

**MITZI DEAN**

**MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE  
FOR ESQUIMALT-METCHOSIN**

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# Update 2018

## ***I am proud to be the MLA for Esquimalt-Metchosin.***

Our constituency includes the municipalities of Esquimalt, View Royal, Colwood and Metchosin and the traditional territories of Esquimalt, Songhees, Sc'ianew and T'Sou-Ke Nations.

Our government has been making good progress on our objective to make life better for British Columbians. Over the last few months, our focus has been to make life more affordable and to improve the services people count on while creating good jobs and a strong, sustainable economy.

This 2018 update includes some highlights of our work so far. I encourage you to subscribe to my newsletter, email with questions and connect with our community office if we can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

*Mitzi*

## ***Your ideas, information and feedback are important.***

Please keep me informed on issues that matter most to you. My constituency office is open to serve you – a place where you can ask questions, get help with provincial issues and let us know about community events.

### **CONSTITUENCY OFFICE INFORMATION:**

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday –Thursday:  
10am–12:30pm; 1:30–4pm  
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*Pushing back the night at Esquimalt's Celebration of Light with Victoria Police Chief Del Manak*



*Mixing and mingling at the Esquimalt Chamber's festive event with Esquimalt Mayor Barb Desjardins and Chamber President Chris Edley*



*Celebrating First Nations history and culture at the Royal BC Museum with Songhees Nation Chief Ron Sam (left) and Esquimalt Nation Chief Andy Thomas*



*Proud to cut the ribbon at Pacific Centre Family Services Association Centre for Wellness' Official Opening, with special guests The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor; and Premier John Horgan*



*Respecting sacrifice and service during Remembrance Day ceremonies at Esquimalt's Memorial Park*



*Cycling the Galloping Goose*



# ur Constituency Office

We're located in Admirals Walk, and my staff is ready to assist people who reside in Esquimalt-Metchosin.

## ► Assistance and Advocacy:

We can help you locate services or programs you need and help you understand your rights under those programs.

## ► Information and Public Relations:

We can provide information about provincial government policies and legislation and their impacts in the community.

## ► Congratulatory Certificates:

Our office provides certificates and letters signed by the MLA for special birthdays, anniversaries and achievements.

## ► Petitions:

We can accept petitions for presentation to the Legislative Assembly.



The honoured guests at our official office opening included (from left) Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke MP Randall Garrison; former MLA Maurine Karagianis; View Royal Councillors John Rogers and Ron Mattson; Shirley Alphonse, Elder from T'Sou-Ke; and Ray Rice, former mayor of Esquimalt

## Esquimalt-Metchosin Constituency Office



## Meeting challenges of growth

Working on ways to alleviate congestion and get people and goods moving more effectively is top priority for me as your MLA. Our government is working on

implementing bus lanes on the Trans-Canada Highway and evaluating other transportation options, particularly between the West Shore and downtown core.



## New schools for the West Shore

The West Shore's population is rapidly growing, and the Sooke School District projects an increase of 1,800 students in the next five years. New space needs to be added to ensure the area's next generation can learn in positive, healthy and safe schools.

The provincial government has provided the Sooke School District with \$23.3 million toward the purchase of 55 hectares (16 acres) of land in Langford. The district's goal is to build an elementary school and a middle school on the site.

We're pleased to invest in the future of students on the West Shore and throughout our communities. Our government is working closely with rapidly growing school districts like Sooke to eliminate portables and provide students with the best facilities to meet their needs.

All aboard BC Transit's Victoria electric bus trial with Susan Brice, chair of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission





## Making life more affordable

Our government is making choices to make life more affordable for people. Among the initiatives so far, we've:

- ▶ Cut MSP premiums in half.
- ▶ Been working to keep ICBC rate increases affordable for drivers.
- ▶ Lifted rates for people on income assistance and persons with disabilities assistance.
- ▶ Closed the fixed-term lease and geographic rent increase loopholes so renters are no longer vulnerable to significant and unfair rent increases.
- ▶ Invested in homes for people, including 1,700 new affordable housing units and 2,000 modular homes for the homeless.
- ▶ Raised the minimum wage and put B.C. on the path to \$15-an-hour via the Fair Wages Commission.
- ▶ Begun work on a comprehensive poverty reduction plan to lift families out of poverty and give them a chance at a better life.



*Listening to residents directly impacted by our region's housing crisis, and talking about ways government can help. Thanks to Linda Baird of BC Housing for presenting and Shoreline Community Middle School for hosting this event.*

## Funding essential services

I am proud to support additional investments in education for our kids, skills training for working people, and capital spending to build up our province and the services citizens need. It's crucial that we support the new economy to create jobs and opportunity for people.

Our government has already:

- ▶ Invested \$681+ million in K-12 education and hired 3,500+ new teachers.
- ▶ Removed barriers to education and skills training by making Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning programs tuition-free.
- ▶ Added more than 500 trades training spaces at B.C. colleges and universities.
- ▶ Established the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.

We're standing up for B.C.'s interests by opposing the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion, tackling the challenges of climate change and taking meaningful steps toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Small business is the backbone of our local economy, and I'm pleased our government has cut the small business tax rate from 2.5% to 2%.

We're working on strategies to deliver affordable universal child care, housing that families can afford, health care where and when people need it, and good jobs as part of an economy that works for everyone.

There's much more yet to come. Please tell me about the issues that are important to you.



*Feeling the festive spirit while enjoying local handiwork at the Metchosin Christmas Craft Fair*



*Celebrating First Nations culture at the Royal BC Museum with Esquimalt Nation Elder Mary-Anne Thomas and Victoria-Beacon Hill MLA Carole James*