



Top Execs Get Pay Hikes, Everyone Else is Left Behind

Gordon Campbell's recent announcement of hefty pay raises for his top executives shows how out of touch he really is. The pay increases of \$105,000 per year for the Deputy Minister to the Premier and \$79,000 per year for other Deputy Ministers come at a time when British Columbians are dealing with increased hydro rates, escalating ferry fares, the most expensive transit in the country, skyrocketing housing costs and endless increases in the cost of food and fuel.

Campbell justifies the pay hikes by citing comparisons with other provinces. The Premier's deputy now has the second highest pay out of any deputies in Canada, but BC is still ranked last for child poverty, last for minimum wage earning power, and seventh for per capital health care spending. Clearly Campbell doesn't have his priorities right. This was made even more obvious when, shortly after the announcement,

he hopped on a private jet with his financial backers to fly to Beijing for the Olympic games. Does he have any idea

what life is like for the rest of us?

I have joined others in the Legislature and across the province in calling on the Premier to roll back the massive pay raises. As the economy slows it is not the time to give big raises to those most able to manage tough times. A government concerned about those that elected it would focus on reducing costs for regular

British Columbians, not increasing them.

The New Democrat opposition has launched a web based petition calling on the Campbell government to reverse the massive pay hikes he awarded to top executives.

[Click here](#) to sign the petition and tell Gordon Campbell that enough is enough. We deserve a government that understands the real world, the sooner the better.

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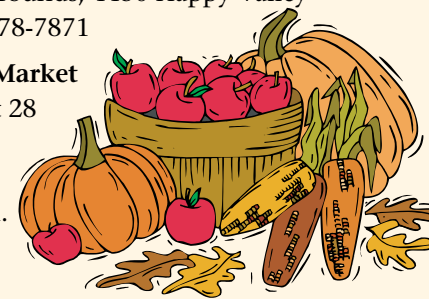
Fall Markets

SATURDAYS

- > **Luxton Station Market** Saturdays until October 4, 10 am–2 pm. Luxton Hall, 1040 Marwood Ave. www.luxtonstationmarket.ca
- > **Sooke Country Market** Saturdays until the end of September, 10 am–2 pm. 2047 Otter Point Road (turn right at the lights in downtown Sooke). 250-642-7528.

SUNDAYS

- > **Metchosin Farmers' Market** Sundays until October 26, 11 am–2 pm. Municipal grounds, 4450 Happy Valley Road. 250-478-7871
- > **Highlands Market** Sunday Sept 28 (last one of the season), 10 am–2 pm. Caleb Pike Homestead, 1589 Millstream Road. 250-478-7338.



Community Offices

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Mon–Fri 10am–4pm
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday Sept 6 + Sunday Sept 7

Sooke Fall Fair. Sooke Community Hall, 2037 Shields Road, Sooke. One of Sooke's longest running annual events, all that a fall fair has to offer—beautiful needlework, crafts, prize vegetable, animals galore.

Sunday Sept 7 Metchosin Day.

Metchosin Municipal Grounds, 4450 Happy Valley Road. Celebrate Metchosin at this family event: 5K run, entertainment, farmers market, craft fair, preschool activities, Metchosin Museum, nature house, artifacts + more. 10 am – 5 pm.

Sunday Sept 7 Victoria Winners

Walk of Hope in support of Ovarian Cancer Canada. Free post-walk refreshments + entertainment. Registration: \$25, Children 15 + under: free. 9 am – noon. Register: www.winnerswalkofhope.ca

Friday Sept 12 – Sunday Sept 14

Luxton Fair. Luxton Fair grounds. Midway rides and games, museum displays, blacksmithing and antique farm equipment, live entertainment plus lots more. Come out for this fun family event. For more info, visit www.luxtonfair.ca

Saturday Sept 13 East Sooke

Blackberry Festival 10am. Blackberry Bake-Off, jam, wine, kids activities, entertainment, organic market, neighbourhood pot-luck dinner + more! Info: www.eastsooke.ca/blackberry_festival.html

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E&N Days – It’s Time for the Train!

John was one of many people riding the rails between Langford and Esquimalt on August 16. As part of E&N Days, a two day event sponsored by a number of local organizations, John hopped on a train at the Roundhouse in Esquimalt, and arrived in Langford 25 minutes later.

Celebrating both the proud

history of the E&N, and also looking towards an even brighter future, many in our community are calling on all levels of government to support daily trips between the West Shore and downtown Victoria. A commuter rail link is one obvious solution to dealing with high gas prices, climate change and congestion on the Trans Canada

Highway. John has been working with local groups, advancing this project since he was elected in 2005.

On a related topic, the City of Langford is developing an Active Transportation Plan and is asking residents for their views on the city’s transportation systems and how they can be improved. Using an online survey, Langford is gathering feedback on how bike and trail networks can connect better with trolley and transit routes. They are also seeking comment on alternate forms of transportation such as commuter rail. The survey can be found at www.cityoflangford.ca



Hey, Premier, What’s the Holdup?

Gordon Campbell has had over a month to read through a scathing report from the Auditor General into the government’s giveaway of forest lands around Jordan River and it’s time for him to stop trying to duck the issue.

“The Premier has found the time to fly around the world in a private jet, and to give massive pay increases to his top executives, but he still hasn’t uttered one peep about the scathing report into his government’s betrayal of public interest with respect to these forest lands,” said MLA Horgan.

The report, released July 16, found that the decision to allow forest lands to be sold off for real estate development was not in the public interest and was done without proper consultation or compensation.

“If the Campbell government actually cared about the people on southern Vancouver Island, they should, at the very least, suspend the decision to release these lands until the public interest can be protected. When will Gordon Campbell start focusing on issues that matter to people on Vancouver Island?”



John was one of hundreds of people enjoying E&N Days in August. Events took place in both Langford and Esquimalt, including free train rides, archival displays and mini-train rides for kids. John has been advocating for commuter rail since his election in 2005.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday Sept 13 Sooke Community Arts Council’s First Annual Beach Art Competition. Friendly family fun. Beach art sculptures by individuals, families, businesses. 12:30–4:30 pm. Info: Loretta 250-642-7450

Sunday Sept 21 Car Fair in the Park. Fort Rodd Hill and Fisgard Lighthouse. More than 100 vintage British vehicles. Info: 250-478-5849.

Sunday Sept 21 The JdF Duathlon. By West Shore Parks & Recreation + Frontrunners Westshore. Adult + Youth categories. Race starts: Adult 9 am; Youth 8 am.

Tuesday Sept 23 Free Swim by Coast Capital Savings. 7:30–8:30 pm at Juan de Fuca Pool.

Saturday Sept 27 Pacific Centre Family Services Association’s 40th Anniversary Festival. Kids’ entertainment, cake cutting, hot dogs, tours. Celebrity boxed lunch auction – lunches professionally prepared by local restaurants + caterers. Proceeds support programs for families in need. 11 am to 4 pm, 345 Wale Road. Info: www.pacificcentrefamilyservices.org

Saturday Oct 4 & Sunday Oct 5 5th Annual West Shore Studio Tour. Maps for self-guided tour of West Shore art studios are available after Sept 1 at retailers in the area or at www.westshorearts.org. Info: 250-519-4729. 10 am – 5 pm.