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The Colwood Church has been on Sooke Road for 50 years and started at the Colwood Community Hall in 1974, according to lead pastor Shawn Chapman. (Thomas Eley/News Staff)

# Colwood Church celebrates golden anniversary with \$50K for the community

Thomas Eley  
News Staff

What started with 20 people 50 years ago has now grown into an entire community, says Shawn Chapman, leader pastor of Colwood Church.

An even split of children and adults, Chapman said the church now has a devoted following of over 500 people who attend via Zoom, social media or in person.

"We're reaching a lot of people these days, so it's a great privilege."

And they're all gearing up to celebrate the church's milestone birthday.

The official birthday will be celebrated between May 24 and 26, and various events will celebrate the milestone, including giving \$50,000 to community initiatives around Colwood.

"It is going to be excellent to put some seeds towards them and see them flourish for their future," he said.

The church was founded in 1974 in the Col-

wood Community Hall by pastor Don McMillan.

"It's been quite an unbelievable journey seeing what God has done with us," Chapman said.

Colwood Church had to adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic, and going digital was a big eye-opener in connecting with people who could not attend church.

"Instead of people having to come physically, they are now checking it out online."

Embracing the online space saw the congregation numbers grow and has become the new front door for the church.

Everyone is welcome at the 50th anniversary, and the church is a place for healing, according to Chapman.

"Our ethos here as a church is that we're to be a hospital, a lighthouse."

The three keywords guide the church's connect, grow and serve and the congregation can act as a place for broken people to heal, said Chapman.

"It all comes down to the person of Jesus for us."



City of Langford

## NOTICE OF PROCEDURE BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The City of Langford will consider first, second and third readings of "Council Procedure Bylaw, Amendment No. 3, Bylaw No. 2175, 2024," at the Council meeting **Monday, May 6, 2024**, at 7:00 pm. The purpose of these amendments is to update the parameters for signs, update public participation, clarify public participation guidelines, and other minor housekeeping amendments. Please contact Marie Watmough, Director of Legislative and Protective Services, at (250) 478-7882 with any questions on this Bylaw.

Marie Watmough  
Corporate Officer



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**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION**

Pursuant to section 26 of the *Community Charter*, the City of Langford gives notice of its intention to extend the existing lease of **Bladz Skate Shop** of Unit 103-1089 Langford Parkway and a portion of Unit 102-1089 Langford Parkway, Langford, V9B 0A5, measuring approximately 874 square feet in total. The lease will be extended for a further two-year term on the same terms and conditions with the City receiving \$1,758.93 monthly.

The dispositions will be considered by the Council of the City of Langford at its regular meeting at City Hall, 3rd Floor, 877 Goldstream Avenue, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7 pm. Persons who consider they are affected by the dispositions will be provided an opportunity to make representations to Council at the meeting, or by delivering a written submission to the Corporate Officer by 3 pm on that date.

Marie Watmough  
Corporate Officer



Black Pearl and her 2024 calf. (Clint William/Eagle Wing Tours/PWWA)

# Whale watchers document first baby humpback of the year

Hundreds of humpback whales are expected to feed in the area through fall

including the most recent, a male born in 2022 nicknamed Kraken.

Another celebrity, BCY0324 known as Big Mama, is among a handful of others also documented by local whale watchers recently. True to her nickname, she's given birth to seven calves including her first, Divot in 2003, and the most recent Moresby in 2022. Big Mama's offspring are also prolific, providing her with at least six grandcalves and two great-grandcalves so far, according to the PWWA. She also travels to the Hawaiian Islands during the winter.

In the coming weeks, many more humpback whales are expected to return and feed on small fish and crustaceans through the fall.

The first humpback baby of the year is making waves in the Salish Sea.

The first calf of 2024 – likely three- to four-months old – and its mother, BCX1460 or Black Pearl, were first spotted in Haro Strait on April 18 by Pacific Whale Watch Association member company Eagle Wing Tours of Victoria.

The pair has been seen several times since in area waters.

"It's always fun to see which mom and calf will make it back first," PWWA executive director Erin Gless said in a news release. "Black Pearl tends to spend her summers near north Vancouver Island. This year we were lucky enough to spot her in the Salish Sea."

Humpback calves are born near Hawaii, Mexico and Central America and then travel thousands of miles with their mothers to cooler feeding grounds, such as the Salish Sea. Black Pearl is known to migrate to the Hawaiian Islands in winter, and has been photographed several times off the coast of Maui. She has given birth to at least three previous calves

Industrialized whaling removed humpback whales from the Salish Sea by the early 1900s. In all, more than 30,000 humpback whales were killed in the North Pacific during the whaling era, and some scientists estimate as few as 1,000 individuals remained by the time B.C.'s last whaling station closed in 1967.

Those numbers are rebounding. A jump in documented humpback whales in the waters off B.C. in 2022 marked what's being called a "humpback comeback" by those in the businesses of preservation.

Nearly 400 humpbacks were documented in the Salish Sea this year. The 396 individuals documented include 34 mothers and their first-year calves.



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**Notice of Public Hearing Being Waived**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that pursuant to Section 464(2) of the *Local Government Act*, the Council of the City of Langford has waived the holding of a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 2166 being the proposed Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 300 for the City of Langford.

- Proposal:** The purpose of Bylaw No. 2166 is to amend the City of Langford Zoning Bylaw No. 300 by amending the zone of the subject properties from One- and Two-Family Residential (R2) and District Commercial (C3) to City Centre Pedestrian (CCP) to allow a hotel.
- Location:** 824, 832, 838 Goldstream Avenue as shown shaded on the plan below.
- Bylaw No.:** 2166
- Meeting Date and Time:** May 6, 2024, 7:00 pm
- Meeting Place:** City Hall Council Chambers, Third Floor, 877 Goldstream Avenue
- Consideration:** Council will consider first, second, and third readings at this Council Meeting



**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 below.

Teleconference # 1-855-703-8985 (Canada Toll Free) OR 1-778-907-2071 (long distance charges may apply) Meeting ID #897 0956 7061 – Zoom.us or Zoom app on your mobile device.
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**Council will not answer questions about the proposal or proposed bylaw except to provide clarification. Please have all your questions answered in advance of Council Meeting by contacting the Planning Department as noted below.**

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 Friday before the Council Meeting. Correspondence may be submitted by emailing [planning@langford.ca](mailto:planning@langford.ca) or by writing to Langford City Hall, 2nd Floor, 877 Goldstream Avenue, Langford, BC, V9B 2X8. You may also contact the Planning Department at (250) 478.7882.

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