Minister Rob Fleming but has not yet had an opportunity to provide a campus tour to Advanced Education, Skills & Training Minister Melanie Mark.

Holding public input in June is earlier than last year, allowing time for Ministries to work with the input results starting in September 2019 toward the next budget coming in February 2020.

Members of the committee are:

Bob D'Eith, MLA Maple Ridge-Mission (chair)
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Pacific FC westshore mixer

West Shore Voice News

● Pacific FC hosted a Westshore Chamber of Commerce networking mixer at Darcy's Pub in Langford on Wednesday evening, June 12.

A few prize giveaways consisting of oodles of Pacific FC swag were given out to draw prize winners.

Pacific FC President Josh Simpson addressed the packed pub, saying that 29 per cent of season ticket sales are by Langford-area residents.

Pacific FC CEO Rob Friend and Executive VP Operations Manager Brad Norris-Jones were also in attendance.

Attending the two-hour business event from among the Pacific FC team roster were Issey Nakajima-Farran (attacker) and Hendrik Starostzik (defender).

City of Langford Councillors Matt Sahlstrom, Lanny Seaton and Norma Stewart mingled. It was Lanny's 76th birthday!

Also attending and continuing to promote the sale of engraved bricks on behalf of West Shore Rotary for placement in the Sarah Beckett Memorial Playground was SD62 Vice-Chair Dianna Seaton.

Darcy's Pub Westshore promoted that their menu now includes gluten-free and vegan options.

Representing the Westshore Chamber were President Mike Reilly and Executive Director Julie Lawlor.



Pacific FC President Josh Simpon at Westshore Chamber mixer, June 12.

The next Pacific FC home game is on Sunday afternoon June 23 vs Edmonton FC, with kickoff at 3 pm. Tickets for sale online. Visit www.pacificfc.ca

And there's a contest to win two free tickets to the June 23 soccer game, sponsored by West Shore Voice News. Great location ... center field. Enter the draw by sending an email to sports@westshorevoicenews.com by 5 pm on Wednesday June 19. Two sets of two tickets to be won. **WSV**

Book launch: New remembrance of the late Billy Foster

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

● About 50 people -- mostly oldtimers from around Langford -- gathered June 14 to officially launch the release of 'Billy Foster - The Victoria Flash'.

The 375-book was three years in the making, says Gord Alberg, who with Langford Councillor Matt Sahlstrom (a former Western Speedway owner) and others delivered a respectful remembrance of one of their racing heroes, Victoria-raised Billy Foster, who raced in Langford long ago. Foster met with an early death in 1967



Langford Councillor Matt Sahlstrom addressed the book launch crowd.

while test-driving a car at a track in California, shocking the racing community of the day, as Foster had already raced in the Indy 500.

Two of Foster's vehicles restored by Alberg were on display outside the Four Points Sheraton on Friday during the casual event.

The softcover book sells for \$35, available on Amazon. **WSV** Full article, more pics: <https://westshorevoicenews.com/book-launch-a-new-remembrance-of-the-late-billy-foster/>

Motorcycle repair shop business changes hands in a happy fashion

BUSINESS FEATURE

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

● Island motorcyclists brought their bikes and party-energy to celebrate with motorcycles and entertainment at the grand opening of a motorcycle repair shop in Langford on Saturday afternoon, June 15.

Duncan's Speed and Cycle opened their doors on Dunford Avenue in Langford — as a business purchase from the outgoing and retiring Phoenix Cycle — on March 1. But warm summer weather and the time it takes to revise and reorganize with their own style brought shop owner Duncan Rourke to mid-June for the celebration.

At the microphone at noon there was cake and thanks for the retiring owner and hurrahs for the new owner. The mellow but attentive Rourke slid through the many components of the party event with the same confidence that brought him out of a 22-year



Duncan Rourke in his new motorcycle parts & repair shop: "I bought an existing business and ramped it up."

career working for Harley-Davidson into owning his own shop.

For Rourke, 52, owning his own motorcycle repair shop is a dream that started when he was just a teen.

Someone at that time gave him a miniature toy Mattel motorcycle branded with the words "Duncan's Motorcycles". The dream was fused.

But it's not just the dream that

made this day happen, it's the business acumen. "I don't have to make all the money on every sale," says Rourke, observing with critique how bigger companies would operate. "I want a customer for life," he calmly stated with indisputable conviction as the chopper crowd partied just beyond at high-decibel range.

"It's no real secret," says Rourke. "Give people a fair price on a good product and treat them the way they want to be treated." That's his motto for business longevity. He watched a friend and mentor in business — Gordon Wilkins — for years. "Every time I saw him demonstrate that, the benefits came back."

Duncan's Speed and Cycle carries a fully stocked parts department which is appreciated by his customers both locally and from around Vancouver Island. Bikers can come to the shop, or order parts online.

"I bought an existing business and ramped it up," said Rourke on Saturday. He's hired a second technician and brought in marketing support. And there's "lots of hustle"... starting the day early and ending late.



Bikers brought their chrome to the June 15 opening.

Duncan's Speed and Cycle is located at 945 Dunford Avenue near the corner of Jacklin Road in central Langford.

"From the moment the garage doors rolled up and the open sign flickered on, we have been packed with bikes for service and repairs," Rourke was quoted in a news release ahead of the day.

Apparently he is already being forced to look for a bigger lease location to meet demand. "People often want the local shop experience where they can count on staff going the extra mile to ensure extra miles of trouble-free riding."

Rourke brings a loyal following from his former position at the island Harley franchise. He is joined by mechanics Dave Gerty and Mark Druwe.

The grand opening event paid tribute to the 21-year legacy of Ted Gordon upon his retirement from the former Phoenix Cycle; both he and the shop were at one time featured in a TV segment of *Farkle Garage*. **WSV**

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(Back row, from left): Margot Swinburnson, Bob Beckett, Ravi Parmar (chair), Dianna Seaton (vice-chair).

(Front row, from left): Bob Phillips, Allison Watson, Wendy Hobbs.



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The rest of June

Father's Day. Sun June 16.
City of Langford Regular Council Meeting. Mon June 17. 5:30 pm. www.langford.ca
City of Colwood Committee of the Whole. Mon June 17. 6 pm. www.colwood.ca
District of Sooke Committee of the Whole. Mon June 17. 7 pm. www.sooke.ca
EMCS French Immersion Graduation. Thurs June 20. 5:30 pm. EMCS, 6218 Sooke Road. www.sd62.bc.ca
EMCS Prom at the Fairmont Empress, Sat June 22. 7 pm.
2nd Annual Scleroderma Victoria Walk. Sun June 23. Juan de Fuca Rec, 1767 Island Hwy, 10 am. Register, donate: www.sclerodermabc.ca
Annual Salmon BBQ. Sun June 23. 12 noon to 2 pm. Sooke Region Museum. Includes opening of new exhibit: Women of the Sooke Region. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca
Pacific FC vs Edmonton FC. Sun June 23. 3 pm. Westhills Stadium. www.pacificfc.ca
City of Colwood Regular Council. Mon June 24. 7 pm. www.colwood.ca
District of Sooke Regular Council. Mon June 24. 7 pm. www.sooke.ca
SD62 Public Board Meeting. Tues June 25. At the board office, 7 pm. www.sd62.bc.ca
Health Care, Elder Care and Community Support Work Job Fair. Wed June 26. At WorkBC Westshore, 3179 Jacklin Rd. Island Health & other employers, 2-4pm.
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.



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Into July

Canada Day. Mon July 1. **Community events.** Pacific FC game vs Calvary FC at 3 pm 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.

Art in the Park & Sooke Car Show. Sun July 14. Sooke River Campground, 2259 Phillips Rd. 10 am to 2 pm. www.sookecommunityarts.com | www.sookefallfair.ca
Northwest Deuce Days. July 18 to July 21. Dinner Sat July 20. Sunday July 21 classic cars staged throughout the Inner Harbour and on grounds of BC Legislature.
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
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Sooke Library update

“A new library for Sooke continues to march towards construction,” says the Vancouver Island Regional Library. Revisions to the development permit were submitted to the District of Sooke earlier this month for review. If no further revisions are needed, the application will be presented to Council for approval. **WSV** <https://westshorevoicenews.com/sooke-library-development-dealing-with-permit-hurdle/>

Federal Transport Committee still looking at school bus seat belt safety issue

by Mary Brooke
West Shore Voice News

● **Sooke School District 62 (SD62)** has for a few years now debated the issue of seat belts on school buses. They eyed the June 11 House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities **Bus Passenger Safety** report with interest.

The federal Committee had examined the safety features and crashworthiness of buses in Canada hearing testimony from 14 witnesses and receiving eight briefs from stakeholders.

“Witness testimony made clear that buses in Canada, particularly school buses, are already among the safest modes of transportation,” it was stated in House of Commons news release, adding: “Nevertheless, improvements are always possible.” The report contains nine recommendations to the federal government to help improve the safety record of buses, touching on the collection and publication process for research and test data by Transport Canada, and the possibility of expanding the mandate of the Transportation Safety Board.

“Of particular interest during this study was the question of mandating seat belts on school buses,” continues the release. “According to several witnesses, while seat belts do prevent certain types of injuries, they are neither a panacea, nor the only possible solution, to increasing school bus safety. The Committee says it heard concerns that the installation of seat belts may make school buses less safe for children” but did not articulate in the release.

“For that reason, and in order to ensure that school buses in Canada continue to provide a safe means of transport for children, the Committee recommends that the Government of Canada continue to support the ongoing work of the Task Force on School Bus Safety and take steps to implement any recommendations that may be made as a result.”

For SD62, issues of wanting to provide the best possible level of safety have also included the cost of retrofitting existing buses (\$40,000 each, for parts and labour) or including seat belts in new buses (\$12,000 per bus), as first reported in the December 7, 2018 print/PDF edition of *West Shore Voice News*. Issues of insurance and accountability for ensuring all students use their seatbelts are generally not debated in detail. SD62 discusses the seat belt issue at Resource Committee, with reports and any motions then sent to the full Board.

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Congratulations to all the SD62 Graduates of 2019!

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SD62 school bus on Highway 14, heading east out of Sooke.

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