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Snow day, snow week!

Greater Victoria at a near standstill



Early morning on 'snow day' January 15 in the west shore before sidewalks or driveways were shovelled clear.

The big snow storm of Tuesday night January 14 -- producing a deep blanket of snow and a quiet 'snow day' for outdoor fun or indoor rest on south Vancouver Island on Wednesday January 15 -- is by now already a memory for many. But the impacts were notable.

On Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning road traffic dwindled (as people sensibly stayed off the roads as snowfall accumulated), BC Transit had buses out but schedules were 'out the window' and buses were in some cases stuck or didn't run on Wednesday. BC Hydro's Tuesday night electrical usage isn't known yet, but on Monday night there was a record level of electrical demand for one day (10,302 MW) as people used more power for heat and indoor activities.

On Tuesday schools were open but in SD62 attendance was down as some parents chose not to drive or send their kids to school on challenged roads. Wednesday was a snowday for schools as well as most businesses, stores and offices. The powerful silence in neighbourhoods around the region was a stark reminder about the impact of traffic and our dependence on transportation in daily urban lives.

With much of the south island off-grid for a day under such snowy conditions, there were impacts: stores without sales, a lost day of school instruction, increased maintenance requirements for vehicles and buses, the cost of road clearing, delayed services of many kinds, interruptions to work schedules (a notable example being medical personnel getting to their hospital shifts on time or at all), and so on. **WSV**

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Meghan locally out and about while Harry sorts out their future in London

by Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, has already settled in to some degree at a large remote property in North Saanich here on Vancouver Island, with baby Archie. Friends are already coming to visit. Prince Harry was in London this week, sorting out the family's future.

Markle was seen at the nearby Victoria International Airport, there to pick up her LA-based pilates instructor/friend Heather Dorak on Tuesday, on the brink of the big snowstorm that locked in most of Greater Victoria off snowy roads. They took in a Canucks hockey game in Vancouver that night.

The day before, Meghan had made a low key, seemingly hastily planned trip to two charities in support of women's needs in Vancouver, departing by seaplane from Victoria Harbour Airport.

NEW ACTIVITES, NEW BRAND

The Duchess visited the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre and Justice for Girls, with photos afterward posted in social media showing Meghan being casual and dressed casually (compared to the Canada theme party-dress that Kate the Duchess of Cambridge wore in 2016 on her visit to the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre).

When Markle lived in Toronto from 2011 and 2017 -- while filming the TV series *Suits* -- she volunteered at the St Felix Centre that offers shelter and a food program.

Meghan's starpower drew immediate attention to the two organizations in an authentic way that showcased the groups, not herself, and in-so-doing will help boost the impact of the groups' work going forward. That's an example of the brand-power that apparently with husband Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, which could be the high-profile engine for establishing the couple's new life of 'financial independence' away from formal royal duties.

CHANGING ROLES

This weekend, Buckingham Palace released a statement disbanding Harry and Meghan from active participation in the 'family firm', stripping them of their Royal Highness titles (no one to bow or curtsy to them now) and removing them from involvement with royal charities and Harry (who served in Afghanistan) from formal military roles.

The couple will still keep their Frogmore Cottage home in the UK that the Queen gifted to them, but they will now have to repay the approximately \$4 million in public funds that was used to refurbish the property in 2019 into a 4-bedroom-and-nursery single-family home.

In the January 18 statement as posted on Instagram, The Queen said: "Following many months of conversations and more recent discussions, I am pleased that together we have found a constructive and supportive way forward for my grandson



Duchess of Sussex at the Victoria Airport January 14 to pick up a California friend.

and his family. Harry, Meghan and Archie will always be much loved members of my family."

On 'Royal Communications' letterhead the Queen recognized the challenges experienced by the Sussexes "as a result of intense scrutiny over the last two years". She supports their wish for a more independent life; she is "particularly proud of how Meghan has so quickly become one of the family".



The Queen's statement about a 'new future for Harry and Meghan.'

REJECTING ROYALTY

The world is rightly fascinated by this saga; it is a relatively unprecedented modern departure of a royal-born personage declining his royal titles and rights by choice. But Harry's fame precedes him which gives he and Meghan (well known in her own right) quite a kickstart for an independent life.

THE ROLE OF MEDIA

While it appears Harry and Meghan are embracing with excitement their new-found freedom from senior royal duties and the opportunity to generate financial wealth of their own accord, there is a stark reminder of the power of irresponsible journalism to wreak havoc on the lives of people who (in this case Harry through no fault of his own) are prominent in the public eye. As well, there was also the cumulative emotional impact on Harry as he slid farther back in the line of succession to find himself on the fringe of a slimmed-down senior royal contingent. A 'rift' with brother and more direct heir Prince William was banded about in the media; they are on different paths.

Prince Harry in October 2019 said that Meghan had "become one of the latest victims of a British tabloid press that wages campaigns against individuals with no thought to the consequences". He and Meghan "believe in media freedom and objective, truthful reporting... we regard it was a cornerstone of democracy and in the current state of the world -- on every level -- we have never needed responsible media more."

The Sussexes may lead people to take stock of a society in which some readers show a thirst for celebrity sensationalism (which is essentially voyeuristic bullying). **WSV**

Not long on the island?



'Milles Fleur' in North Saanich

There are few places of more natural beauty at a stone's throw to an international airport than North Saanich, where Harry and Meghan stayed very much off the radar over the Christmas holiday season and now into January.

Meanwhile, it is rumored that Harry and Meghan are looking at properties in the Kitsilano area of Vancouver. That would be close to the Vancouver business hub, where there is also a thriving "Hollywood North" film industry that could be appealing to Markle if she can or will revive her acting career. **WSV**

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Reflections through the lens of social media

EDITORIALS ~ MPB



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● **A bit of a sad blow this week** for Greater Victoria in learning that the 2022 Invictus Games (down to a location shortlist of Victoria, BC and Dusseldorf, Germany) won out in a European spot instead of Canada. Prince Harry in making the announcement in a video release welcomed Germany as a 'new country' in the Invictus profile, "a new home for respect for our armed forces". The games for wounded, injured or sick armed services personnel and associated veterans were hosted in Toronto in 2017.

The tourism boost for the south Vancouver Island sporting community would have been amazing. However, with Harry and Meghan now residing here in our midst, the tourism factor is already brewing to be big. Already Meghan has made a splash by spontaneously visiting two women's service organizations in the Vancouver downtown east side this week -- herself dressing casually but using her megawatt star power to garner worldwide attention for the good works of the organizations through simple Tweets by the organizations. ■

MPB

● **Ah, Facebook.** Anyone who follows this editorial space will know that we are not a fan of Facebook. We do post our various news items there for a particular reader audience (most social media users under 25 roll their eyes at Facebook). But once again there is a glaring example of the obtuse techno-trench thinking of the clunky interface between their slick algorithms and the human minds they have tried to bring into the mix as part of their effort to show responsible content management. And yet it isn't. Here's a case in point this week: BC Parks issued a news release about hiring summer students as park rangers for a third summer in a row. It's the sort of thing that media posts as news, to help get the word out (that's why the government sends out the news releases, of course). In that particular job posting was a highlighted criteria that there is target for filling 30% of the positions with persons identifying as Indigenous. Facebook wiped the post off our page -- twice -- saying it was discriminatory. Good thing we have our own website and this news print/PDF publication to stay free and clear of mindsets that are struggling to catch up with changes in society (though the idea of quotas for minorities or disadvantaged groups -- including women -- has always had an awkward following).

It's so very ironic that Facebook was first created by Mark Zuckerberg as a way to improve his social interactions (in that case, to meet more women on his

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Transmountain decision by Supreme Court of Canada puts federal government in the driver's seat

West Shore Voice News

● **On Thursday January 16** the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously rejected British Columbia's move to regulate the flow of heavy oil across its borders, resolving one of the last court challenges to the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project. The Supreme Court dismissed BC's appeal of a lower court decision which found that interprovincial trade is federal jurisdiction and the flow of commodities such as heavy oil and bitumen should be overseen by federal regulators.

"We are all of the view to dismiss the appeal for the unanimous reasons of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia," Chief Justice of Canada Richard Wagner said after having heard arguments from dozens of lawyers from across the country.

The expanded pipeline, on which some construction work is already underway will, once complete, carry 590,000-barrels-per-day from Edmonton to Burnaby. From there, the oil products would be transferred to oil tankers. The political angst from environmentalists in BC -- supported in this legal battle through the actions of the NDP provincial government -- is over oil tanker spills. The impact of spills into the relatively pristine BC ocean environment and associated wildlife could be of significant harm. **WSV**

Winter wallop: Snow conditions impact public transit in South Vancouver Island & Vancouver, Newfoundland, and Toronto

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● **Greater Victoria** saw over 30 cm of snow from Tuesday evening January 14 into Wednesday morning, producing a snow day not just for schools but also businesses and much of the local economies on January 15 while the big dump of fluffy snow got cleared up. Public transit buses were behind schedule on Tuesday but were mostly not running on Wednesday. On the west shore, SD62 school buses could not run on Thursday morning

for back-to-school due to some impassable roadways but also nowhere for students to stand safely while awaiting the bus. The **Vancouver lower mainland** area saw challenges to public transit as well.

In **Newfoundland and Labrador** the storm on Friday and Saturday January 17 and 18 dumped as much as 78 cm of snow on the capital city of St John's, and packed wind gusts as high as 130km/h (81mph). All vehicle traffic was forbidden; even the snow plows were off duty in the worst of the storm. The snowfall set an all-time record for the day for St John's international airport. Federal assistance with military personnel is being provided on the ground to clear snow.

In **Toronto** on January 18 a record 16 cm of snow fell (doubling the 1987 record for that day which was only half that). About 250 vehicle incidents were due to drivers going too quickly for road conditions. Public transit challenges caused commuter delays. A snowfall warning ended mid-evening; an extreme cold weather alert remained in effect. **WSV**

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university campus). Always in search of the social, Facebook promotes social interaction (it has created all new ways to connect with people) but contorts it and never finds the real thing (e.g. how many of your Facebook 'friends' are actually friends? -- most are connections). In fact, Facebook has created some 'monsters': sharing of personal data to any number of unknown or undesired recipients, and completely barbarizing your privacy while making that feel safe -- even good or cathartic -- to post some of your most personal thoughts and images.

While online communications are a lifeline for people who are distances apart, real social growth and experience is not found through computers, and the price of voluntarily parting with privacy is immeasurably high. ■

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BC Liberals gearing up for candidate in Oak Bay-Gordon Head

West Shore Voice News

● **The BC Liberals** have set February 28 as the deadline for party members to come forward to become their candidate in Oak Bay-Gordon Head, with the nomination on April 4. This comes fast on the heels of current Oak Bay-Gordon Head MLA Andrew Weaver stepping down from Green Party leadership and now sitting as an independent in the BC Legislature.

The Greens under interim leader Adam Olsen, MLA (Saanich North and the Islands) say they will continue to support their agreement with the NDP to maintain a stable minority government. **WSV**
<https://westshorevoiceneews.com/pressure-on-ndp-to-maintain-momentum-as-bc-liberals-eye-oak-bay-gordon-head/>

Governance in Action: Winter 2020

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● **The House of Commons** in Ottawa is set to resume active sitting on January 27 (to February 7), February 18 to March 13, and March 23 through April 3, before a two-week break in April. Likely some debate about relations with Iran. <https://www.ourcommons.ca/en/sitting-calendar>

● **The BC Legislature** resumes on February 11 with a Speech from the Throne, Budget Day on February 18, and the session continuing to March 5 before a two-week break, and then back in session March 23 to April 2. Likely some pipeline expansion debate. www.leg.bc.ca

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Immediate financial relief to families of Flight 752 victims

West Shore Voice News

● **This week** it was announced by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau -- with a great sense of reverence -- that each family impacted by the death of a family member on Flight 752 in Iran would receive \$25,000 to help cover immediate costs such as funeral expenses and travel to Iran.

In some cases, the crash victim was the sole earner in the family, in which case the funds will be helpful for immediate needs like bill payments.

Trudeau made it clear that Iran will still be expected to compensate the victims (likely in much larger amounts than \$25,000) and that the \$25,000 short-term relief provided to each victim's family by the Canadian federal government will not have to be repaid. **WSV**

New hybrid ferries

West Shore Voice News

● **Two new ferries** that can run by both electric batteries and diesel fuel arrived by transport ship from Romania at Ogden Point in Victoria on January 17. The vessels that will be more environmentally friendly and quieter for marine environments will be named soon, and used on the Powell River- Texada Island and Port McNeill-Alert Bay-Sointula routes starting mid-2020. **WSV**

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Danbrook One update: all remaining tenants must vacate

by Mary Brooke
West Shore Voice News

As of Thursday January 16, the City of Langford has not reinstated the occupancy permit for the rental apartment building at 2766 Claude Road, known as Danbrook One. That was the stark declaration January 16 from Toronto-based Centurion Property Associates Inc which owns the 11-storey apartment building.

The permit was revoked by the City of Langford on December 20, 2019, saying the building wasn't structurally sound, following an independent engineering review by WSP Engineering in which it was stated that "certain aspects of the building's structural design and its as-built structure do not meet engineering requirements and are not sufficient to mitigate risks to life safety of the tenants".

Back on December 20, the City stated that they had "temporarily revoked the occupancy permit of 2766 Claude Road until the recommended immediate repairs are made", adding that the occupancy permit would be reinstated once remedial repairs have been completed.

According to Centurion, as of January 20 about 60% of the building residents had provided a move-out notice or have already relocated to other properties.

"The building remains classified by the City as unsafe and that it may pose a threat to the life safety of the occupants and public at large," says Greg Romundt, President Centurion Property Associates Inc.

"Since we do not, at this time, even have a scope of work that may be required to restore the occupancy permit or a timeline for the completion of repairs, and some residents have not as yet relocated, we have to take the unfortunate step of requiring all remaining residents to vacate their units for their own safety and to remove their belongings from the building as soon as possible," said Romundt in a news release.

"We recognize that this is a difficult situation for all of our residents but feel that we need to take this step in the circumstances for the safety of the residents that have chosen to remain," says Romundt.

Romundt adds: "Centurion is committed to completing any required works and providing residents with the opportunity to return to their homes, if they choose, at their original rents, as soon as possible and to assist affected residents in finding alternate housing through our Customer Care Center if they ask for that assistance."

"There's a limit to how much the residents and taxpayers want to fund," said Langford Mayor Stew Young on January 17.

Before Christmas there were funds used from budget reserve and also redistributed from a GoFundMe pool of donated funds that was largely contributed to by the Langford development community. "We took it very seriously as a city, and we have to. It was a life and safety issue," says Young.

Temporary shoring has been installed but so far it hasn't been enough for the city to reinstate an occupancy permit.

"The whole situation is odd," it was stated in a news report on CTV Vancouver Island News on



West Shore Voice News / Mary Brooke

The 11-storey, 90-unit Danbrook One rental apartment building at 2766 Claude Road in the Langford core had its occupancy permit revoked by the City of Langford, Dec 20. On January 16 the building owner advised all remaining tenants that they must vacate the building.

Friday January 17.

"Both parties to the contract are relieved of fulfilling their obligations" is part of the notice given directly to tenants. Centurion did not charge rent to remaining tenants for January 2020 and no rent is owed.

Meanwhile, even though there is no eviction notice, Centurion has provided a list of 'frequently asked questions' which makes it clear that tenants should leave immediately:

What is Centurion doing to assist Residents? Centurion Property Associates is prepared to provide each unit with \$1,000 as a gesture of compassionate assistance to help Residents with relocation in addition to what they have received from the City. This assistance will be available to all of the affected residents, including those that have already moved out. Cheques will be made payable to the leaseholder and will be available starting the week of January 20, 2020.

Will Residents receive their pre-paid rents and deposits? Residents are being reimbursed for their portion of December rent along with any deposits since the occupancy was revoked on December 20, 2019. Centurion did not charge, nor are we seeking rents for January 2020.

Can Residents return to the property once the occupancy is reinstated and the work is completed? All Residents will be welcome to return to their original unit at their original rent once the work is complete and the occupancy permit has been reinstated for the property. This is not mandatory for the Residents, simply an option.

What work has been completed at the building so far? The City had made recommendations to put up temporary shoring in place as a back up and that work was carried out immediately on December 23 and 24, 2019.

What work needs to be done and when do you expect the work to be completed? At this time Centurion has no specific update of when work will be completed. We have collected information from the engineer of record that was provided to our third-party engineers for review and there are no firm timelines yet.

Who can Residents contact if they have questions or want to relocate to another Centurion property? Centurion's Customer Care Center is available 7 days a week at 1-888-236-7767 to assist all Residents with questions or needing more information regarding other availabilities in the Langford neighborhood. They can also visit our website at www.cpliving.com for the most current availability.

Apparently about 35 of the 90 units are still occupied (that's down from about 50 units still occupied at December 20). Some tenants are having trouble finding new accommodation due to limitations in the tight rental market for families with children and

pets or simply that rent levels are higher in other neighbourhoods.

Mayor Young says the province should make changes to the inspection process to prevent this from happening again. In December the City was notified by The Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (EGBC) about possible concerns over the building's safety.

EGBC is the licensing and regulatory body responsible for BC professional engineers and geoscientists but

their role is limited to investigation and discipline of their members, not to do any building inspection or declaration of problems with the construction.

All of this back-and-forth without clear responsibility being taken by any party does tend to leave tenants feeling unguided. But with the building owner now officially notifying tenants to leave it should be evident that the building should now be vacated. **WSV**

DANBROOK ONE CHRONOLOGY:

Links to all of these Danbrook One articles by Mary Brooke are online at <https://westshorevoiceneews.com/remaining-tenants-must-vacate-danbrook-one-says-building-owner/>

December 31

- No set date for safe occupancy at Danbrook One

December 22

- Highrise Apartment building in Langford meets with challenges before Christmas (see page 1 in the Dec 20-22, 2019 Print/PDF issue of West Shore Voice News)

December 21

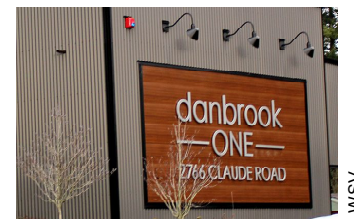
- Danbrook One tenants supported at emergency support centre
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December 20

- Langford revokes occupancy permit and tenants must relocate
- Danbrook One building owner is shocked by engineering issues

December 19

- Danbrook One renters taking up options for temporary or permanent relocation **WSV**



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Peak electricity usage during cold snap

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A new record for electricity use on one day in BC occurred on Monday January 13. BC Hydro reported its highest peak hourly demand on that day, with consumption reaching 10,302 megawatts (MW). The previous record was set on January 3, 2017 when electricity peaked at 10,194 MW.

With below-freezing temperatures and more snow expected over the week, the demand for electricity was expected to remain high, with BC Hydro expecting peak loads between 9,800 and 10,600 megawatts. Monday's peak load was 16% higher than the previous week.

BC Hydro records the highest demand for electricity on weekday evenings when British Columbians come home, turn up the heat, switch on the lights, do laundry and make dinner. Residential electricity can increase, on average, by 88% in the colder, darker, winter months. This can lead to higher heating costs for customers, especially if they use electrical heat sources such as baseboards.

BC Hydro has reminded customers of some simple ways to reduce electricity use during the winter, including:

- Setting the thermostat at an ideal temperature based on time of day or activity can help reduce wasted electricity:
 - > 16°C when sleeping or away from home
 - > 21°C when relaxing, watching TV
 - > 18°C when doing housework or cleaning
- Avoid cranking up the thermostat but instead increase the demand temperature by one or two degrees at a time.
- Draft-proof around windows and doors to reduce heat loss. **WSV**



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Colwood strategic plan

West Shore Voice News

The Colwood 2019-2023 Strategic Plan is open for public input this month. Staff will present an engagement summary to Council at the end of January when Council will consider adoption of the Strategic Plan. Specific tactics outlined in the plan will be considered during budget deliberations in February and March.

Goals in the plan are Mobility, Prosperity, Governance and Vibrancy.

Among other things, the plan proposes creating a household prosperity census to better understand what needs to be done to improve prosperity for residents. **WSV**

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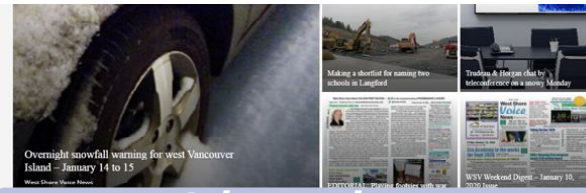
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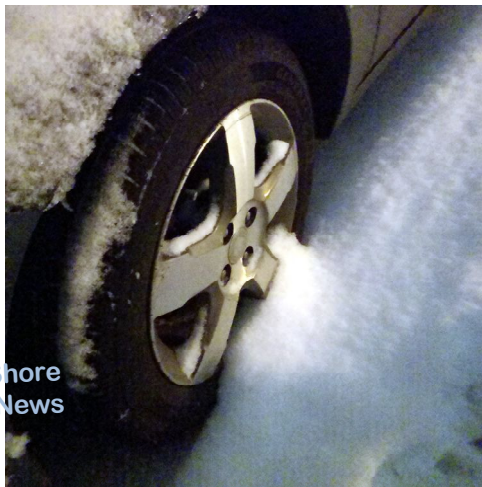
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- Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce AGM.** Tues Jan 21, 6 pm at SEAPARC Leisure Complex.
- Town of View Royal Council meeting.** Tues Jan 21, 7 pm. www.viewroyal.ca
- District of Sooke. Budget open house.** Wed Jan 22, 1 pm. www.sooke.ca
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- Disability Tax Credit & RDSP's.** Organized by the WorkBC west shore. Thurs Jan 23, 2-3 pm. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/disability-tax-credit-and-rdspd-info-session-tickets-86406521231>
- City of Langford Parks, Recreation, Culture and Beautification Committee.** Thurs Jan 23, 5 pm. www.langford.ca
- Family Learning Tour** with Greater Victoria Public Library at Juan de Fuca Rec. Sat Jan 25, 11 am to 1 pm. www.westshorecreation.ca
- SD62 General Kindergarten Registration.** Mon Jan 27 to 31. All registration online. www.sd62.bc.ca
- City of Colwood Council Meeting.** Mon Jan 27, 7 pm. www.colwood.ca
- SD62 Board Meeting.** Tues Jan 28, 7 pm at the board office. www.sd62.bc.ca

Safe winter driving: clear off your vehicle, slow down

● **On South Vancouver Island** we enjoy a geographic zone where snow is almost more of a novelty in winter than a regular thing. So unless you're drawing upon your driving snow-skills from living anywhere else in Canada where snow is a long fact of life in winter, many of us need driving reminders for winter road safety: "Drive for the weather". When it's snowing (or raining) or any condition where visibility is in anyway impeded and roads are not dry, slow down. A few more minutes of travel time is worth it for a safe trip. **Clear off your entire vehicle.**



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When snow remains on the hood, roof or back areas of your car or truck it can blow off into your range of vision, slide down over windows and block your view, or fly off and impede the safe driving of other vehicles. Take that extra few minutes to clear snow off all of your car (not just the windshield and back window) before heading out.

Carry along an emergency kit. Even if it's just an extra pair of gloves, a small blanket, a flashlight, scraper and shovel, and some water and quick snacks, you are prepared with the basics for an unexpected travel delay -- whether your own car has trouble or you're stuck in traffic. **WSV**

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Public input opportunities

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- **Trails Strategy Review**
Public input to 4 pm on February 28, 2020. [Detailed public input online survey, 30 to 45 minutes if you also read the background]. Explores the support and development of a sustainable network of trails throughout BC. To ensure continued relevance and importance of the Trails Strategy to recreationists, communities, First Nations, tourism, and BC. <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/trails-strategy-review/>
- **BC - Money Laundering**
Public & business input to 4 pm on March 13, 2020. [Feedback by email and postal mail only]. About creating a central registry of company beneficial ownership, as well as modernizing mortgage broker regulation to guard against money laundering. <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/corporate-beneficial-ownership-registry-consultation>

Pacific FC announces new coaching lineup

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● **As they gear up** for their second year as Vancouver Island's professional soccer team, this week Pacific FC announced their appointment of Pa-Modou Kah as Head Coach. This is the first time for the former Norwegian international to be a head coach.

Kah, who last worked as the Assistant Coach at MLS side FC Cincinnati also played alongside Pacific FC player Marcel de Jong at Dutch club Roda JC. He joins the club in his first role as a Head Coach, having previously worked as an Assistant Coach with Whitecaps FC 2.

Former Assistant Coach James Merriman this year assumes the role of Associate Head Coach and Technical Director.

Joining Kah and Merriman will be Riley O'Neill as an Assistant Coach and Youth Staff Coach, while Neil Sedgwick will take over as the Manager of Youth Development.



James Merriman
Associate Head Coach & Technical Director





Pa-Modou Kah
Head Coach

PACIFIC FC 2020

As well, Pacific Football Club this week announced that it has exercised the contract options on defender Lukas MacNaughton, 24, and goalkeeper Nolan Wirth, 24, through the 2020 season.

"We're happy to have both Nolan and Lukas back for 2020," said Rob Friend, CEO Pacific FC, "They are both integral pieces of the team, and we are excited to see what they can do this season."

In December, key performers Victor Blasco, 25, and Marcel de Jong, 33, signed again and are contracted for the full 2020 season.

Pacific FC says their new Head Coach and his coaching staff will continue to build the club's roster in the coming weeks and months ahead of the league's kick-off in April of 2020. **WSV**

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