



New Session of the Legislature... questions abound

Monday, October 6 marks the start of a new session of the Legislature. This is an opportunity to finally hold the government to account over what has happened in the last four months.

Questions about the Mount Polley Mining disaster, the unexplained firing of health care workers from the Ministry of Health and the LNG fantasies of the BC Liberal Government.

Last year the Premier gave away a strong bargaining position when she promised total debt elimination, an imagined fund of billions of dollars and 100,000 jobs when LNG plants are up and running starting in 2015. That sent a clear message to potential investors that the BC Liberal Government would be desperate for a deal, putting British Columbia in a weaker bargaining position and threatening our ability to ensure a fair return for British Columbians.

I have outlined the four guiding

principles necessary for responsible LNG development:

- That projects expressly guarantee jobs and training opportunities for British Columbians.
 - That British Columbians receive a fair return for the resource that belongs to them.
 - That government respects and makes partners of First Nations and recognizes their right to a share of any benefits that flow from the resource.
 - That our air, land and water be protected, and that our resource development be as clean as possible.
- LNG development must be about building communities – not camps. It must be about returning a benefit to all British Columbians.

Finally, October 1 was National Senior's Day. It was a day to recognize how much seniors contribute to our economy and to our communities. Many

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← John participating in the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope at Royal Roads University, September 7, 2014.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Oct 8 Awareness Film Night "Defensora". Co-presented with the Victoria Mining Justice Action Committee (MJAC). This documentary is about Mayan Q'eqchi resistance against mining in Guatemala. This is a timely film that provides candid insights into the struggles of people in El Estor, who faced with the violence, intimidation, poor health and forced evictions that Canadian mining company Hudbay Minerals has brought about have now brought their battle for justice to the Canadian courts. Panel discussion to follow the screening. Edward Milne Community School Theatre, 6218 Sooke Rd, 7pm by donation. Info: <http://awarenessfilmmight.ca/>

Oct 11, 15, 19 IRB Rugby America's Championship. The IRB Americas Rugby Championship (ARC) includes three double-header game days between Canada 'A', USA Falcons, Argentina Jaguars and Uruguay on October 11, 15, 19. Westhills Stadium, Langford. All games are in the evenings. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).

Oct 14 – Dec 12 BC on the Move: A Ten Year Transportation Plan. Here is a chance to have your say on transportation issues. Input gathered from the public will be considered as government develops their 10-year plan. The plan will be posted in early 2015, and will set out a series of short, medium and longer-term priorities for government. **After Oct 14, [CLICK HERE](#)** to have your say.

Oct 17 Public Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance. The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services is seeking public input on next year's provincial budget. The consultations are based on the Budget 2015 Consultation Paper released by the Minister of Finance. You can make a written submission by clicking on the link below. The deadline for submissions is Oct 17. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).

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seniors in Juan de Fuca, and across the province, have told me that they are stressed over the financial strains that are making it difficult to live with limited incomes when there are rate hikes on ferries,

burgeoning hydro bills and increasing MSP Premiums. I will continue to press the government on these issues and to stand up as your voice in the legislature.

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John having fun at the Sooke Fall Fair, September 6, 2014



Mount Polley disaster

BC'S ENVIRONMENT has been in the spotlight with the Mount Polley tailing pond collapse this summer. In my role as Leader of the Official Opposition I went straight to the site of the disaster and spent three days seeing firsthand the destruction and devastation. I met with people whose lives will be impacted for an unknown period of time, some likely forever. The consequences of the breach on people, wildlife, water and the aquatic environment will be felt for decades.

The BC Liberal government response to this environmental calamity has been infuriating. They have been slow in releasing

even the most basic information such as the mine permit. They are undermining the public's trust in our resource development. Responsible resource development needs to be a priority for BC. We all know that permitting industrial activity has an environmental impact that needs to be balanced against the economic benefits locally, regionally and provincially. This incident demonstrates how critical that balance is and what happens when you get it wrong. I will continue to press for answers on what really happened, how we can ensure it never happens again and for accountability from the government.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Oct 19 Sooke Potholes Guided Adult Hike. If you are 18 or over, here is a chance to explore Sooke Potholes with a CRD Regional Parks naturalist. Wear sturdy shoes, pack a lunch, and bring a camera. There is no fee but you must pre-register as space is limited. From 11am-3pm. To reserve a spot call 250-478-3344 before Oct 17. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).

Oct 31 Metchosin Annual Halloween Party. Hosted by the Metchosin Volunteer Firefighter's Society and District of Metchosin. Keep your kids safe, out of trouble and enjoy this free family event! Costume contest, preschool corner, a scary 'Haunted Hall' for the brave, free hot dogs and juice, bonfire and fireworks. Doors open 6pm, costume judging at 7pm, event ends at 9pm, Municipal Grounds, 4450 Happy Valley Rd. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).



Oct 31 Halloween Spectacular. An evening of tricks, treats & fireworks on Bear Mountain! There will be a children's costume contest, live entertainment, and nibbles & bites for all ages. The festivities start at 6pm on Masters Terrace. 7pm costume contest (check website for categories). Come early to get a great viewing spot for the fireworks start at 8pm sharp. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).

Oct 31 Annual Halloween Bonfire and Fireworks. The Otter Point Fire Department Association is sponsoring some Halloween fun at Camp Barnard starting with Hot Chocolate at 6pm, with hot dogs and candy bags. Fireworks to follow at 7:30pm. Camp Barnard Scout Camp, Young Lake Road, Sooke. Info: [CLICK HERE](#).

Oct 31 9th Annual Eerie Acres. Come and be scared and help the Sooke Food Bank at the same time. Recommended donation is \$4.00 or canned goods for the Sooke Food Bank. From 7pm-10:30pm. 1468 Woodcock Road, East Sooke. Info: lpthrowell@yahoo.ca

Do you have an upcoming community event?

Send full event information to John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca and we'll do our best to fit it in!



↓ John rallying with teachers Jon and Erin outside of the School District 62 offices during the strike.



Her sign says it all.



Metchosin Day, September 7, 2014
← John with Moralea Milne and Andrew MacKinnon at Metchosin Day – a fun, free family day on the first Sunday after Labour Day.
↓ John working hard serving up mint jelly at the Metchosin Day BBQ dinner



Get Ready to Shake Out.

Drop! Cover! Hold On!
October 16, 10:16 a.m.

Register at www.ShakeOutbc.ca

ShakeOut BC Day
On October 16, join millions of people worldwide and practice how to drop, cover and hold on at 10:16 am. Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes – wherever you live, work, or travel. Be part of this drill!! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

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BC Youth Parliament
The 86th British Columbia Youth Parliament will be held in Victoria from December 27 to 31, 2014. Young people ages 16 to 21 are encouraged to apply. Applications are due October 29th. [CLICK HERE](#) for application forms and more information.

 **Pacific Centre Family Services Association**
Encouraging healthy patterns of living by strengthening individuals, supporting families and building communities. [CLICK HERE](#) for our newsletter and website with events and services in our community.