

Season of Pride is something worth celebrating

I love June. It's the time when school starts to wind down and everyone can tell that summer vacation is just around the corner. Yes, soon we will be free from homework and tests, presentations and book reports.

(I've been sleeping till noon on the weekends just to practice. It's important to put in the work now, so we're ready when the glorious time does arrive.)

But there's another reason this month is important: June marks the beginning of Pride season across Canada.

As an ally, I think it's important to write about queer issues for many reasons, but especially because I am a straight cisgender young man. Some guys with those attributes still find it acceptable to sling the f-slur at each other and use "gay" as a pejorative. They don't represent all of us here in Straight Guys R US, but they're a loud minority.

That's not how we should be, and that's definitely not how I want to be. It's a disservice to my community, my queer friends and family, to not treat LGBTQIA2S+ issues with the same respect I'd accord anything else I write about. And let's be honest here, Pride season is awesome!

Oh, Pride season. A joyous time indeed. A time of parades and fun and celebration. Celebration of the right to be who you are and love whomever you choose. Isn't that wonderful?

This is something we're so lucky to have as youth in Canada. I can't remember a time when Pride parades didn't flood the streets with colour and music every summer – but my parents and grandparents certainly can.

To not have the kind of societal acceptance that queer Canadians enjoy today seems so foreign and strange to me. I mean, certainly that acceptance isn't universal, but legally, protections exist for queer people to be able to live and love freely. To not have something as basic as that is downright strange.

And yet, that is the reality for far too many



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people around the world.

And the thing is, our rights here aren't guaranteed either. As we've seen in the United States, equality rights can be stripped away in an instant.

We have to understand how lucky we are to live in a country like this, especially during Pride season. It's important to take an active role in our communities, because the stronger they are, the easier it is to defend against hate.

That said, let's see what's going on in the community. What sorts of queer shenanigans can everyone get up to this summer?

There's not a lot happening in Langford, but if you're willing to shlep out to Victoria, there are some interesting events with your name on them.

Go to the website for Victoria Pride, victoriapridesociety.org, to find all the great events you can participate in and maybe even volunteer.

And it's not just Victoria. There's Pride celebrations all over the Island, in Campbell River and Ladysmith and Duncan, oh my!

It's exciting and fun to get involved with Pride events, and if you need community, now is a really good time to find it.

Or maybe these events aren't for you. That's OK. There's no wrong way to Pride. (Oh yes, it's a verb now.)

Pride is important for all of us. We all know and love at least one person who is queer, trans, or questioning in our lives.

If you're an ally like myself, the best thing you can do is offer support to those who are struggling, and be kind, supportive, and non-judgmental.

Life can be hard, let's not make it harder. Let's not be that guy.

Plus, let's be honest here. Who doesn't like parades and rainbows? No one, that's who.

Happy Pride!

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Notice of Public Hearing

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

NOTICE of Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 2200, being a Bylaw to repeal existing Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1200 and replace it with a new Official Community Plan for the Municipality, is hereby given pursuant to Section 466 of the *Local Government Act*. All persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed Bylaw will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the Bylaw at the **PUBLIC HEARING to be held in the CITY OF LANGFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Third Floor, 877 Goldstream Avenue, Langford, BC, on June 25, 2025, at 7:00 pm.** Please note no further submissions will be accepted after the close of the public hearing.

The purpose of Bylaw No. 2200 is to adopt a new Official Community Plan for the City of Langford. This new plan provides a clear framework to guide future growth and land use changes as Langford grows to 100,000 residents.

Every parcel of land within the City of Langford is affected by Bylaw No. 2200.

Teleconference # 1-855-703-8985 (Canada Toll Free) OR
1-778-907-2071 (long distance charges may apply)
Meeting ID # 850 1163 1608 – Zoom.us or Zoom app on your mobile device

Please note this meeting will be held electronically and in person at the above address. Information about how to connect to this meeting is indicated in the table.

Council will not answer questions about the proposed bylaw except to provide clarification. Please have all your questions answered in advance of the Council Meeting by contacting the Community Planning and Climate Change Department as noted below.

COPIES of the complete proposed bylaw and other related material may be viewed in person during office hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (holidays excluded), from June 11th to June 25th, 2025, inclusive, at the Langford City Hall, Planning Counter, Second Floor, 877 Goldstream Avenue, Langford, BC, V9B 2X8.

The Agenda, including material that Council may consider in relation to the bylaw, will be posted to the City's website: <https://www.langford.ca/city-hall/agendas-and-minutes/> no later than the Monday before the Council Meeting. Correspondence may be submitted by emailing planning@langford.ca or by writing to Langford City Hall, 2nd Floor, 877 Goldstream Avenue, Langford, BC, V9B 2X8.

Please contact the Community Planning and Climate Change Department at 250.478.7882 with any questions on this Bylaw.

Marie Watmough
Corporate Officer

NOTICE OF AMENDING BYLAW

Colwood Land Use Bylaw No. 151, 1989, Amendment No. 221
(HAH1 – 546 Windthrop Rd), Bylaw No. 2055, 2025

MEETING:	Regular Meeting of Council
DATE and TIME:	Monday, June 23, 2025, 6:30pm
PLACE:	Council Chambers, 3300 Wishart Road, Colwood BC

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Council of the City of Colwood will consider First, Second and Third Reading on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:30pm in relation to the proposed "Colwood Land Use Bylaw No. 151, 1989, Amendment No. 221 (HAH1 – 546 Windthrop Rd), Bylaw No. 2055, 2025".

PURPOSE: This application proposes a rezoning from A1 to a new Hillside Attached Housing 1 (HAH1) Zone to enable a 34-unit townhouse development.

SUBJECT PROPERTY: This Bylaw applies to the lands legally described as "LOT A, SECTION 62, ESQUIMALT LAND DISTRICT, PLAN VIP20691" (546 WINDTHROP RD).

INSPECTION OF MATERIALS: Copies of the proposed bylaw and related materials can be viewed at <https://www.colwood.ca/news>.

We want to hear from you!

WRITE TO US

The deadline for written submissions is 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting and must include your name and civic address.

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Winless drought hits 5 in Langford as Tridents unravel in second half

Tony Trozzo

For the first time in 380 minutes, Pacific FC finally found the back of the net. But, what looked like a much-needed spark quickly fizzled, as the Tridents collapsed in the second half and fell 3-1 to York United on Saturday afternoon in front of 2,600-plus in Langford.

The loss extends Pacific's winless run to five matches and puts them five points adrift of York for the final Canadian Premier League playoff spot.

It was another frustrating outing for a club that continues to struggle with consistency – particularly in the final third.

"They're putting pressure on themselves, but we need to express ourselves," said Pacific head coach James Merriman before kickoff. "We need to be a bit freer and take more risks in the final third...be ready in front of the goal and take our chances when they come."

The Tridents responded early with their most energetic start in weeks. Playing once again in a 4-3-3, the attacking trio of Marco Bustos, Emanuel Montejano and Yann Toualy pushed the pace with flair and



Yann Toualy wreaked havoc on York United's defence, creating several scoring opportunities. (Tony Trozzo/Goldstream News Gazette)

movement, while 18-year-old Saanich native Sami Keshavarz earned his fifth start of the season and brought a spark of local energy to the lineup.

Toualy – a 24-year-old winger from Cote d'Ivoire making his first start of the season – stood out immediately, causing fits for York's back three and drawing the foul that led to the game's opener.

After Toualy's surging run earned a free kick, Bustos floated the ball into the box, triggering a chaotic pinball sequence that eventually landed at the feet of centre-back Aly Ndom just outside the 18.

Ndom stepped into a thunderous half-volley that rocketed past York keeper Ivan Pavela – a stunning strike and Pacific's first goal in over four

full matches.

The goal brought relief and a roar from the Starlight Stadium crowd.

At the break, the Tridents held a narrow 1-0 lead – their first time leading at halftime since mid-May.

But whatever control Pacific had quickly evaporated after the restart.

York equalized just seven minutes into the second half when Pacific failed to deal with a bouncing ball in their own box.

The clearance attempt was soft, falling right to the foot of 21-year-old Luca Accettola. The York University product calmly took a touch, then curled a perfectly placed shot into the top corner beyond a diving Max Anchor.

Pacific barely had time to regroup before York pounced again.

In the 59th minute, Riley Ferrazzo cleaned up a rebound after a strong initial save from Anchor, hammering the ball into an open net to put the visitors ahead.

Then came the dagger.

Orlando Botello, a 23-year-old on loan from Mexico's Monterrey, picked the pocket of Keshavarz in midfield, burst forward on a solo run, and uncorked a long-range knuck-

ling shot that dipped violently past Anchor.

It was a goal-of-the-week contender and Botello's first of the season – a cruel punctuation mark on Pacific's defensive unravelling.

All three York goals came in a devastating 17-minute window.

From 1-0 up to 3-1 down, the Tridents were left stunned.

The visitors closed out the match with clinical control, outshooting Pacific 6-1 overall and holding 54 per cent of the possession.

The result leaves the Langford-based side with just one point out of a possible 15 from their last five outings.

The early promise shown by the front three – and Ndom's high-light-reel strike – were ultimately overshadowed by defensive lapses and a lack of second-half pushback.

It doesn't get easier for Pacific, who now prepare to travel to Calgary to meet Cavalry FC on June 21. The last time the two sides met – back on Victoria Day – Cavalry ran away with a 4-0 win.

With their season threatening to slip away, Pacific's need for a response is growing louder by the week.



City of Langford

Notice of Proposed Rezoning Bylaw

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 467(2) of the *Local Government Act*, the Council of the City of Langford will consider first, second, and third readings of Bylaw No. 2229, being a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 300 for the City of Langford, at a **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING to be held in the CITY OF LANGFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Third Floor, 877 Goldstream Avenue, Langford, BC, on June 25, 2025, at 7:00 pm.**

The purpose of Bylaw No. 2229 is to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 300 by deleting Section 6 of Appendix J – General Design Guidelines for Langford City Centre.

Every parcel of land within the City Centre Development Permit Area is affected by Bylaw No. 2229.

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(MR1 – 3145 Metchosin Rd), Bylaw No. 2054, 2025

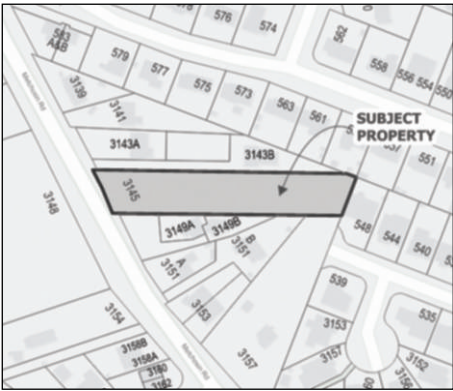
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PURPOSE: This application proposes a rezoning from R1 to a new Metchosin Road 1 (MR1) Zone to enable a 23-unit townhouse development.

SUBJECT PROPERTY: This Bylaw applies to the lands legally described as "LOT C PLAN VIP20174 SECTION 68 ESQUIMALT (3145 METCHOSIN RD).

INSPECTION OF MATERIALS: Copies of the proposed bylaw and related materials can be viewed at <https://www.colwood.ca/news>.



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