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MLA John Horgan Tries on Heels & Nine-Year Old Student Gives Donation to Walk a Mile

VICTORIA – MLA John Horgan will be visiting the Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre at 9:30am on Thursday, May 6th to pick out the heels he will be wearing in next week's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

"I'm proud to be participating in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes awareness and fundraising event," says Horgan. "I've never worn women's heels before but gladly do so to support this great organization and the services it provides to not only those impacted by sexual assault and abuse, but by delivering prevention programs that change attitudes for healthier living."

Horgan has signed up to participate in the event on May 15th at Centennial Square from 2 to 4pm. While the focus is on men literally walking one mile in women's shoes, everyone is welcome to participate at the family-friendly event and fundraising is going full-tilt. According to the event's on-line fundraising site at www.vwsac.com, \$10,270 has been raised so far towards the overall \$20,000 goal.

Kelsey Dean, a grade 3 student at West Mont Montessori School in Metchosin, is celebrating her 9th birthday on May 5th and has asked her friends to give donations in lieu of birthday gifts at her party so that she can give it to the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. She will be presenting the donation to the Women's Sexual Assault Centre at 9:30am on May 6th and will receive a handshake of thanks from John Horgan as he searches for a special pair of shoes to carry him through the mile-long route next Saturday.

"Please join me and the many others who will walk (or perhaps wobble!) to support this important cause!" says Horgan.

To register or make a donation, contact the Women's Sexual Assault Centre at (250)383-5545 or go to www.vwsac.com and follow the link to Walk a Mile on the right side of the page.