

April 25, 2017 -- **UPDATE**

## **MEDIA ADVISORY -- @ Pearson College UWC Pearson Hosting Esquimalt-Metchosin All-Candidates Forum**

*Tuesday, April 25 on-campus in Metchosin*

**VICTORIA, B.C.** — Pearson College UWC is hosting a student-led all-candidates forum at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 25 at its Metchosin campus and the public is invited. B.C.'s provincial election is May 9 and all **six** registered Esquimalt-Metchosin candidates are invited to attend this forum in the Dining Hall.

Pearson student Tazi Rodrigues (Year 42/Canada MB) invited the candidates and is working with her peers to create an opportunity for Westshore and Esquimalt community members and Pearson students alike to take part and learn more about a Canadian election. Students will be asking questions and the audience will be invited to do the same.

**Where:** **Dining Hall**, Pearson College UWC, 650 Pearson College Dr., Victoria  
<http://pearsoncollege.ca/p/?pgn=Us&subpgn=Location&pn=Location>

**When:** 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 25

**Why:** The BC Provincial Election is May 9.

**Who:** **Mitzi Dean (NDP)** is Executive Director of the Pacific Centre Family Services Association campaigning on issues such as childcare, coastal protection, and affordable housing. <https://mitzidean.bcndp.ca> )

**Barb Desjardins (BC Liberal Party)** is a physiotherapist and former Esquimalt mayor who is passionate about transportation, health care, and affordable housing.  
<https://www.bcliberals.com/candidate/barb-desjardins2017/>

**Andy MacKinnon (Green Party of B.C.)** is a biologist and former Metchosin Councillor running for a "balanced approach to social, economic, and environmental issues."  
<http://www.bcgreens.ca/esm>

**Delmar Martay (Independent)**

**Tyson Riel Strandlund (Communist Party of BC)**

**Josh Steffler (BC Libertarian Party)** advocates for "civil liberties, property rights, equal justice, community sustainability and prosperity." <https://joshsteffler.wordpress.com/about-josh/>

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