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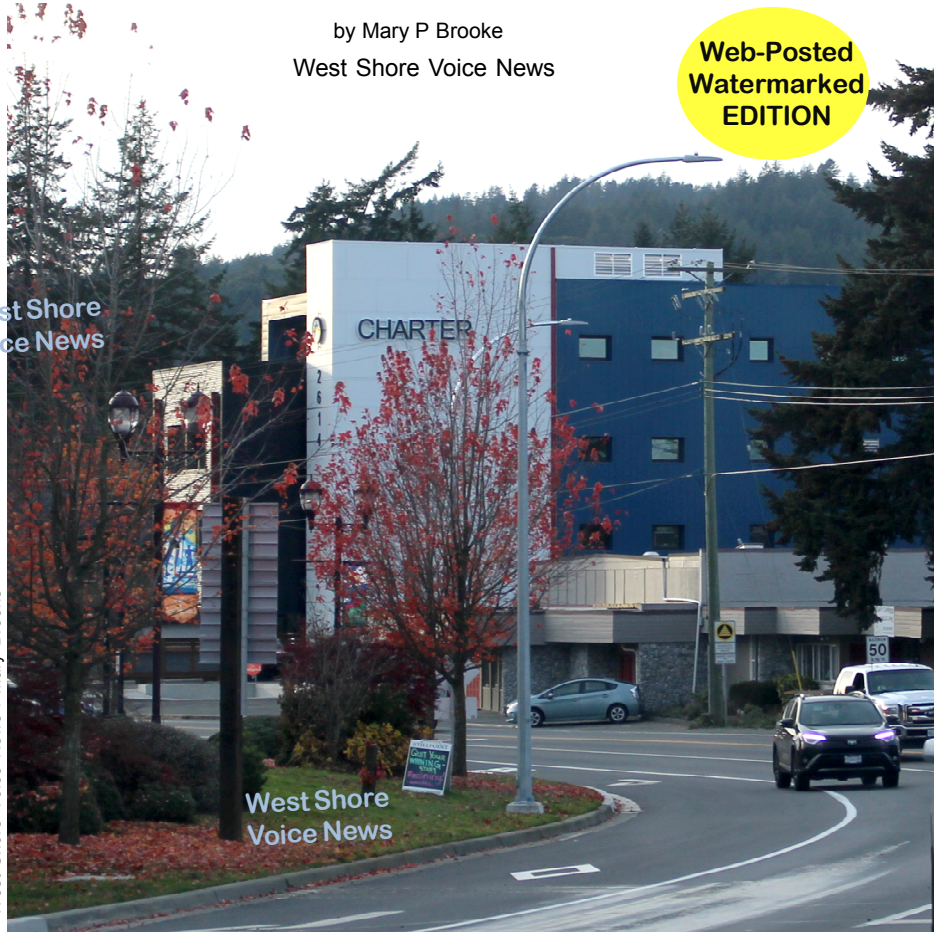
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Friday November 8, 2019 The week's news to November 9

## New energy efficient Charter building nestles into Langford landscape

by Mary P Brooke  
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Staff and operations have recently geared up at the new Charter Telcom headquarters on Sooke Road in Langford: eco-friendly, high-tech savvy.

It took a while to get the Charter building up and running. The networking solutions company bought the land in 2016 where Borton's Spas & Pools Ltd and the old Shaw building used to be. The hole was dug within three months but it took a while for design to be debated and honed. They broke ground in spring 2017 and final stages of construction this year saw fire inspection last month, with landscaping now coming together for next week's official opening on November 14.

Rising from the half-acre property at 2614 Sooke Road in Langford, the 16,500-sq ft four-level building is the Charter Telcom Inc headquarters. They serve clients locally, in BC and across Canada with back-end connectivity and networking infrastructure that makes possible a lot of what people rely on for everyday good cyber-service in business, government, health care and education.

As an exclusive partner of the Silicon Valley-based Cisco Systems (networking and telecommunications hardware), an elite portfolio partner of Juniper Networks (automated network/cloud infrastructure), and a 20-year provider of Avaya Inc products (for cloud-based communications), Charter says its solutions architects work with the industry's best products to simplify complex networks and build high-performance information technology (IT) infrastructure.

In 2016, under the leadership of Charter CEO and founder Paul Chandler, the company acquired Boardwalk Communications – one of the top Cisco network integrators in Western Canada. That increased Charter's national team of industry experts and their breadth of technology products and services offerings, positioning themselves as a national technology leader with the capacity of larger IT companies without losing focus on the customer service and understanding of business needs both companies had built their success on. The personable ambiance at the new building is palpable, supported by bright modern artwork and a forest of indoor tropical plants dispersed around the building.

One of the Charter flagship product/service offerings is a purpose-built health care web-based video conferencing solution for clinician-to-patient consulting so you and your doctor can chat remotely and securely. The same Charter expertise has also recently enabled the local Sooke School District 62 to expand its wireless-based capabilities at the administrative level and in schools in the west shore.

The 'passive house' standards of the building exceed the more commonly known LEEDS standard, says Charter President Kelly Michell. He was keen to explain how the construction process uses ample cross-laminated pressure-sealed timber which produces much less dust during construction. "It was built like a log house -- everything had a place to go," says Michell. Walls carry up for all four storeys. Local contractors did much of the work on the Charter building, learning about passive house construction along the way.

Technology of the building includes temperature and air control, particularly heating/cooling (holding 19°-21°C) and levels of carbon dioxide as achieved through a central computerized venting system. No drafts or temperature swings. Efficiencies include 90% less energy consumption than a traditional building. Cool air is brought in and stale air exits; low levels of airborne particles. Body heat is calculated into the mix. Even the amount of window light is part of the enviro-management.

It's a low-maintenance building with tons of sensors that feed data into a robust system of on-site computers equipped with 96 data ports. If you're in the



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building with your smartphone, the Charter building knows you're there. In fact, even as you approach the building, if employees have their smartphone with them, the computer system knows they're coming and they won't have to manually fiddle with access codes (the alarm system computes recognition and unlocks the door). For regular employees it will turn on the lights as they approach their work area in the morning, and it knows what sort of coffee they like. No need for indoor security cameras; the sensors pick up everything they need to know about regular occupants and visitors. Teleconferencing is available on screens in every room. Inside the building it's quiet thanks to triple-pane glass and thick insulation.



Bright open-concept workspaces at Charter, viewed from the meeting-space staircase.

Interior comforts include the open-space concept for work areas and meetings (called collaborative spaces and huddle rooms). An open social stairwell has seating for large communal gatherings. A 1,000 sq ft training room (that can double as a party room) is on the penthouse floor. The top floor also includes a private 2-bedroom suite and roof top patio. There's even a putting green for golf enthusiasts. And of course the building is enhanced with attention to seismic readiness.

There are about 35 workstation computers; almost half of those can be taken off-premises, with all data stored within the Charter building. Many of the staff live within walking or cycling distance of their employment spot at Charter; some personnel relocated to Langford to be part of the growing community. Jobs range from finance, administration and sales to engineering technology, technical architecture, and logistics, says Charter's Chief Financial Officer Sherrey McGowan.

Some native landscaping, cedar-and-steel fencing and mini-path create a welcoming modern setting outside the building alongside the 32-space parking lot. There's an arrangement with the church next door for overflow parking. Bicycle storage is provided at parking lot level. Langford Fire has their own building access with keys secured in a special holder near the main door and loading dock.

Charter choosing Langford for their headquarters speaks volumes about the growth of the city and its regional economic impact. The municipality's consistent and persistent approach to welcoming the arrival of businesses as well as fostering their growth produces notable results with a range of positive spin-offs.

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More Charter news coming in the November 15 issue of WSV.

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EDITORIALS



Mary P Brooke, B.Sc., Cert PR

## Conservative angst over not forming a majority shows chinks in the armour

● Here's another editorial about federal election aftermath. This week we're looking at how the Conservatives are already commiserating among themselves about 'losing the election'. Who said it was a given that they would win a majority? Does Canada really flip flop back and forth between Liberal and Conservative 'rule' as a point of absolute destiny?

Everyone in the know about Canadian politics should understand that the popular vote does not always indicate which party wins the most seats. The Conservatives lost significant support in urban Ontario areas where the social conservatism of leader Andrew Scheer became too much of a question mark to be risked.

But let's go deeper on that. The handling of the campaign itself has evidence of flaws. Harkening back almost 60 years when John F Kennedy ran as the first Catholic presidential candidate he got around it handily. Kennedy told the Greater Houston Ministerial Association on September 12, 1960: "I am not the Catholic candidate for president. I am the Democratic Party's candidate for president who also happens to be a Catholic." That seems to quell the furor.

It's not splitting hairs, therefore, to say that Canadians (and Conservatives more specifically) are being somewhat righteous and hypocritical to challenge Scheer for his personal beliefs, when at the same time expecting and insisting that all other Canadians have a right to their own religious beliefs. People of all religions can, in theory, be capable of executing a full range of jobs. Scheer reiterated many times that his role as prime minister would have been (and still as leader now) unaffected by his own religious beliefs. As well, the law of the land is that a woman has a right to choose, and there was no indication that Scheer would bring up that topic for debate in Parliament had he won a majority.

Where the Conservatives made their greatest failure to secure a majority of seats was in not advancing the breadth of their base (i.e. creating a bigger 'tent'). They seem to have rested on their laurels, assured that their large and loyal base would be enough. There wasn't enough room in the Conservative platform (as presented during the 40-day campaign to win the 43rd Parliament) to convince many independent or swing voters to the Conservative camp. The examination now in that regard could be said to be about the core philosophy of the rights and advantages of the individual over the collective. Individuality, rights and privacy of the person are going by the wayside fast in this society though that doesn't make it right (especially the privacy aspect -- a whole new generation of youth have absolutely no idea what that is and why it's important). These are values to be upheld, but perhaps a new way of finding an operable place for those values in society needs to be hammered out by the Conservatives if they are expecting to gain more traction in a future federal election.

Conservatives still have a great deal of power in the 43rd Parliament with 121 seats. That they're moping about not having majority rule (instead of appreciating the impact they will have on many decisions in the House of Commons) does show a tendency to entitlement (something society has increasingly less tolerance for). ■

### FEDERAL ELECTION AFTERMATH

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## Elizabeth May steps down as Green Party Leader

by Mary P Brooke

● After bringing and securing green consciousness to the political playing field of Canadian politics over a 30-year front-stage activist career (1989 Sierra Club; 2006-2019 Green Party Leader; 2011-2019 MP Saanich-Gulf Islands), on November 4 Elizabeth May announced that she has stepped down as Green Party Leader.



Elizabeth May on the 2019 campaign trail in Saanich.

West Shore Voice News / Mary Brooke

Re-elected in Saanich-Gulf Islands in the October 21 federal election, May will retain her seat as member of parliament and advise interim leader Jo-Ann Roberts (who was the Victoria candidate in 2015) at this important juncture as all opposition party leaders head into one-on-one meetings with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the week of November 11.

"The Green Party has serious momentum after a historic election and an impressive breakthrough in Atlantic Canada," said Green Party director of communication John Chenery. "Elizabeth has decided to pass the torch while support and interest in our movement are at all-time highs. Together we're looking forward to fresh ideas and new voices in Green leadership," said Chenery, noting the vision, dedication and hard work that she applied to the green cause.

Under May's leadership, the Greens grew from a small group of grassroots activists to being a powerful, political contender. The party doubled their vote (602,933 in 2015 up to 1,162,361 in 2019, or 51.9%), elected a caucus of Greens (three seats now up from one in 2015), and made major gains across the country both federally and at the provincial level. In BC, the Greens hold three seats in the provincial legislature and under the leadership of BC Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver (who is also not seeking re-election) have effectively propped up the full-term possibilities of John Horgan's NDP government.

The Green leadership vote comes up October 2020 at the party's national convention in PEI. May has already said that time is of the essence. Even if the current Liberal minority government lasts four years, it still takes time to organize deeper Green support in communities and to refill election-drained coffers. **WSV** <https://westshorevoiceneews.com/elizabeth-may-announces-retirement-from-green-party-leadership/>

## Trudeau meeting with party leaders, premiers

● As process to shaping the success of his Liberal minority government, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will be meeting with each of the opposition leaders in Ottawa during the week of November 11. Meanwhile, he has already met one-on-one with PEI Premier Dennis King (Nov 7) and Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister (Nov 8). All the provincial premiers will meet with Trudeau on December 2 in Toronto. Meanwhile, Alberta Premier Jason Kenney is spearheading a dialogue about more economic autonomy for Alberta. **WSV**

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## The role of anonymity

● Contributing to society through the written word is a privilege and a serious endeavour. The use of anonymity is not enjoyed by community leaders and editors who exercise integrity by penning their name to an article, editorial or book.

This past week in the USA a book came out with intense criticism of President Donald Trump. While many might agree with the political or societal gist of the exercise, complete non-identification of the author with material at that level of political impact seems uncourageous. Also, without knowing the true source, there is less impact of the information as to validity (apparently the author is "a senior official in the Trump administration"). Do they not think they will be soon 'found out'? Somehow there seems to be an element of naive play about that writer's actions. Also, for *The Washington Post* to report on the contents as full fact without identifying the source puts a reputable news publication on potentially shaky ground.

The genuine role of anonymity used to be for protecting a writer from intense repercussions of the powerful and elite (but that was before the cyber-surveillance age), or sometimes to elevate the work to that of a selfless art.

There is already too much 'fake news' out there. Even in the contents of 'A Warning' are considered to be true, the boldface use of 'Anonymous' by the author seems tacky at best. ■

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## BC seeks renewed public input on climate change

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● BC seeks public input in developing a new strategy on preparing BC communities for the impacts of climate change.

The online input portal that opened November 7 remains open to January 10, 2020. That's at <https://www.engage.gov.bc.ca/climate-ready/bc>

CleanBC is already in place. But record wildfires, extreme weather, increased drought and more frequent flooding are among the conditions that have prompted further public input for an updated strategy.

Residents, businesses, Indigenous peoples and all levels of government "all working together to better understand what's at risk and what can be done" is the approach of this process. More links:

<https://westshorevoiceneews.com/bc-seeks-public-input-on-preparing-for-climate-change/> **WSV**



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## Exploring disruption

● The BC Campus *Festival of Learning* teaching and learning conference (May 11-13, 2020, Vancouver) is seeking submissions from post-secondary institutions up to Nov 15 on 'Disruption and Transformation' (individual, institutional, societal-transforming practices, policies, and processes). There will be 500 delegates: educators, librarians, instructional designers, educational technologists. **WSV** #FoL2020 | [festival.bccampus.ca](http://festival.bccampus.ca)



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### Arts council show in Sooke: eclectic works

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Eclectic Art Show by Sooke Arts Council runs November 1 to 14 at the South Shore Gallery in Sooke. "It's a show with holiday gift-giving in mind," say organizers.

● Of the 23 artists participating in the Eclectic exhibit at the South Shore Gallery in Sooke, some are emerging and others are experienced exhibitors from the last Sooke Fine Arts Show and exhibitions in various galleries.

A wide array of work is showcased by these artists demonstrating their skills in photography, oils, acrylic, watercolour, mixed media, jewellery, printmaking, pottery, wood carving, fabric art and sculpture.

The main organizers for this show are Deb Clay, Tanya Darling, Linda Gordon, and Susan Isaac.

The *Art and Word Book*, which was launched last December will be for sale at the gallery. This book showcases 33 Sooke Arts Council artists and authors from the Sooke region. Proceeds from the sale of this book went to a student from Edward Milne Community School as a scholarship in June 2019.

The opening reception was held November 1, and various artists will be in attendance at the gallery through to November 14. The South Shore Gallery is at 2046 Otter Point Road in Sooke town center. | [www.sookearts.com](http://www.sookearts.com) WSV

### BC awards funds to arts & sports groups



● There's a fresh influx of \$4,504,880 to benefit 161 sport, arts, and culture organizations in Greater Victoria, as announced by the BC Government this week.

**ARTS:** "Our communities are enriched by the creativity of our artists and the resiliency of our athletes," said Mitzi Dean, MLA (Esquimalt-Metchosin). "Our government is supporting a diverse range of talents here in the Capital Region."

The funding is being provided through the Community Gaming Grants program and is benefitting 85 arts and culture organizations and 76 community sports organizations in Greater Victoria.

In 2019-20, the Community Gaming Grants program is distributing approximately \$18.3 million to 700 not-for-profit organizations across the province to support visual and performing arts, literature, festivals, Indigenous and cultural programs for people of all ages.

The West Shore Arts Council in Langford received \$4,900. In Sooke there were five recipient groups: Amber Academy Youth Fine Arts Society (\$10,000); Sooke Community Choir Society (\$4,500); Sooke Fine Arts Society (\$10,800); and The Sooke Philharmonic Society (\$15,500); and Sooke River Bluegrass Festival Society (\$12,000).

Based in Victoria, the 65 recipient groups include: Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (\$100,000); Belfry Theatre (\$90,000); Kaleidoscope Theatre (\$85,000); Victoria Conservatory of Music (\$71,500); BC Museums Association (\$56,000); and Open Space Arts Society (\$40,500).

In Duncan, the BC Forest Museum received \$56,000, while the

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Cowichan Valley Arts council received \$15,000.

In Tofino the Spirit of the Canoe Society received \$8,200.

See full arts list here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/arts-culture-sector-funding-spreadsheet-2019-backgrounder.pdf>

**SPORTS:** The grants program is distributing approximately \$27 million to over 800 community-based sports organizations for programs such as soccer, swimming, hockey, biking, martial arts, skiing and Special Olympics.

Listed as based in Victoria: Victoria Minor Hockey Assoc (\$158,000); Swim BC (\$130,000); Pacific Coast Swimmers and Parents Assoc (\$110,000); Juan de Fuca Soccer Assoc (\$105,000); Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey Assoc (\$100,000); Island Swimming Club (\$100,000); Langford Minor Fastball Assoc (\$18,600). Four Sooke-based organizations were funded: Victoria Youth Field Lacrosse Assoc (\$17,000); Sooke Sailing Assoc (\$15,000); Sooke Minor Fastball Assoc (\$14,000); and Sooke Skating Club (\$11,000).

See full sports list: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Sport-sector-funding-spreadsheet-2019-backgrounder.pdf> WSV

### Beautification is part of community growth Colwood catches up with banners

West Shore Voice News



● This week the City of Colwood announced the pending arrival of decorative promotional banners around town. The banner art is quite pretty, but lots of communities have banners, so why did this initiative make it to mainstream news including TV?

It's about catching up on community enhancement with an energetic push, as City of Colwood council makes other strides in a range of initiatives including working with developers to bring more housing and commercial projects on stream, addressing climate-change issues of local impact to the community, and doing what they can to address transportation congestion (e.g. the proposed West Shore Ferry from Royal Bay to downtown Victoria).

The banners are the result of a collaboration between the City and two local artists: Deborah Czernecky and Sheryl Parsons. The city says these banners celebrate the seaside community which is set along miles of sandy beach and bordered by majestic forests and stunning mountain views across the ocean. The Colwood waterfront features iconic sites like Fisgard Lighthouse, Hatley Castle and Esquimalt Lagoon National Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Further along the beach is the growing seaside neighbourhood of Royal Bay.

"It's wonderful to be able to showcase the beauty of Colwood through the work of talented artists in our community," said Colwood Mayor Rob Martin. "These banners help foster a sense of pride and show what a welcoming and engaging community Colwood is," said Mayor Martin.

Many of the poles along Colwood streets are BC Hydro utility poles (which don't allow for decoration). New high-visibility banner locations will be added as Colwood Corners and other developments enhance the roadways, sidewalks and lighting along their properties. WSV

<https://westshorevoiceneews.com/new-colwood-street-banners-feature-works-of-art/>



The first wave of banners will be installed along Wale Road, then added on Sooke Road near Kelly Road and on Veterans Memorial Parkway near Sooke Road, Cairndale Road and Latoria Road. Metchosin Road near the Royal Bay Bakery will soon have decorative Christmas Lights installed, followed by the new banners early in the new year.

### Revisiting the TCH property

by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice News

● As reported in detail by *West Shore Voice News* back in August, the City of Langford organized to acquire a 22-acre property at 3680 Trans



Oceanfront property at 3680 Trans Canada now owned by the City of Langford for eco-tourism and events.

Canada Highway in the Malahat area. The nearly \$2.2 million property will be paid for over three years. The motion passed by Langford Council in July allows for eco-tourism and recreation uses at the oceanfront property on Finlayson Arm.

This week the city relaunched this news, reiterating that training for on-water sports will be available at the site, including use of the site by Rowing BC.

The City will be working with Pacifica Paddlesports on programming that will be affordable for local families. School groups through SD62 may also be using the site for sport academy activities.

The property presently has two structures – a boathouse for watercraft storage and a log cabin for group functions and events such as small retreats.

The new facility is next door to the long-standing Goldstream Boathouse Marina commercial venture which provides power-supplied moorage and fuelling.

The location of these properties is at the bottom of a steep grade, where the waterfront is sheltered from most coastal storms. WSV

### Around town: Langford roadworks

● A bustling pace of roadworks continues in Langford this fall, including:

**Jacklin Road North west of Langford Parkway** and Langford Parkway west of Jacklin Road. Thurs Nov 7 & Fri Nov 8. Traffic delay for gas main installation.

**2849 Bryn Maur Road** in town centre. Mon Oct 28 to Fri Nov 15. 7 am to 3:30 pm Mon-Thurs; Fridays 7 am to 12 noon. For off-site frontage improvements.

**2763 Spencer Road.** Thurs Oct 17 to Fri Nov 22. 7 am to 7 pm. Traffic delay – frontage improvements.

**2652 – 2628 Crystalview Drive.** Tues Nov 12 to Fri Nov 15 and Mon Nov 18 to Fri Nov 22. 7 am to 7 pm. Traffic Delay – Sewer service installations.

**Jenkins Ave fronting 946 Jenkins Ave.** Fri Nov 8 to Fri Dec 20. 7 am to 7 pm (or dusk whichever is sooner). Traffic delay for roadside construction.

**Galloping Goose Trail at Belmont Market.** Tues Nov 12 and Fri

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Remembrance Day. Mon Nov 11. Most events gather by 10:30 am with two minutes silence at 11 am. LANGFORD/COLWOOD/WestShore: Veterans Memorial Park parade & ceremony. SOOKE: Cenotaph next to the Sooke Legion, Eustace Rd. COLWOOD: At cenotaph outside Juan de Fuca Rec; at Royal Roads; Fort Rodd Hill 12-4 pm. ESQUIMALT: ceremony at Memorial Park 10:30 am. DUNCAN: Duncan cenotaph, arrive by 10:50 am.

Canadian Premier League first draft online Mon Nov 11 (recap of Nov 7 to 10 in Montreal). 4 pm PT. www.canpl.ca

All Sooke Arts & Crafts Christmas Craft Fair. Sooke Community Hall. Fri to Sun Nov 15 to 17. Free entry.

CRD Solid Waste Management Plan Open House. Sat Nov 16, 12 to 4 pm. Juan de Fuca Seniors Centre, 1767 Island Hwy, Colwood. www.crd.bc.ca/rethinkwaste

Pilgrim Coffee House closed for autumn vacation Nov 11 to 17, reopening Mon Nov 18. www.facebook.com/PilgrimCoffeeHouse

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New Sooke Library still on pause

West Shore Voice News



The Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) announced June 11 that the new Sooke library "continues toward construction". This week, VIRL told West Shore Voice News that they still await the development permit from the District of Sooke.

Sign Says: "Future site of your new Sooke library" (Lot A on Wadams Way).

Pacific FC ready to open indoor training facility



A \$7 million investment has been made by Pacific FC to build not only a brand new indoor sports training facility but also to build the culture of soccer on Vancouver Island.

The facility at 2888 Kettle Lake Drive in Westhills will be officially opened on Sunday December 1, then be made available for use by local sports groups until December 15 at no charge.

"December 1st is going to feel like Christmas morning for the Vancouver Island soccer community," said Pacific FC CEO Rob Friend. "But it's not just soccer clubs that will use this facility. Baseball academies, volleyball leagues, football and ultimate frisbee have contacted us about running programs out of the facility. It truly is a community centre for sports and recreation," said Friend.



New Pacific FC indoor training center in Langford (artist's rendering).

It's going to make soccer fun," said Simpson about the new facility.

Pacific FC owns the building on leased land from the City of Langford.

"Not only does this year-round venue add another artificial turf to our community, it provides opportunities for youth, community groups and high performance teams to practice and compete at the next level no matter how bad the weather is," said Langford Mayor Stew Young.

The inaugural Pacific 6 Holiday Tournament will be held indoors there over Christmas break. WSV

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Pacific FC moving along with changes for 2020

After parting ways with their inaugural coach ahead of the season's last game on October 19, Pacific FC then shed five of their first-season soccer players ahead of the Canadian Premier league draft pick process set for November 7 to 10 in Montreal.

Soccer fans can watch the CPL-U SPORTS Draft unfold on November 11 at 4 pm Pacific Time on www.CanPL.ca, the CPL's YouTube Channel, and on IGTV @cplsoccer.

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Craft, gift & art shows in the holiday season

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The arts and crafts community puts out their offerings for the Christmas holiday shopping season starting mid-November each year.

In Sooke the annual three-day All Sooke Arts & Crafts Christmas Craft Fair will be held November 15 to 17 at Sooke Community Hall. Also in Sooke is the Sooke Fall Fair's one-day craft fair, coming Saturday November 23 also at the community hall.

In Colwood the 12th Annual Gifts & Wishes show and sale at the Coast Collective Art Gallery will launch on November 20 and runs to December 22, with a reception on December 14.

One of the most varied array of gift possibilities is for sale year-round in the gift shop at the Sooke Region Museum, but in the holiday season the offerings really punch above their weight. The museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays in winter, and will be open on Christmas eve for last minute shopping.

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Construction: SEAPARC Leisure Complex in Sooke

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The face of SEAPARC Leisure Complex in Sooke changes daily. The main walkway to the rec center's front door is now in place. Construction of a new 1,500 sq ft multi-purpose room and 3,600 sq ft fitness gym continues. Construction began in April and the estimated completion date is January 2, 2020.



Expansion underway at SEAPARC in Sooke (November 6).

The building at 2168 Phillips Road currently presently includes an ice arena (built 1976), two pools (pool financing now paid), one multi-purpose room, and a meeting room (built 2000).

The expansion by about 5,150 sq ft will increase the 51,020 sq ft footprint of the complex by 10%. The addition includes a 383 sq ft child minding room. The \$3.4 million upgrade includes a contribution of \$1.24 million from the Strategic Priorities Federal Gas Tax Fund.

The CRD-owned SEAPARC offering also includes a bike park, skate park, baseball diamond and par-3 golf course. WSV

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