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OUR NEW MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Sally Davies Shawnigan Focus

There are moments in time when destiny is revealed, when we collectively understand that change is in the air. Thus it was in May 2013 when Sonia Furstenau stood on the steps of the Legislature to address those assembled on the lawn before her - people who had gathered to express their outrage at a Government intent upon turning Shawnigan Lake's watershed into a dumping ground for contaminated soil.

Sonia raised her fist, and in a loud and determined voice declared: "WE ... WILL ... NOT ... GIVE ... UP" to the approving roar of the hundreds who stood before her.

It was from this baptism of fire, that this same community came to the realization that our protests fell upon deaf ears. All reasonable and normal approaches to the people we elect had failed. It was then that a leader was forged and democracy prevailed.

As the CVRD Director for Shawnigan Lake, Sonia was not the first politician to take up metaphorical arms, there were a legion of people across the political spectrum who surrendered their time and money to fight the injustice of a government willing to risk

the safety of a community's drinking water as the "cost of doing business." It was Sonia's singular ability to inspire and draw from this pool of talent and resources, knitting them together to form a unified voice, that succeeded in getting a mining permit overturned for the first time in BC history.

It surprised no one who knows her that she was elected to the Legislature to represent the Cowichan Valley. In an increasingly confusing world, Sonia is a calm voice of reason, refusing to be mired by political rhetoric and immovable ideology. She is a collaborator and a peace maker, motivated by seeking solutions to problems that affect ordinary people.

Sonia has earned her place at the table where the future course of our Province will be decided; her decisions based on evidence and shaped by the values she espouses and has already demonstrated so well - trust, collaboration, and, above all else, love.

For those of us who had the honour of watching her being sworn in as the MLA for the Cowichan Valley, the intense pride we felt was the culmination of a force unleashed in Shawnigan Lake. Sonia Furstenau is our gift to the province of British Columbia.



What a whirlwind it has been...

Sonia Furstenau MLA for Cowichan Valley

On June 22, as I sat at my new desk inside the Parliamentary Legislative Chamber, flanked by BC Green Party colleagues, I thought about how much work so many did to make this happen. I would not be in that seat if it wasn't for the tremendous work of our campaign volunteers and my family's unremitting support. I am overwhelmed with gratitude.

The first six weeks post-election have been unique in Canadian history. From election night to that first day in the Chamber, I spent

many long days and nights in negotiations and strategy meetings to realize our goal of a collaborative government. It was and remains a most complex and challenge journey, but one in which I am grateful to have had the opportunity to participate. We are making history as we show British Columbians that it is possible for 87 MLAs to work together to make good policy.

Over the last fifty days, I've learned that the principles that guided me through my tenure as a CVRD Director continue to guide me in my new role. It is essential to weigh evidence, consider consequences, and act with integrity.

In any role in government, we have a responsibility to make decisions and yet we know that no decision will make everybody happy. As the three BC Greens in the Legislature, we have had to make many decisions over the last several weeks. Each time, we have deliberated at length and weighed all of the implications of our choices. We have not taken any of these decisions lightly, and we will continue to adhere to our principles while we continue to bring forward the vision that we presented during the election campaign.

It is my fervent hope and true belief that we can make

this Legislature work, but I do recognize that it is an adjustment for so many. BC has a long history of politics focused on division and discord, rather than finding common ground - and the habit in the Legislature and in political discourse is to speak and act as though we have little if anything to connect us. What has become clear over the last few weeks is that there is a great deal of common ground in the BC Legislature, and across BC. With true discourse and dialogue across all parties, our decisions will be better informed.

As we navigate through the transition to a new government

in BC, I find myself eager to get to work in the Cowichan Valley. We have so many challenges and pressing issues that need solutions. I have met with several people and groups to discuss many issues, from the new hospital to the Cowichan watershed. My hardworking constituency staff continue to set up the office in Duncan (located at 163 Station Street), and have begun to help people navigate provincial bureaucracies and systems. We are all on steep learning curves but we are united in our commitment to help and to serve the people of the Cowichan Valley.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to this community for your support.

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Book Announcement

Saving Water

Stewardship of the Shawnigan Watershed

By *Debra Fraser Kelly Maclellan, Book Maclellan and Chase Maclellan*

Three generations speak about the state of the Shawnigan watershed, the need for a heightened sense of environmental awareness and a wide-ranging approach to ecological governance of the community. Topics include ecological principles, lake and watershed issues, planning for the future and municipal incorporation. The book contains both technical and deeply personal material but it is the comments from Brock at twelve years old, and Chase at ten, that give a stunningly clear perspective on what really matters. Their book is at the printer and is due out in mid-summer. It will be available through the Shawnigan Lake Museum.

The authors have generously offered to give all of the proceeds from the sale of their book to the Shawnigan Lake Museum expansion fund.

Watch for details on a book signing event.



Lots of kids showed up for the first day of the junior cricket program (Saturday mornings from 9-11) at the Cowichan Cricket Club in Shawnigan Lake (1722 Elford Road). It's fun and it's free. For more information, please contact Caroline: 604-902-6121 or caroline@tntreuchsfocus.com

Fundraiser for the Shawnigan Resident Association (SRA)

Janet Neilsen will be selling Kinsol
Trestle shopping bags @ \$10 each
at the following places:

Outside with a display table at:

- ★ July 6 at Cobble Hill W.O.W. 9am-12
- ★ July 7 Shawnigan House Coffee and Chocolates 830am-12
- ★ July 8 Valley View Country Grocer 9am-12:30
- ★ July 9 Masons Store 9am-12:30
- ★ July 14 Mill Bay Liquor Store 1:30pm-3pm

The following places
are also selling Kinsol
Trestle bags:

- ★ Masons Store

- ★ Shawnigan House and Coffee and Chocolates
- ★ Dewar McCarthy and Company Accountants
- ★ Shawnigan Vintage Barn
- ★ Aitken and Fraser Store
- ★ Shawnigan Lake School Commissary



Janet zooming in her FOCUS Float

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Book Review

Marcy Green
Shawnigan Focus

On Island Life Among the Coast Dwellers

by Pat Carney
Published by TouchWood Editions
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Pat Carney is well known to British Columbians as a former politician and Cabinet Minister in the Conservative government as well as a journalist/business writer for the Vancouver Sun and Province newspapers. Before her retirement she served as a Senator and was famous for her forthright opinions. Above all, she has always championed the west coast and its people and so has earned widespread respect.

After the publication of this book about living on the coast, I expect she will be winning a few more prizes and accolades for her writing. In the story "Dock Debates", she tells the tale of a local politician being ignored by Ottawa while she confronts the Prime Minister himself at a social function and asks to get a new government wharf built, replacing a burnt-out dock "where sea stars clung to the pilings

below the surface amid skeins of seaweed swayed by the tidal currents." Was this an autobiographical allusion? We are left guessing.

Carney has lived on Saturna Island for 50 years and therefore is well-qualified to write a book on Island life. In these fictional short stories she captures the essence of what it is like to live on a gulf island with a small but diverse population. She writes of the beauty of living next to the ocean and the joys of nature, but also describes the realities of disrupted ferry service, winter storms and power outages, not to mention the lack of medical services.

She nails the distinction between long-time native islanders and those who are newly arrived, between those who are part-timers and those who are merely summer visitors, and how it takes a long time to become integrated into the heart of the community.

Old hippies, young farmers, retired professionals, priests and fishermen, as well as the usual cast of eccentrics, all figure in her stories. So does the awareness of one's neighbour's business, as gossip is a hot commodity at the community gatherings. However it is this awareness that also elicits great kindness and the

willingness of people to be good neighbours, knowing that they depend on their fellow islanders for survival, both physical and emotional.

I couldn't help but compare the people and places in her stories to our own Cowichan Valley. Although we live on what she calls the Big Island and have many more conveniences, the characters, described by their occupations rather than by their names, are very familiar. And so are the gathering places: the community hall, the pub, the co-op and the recycling centre, not to mention the local store and the coffee shop.

Each story reveals a different aspect of island life, some amusing and some poignant, but always sharply perceptive. Going through each one, I was pleased to see how true to life they felt and how they resonated with my own experiences. After all, where else would one wish to live but on a beautiful island in the Salish Sea?

Recommended for your night table, with no harm, murder or violence, but rather twenty satisfying, well-written bedtime stories to eventually lull you into a peaceful sleep.

Rating: 5/5 stars

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEND US LETTERS... EDITOR@SHAWNIGANFOCUS.CA

The Focus will publish your thoughts on Shawnigan issues; bouquets you would like to offer to special people; things that strike you as funny; challenges you want our civic leaders to consider; and/or ideas that would better our community. Letters to the Editor must be accompanied by the author's full name, address and phone number, but the contact information, other than the name, will not be published. Letters should be limited to 3000 words and we reserve the right to edit for brevity or to refuse inappropriate or abusive language. Letters should attack issues - not individuals or groups.

Dear New Government,

What will be your direction for the closure of the Stebbings Road contaminated landfill?

What will you do to ensure improvement of the condition of roads in Electoral Area B?

How will you provide Support for economic rejuvenation of Shawnigan Village, including the necessary investment in sewage treatment facilities?

What will you do to make the most effective economic use of the Island Corridor, and specifically what will you do with the train service?

Will you strengthen and then apply the new water act legislation sections designed to improve the ability of the Shawnigan Community to plan for and manage their source watershed?

How will your Ministry of Environment contribute

more actively to maintaining the ecological health of Shawnigan Lake?

Are you willing to integrate the studies necessary to give the Shawnigan public a thorough assessment of the costs and benefits of municipal incorporation?

Sincerely,

The community of Shawnigan Lake



Photo by: Sarah McKay



Shawnigan Lake Boat Parade - Photo By: Taryn Treloar

Shawnigan Lake Director's Report

Sierra Acton Area Director

As a community we are in an exciting time; we are going from fighting to moving forward. I strongly believe it is nearly impossible to move forward when you are standing your ground. Now is the time to move forward thoughtfully and positively. I have been thinking for some time about how we can put Shawnigan more on the map.

To this end, I have created the "I♥Shawnigan" campaign (Love it - Share it - Protect it) to promote all things Shawnigan. Everyone who lives here loves this valley. If we share it, we can all help protect it, for example, trails that are shared are maintained and protected. These three words Love, share and protect are guiding principles for me. If I can go into a decision and use these principles, I know I will have my community's best interest at heart.

At the CVRD:

Soil Deposit Bylaw:

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)

is currently developing a Soil Deposit Bylaw that will regulate and manage the deposit of soil on lands within the regional district. For anyone who regularly travels the Malahat Highway, the large volume of soil being tracked into the region from the Greater Victoria area is obvious. The potential impacts from large-volume soil dumping on private lands are prominent in the Shawnigan Lake area and can include siltation and turbidity in creeks and water courses, riparian area damage, leachate from contaminated soils as well as damage to roads and traffic safety. The Bylaw is just about to be finalized and expected to be enforceable by the end of the year.

In the meantime, in response to a number of immediate concerns with soil transportation and soil dumping practices, a meeting was held with various agencies that have jurisdiction over soil transportation and the impacts of poor dumping practices. Participants included the CVRD, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Commercial Vehicle

Safety and Enforcement Branch, Ministry of Mines, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Capital Regional District, Malahat First Nation and the Municipality of North Cowichan. All committed to working together insuring they are doing their part to address and help mitigate the issue.

Riparian Protection:

Development in riparian areas, land located close to streams, lakes and other watercourses, is prohibited in BC to protect these fragile ecosystems. The CVRD takes unlawful development within riparian areas, and other environmentally sensitive areas, seriously. This is a serious issue in Shawnigan. The CVRD encourages residents to report any intrusions into environmentally sensitive areas. It is everyone's responsibility to protect the environment. Just recently, an enforcement action against an illegal gazebos recently conducted with the removal of the structure from the Cowichan Lake Shoreline.

Updated Dog Regulation Bylaw:

The Cowichan Valley Re-

gional District (CVRD) Bylaw Enforcement staff recently appeared in court, regarding two vicious dog incidents that occurred in Shawnigan Lake on August 16, 2016 and March 1, 2017. Both incidents involved the same vicious dog that was not muzzled. The CVRD was successful in its prosecution of both offences. Recognizing the limits of the current regulations, the CVRD is currently reviewing its dog regulation bylaw and looking in increasing regulation around controlling dogs.

Road Paving:

Paving is taking place at the South end and at the East end of Renfrew Rd. Once completed, a low traffic calming techniques will be employed to help slow traffic in the most heavily used pedestrian areas. Please remember the speed limit is 50km/h unless otherwise posted. The kids are out of school now and there are more cyclists riding around, so let's share the road and ensure we are all safe.

Trans Canada Trail:

Adventure cyclists can now ride all the way from Victoria to Lake Cowichan. The TCT

had it's official opening on June 22nd where the CVRD and Capital Regional District (CRD) met on top of the Malahat just off of Goldstream Heights. If you want to take the new trail all the way to the Capital, expect lots of hills and bring lots of water.

Hike Old Baldy Mountain Event:

I♥Shawnigan is hosting a hike up old Baldy Mountain on Sunday July 9th at 9am. See www.iheartshawnigan.com for more information and to RSVP (we will meet at the yellow gate on Strathcona Heights Rd.

I wish everyone a wonderful, sun filled, relaxing and safe July!

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Take A Hike!

Robin Massey Shawnigan Focus

I took my fog to the bog! Typically it's a Shawnigan Fog from our lovely local Shawnigan Coffee House, but the season of travel is upon us which took me across the water to Richmond—a regular London Fog will just have to do.

While in travel mode I quest to get out and see something new, away from the shopping and food experiences. That is how I ended up at the Richmond Nature Park. It wasn't quite what I expected, embedded in the backdrop of box stores and concrete jungle. Being from Shawnigan, where we are surrounded by natural beauty daily, this was exactly what I needed to gain my sense of grounding.

Oh sure, there are trails and mountains aplenty on the mainland—but I only had an hours escape.

In 1960 the Secretary of the Richmond Rod and Gun Club, Will Paulik, proposed 200 acres on part of what used to be known as Lulu Island, be designated as a nature park. By 1976 the Nature House was open to the public, providing visitor information, trail guides,

exhibits and a reptile show. Admission is by donation.

The 1980s and 90s brought several projects which have made the park as it is today, including the installation of the boardwalks, making the park accessible by all. During the 30th Anniversary for the City of Richmond in 2002, the park was officially named Richmond Nature Park.

If you've been to the Shoreline Bog Trail in Tofino, the Lulu Island Bog is very similar. The most common bog traits are the acidic conditions, minimal water flow, carnivorous and flowering plants, abundant sphagnum moss, and shore pine trees. Bog plants and trees receive very little nutrients giving them a spindly or diminutive form.

The Bog Forest Trail (1.3 km) is one of four offered in

the Richmond Nature Park. You also have the opportunity to choose from the Quaking Trail (1.6 km), the Time Trail (0.83 km), and the Pond Trail (0.53km).

The nature park is located just off of the Westminster Highway next to the No. 5 Road. Please note that if you are coming from the Richmond epicenter it can be a little confusing as your map app will tell you to turn left. But, as you will discover, this is virtually impossible until you turn at the next light and execute a U-turn heading back the way you came on the opposite side of the road.

If, like me, you find yourself in Richmond this summer, be sure to pop in and see this wonderful place.

More information is available at: www.richmond.ca/parks/parks/naturepark/about.htm
The On Tree



Another section of the Great Trail (formerly Trans Canada Trail) opens in the Cowichan Valley



Glenn White
Trails Committee

On Friday, June 23 the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and Capital Regional District (CRD) opened the Sooke Hill Wilderness Trail and the connector trail to the Cowichan Valley Trail.

In a partnership between the Malahat First Nations, CVRD

and GRD, and supported by funding from Federal and Provincial Governments, Timberwest, Bike BC, and the TCI Foundation, the dream is now a reality for our communities.

Cyclists, walkers and hikers can now travel from Lake Cowichan to Victoria via the Marie Canyon, Holt Creek and Kinsol Trestles as well as the many beautiful new wooden bridges and a new alumi-



nium suspension bridge. The trail will extend the Cowichan Valley Trail from Sooke Lake Road through beautiful second growth forests and over streams to reach Stebbings Road. After crossing Stebbings Road the trail travels beyond the Gold Stream Heights development to link up with the Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail near Elkington development. The new section of trail

will have spectacular views across the Saanich Peninsula / Gulf Islands and Salish Sea and encourage residents from the area to use the safe walking / cycling trail in their neighbourhood.

However, whether going to or coming from the Cowichan Valley to Victoria, travellers will still have to deal with an elevation gain of 500 metres to get over the Malahat Sum-

mit. This is not a rail bed trail so will make for a fun hike or bike with some 16% grades. The trail is designated as non-motorized trail to ensure the safe enjoyment of all users including cyclists, hikers / walkers and in sections horseback riding.

It will add further to the draw of adventure cycling, horseback riding and hiking for which our region is known.

Shawnigan Moment



Find your own bed - this one is mine

"Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself." - Rumi

Shawnigan Weather JUNE 2017 - Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network - compiled by Grant Treloar

	June Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Average High	19.6	22.3	22.9	21.4	21.4	21.0	21.7	21.1	21.9
Average Low	9.7	10.2	10.9	10.0	10.3	10.7	11.1	10.5	10.9
Extreme High	35.6	33.7	34.4	32.1	32.3	31.9	33.3	31.0	31.5
Extreme Low	0.0	6.3	5.7	4.9	4.8	7.4	5.8	5.5	5.5
Precipitation	40.2	49.1	26.4	44.7	25.3	39.7	26.2	43.4	25.8
Days w/ precip	10	12	10	10	7	8	8	9	8
Year Precip	644.9	723.7	690.8	670.0	732.9	585.1	616.0	655.5	714.2

Rank since 1914: 23rd warmest, 34th wettest

Lake Temperature: June 4th: 10° June 11th: 18° June 18th: 18° June 25th: 21°

Lake Level Change: June 4th: -2.5cm June 11th: 0cm June 18th: -5cm June 25th: -2.5cm



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Safer Roads in South Cowichan

Oriana Parker
South Cowichan Policing

Summer is here and the south Cowichan Valley is basking, rejuvenating and reveling in the heat. However, not all is well. Our roads are congested, not only with more vehicles, but also with a larger number of pedestrian and bicyclists.

Residents have been sharing their concerns with South Cowichan Policing regarding the dangerous driving habits they see on our roads. Recently a woman made her way through our office doors in a panic after almost witnessing a child being struck on Mill Bay Road.

It's unfortunate that Mill Bay Road, like many other roads in south Cowichan, runs parallel to the highway, allowing for the controversial tactic of 'rat running'. Motorists familiar with local side streets use this tactic as a means of beating highway traffic. It is a cut-through driving practice using residential side streets as a short cut while disregarding the reduced speed limit and the higher volume of pedestrians, thus putting lives at risk. Partridge Road in Mill Bay comes to mind! It has been noted, as well, that some drivers are driving recklessly on the Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road with vehicles passing in areas marked with solid double lines, passing on hills where there is poor visibility

for oncoming traffic, and crossing over the solid yellow line on corners because of excessive speeding.

Shawnigan Lake is a popular vacation stop for tourists and cottagers alike and the population of the area soars during the summer months, mainly due to tourism and recreation. Therefore, it is likely that some vehicles will be driving slower because they are not familiar with the area. Please keep this in mind. Also, please remember that travelling at 20 kilometres or more above the speed limit is considered to be reckless and carries heavy penalties.

On June 1st distracted driving fines in BC rose to \$543 - a third offence, \$3000. With all the construction in the valley, and on the Malahat, motorists should be aware that disobeying construction signs bring fines of \$196 - \$253 and disobeying a flag person bring fines of \$196.

Remember, the faster you drive the higher the fine which could result in the impoundment of your vehicle. South Cowichan Policing is committed to promoting safety in our communities and we are asking motorists to be more diligent in watching for pedestrians, bicyclists, pets and for a general higher volume of activity that accompanies summer vacation. We want everyone to have a safe and fun filled summer.



On June 11, 2017, at the Mill Bay Shopping Centre Paddi Paddison Vice President of Malahat Legion Branch # 134 made a cheque presentation to the Boomer Centre Run in the amount of \$260.00. This will be the last year the run will happen from Comox to Victoria.



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Department Members Attended 18 incidents in JUNE 2017

- ★ Thurs, June 1 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wed, June 1 - MVI on Renfrew Rd
- ★ Wed, June 7 - Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thurs, June 8 - Mutual Aid w/Malahat for Structure Fire on TCH
- ★ Fri, June 9 - 1st Responder off DeSonne Rd
- ★ Fri, June 9 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- ★ Sat, June 10 - Burning Complaint on London Rd
- ★ Tues, June 13 - 1st Responder off Elford Rd
- ★ Thurs, June 15 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thurs, June 15 - Hydro Lines on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sat, June 17 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- ★ Sat, June 17 - Burning Complaint on Ravenshill Rd
- ★ Sun, June 18 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thurs, June 22 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Sat, June 24 - Mutual Aid w/Malahat for 1st Responder on Goldstream Hgs
- ★ Sat, June 24 - Assistance on Shawnigan Lake @ Wellman Rd
- ★ Sun, June 25 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Wed, June 28 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd

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- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission (APC)**
Meeting TBA at Watershed office. #4-1700 Shawnigan Mill Bay Rd.
Contact: jenniebruce1@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**
Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month, 7pm at the Shawnigan Community Centre.
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission**
TBA as needed. Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
- ★ **Shawnigan Improvement District**
2nd Monday of each month 7 pm at #1 Firr Hall
- ★ **Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)**
For info: check www.thesra.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**
Contact: blum@slawca.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**
1st Tuesday of the month in Watershed office; Unit 4-1700 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: lvlife@shawca.com
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
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The Project

About five years ago the Shawnigan Village Committee was struck. The concept was to engage the community in what was wanted and/ or needed in the Village of Shawnigan Lake. It was formed as an inclusive group that encouraged everyone to get involved and have their voice heard. When the Elsie Miles School property was purchased by the CVRD, and became a park, that property became the focus of the Village Committee. To that end, and in consultation with the CVRD, the parks commission and the public over several years, a plan was developed for the park. The community, recognizing that our park is the one green space in the Village, identified many elements as priorities including a multi-purpose shelter in the park.

On July 1st, during the Canada Day Celebrations, the first phase of the park plan began with a ceremonial ground-breaking for the Shawnigan Pavilion. The project is now officially underway. The pavilion will be able to accommodate potential markets, a place for family gatherings, a place to escape the elements

and a venue for musical or theatrical performances. The structure will be a community timber frame project that will happen under the guidance of experienced construction and timber frame personnel guided by Pat Linaman of Pat Linaman Design, and Steve Lawrence of Macdonald and Lawrence Timber Framing Ltd.

For nearly a year, a dedicated steering committee has met regularly to make the pavilion a reality, working with the CVRD to bring this project forward. Our CVRD Area B director at the time, secured Federal Gas Tax funding so that the project could move forward; TimberWest has generously donated the logs and other donors of time and/or material have stepped up; the Rotary Club of South Cowichan has assumed administrative duties; and volunteers from the community and Rotary have offered to help with the foundation work, the staining of materials and the raising of the timbers.

There is still time to get involved with this great project! Volunteers are needed for foundation work throughout



July, staining of the wood in early August, and, most exciting of all, raising the timbers August 19 & 20, followed by installing the roof decking.

One other significant legacy contribution that you can make is to buy a peg that you can pound into the structure. This peg will have your name on it so that you will be forever invested in the project. Roughly 250 pegs are available with sales started Canada Day for \$50.00 per peg and can still be purchased at the Shawnigan Lake Museum Wed-Sun 10:30-4:00 - cash or cheque (payable to South Cowichan Rotary Founda-

tion) only please. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to engage with this project. The construction will continue through the summer and the Pavilion should be completed by late September 2017.

To volunteer, please contact Angus at angusandsarahmckay@gmail.com

Project milestone dates

Ground breaking ceremony

★ Saturday July 1st

Foundation construction

★ July 1st to July 30th

Timber Frame staining

★ August 3th & 6th and
★ August 12th & 13th

Timber Frame raising

★ Saturday August 19th and
★ Sunday August 20th

Roof decking

★ Monday August 21st to
★ Sunday September 3rd

Grand opening

★ Saturday September 30th

The idea of community participation in both the funding and construction of the project is a fundamental concept. It's an exciting idea and one which we hope will inspire you and your family to contribute to your community in this fun event which will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.



HEALTHY BEGINNINGS

A Free Drop-in at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre



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