



SUMMER CELEBRATIONS!

There are signs of summer all around! The sunshine, the bounty found at the farmers market and late afternoon river dips, all remind us of all that we have to celebrate.



Happy Pride Month

In June we celebrate the history of the gay rights movement in North America which started in 1969 in New York City where a riot began at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, in response to years of suppression. Canada has its own rich history and Pride events are usually celebrated throughout the summer. On June 29th we raised the flag at the legislature in solidarity and as a symbol of the creation of a more inclusive society. I'm looking forward to our local Courtenay Pride celebrations which will happen in August.



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See you at the Canada Day Parade!

I'll be riding in style again this year in the Courtenay Canada Day Parade. Hopefully we will see you out on 5th street this Saturday starting at 10am and after that at Simms and Lewis park for more festivities.

Congratulations to all the 2023 GRADS!!!!

This time of year is also a celebration of educational accomplishments. As we finish up the hundreds of congratulatory certificates for high school graduation, we are so proud of these young people in our community for completion of this stage of their lives. I captured the tradition of throwing their mortarboards all together at the Mark Isfeld graduation ceremony - as it's such a special moment in their young lives.



Supporting infrastructure that supports our leisure

We know that British Columbians work hard to keep this province prosperous and so when it comes time to break, we want to support their mental health and rejuvenation. I'd like to share a couple of ways that the BC government is supporting your down time and leisure.



B.C., viaSport take steps to make amateur sport safer

We're providing \$7.8 million in response to commitments made to federal and provincial partners to address safe-sport challenges. By working with viaSport, we'll help to create an effective, fair and consistent mechanism to report and respond to complaints, while also allowing sport organizations to focus on programs, instead of managing their own complaints systems. ViaSport will also continue to bolster the PlaySafe BC program to increase awareness of accepted and expected behaviours.

Tools to drive safe this weekend - HWY4 & Malahat

Drivers and people travelling along busy Island highways this weekend are encouraged to plan ahead and avoid peak travel times for a safer and more relaxed journey.

Significant traffic congestion is expected along the Malahat corridor (Highway 1), as well as along Highway 4 (at Cameron Lake) this weekend. Drivers should plan their journeys with extra time and be prepared for hot temperatures by packing lots of water, food and supplies for passengers and pets.

Highway 4 is currently operating with single-lane-alternating traffic for two kilometres at the Cameron Lake Bluffs section, and travellers are encouraged to check DriveBC for the latest updates.

Drivers are reminded to drive according to conditions along all Island highways and observe traffic management personnel and signage where posted.

For up-to-date information about road conditions, visit: www.DriveBC.ca

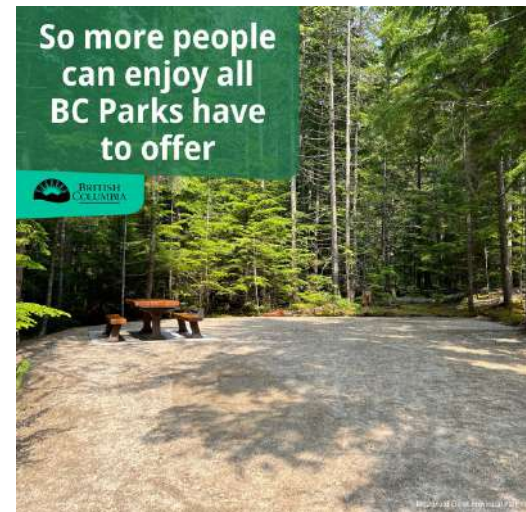
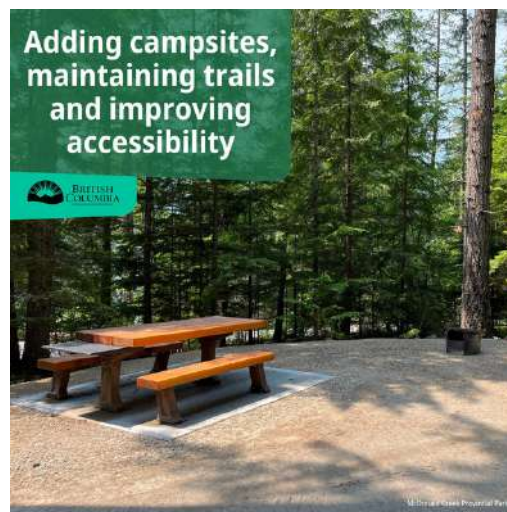


Province investing \$100-million into rest stop upgrades

Rest areas improve highway safety by reducing the risk of accidents related to fatigue or the need for people to stop on highway shoulders. These upgrades will benefit those who travel through the province for work, like commercial truck drivers, as well as everyone else on our highway system.



More people than ever love visiting BC parks to enjoy camping, hiking and exploring with family and friends - with more than 23 million visits each year to prove it! That's why we're adding more campsites, upgrading trails and improving park access for people with mobility needs, such as wheelchairs or strollers. Learn more about how we're making your BC Parks experience even better: <http://news.gov.bc.ca/29059>



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

Is someone in your life, your workplace, or your church celebrating a Milestone birthday or anniversary? Make sure to put in a request for a letter from your MLA.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

The province of BC wants to hear from you. There are a number of topics that you will find on engageBC including K'omox Treaty Negotiations and anti-racism legislation

Get in touch

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about any provincial issue, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help you. My office can be reached at 250.703.2410 or Ronna-Rae.Leonard.MLA@leg.bc.ca. Our office hours are Monday to Thursday 10am-4pm. If the door is locked, simply knock or call 250.703.2410 to get our attention. Fridays are by appointment only.

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