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The week's news to November 30

Dix: Health professions in BC better regulated by fewer but larger colleges

Health Minister Adrian Dix

[File photo April 2019]

BC Health Minister Adrian Dix recommends five regulatory colleges for BC health care professionals, down from 20. That's to "increase public protection and have colleges of a sufficient size to act on regulatory requirements and improve efficiency overall", he told media November 27.

Under the proposed changes, the College of Podiatric Surgeons of BC (85 members) would join the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (13,724). The College of Midwives of BC (379) would join the BC College of Nursing Professionals (9,483). The College of Pharmacists of BC (8,772) would stand on its own. Four colleges for oral health (dental surgeons, dental technicians, denturists and hygienists) would come together under one umbrella. All other health and care professionals would be grouped together for regulatory purposes.

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This is similar to what's done in the UK and other countries, said Dix, saying BC would be modernizing, toward "improved patient safety and public protection by better supporting health care professionals and the colleges that regulate them," he said. It would also be easier for new professions to become regulated.

Online survey is open to January 10, 2020: <https://feedback.engage.gov.bc.ca/649771?lang=en>

More details, how make a written submission, and consultation paper by the Steering Committee on Modernization of Health Professional Regulation (Adrian Dix, Norm Letnick, Sonia Furstenau) at: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/healthprofessionregulation/>

SD62 Kindergarten registration: Nature K & French Immersion to sign up first

Registration for children starting Kindergarten in September 2020 at schools in the Sooke School District 62 (SD62) will be available in January 2020.

Parents and caregivers in the west shore and Sooke areas will want to note these registration periods:

January 13 – 17, 2020: French Immersion Kindergarten & Nature Kindergarten

January 27 – 31, 2020: General Kindergarten Registration

"All SD62 elementary schools offer full day kindergarten for our youngest learners," says SD62. To be registered, children must turn five years of age by December 31 in the same calendar year that they begin school.

SD62 serves families with public education in Langford, Colwood, Highlands, Metchosin, Sooke, Juan de Fuca (East Sooke, and west of Sooke out to Port Renfrew), and parts of View Royal. The 27 schools in SD62 are geographically located in Langford, Colwood and Sooke.

Parents who are interested in having their child registered in Nature Kindergarten *must* attend a Nature Kindergarten info session prior to registration.

Here are the links:

General Kindergarten: <http://www.sd62.bc.ca/schools/kindergarten/>

French Immersion – Kindergarten: <http://www.sd62.bc.ca/parents/registration/french-immersion-kindergarten/>

Nature Kindergarten: <http://www.sd62.bc.ca/parents/registration/nature-kindergarten/>

In previous years, all Kindergarten registration has taken place at the same time in SD62 (in the last week of January) but this created challenges for parents and caregivers whose children did not get a spot in one of the specialized programs due to limited space and high demand.

Moving the registration dates for Nature Kindergarten and French Immersion Kindergarten to the earlier dates will allow those families ample time to participate in General Kindergarten Registration.

In Nature K, children spend their instructional time at school outdoors; available at Sangster Elementary on Metchosin Road in Colwood and at Saseenos Elementary in Sooke.

French Immersion is available at three SD62 schools: Ecole John Stubbs Memorial, Ecole Poirier Elementary, and Ecole Millstream Elementary.

Various types of documentation are required for registration (can be provided within 7 days of completing the online registration).

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Young children at an assembly on literacy at Wishart Elementary. [WSV File Photo: March 2019]

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LANGFORD Light Up

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Veterans Memorial Park • 6pm

6:00 • Kids Crafts, Market Vendors, Entertainment

6:00 • Free Hot Dogs, Coffee & Hot Chocolate & Cookie Decorating (while supplies last)

7:30 • Official Light Up

8:00 • IEOA Truck Light Convoy Arrival (approx.)

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Public Notice of Open House Highway 14

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure invites the public to attend an open house and provide feedback regarding proposed Highway 14 corridor improvements located between Connie Road and Glinz Lake Road in Sooke, as well as improvements between Otter Point Road and Woodhaven Road near French Beach.

Ministry staff will be available to answer questions.

The drop-in style open house is scheduled for the following date and location:

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Edward Milne Community School

Upper Commons Area

6218 Sooke Road, Sooke, B.C.

Anyone unable to attend may provide feedback at www.gov.bc.ca/highway14.

For more information, please contact Darren Englund at 250 734-4819 or at highway14@gov.bc.ca



Mary P Brooke, B.Sc., Cert PR

Social media affair petering out

● **Social media exhaustion** is hopefully just around the corner, ushering in a new phase of integration of how people get their news. Comparing the ‘starting point’ at the beginning of this decade when the idea of newspapers still mattered first to most readers, through a transition to ‘everyone a publisher’ with their own Facebook page (addressed mostly at their own followers), Twitter stream (with the odd expectation that ‘everyone’ would see every post), and peaking with the apparent popularity of Instagram (flash-in-the-pan photos, kind of like a party so wild that no one remembers any details the next day), we are stumbling forward into a phase where there’s a full menu... news portals, email, Twitter, Facebook, ‘wherever you get your podcasts’, and more.

What’s the point of the overload? Eventually people simplify, it’s a necessary step to making a fresh choice. Unless you really do want to be plugged-in 24/7, a menu of news from TV and print/PDF, combined with a pared back list of ‘must see’ web portals, Twitter feeds and some key Facebook posts, is probably the way to move forward as an informed member of the community with still room to breathe.

It’s a fabulous social gesture that people ‘Like’, ‘Love’, or post a ‘Sad Face’ every life experience that people divulge to the world on Facebook, and if that’s what you’re online for, that’s cool (although completely and unabashedly non-private). Putting one’s life minutia out to the world is a way of saying “I’m here” in an increasingly structured social system. Now it’s in the cloud database forever, you realize.

But for news, there is a proven track of professional journalism which has actually improved in Canada in the last year or two, as the starry-eyed fascination of digital trinket technology loses its punch and people (both producers and consumers of news) realize that to stay informed requires attention to real journalism from reliable sources. Not to get too nerdy on you here, but journalism is the work and art of ‘writing history as it happens’, and there is no higher calling in the cauldron of creating content for the human record. ■

BC sees some economic slowdown but continues investing in people, says Finance Minister

● **Finance Minister Carole James** says that the **services people rely on requires building a strong, sustainable economy.** With a Triple-A credit rating and zero operating debt, James says that Budget 2020 (coming February 18) will continue to put BC on that stable path even as she notes a likely global economic slowdown.

With reference to the second-quarter (June 30, 2019) report, James told media November 26 that the growth projection for BC for the rest of this year is revised downward to \$147 million. Housing sales were up in the first half of the year (and edging back up closer to 2017/2018 prices after declines in Vancouver and Fraser Valley pricing but seeing less of a decline in Victoria region prices).

Vehicle sales were down (showing a bit of caution by consumers) and so were ICBC revenues (due to high than expected litigation costs) in the first half of this year. Corporate income tax revenues increased but personal income tax decreased. Expenditures on wildfire management were down, thanks to tamer summer weather conditions. Cannabis tax revenues were lower than anticipated, based on slower-than-expected rollout of medicinal products, slow licencing action by some municipalities, and a tougher than expected job of working against the illicit market which remains strong in BC. Casino and lottery revenues are down by \$27 million (resulting from the BC crackdown on money laundering, but also people being “cautious with resources... as there could be a slowdown in the economy”); municipalities receive a portion of ‘casino funds’ for their annual budgets.

Will Budget 2020 be balanced? “We’re not looking for a huge surplus, we’re looking for investments in the people of BC,” said James, adding there is a cushion and that prudence in the budget helps build a strong economic plan. “We’re continuing on a path to choose both -- growth and investing in people.”

“Investing in people is not a social program, it’s to build a strong economy,” the Finance Minister articulated. She highlighted how child care services allow more women to get into the workforce, which is good for families, children and the workplace.

James says ICBC is still a financial risk. “I’m frustrated with ICBC all the way around. It’s a mess that wasn’t dealt with by the previous government,” she said. “We have a long way to go (with ICBC) and I continue to be concerned.”

“It’s not easy to deal with a speculative housing industry,” said James. She itemized factors in that scenario as including “money laundering in the real estate market in BC” but added that “we’re not seeing speculative and exponential increases, we’re seeing moderation”. The market at one point was so hot that people would buy homes without getting inspections done, under conditions of fast multiple offers. “There is no quick fix to getting on the right track,” she said.

Retail was slower in the first half of 2019 than anticipated in Budget 2019. Regarding moderation in retail sales included appliances, cars and construction: “It’s not a surprise to see that type of moderation” with expectations of an economic slowdown, said James. **WSV**



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Privacy breach by Victoria-based company fed into US election, Brexit referendum

● **Victoria-based AggregateIQ (AIQ)** failed to meet its obligations under Canadian privacy laws when it used and disclosed personal information of millions of voters in BC, USA, and UK, it was stated by the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner for BC on November 26. AIQ has been linked to Cambridge Analytica, a company caught up in a global scandal involving the micro targeting of voters in various political campaigns including Brexit. Full release: <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/news-releases/2364>

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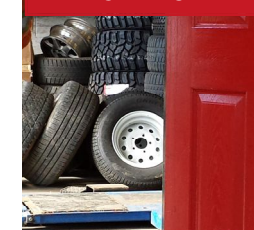
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BC's new fuel price transparency act

● The following statement on Bill 42, fuel price transparency act, 2019 was issued by Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology, on November 27:

"As a result of this new legislation that was passed on Nov. 27, 2019, people can expect more transparency in the prices of gasoline and diesel fuel.

"The fuel price transparency act will allow the British Columbia Utilities Commission to collect information from oil and gas companies on the market conditions involved in setting prices. This act was developed in response to the commission's investigation that found an unexplained 10- to 13-cent-per-litre premium charged at the pumps in British Columbia.

"People are finding it incredibly frustrating to watch the prices of gasoline shoot up for no reason, and they are tired of feeling ripped off whenever they fill up their vehicles. This new legislation will make oil and gas companies accountable to British Columbians for unfair markups and will discourage cost increases that seemingly cannot be explained. If there is a reason for charging premiums, prove it.

"Moving forward, this legislation will also produce a common set of facts, allowing us to evaluate if other policy measures are needed.

"The act will require companies to share data on refined fuel imports and exports, and fuel volumes at refineries and terminals, as well as wholesale and retail prices. It has safeguards in place to ensure that the information provided by the companies is complete, accurate and reported regularly. The information will be made available to the public, including consumer and watchdog groups." **WSV**



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Open House Dec 3: widening Hwy 14 in Sooke

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● The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will be hosting a public open house in Sooke about the next round of improvements to Highway 14 (Sooke Road), on Tuesday December 3 at EMCS, 5 to 8 pm. It's an opportunity for the public to provide feedback regarding proposed Highway 14 corridor improvements located between Connie Road and Glinz Lake Road in Sooke, as well as improvements between Otter Point and Woodhaven Road near French Beach.

Highlights of the two projects include: widening and realigning a section of Highway 14 located generally between Glinz Lake Road and Connie Road; construction of a new intersection and park and ride facility at Gillespie Road; and construction of wider shoulders and paving approximately 11 kilometres of the highway between Otter Point Road and Woodhaven Road, west of Sooke.

This project was first announced in April 2019, as part of a \$85.715 million project referred to as "corridor improvements to the Highway 14 corridor". BC's cost is \$55.482 million together with a federal contribution of \$30.233 million.

For years there has been local political pressure to 'four-lane' Highway 14 'all the way to Sooke'. The work around the Connie Road area will essentially create a bypass route allowing traffic flow in the event of MVI interruptions. **WSV**

South Island NDP MPs hold key critic roles for Justice, Agriculture and Environment



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● NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh has announced the critic roles for the 24 NDP Members of Parliament. On November 28 the list was released.

Here on south Vancouver Island are three MPs with strong roles in this 'shadow cabinet' that will work to fulfill the NDP election agenda (affordability, Pharmacare, housing and tuition cost improvements, etc.):

■ **Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke:** Randall Garrison (serving his third term) has some senior portfolios: Defence Critic; Justice Critic; and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

■ **Cowichan-Malahat-Langford:** Alistair MacGregor (serving his second term) holds the Agriculture Critic; Rural Economic Development Critic; and Deputy-Critic for Justice.

■ **Victoria:** Laurel Collins (serving her first term) holds several key roles: Caucus Vice Chair; Critic for Environment and Climate Change; and Deputy Critic for Infrastructure & Communities.

In the broad scope of meeting up with the challenges in the minority parliament:

- Critic for Health is Don Davies (Vancouver Kingsway)
- Critic for four key areas is Gord Johns (Courtenay-Alberni): Economic Development; Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard; Small Business; Tourism.
- Housing Critic is Jenny Kwan (Vancouver East).
- Post Secondary Education Critic is Lindsay Mathyssen (London-Fanshawe).
- House Leader and Critic for Finance is Peter Julian (New Westminster - Burnaby).
- Critic of Income Inequality and Affordability is Charlie Angus (Timmins-James Bay) in counter-point to the Liberal Cabinet portfolio of Middle Class Prosperity.

Full list of NDP MPs and critic roles: <https://www.ndp.ca/team> **WSV**



Randall Garrison,
MP (Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke)



Alistair
MacGregor, MP
(Cowichan-Malahat-Langford)



Laurel Collins,
MP (Victoria)

Three new tenants coming to Evergreen mall

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The high-profile frontage at Evergreen Shopping Centre centrally located at 6660 Sooke Road will have three free-standing buildings with lease space of 1,000 to 4,200 sq ft. One of the businesses will be a Tim Hortons restaurant (the second for Sooke) and the other two commercial tenants as well as the opening dates for all three businesses will be announced sometime in early 2020, it was revealed to *West Shore Voice News* by Skyline REIT this week. While there was apparently a rumour going around Sooke that a Walmart would be opening there, that is absolutely not the case, says the Skyline REIT rep. **WSV**

Coast Collective update to Colwood Council

by Mary P Brooke, West Shore Voice News

● The Coast Collective Art Centre on Wale Road in Colwood is organized and operated as a non-profit by the Society for the Arts on the South Island.

Their president Laura Davis made a presentation to Colwood Council on Monday evening, November 25. She emphasized the range of activities for artists and the public, including exhibits, sales and drop-in art events.

Davis thanked Colwood: for the tax exemption that "allows us to keep the doors open". They rent a storefront in a high quality office and hotel building in a high-traffic area of Colwood's commercial area.

The society serves youth and children in the community and provide ideas to the community on how local community arts can be enhanced. They are working on ideas like an artist in residence, permanent art structures, and a gallery or teaching space in a community space at a waterfront property. Their mission is presently entirely with visual arts including a heritage and cultural component.

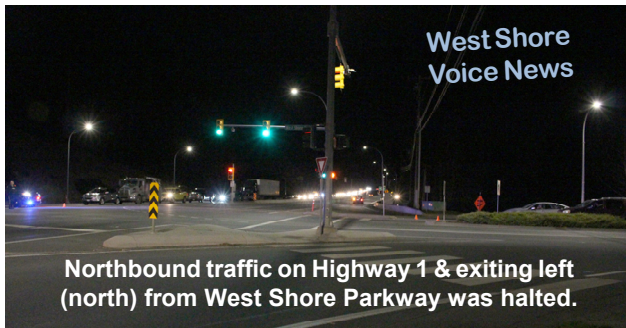
"We much appreciate you being in our community," said Mayor Rob Martin. "You make a qualitative and quantitative contribution," he said after the presentation.

Revenues from January to September 2019 were \$106,157 as received from education classes (66%), membership fees (10%), gift shop (10%), Westridge Gallery (6%), Main Gallery (6%), and other (3%). Expenses include premises, staff, supplies and marketing.

The group has 68 volunteer members and 42 other members. This month they will hold a reception on December 14 as part of their 12th Annual Gifts & Wishes exhibit and sale which opened November 20 and runs Wednesdays through Sundays to December 22, at 103-318 Wale Road. www.coastcollective.ca **WSV**

Tree down, traffic halted

● A tree falling onto and breaking a barrier on Hwy 1 across from West Shore Pkwy on Wednesday night Nov 27 around 6:20 pm caused a 1.25 hour traffic backup on both routes. It was a cold night, but dry. Patient motorists also backed up on Amy



Northbound traffic on Highway 1 & exiting left (north) from West Shore Parkway was halted.

Hortons and Shell Canada parking lots. Repairs were concluded the following event, with a 30-minute backup. **WSV**

Pet food donations needed at Xmas time

● Low-income families in need of pet supplies and services year-round especially appreciate public generosity in the December holiday season.

The Pet Food Bank & Feral Cat Rehabilitation Center (aka SAFARS) helps provide cat food and dog food to pet owners in need.

The organization also provides funding for spay and neuter services as they can. A couple of pet stores (Mr Pet's at Tillicum Mall in Saanich and Creature Pets in Victoria) provide big bags of dog food twice a year and other items on a regular basis. The biggest need right now is kibble for cats.

Donations of cat food and dog food (and bottles for recycling) can be taken to the collection bins at Wiskers & Waggs pet store in



Two kittens await their new forever-homes.

Sooke, at Village Food Markets in Sooke, and outside the front of 2075 Otter Point Road (next to Dumont Tire). Financial donations can be etransferred to safars.org@hotmail.com.

SAFARS volunteers rescue abandoned cats and also find foster homes for cats whose owners may not be able to take care of them anymore. **WSV**

Wear mask if not vaccinated

● To help protect patients, staff and public from the flu, Island Health's mask-up visitor policy starts Dec 2.

Visitors to Island Health facilities who are not vaccinated against influenza are to wear a mask in patient care areas (provided near main entrances, hand-washing stations, or at reception and admitting).

If you are ill, do not visit hospitals or long-term care homes.

The best protection against the flu is to get a flu shot, along with other precautions like frequent hand-washing and sneezing/coughing into a sleeve or tissue. **WSV**
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CRD Recycling - public input being accepted up to Sun Dec 1 at www.crd.bc.ca/rethinkwaste

Sooke Santa Parade. Sun Dec 1. Starts 5 pm from Sooke Elementary along Sooke Rd to Townsend Rd.

Festival of Trees at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, Sooke and in businesses around town. Mon Dec 2 to Jan 2, 2020. www.seaparc.ca

City of Langford Regular Council Meeting. Mon Dec 2 5:30 pm. www.langford.ca

Highway 14 Open house. Tues Dec 3. Improvements between Connie Rd and Glinz Lake Rd in Sooke, as well as improvements between Otter Point Rd and Woodhaven Rd near French Beach. Drop-in. Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure staff on hand. 5 to 8 pm. EMCS upper commons area, 6218 Sooke Rd.

Sooke Arts Council Potluck Party & Arts Council Meeting. Tues Dec 3. at 1911 Murray Rd, Sooke. 7pm. Bring finger food. www.sookearts.com

Langford Legion Night Market. Wed Dec 4. 5:30 to 8:30 pm. 761 Station Ave.

43rd Parliament / Throne Speech. Thurs Dec 5.

City of Colwood Christmas Lightup. Thurs Dec 5. 6 to 8 pm. www.colwood.ca

Belmont Secondary School Winter Concert. Thurs Dec 5. 7 pm. 3143 Langford Lake Rd.

"This Shining Night" holiday season concerts by Sooke Community Choir. At Sooke Community Hall, Fri Dec 6 (7:30 pm), Sat Dec 7 (7:30 pm), Sun Dec 8 (2pm). Also on Sat Dec 14 (7:30 pm) at Oak Bay United Church. Tix \$20 at South Shore Gallery in Sooke, Ivy's Books in Oak Bay, at www.eventbrite.com and at the door. www.sookecommunitychoir.com

Always be prepared for power outages, especially in winter during storms and icy weather.



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Langford Fire Rescue Open house. Info session for Langford residents interested in being a volunteer firefighter. Sat Dec 7. 10 am to 12 pm at Station 1 at 2625 Peatt Rd, Langford.

Langford Lightup. Sat Dec 7. Veterans Memorial Park. Market & refreshments 6 pm, Santa 6:30 pm, Lightup 7:30 pm. Truck convoy 8 pm. www.langford.ca

Skate with Santa. City Centre Park. Sun Dec 8. 3 to 4:30 pm. Admission by donation of non-perishable food bank item. Free hot chocolate. Indoor/outdoor ice rinks. Skate rentals \$3.30.

10,000 Tonight food drive by three high schools of SD62: Belmont, EMCS & Royal Bay. Wed Dec 11. Take non-perishable food items to the schools up to 9 pm. Students may also collect around the neighbourhoods.

Coast Collective Art Gallery. 12th Annual Gifts & Wishes. Wed Nov 20 to Dec 22. Wed-Sun 11am to 5 pm. Reception Sat Dec 14 ~ 1 to 4 pm | 103-318 Wale Rd, Colwood. www.coastcollective.ca

Hon John Horgan MLA (Langford-Juan de Fuca) MLA Annual Christmas Open House. Wed Dec 11. 5 to 7 pm at #122-2806 Jacklin Rd, Langford. **RSVP *must* be received by 12 noon on Mon Dec 9** to 250-391-2801 or email John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Awareness Film Night 2018 film "This Mountain Life". Wed Dec 11. 7-9 pm. EMCS, 6218 Sooke Rd. By donation. Bring non-perishable food item for "10,000 Tonight" Foodbank Drive. www.awarenessfilmnight.ca

Sooke Santa Run by Sooke firefighters. Sat Dec 14. Evening collection of non-perishable food items and cash for the Sooke Food Bank. www.sooke.ca

Otter Point Candy Cane Run. Sat Dec 14. By Otter Point Firefighters collecting items for the Sooke Food Bank. <https://otterpointfire.bc.ca/candy-cane-run/>

Skate with Santa and enjoy holiday inspired crafts and refreshments at SEAPARC, 2618 Phillips Rd, Sooke. Sun Dec 15. 1 to 2:30 pm. Limited supply of helmets and skates. Admission by donation of non-perishable food item or cash for the Sooke Food Bank. www.seaparc.ca

Blood Donor Clinic. At Journey Middle School in Sooke. Mon Dec 16. 12 to 6 pm. www.blood.ca

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Christmas Eve \$2 Skate. Tues Dec 24 at SEAPARC Leisure Complex. 11:30am to 1 pm. Festive fun on the ice with family & friends! www.seaparc.ca

Christmas Eve. Tues Dec 24.

Christmas Day. Wed Dec 25.

Pacific FC indoor training centre opening pushed to the new year

● The Pacific FC indoor training centre will be open December 1 to 15 for use by sports teams on a courtesy basis. Located at 2888 Kettle Lake Drive in Westhills (an area close to the intersection of Highway 1 and West Shore Parkway), the facility looms large and is another new recreational asset in Langford. The City of Langford has leased the land to Pacific FC.

There are indoor fields and courts in the 55,000 square foot building, some still a bit under construction. Once all components are in place, a more public launch will be held closer to spring 2020, ahead of the Pacific FC soccer season. **WSV**

BC Transit making pit stops with Santa at three SD62 schools

● On Friday December 6, Santa and BC Transit will be visiting three SD62 schools: Happy Valley Elementary, Sangster Elementary, and École John Stubbs. Part of the day is about collecting food bank donations. **WSV**

Colwood Council sticks with status quo for Council & CoW meeting times

● There was a lot of discussion at the November 25 City of Colwood council meeting about shifting council and committee of the whole (CoW) meetings to day-time slots. But in the end, they stuck with the status quo for those meetings which engage with the public and allow for presentations by the community, stakeholders and various industry professionals. Select (any new) committee meetings involving only council members will, however, shift to 2:30 pm on Council and CoW days.

The reason for considering the move of council and CoW meetings to daytime was to save on staff overtime for evening work, and to help prevent staff burnout from working so many extra-long days each month beyond usual office hours.

Most strongly in favour of keeping council and CoW in the evenings was Councillor Cynthia Day who said many people in the community work during the day and would only be able to attend evening meetings. She also said "there is more than one way to address the staff burnout issue". Day suggested that meetings possibly not be so lengthy. Councillor Michael Baxter suggested that as councillors get older they would prefer to keep their days a manageable length, and would not have wanted council and CoW meetings to be consolidated onto the same day (that was a further option discussed by council). Councillors Doug Kobayshi and Dean Jantzen seemed fine to go with the flow. Councillor Stewart Parkinson pushed hardest for the elimination of evening public meetings. **WSV**

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

13th Annual Langford Lightup

● The popular Langford Lightup will take place this year on Saturday December 7 at Veterans Memorial Park.

Starting at 6 pm there will be crafts for the kids, stuff for sale at vendor tables, and entertainment. Also free hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate. Cookie decorating for fun!

Santa arrives around 6:30 pm. The official lightup takes place at 7:30 pm. The IEOA Truck Light Convoy will make its way by the park location around 8 pm.

Musical entertainment by Westshore Community Concert Band and the Ablaze Singers Choir.

People are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food or cash donation item for the Goldstream Food Bank.

Sponsors include The City of Langford, Rotary Club of the West Shore, District of Highlands, Westshore Parks & Recreation, Island Equipment Owners Association, Coast Environmental, Goldstream Lodge, Starbucks, and Victoria Contracting.

Other activities sponsored by the City of Langford this holiday season include Horse-Drawn Carriage Tours, Sugar Cookie Decorating, Crafternoons - Wreath Making, Rockin' Christmas Sing-A-Long, Live Ice Carving, Trolley Light Tours, and Photobooth Fun with Santa on location from 2 pm to 3 pm. **WSV**

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