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Retirement Flyby for the CH-124 Sea King

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The Town of Qualicum Beach will be participating in a retirement flyby for the Royal Canadian Air Force's CH-124 Sea King helicopter. The 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron, based out of North Saanich, will be sharing the final flight of their Sea King with a parade-route style flyover of participating municipalities. The flyby route will be directly over the Town of Qualicum Beach by mid-morning on December 17th or 18th, 2018, weather dependent, at an altitude of 500 feet.

The CH-124 Sea King fleet has been in service for over 55 years and has flown in excess of 550,000 hours. During its tenure, the fleet has been used for search and rescue operations, anti-submarine patrols, disaster relief and forest fire fighting, serving the Greater Victoria area and abroad. The fleet of Sea Kings are being replaced with the modern CH-148 Cyclone.

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