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Artists Celebration draws Premier Horgan to Sooke 33rd Annual Sooke Fine Arts Show

WEST SHORE VOICE by Mary P Brooke West Shore Voice News

It's the 14th year in a row that local MLA John Horgan has attended the Sooke Fine Arts Show, these last three years as Premier.

His speech at the show's Awards Celebration event on Saturday night July 27 was light and glib. Again this year he remarked on the transformation of a hockey rink into a high quality art show venue.

Bringing to the public's attention the (NDP)-orange stitching on one hole of four on each sleeve of his new blue suit jacket cuffs was the art of familiarity at its best. We now all know something about this high-profile politician that makes it feel personal.

Over 380 pieces of art on display this year capture a bright, modern feel with fewer moody landscapes and more abstracts that play with colour. There is plenty of whimsy in the art again this year (something about Sooke seems to generate that). Some of the wood-working elicits awe. Pottery, sculpture and ceramics are highly creative. There are of course fish, and cats, and trees in the nature-themed paintings and creations.

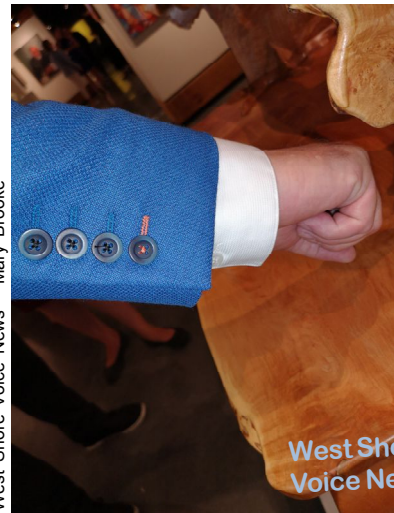


33rd Sooke Fine Arts Show, shown here on Saturday night July 27.

The Premier noted that 33 years ago Sooke was a forestry town "with salmon around the edges" and that now it's "a dynamic hub on the west coast of Vancouver Island that reaches into hearts and minds of so many diverse and dynamic people who come together to make this evening happen".

Horgan congratulated Terrie Moore on her first year as the show's Executive Director. Sooke Fine Arts Society president is Geraldine McGuire again this year, who said she wore as much 'bling' as possible as a way of remembering the Brenda Parkinson who was recognized posthumously with an award to honour her community service to the arts.

The District of Sooke now includes the Sooke Fine Arts Society as a line item in their municipal budget, which provides more consistent funding for the Sooke Fine Arts Show. Apparently the provincial government contributed more than usual this year.



Button hole finished with orange stitching on the Premier's new blue summer suit jacket.

The well-attended evening was attended by District of Sooke Mayor Maja Tait and Councillors Jeff Bateman, Al Beddows, and Tony St-Pierre and many long-time members of the Sooke community including Sooke historian Elida Peers, Phoebe Dunbar, Frederique Philip, Linda Gordon, Roger Temple, Louise Morin, David Evans, and Karen Stones. The gallery gift shop was staffed by local volunteers. Also mingling was federal Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke Green Party candidate David Merner -- his first time at the show.

More art show photos and news on page 3, and at <https://westshorevoiceneews.com/premier-horgan-at-the-33rd-sooke-fine-arts-show/> WSV



In his Artists Celebration speech, Premier Horgan thanked Sooke for being a dynamic, caring and engaging community: "I can't tell you how at home I feel here." WSV

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BC Transit introduces NextRide

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News



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Announcing the NextRide service with smartphones in hand (from left): Christy Ridout, VP Business Development, BC Transit; Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin); Susan Brice, Chair, Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC); and Colwood Mayor Rob Martin (VRTC board member).



Christy Ridout UVic bus depot, July 25.

Before VIPs and media hopped onto a bus to try the new NextRide app on their smartphones (guided by Neil Corbett, Program Director, Smart Technology), VP Business Development Christy Ridout thanked VRTC Chair Susan Brice for "seeing, embracing and supporting the vision of developing the new technology".

UVic bus terminal for speeches then took a bus ride for a live demonstration led by BC Transit's Smart Technology Program Director, Neil Corbett.

Mitzi Dean, MLA said that bus transit in Victoria is a "green, clean, affordable and more reliable way to get to and connect to the places people go to".

Victoria Regional Transit Commission Chair Susan Brice noted added accessibility, visual scrolls, and audible site announcements as great new features. "Transit's time has come," said Brice. "It's a time when everyone knows how important a good public transportation network is to our community." She said that buses are now a more attractive transportation option, and reminded the crowd about last week's announcement of 118 new buses by the Prime Minister and BC Premier, which includes 10 electric buses, 11 more double-deckers, and vehicles that will operate on compressed natural gas.

BC Transit says the new technology is part of enticing new ridership. "People expect information at their fingertips," said BC Transit's VP Business Development, Christy Ridout. Over 80% of bus riders access the transit website by smartphones or tablet. "It's one more tool for our customers." She called NextRide the beginning of a journey. "With technology evolving rapidly we will be diligently evaluating our technological needs, for our business and our customers. The top priority is a reliable trip. For daily commuters we hope this puts the control back in your hands, more time back in your day with a reliable, convenient technological tool." Bus operators and the operations team can now also communicate more effectively through a modular display unit about things like road detours and accidents for faster relay of that information to customers. Automatic passenger counters will identify where and when people are getting on and off. NextRide is the foundation for future development. BC Transit is already focussing on modernizing the fare technology platform so payment can be made electronically. WSV

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EDITORIAL

More lottery prizes of a more manageable size would enable more meaningful wins & more ticket-buyer interest

Mary P Brooke,
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Editor & Publisher

● **We've addressed this topic before** ... the lure of the lucky win and the dream of sudden wealth. Even BC Lottery Corporation (BCLC) in their media release about someone who purchased a LottoMax ticket in Richmond for the July 26 date (matching all seven numbers for a \$60 million win), referred to the windfall as "life changing". The winner has yet to come forward.

Probably none of us would mind financial influx. But megaprizes tip the scales into the realm of the previously unbelievable, and for many the disarray that comes with likely an overnight change in home, friends, employment and lifestyle, and the forced acquisition of new life management skillsets.

How great would it be for more people to win more manageable but suitability useful amounts -- say \$250,000 to \$500,000 -- on a regular basis? They could pay down a mortgage, fund their education, invest in a business -- all of these things contributing to a more stable transition and some authentic security. There would be no less interest in buying lottery tickets, in fact it could increase ticket-buyer interest. ■

NATIONAL NEWS <https://www.westshorevoicenews.com/trudeau-chats-with-boris-johnson/>

Trudeau connects with new UK Prime Minister

● **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** spoke with the UK's new Prime Minister Boris Johnson by phone on July 26. "The two leaders reaffirmed the rich and diverse bilateral relationship between Canada and the United Kingdom, which is founded on a deep shared history, people-to-people ties, and common values," it was stated in a Canadian PMO news release. The two PM's "underscored their commitment to seeking a seamless transition on bilateral trade and investment post-Brexit.



Boris Johnson **Justin Trudeau**

As stated in a media release, Trudeau congratulated Prime Minister Johnson and wished him success in his new role. Johnson was chosen by his party after Prime Minister Teresa May officially departed on July 24 (she resigned on May 24).

Trudeau indicated he is looking forward to working with Johnson on common interests

such as international trade, human rights, media freedom, relations with China, peace and security including in Ukraine, climate change, and supporting the rules-based international order.

Trudeau has been on vacation in BC the past week or so. **WSV**

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Alistair MacGregor says Canada Pension Plan should invest ethically by Mary P Brooke

● **In reviewing some of the issues** that Alistair MacGregor, MP (Cowichan-Malahat-Langford) has been addressing in the last three-and-a-half years in the House of Commons, he points out that the need for amendment of how Canada Pension Plan (CPP) funds are invested.

"Funds have been invested with entities that have questionable human rights and environmental actions," he said in an interview with *West Shore Voice News* last week.

Investing in American private prisons and mining companies that have gross human rights violations or that dump tailings into local watersheds are some areas about which he has concerns. "We need to look at how we want companies we invest in to behave."

MacGregor hopes to reintroduce a bill on the CPP investment matter in the 43rd Parliament -- which of course requires being re-elected this fall. He



Alistair MacGregor, MP outside his constituency office on Happy Valley Rd in Langford.

is looking forward to the upcoming federal campaign, meeting people on the doorstep and listening to their concerns.

The MP whose riding is geographically vast -- from Duncan/Cowichan through Langford and also Juan de Fuca past Jordan River out to Port Renfrew -- hopes constituency residents will come to meet new citizens at a New Citizen Celebration on Sunday August 11 in Duncan (at Bright Angel Park on Tigwell Rd, 2 to 4 pm). **WSV**

David Merner hears a strong desire for change

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

● **Green Party candidate** for Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke David Merner says he's hearing "some fantastic things" from voters on the doorstep.

A woman in her sixties says she voted NDP for 40 years but that for the first time in her life she will vote Green, said Merner last week in an interview with *West Shore Voice News*.

"This is so positive, so encouraging. People seem to see us as different." He's hearing that "people want change in politics ...not the same old kind of politics." Merner is a lawyer by profession who ran in the 2015 federal election as a Liberal.

"We have so many young campaigners who say they are concerned about their futures. Many are university students. They want to make a difference," says Merner, adding that the youth are making a big difference on the campaign with their enthusiasm and social media skills.

"It's really encouraging to see the mix on our team," says Merner, referring to experienced political workers alongside those who are new to the process. "The campaign office is full of people who are energized and wanting to help." **WSV**



Green Party Candidate David Merner at the Artists Celebration of the Sooke Fine Arts Show on July 27.

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RCMP & military hunting for two BC teens charged with murder West Shore Voice News

● **The entire country is watching** as first police and now also military continue their search for two BC teens who are wanted for murder.

Port Alberni teens Kam McLeod, 19, and Bryer Schmegelsky, 18, were at first considered missing by RCMP, after it was said they had been heading to the Yukon to look for work.

But the two were soon connected to the death of UBC botany instructor Leonard Dyck, 64, and charged with second degree murder. Dyck's body was found at a roadside pullout on Highway 37 near Dease Lake on July 19.

Police soon then also connected the two suspects to the deaths of tourists Chynna Deese, 24 (of North Carolina) and Lucas Fowler, 23 (from Australia) who were found shot on July 15 on the roadside of the Alaska Highway (Hwy 97) about 20 km south of Liard Hot Springs which is northeast of Dease Lake.

McLeod and Schmegelsky were last seen in the remote northern area of Manitoba near the small town of Gillam (population 1,265, northeast of Thompson near Hudson Bay).

The suspects are considered dangerous. Anyone who sees them is asked to not make contact with the suspects but to call 911 or their local police.

Police are suggesting that McLeod and Schmegelsky may have been helped to escape the Gillam area with the assistance of a motorist who may not have recognized them or would not have seen any media coverage in such a remote area. Or they may have hopped onto a slow-moving train.

This 12-day series of events (July 15 to 27) has caught the public's imagination due to the age and apparently normalcy of the suspects, remote location, human interest aspects of the victims, and sheer geographical scope. Fowler & Deese's bodies were found on July 15, while Dyck's body was found July 19.

There is CCTV footage of the two suspects as seen in a Co-op retail store in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan from July 24 (not released by RCMP until July 26).

Over this weekend, investigators have been conducting door to door canvasses in Gillam and Fox Lake Cree Nation to generate new tips and information.

This case has gained national and international attention. **WSV**

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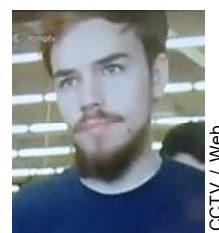
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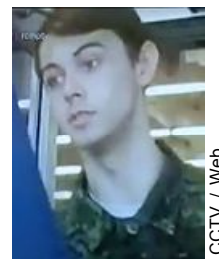
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by **Chelsea Kirkpatrick** from the Purchaser's Preview July 25
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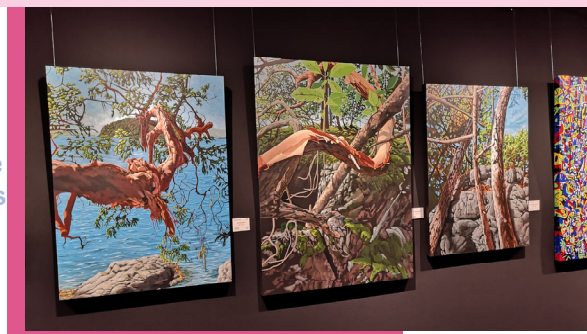


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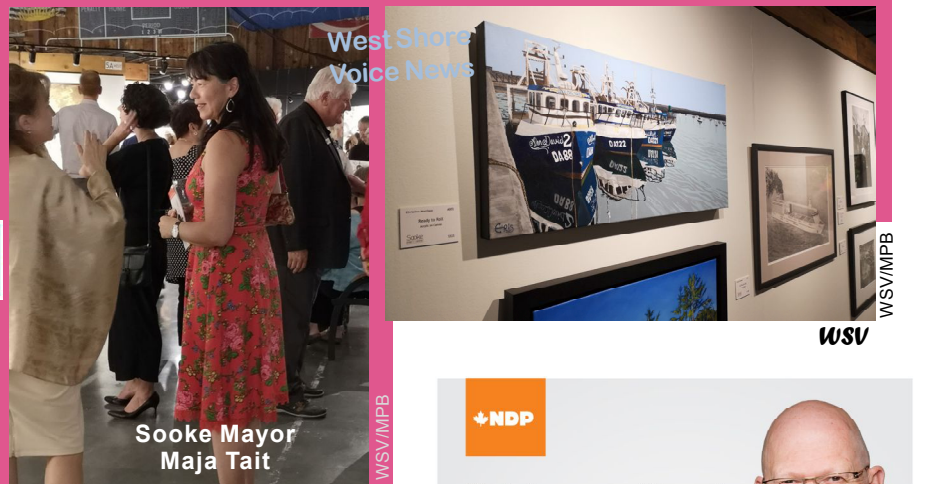


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Heading into August

Sooke Fine Arts Show. July 26 to Aug 5. At SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. Artz4Kids & Youth on Tues July 30; Seniors Tea Wed July 31. Doors open daily at 10 am. www.sookefinearts.com

Pacific FC vs Valour FC Watch Party. Wed July 31. 5 pm. Darcy's Pub (downtown & Langford). www.pacificfc.ca

Luxton Summer Night Market. Wed July 31. 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Marwood Rd, Langford.

Sooke Summer Night Market. Thurs Aug 1. 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Sooke Region Museum, Phillips Rd, Sooke.

BC Day Long Weekend. Sat Aug 3 through Mon Aug 5.

Sooke Music & Art Festival. Sat Aug 3 (11am-9pm) & Sun Aug 4 (12-6 pm). Free. John Phillips Memorial Park. www.sookemusicfestival.com | www.sookearts.com

16th Annual Chinook Salmon Derby. Sat Aug 3 & Sun Aug 4. Weigh-in station at Sooke Rd and Phillips Rd. www.sookesalmonenhancement.com

Tree Planting Memorial for Brenda Parkinson. Tues Aug 6. 1 pm. John Phillips Memorial Park. www.sooke.ca

District of Sooke 20th Anniversary celebration. Sat Aug 17. www.sooke.ca

Langford 9th Annual Show 'n Shine in Langford town centre. Sun Aug 18. 10 am to 2 pm. www.langford.ca

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

Grand Opening of Westhills Stadium and Sarah Beckett Memorial Playground. Family entertainment, facility tours. Sat Aug 24. 11 am to 2:30 pm (ceremony 1 pm). www.langford.ca

Pacific FC vs Valour FC. Sat Aug 24. Soccer game. Kickoff 3 pm. Pacific FC tickets: www.pacificfc.ca

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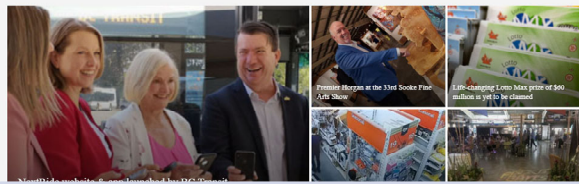
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Pacific FC's Ahmed snapped up by Saudi national team for two games in August

Pacific FC's Ahmed Alghamdi has joined Saudi Arabia's U-20 National Team for two games in August. The 17-year-old midfielder joins the youth National side for two friendlies against Tajikistan.

"We are extremely proud of Ahmed's recent call up to the Saudi U-20 National team," said Pacific FC CEO Rob Friend. "We continue to support the development and growth of all our young players, and we know Ahmed has a very bright future ahead of him."

Alghamdi signed his first professional contract with Pacific FC only a few months before graduating from high school in Vancouver. Born in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Alghamdi has grown up in Canada and joined the Vancouver Island outfit from Rinos Tigers SC in the VMSL.

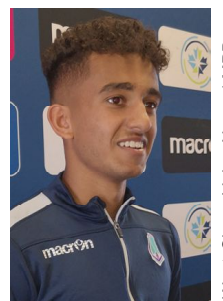
"It's positive," commented Pacific FC head coach Michael Silberbauer. "He's developing fine, he's still very young, so a callup to a national team is positive and is a chance for him to get an experience. It shows everybody that the youth national team is not that far away."

Pacific FC's next home game is on Saturday August 24 vs Valour FC at Westhills Stadium. Kickoff is at 3 pm, immediately following the official grand expansion re-opening of Westhills Stadium that starts earlier in the day. **WSV**

Online survey: Reducing plastic waste in BC

The BC Government aims to reduce plastic pollution and see reduced use plastic overall. There's an online public survey about that, available to 4 pm on September 18 at <https://westshorevoicenews.com/public-input-sought-on-reducing-plastic-waste-in-bc-waterways-environment-and-landfills/>

The four key areas of focus for the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change are: **1. Bans on single-use packaging:** types of packaging to be phased out. **2. Dramatically reducing single-use plastics in landfills & waterways:** requiring producers to take responsibility for more plastic products, ensuring more single-use items like sandwich bags, straws and cutlery get recycled. **3. Plastic bottle and beverage container returns:** expanding the deposit-refund system to cover all beverage containers. **4. Reducing plastic waste overall:** supporting effective ways to prevent plastic waste in the first place and ensure recycled plastic is reused effectively. **WSV**



Pacific FC midfielder Ahmed Alghamdi

NEXT PACIFIC FC HOME GAME: Sat Aug 24

Tickets: <https://pacificfc.canpl.ca>

First recreational cannabis licence goes to Sooke



Lori Ritaller & Lisa Taylor of Riverside Cannabis.

It's licence #450046 and it's for real! Riverside Cannabis at 6309 Sooke Road is the first provincially licenced retail recreational cannabis outlet in the west shore region, owned by Riverside Cannabis Corp. They'll be open daily 9am to 11 pm starting August 1.

Operators Lori Ritaller and Lisa Taylor are excited! They diligently pursued the paperwork and met all requirements since first applying for a licence on October 17, 2018.

In the past five weeks they've been doing a lot of renovations to get ready for licencing and their first day of business.

An official grand opening will be held later in August. **WSV**

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Sarah Beckett Memorial Playground: construction continues, along with fundraising

Construction of the Sarah Beckett Memorial Playground on Glen Lake Road behind Westhills Stadium continues, as does the fundraising toward a goal of \$250,000 to pay for the project.



Sarah Beckett Memorial Playground under construction on Glen Lake Road behind Westhills Stadium (July 20, 2019).

Fundraising has been undertaken by the West Shore Rotary with Rotary member Dianna Seaton (who is also SD62 Vice-Chair) leading the charge.

As of July 25, about \$100,000 had been raised, said Seaton; that includes \$10,000 announced that evening at the Langford Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament held at Bear Mountain Resort.

Donations of \$1,000 will get your name or company name on the donor wall at the playground. Donations of \$200 can be made to purchase a brick with your name or company name engraved on it, for installation at the playground (bricks purchased after July 24 will be installed after the August 24 official opening). Info here: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/1897/Stories/donor-wall-sarah-beckett-memorial-playground>

The City of Langford will host the official grand opening of the playground and the expanded Westhills Stadium on Saturday August 24, with family activities and speeches (11 am to 2:30 pm). **WSV**

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