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RESPECTFUL USE OF THE LAKE FEEDBACK WANTED:

A couple of years ago, a Community dialogue about recreational lake use began with a presentation of a "100 metre" perimeter map of suggested areas for large wake activity. This was presented in the Shawnigan Focus Newspaper.

This discussion continued to include the Area Director, Sonia Furstenau. She

wanted to get more feedback from Shawnigan residents and moved this to the agenda for a Director's meeting last fall.

After a couple of delays, the topic of Respectful Use of the Lake was presented and discussed at the March and April 2017 Director's Meetings.

At the community meeting in March, the 100m perimeter

map was presented to help drive a conversation on respectful use of the lake.

After the March meeting a group of about a dozen or so community members worked to improve on the 100m perimeter map by revising it, based on the concerns, concerns and questions from the approximately 75 members of the audience at the meeting.

Please share this map widely. It is hoped that the Shawnigan Community will create a dialogue, along with comments, questions, concerns and input can be used to make all activities on the lake an enjoyable experience for everyone. A large, colour PDF version of this map can be downloaded at:

<https://www.shawnigan.com/online2017>

Please, your input is needed!

Send your thoughts, concerns, questions, suggestions, revisions, etc. to the following address: shawniganfocus@shawncanada.com

In the upcoming weeks, there will be more announcements regarding further updates and meetings on this issue.

Welcome to Shawnigan

Things to Do

Kinsol Trestle
Mason's Beach
Shawnigan Museum
Shawnigan Wharf Park
Provincial Park
Hike Mt Baldy
Trans Canada Trail
Memory Island Park

On the Water

- Everyone loves cruising in their boat and looking at houses. Please remember to occasionally look behind you and minimize your wake when you are within 30m (100ft) of shore.
- Big Wake sports should be contained (start and stop) inside the **BLACK** areas on the map. All water sports should happen between dawn and dusk (1 hour after sunset.) Enjoy!
- Please make space and watch out for Swimmers and Non-powered watercraft; they ALWAYS have the right-of-way
- If you have a stereo, please use it responsibly; Loud music travels much further over water.
- Got a fast boat? Be advised the maximum speed on the lake is 65 km/h (40 mph or 35 knots)
- Please limit your maneuvering in shallow water (5m / 15ft or less.) There are lots of unmarked rocks/trees and we do not want to disturb the fish beds or the weeds. *Do your part to stop the spread of Milfoil!*
- If you brought it with you, please pack it out again.



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Illegal Sawmill update

**Dave Hutchinson
Shawnigan Focus**

We have had several inquiries about the status of PM Mobile Milling operated by Patrick Stack at 3172 Shawnigan Lake Road.

Mr. Stack has been operating the mill for over six years and has gradually increased the size and scope of the facility. The property is zoned Suburban Residential (R-2) which does not allow a permanent sawmill operation. Neighbours, some who have lived next door for over forty years, are bothered by noise, dust and traffic. Mr. Stack applied to have the property rezoned but was denied by the CVRD based on feedback from a Public Meeting held last May. It was clear at the meeting that there was support for the operation, but not at this site. Last November the CVRD initiated an action with the Supreme Court of BC against Mr. Stack because the mill has continued to operate with impunity. It appears that the CVRD has no bylaw enforcement ability other than litigation.

In the meanwhile Mr.



PM Mobile Milling attempting to become more permanent

Stack has expanded the operation. The CVRD has paradoxically granted the necessary building permit. Ross Blackwell, General Manager of CVRD Land Use Services states:

Mr. Stack was issued a building permit to enclose a structure. He complied with all of the necessary requirements in a permit had to be issued. The land use (zoning) is a completely different process and although intuitively related, it is not legally. Although Mr. Stack is entitled to have a structure located on the

subject property (subject to zoning requirements), he is entitled to use it only for those uses permitted under the zone (which is not and is the reason for the current litigation). Local government does not have the legal authority to refuse to issue a building permit if the proposed structure complies with the siting, coverage and other physical requirements of the zoning bylaws.

Mr. Stack appears to be gambling that he will prevail in the courts. The case is scheduled to be heard the week of May 2nd, in Victoria.

Upcoming Community Events

South Cowichan Library (Mill Bay Centre) Programs in May

Parent and Child Mother Goose - ages 0-4

★ Wednesdays April 19 - June 7, 10:30-11:30am Playful, social time of rhymes, songs and storytelling for babies and toddlers, with a caregiver. Presented in partnership with the Cowichan Valley Mother Goose Community. Collaborative. Please register during your first session.

Houseplants for Your Health

★ Saturday May 6, 1-2 pm. Join gardening expert Shirley Bellows and learn how house plants can improve indoor air quality and offer other benefits. Potting, fertilizing and propagation will also be covered. Please pre-register by calling the branch. 250-743-5436

Shawnigan Pavilion project

★ A steering committee has been working on an exciting project to build a multi-purpose timber frame shelter in Elsie Miles Park. We need volunteers, sponsors, event coordinators and people who are interested in joining the organizing team. If you are interested, please contact Angus at angus@shawniganfocus.com or if you are interested.

Sierra Acton Artist

I once read "Do not sacrifice individual creativity in your life, but you cannot deny." This rings true for me. Creativity is a value to be truly nurtured. In today's world, true innovation begins

when creativity is applied to thinking, problem solving, leadership, marketing, etc. However, society does not seem to value the importance of an artform. I've witnessed kids with a pencil and paper that cannot even start to draw because they are too scared to "make a mistake." These children were never allowed to take a blank sheet of paper and just do what they want, represent what they see or feel. They were not encouraged to explore their world through art.

When I was growing up, I heard many mixed messages on the value of art. Society declares that if you want to be an artist you will be a starving struggling artist until you are and maybe after that your art will be valued. My Dad told me I would never be able to get a job as an artist, so I stumbled around looking for something else. My university art professor once told our class, "It is unlikely that anyone in this room

will make it [as an artist]." I tried to get a loan from a bank to help pay for school and the banker mumbled that a waste of money art school was. I actually cannot recall anyone encouraging me to study art, so it has been a "hobby" that was rarely practiced unless I miraculously had some free time. For years I allowed work, family and other obligations to take priority.

When I moved to Shawnigan Lake something came alive inside me. Suddenly I was fighting for our water and that fight made me want to make art. I fell in love with the natural beauty of Shawnigan and the Cowichan Valley. My spirits were raised every time I looked at the lake, rain or shine, all year round. This feeling has led me to painting landscapes of the area, which is something I've never done before. This feeling of freedom also led me to use materials I had very little experience with, like oil paints and oil pastels. The more I allow myself to indulge in creating, the more joy I feel in my life. Just looking around I see possible subject matter and marvel at its beauty. My favourite thing to do is go on a long hike, and pack along some art materials, so that I can stop

halfway to just sit and create.

There is something that takes over while I am painting or drawing. It is very hard for me to describe this feeling, but I do feel connected to the landscape as I am painting. I can see everything changing and moving as if in a time-lapse film. Even the negative space, as the wind moves a branch, is as important as the leaves around it. I cannot say this focused feeling so my paintings are quick and hold some of that movement. For me painting becomes a moving meditation, especially when done in plein-air (painting outdoors).

I am so excited that, this month, I have my first solo show at Damali Lavender & Wines on May 20th and 21st. I hope you can stop in, say hello and sample their wines. The winery is located at 3500 Telegraph Rd just by Adams Ridge Golf Course.

The Cowichan Valley Wine & Arts Tour will showcase more than 30 artists, artisans and musicians while being taken place at 9 Valley Wineries.

For complete list of artists and musicians please visit <http://cowichanartistsandweebly.com/>.

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Safer roads start with me

Sarah Davidge
Program Coordinator
SCC/PAS

Part 2 - How Can I Help? You Ask

As our beautiful community thrives and grows so does the use of our roads, highways, driveways, school zones and shopping centres. With all this growth comes both positive and negative impacts, as we are all very aware. Our community has many attractions that draw tourists and the working city commuters looking for the perfect place to find rest and peace and why not? There is so much beauty to be shared by all.

Road Safety: excessive speeding, visibility and space limitations have begun to impact our community. With these impacts also come the potential pitfalls and dangers of being "the little commu-

nity that grew". Residents of South Cowichan Area, Sonia Faurstreu on CVRD Area Director, RCMP as well as representatives from the Ministry of Transportation & Highways and South Cowichan Community Policing have had several meetings to get a bigger picture on some of the road safety concerns of our community. These include speeding, aggressive driving, crosswalks, line painting, posted speed limit signs, lighting, sidewalks, school crossing safety, school zone safety and a plethora of other growth related factors.

Our awesome Speed Watch volunteers are actively working with the RCMP on creating awareness in the community on the posted speed limits and the actual speeds vehicles are traveling on our side roads and high traffic areas.

As a policing commu-

nity working together with the RCMP we are looking at solutions to these growing concerns. We receive email daily of people passing school zones stopped to pick up or drop off our "little treasures". Tailgating seems to have become a sport of intimidation for some drivers.

For some drivers, double solid line markings that used to indicate no passing have now become an opportunity to break the law on a regular basis; time of course is so limited you must risk your life or that of others to get where you are going. Speed and fast paced lifestyles are encroaching on the quiet and serenity of this beautiful community.

The community is working hard to come up with solutions, however we must all do our part. The reality is that we all have a part in making this community mutually respectful and safe for all.



Take A Hike!

Robin Massey
Shawnigan Focus

Due to the moody weather of the winter season, prior to the relief of spring, we generally took to sticking to our home trails and avoiding casualties.

One day, while brotting along on what I call the Croylan trail, paralleling Redfrew Road from Croylan Rd in the direction of the Kinsol Trestle, I was entranced by the sparsely matted earth beneath the fabulous hoars that Saria brought and in full appreciation of the soothing sensation on my body and joints provided by the softness of the earth. I then reflected on the contrast of how hard packed surfaces such as concrete or asphalt feels and it made me think about why a lot of us might instinctively prefer softer terrain over the harder surfaces. Perhaps it is not just for the benefit on our psyche but tangibly on

our physicality as well.

Yes, trail walking can be considered a precarious and risky escapade for some. And for good reason. If you have balance, mobility or alignment issues the uneven surfaces can certainly create a potential for a fall injury.

Tam of the opinion, my opinion only, that this is what helps us keep those things healthy and in check. Provided you are of adequate sound body, encountering uneven surfaces may encourage your body to challenge its core strength and balance repeatedly - a use-it, or lose-it, scenario. With the natural mazes created on nature trails, your body is constantly motivated to adjust to the uneven strikes on the soft ground.

Incidentally, let's talk about impact. When walking, we apply incredible amounts of pressure onto our bodies and joints,

and over time it can create stress and breakdown. Softer striking surfaces can offer more shock absorption, hence less stress.

There are a myriad of valid reasons people fear nature paths - be it topography, climate, or hidden critters. However, perhaps one can start on a gravelly field or a rubberized track to reap similar benefits.

In the past I have made reference to a few hikes not being "flip flop" worthy. And although a lot of us would never attempt a hike in flip flops, you'd be surprised. Footwear is an essential piece of equipment for any length of walk/hike. Ensure that you have something appropriate and supportive for the environments you explore. And if, like me, you are never quite sure when the call of the naturalscape will occur - it can't hurt to keep a spare pair in your vehicle!

Ask yourself questions like:

- ★ Can I make a difference?
- ★ Should I leave a little earlier?
- ★ Do I pay attention to other drivers on the road, who have just as much right to be there as I do?
- ★ Have I stopped to enjoy the views?
- ★ Do I ensure road ways are clear from vehicles or outdoor recreation equipment?
- ★ Do I leave space for others?

The South Cowichan Community Policing Office, together with residents, is embarking on a safety campaign aimed at Safer Roads for All.

Please stop and consider what you part is? How can you help? Please continue to support your RCMP by devaluing your roads, reporting law breakers, voicing concerns and being active in the solution.

Contact the South Cowichan Community Policing office at 254-929-7222 or visit our new website at www.southcowichan.com/communitypolicing

Did you know?



Canada's Hudson Bay Company is the longest, continuously operating company in the world. It was incorporated in 1670. At it's height, it was also the largest landowner in the world. By the mid 19th century, the company had evolved from a fur trading company to a mercantile business selling furs and fine home ware.

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Retraction of Article "Déjà vu for Shawnigan?"

Editors
Shawnigan Focus

Last month, in our April 2017 issue, we published an article entitled "Déjà vu for Shawnigan?" In the interest of ensuring complete accuracy, the Shawnigan Focus is retracting the article as published.

Foreshore to forest

Bruce Fraser
Shawnigan Basin Society

A 50 Year Plan for the Shawnigan Watershed

An Initiative of the Shawnigan Basin Society

Our two largest landowners in the Shawnigan Watershed are Timberwest and Island Timberlands. In the normal course of forestry planning, these two firms must project the current status of their timberland holdings forward for at least the length of a rotation, and in many cases for several rotations. In order to pursue forest management over such lengthy time scales they, out of necessity, have developed very comprehensive inventories of the physical and biological characteristics of their land base. This information is much more specific and much better recorded than almost any other aspect of the Shawnigan Basin environment.

Because the forest holdings of the two major companies have just passed through the harvest phase of the last rotation it will now be approximately 50 years before the next harvest phase is likely to take place. In the meantime, maintaining reforestation success and road network stability, tracking market demands and regulatory requirements and estimating the effects of changed physical conditions on forest health must continue as their resource base is managed for the long term.

The context for upland forest management in the Shawnigan Basin extends well beyond the direct land base and tree growth considerations of a forest company. In the next fifty years, climate change on the east coast of Vancouver Island is projected, by the University of Victoria, to create increasingly volatile changes in hydrology, including longer and more severe summer droughts and milder winters with more frequent and intense rainstorms.

These changes will have direct impacts on the viability of both natural and planted forest species, the stability of road systems on steep slopes, vulnerability to pests and pathogens and risks of major wildfires. They will have impacts on the stability of upland forest and shoreline areas that provide domestic and ecosystem sustaining water supplies. They will also have reverberating effects on public health, the aquatic ecology of the lake and the attractiveness of its surroundings for recreation and sustained property values.

Over the next 50 years, the Shawnigan Basin will see growth in population, increased water demand, increased impact of habitation, increased extraction of gravel, more dense housing tracts, more sewage, more fertilizer usage, more domestic chemical pollutants, more invasive aquatic species, more road development, more recreation intensity and much more public concern for the environmental security that underwrites their health, their property values and their investments. All this will occur in a relatively small and crowded basin held largely in a multitude of private hands. Compounding this complexity is the numerous agency jurisdictions that are largely independent of one another and lack any established mechanism for dealing with cumulative impacts of the human footprint. Even our local government Official Community Plans are expected to lose relevance in a single decade.

Shawnigan is a classic case history of the march of cumulative impact in which each user of their portion of the area pursues the exploitation of their "entitlement" without a requirement to assess the overall outcome for the basin or the lake and certainly without measures to address it as it emerges. So, how do we proceed to bring a sense of the whole basin and the

integrity of the lake into everyone's thinking when there is no single formally mandated authority to conduct the process?

Timber West and Island Timberlands have agreed to collaborate as partners in this challenge. The Shawnigan Basin Society's responsibility will be to reconvene the Shawnigan Roundtable initiated in 2012, inviting land owners, government agencies and the public to participate in preparing a 50 Year Plan for the Basin. It will use the generatio-spanning, rotation length of forestry planning as the model and add in the climate projections, the ecological information, the technical advice and the public interests already assembled by the Society.

To begin with, the forest companies will undertake to illustrate how their fifty-year rotation plans are constructed and what they reveal about their environmental change assumptions. Then, each other participant will be invited to project their interests forward for fifty years, considering what changing conditions are expected to apply to them and how they will need to respond.

What could arise out of this thinking is that all parties would begin to think of Shawnigan as a whole, how their aspirations intersect and what they each must contribute to ensure that in 50 years we will still have an environment that serves our many existing interests.

Of course, we will also have to anticipate that new interests will inevitably emerge as conditions change and that any plan will have to be adjusted accordingly.

Creating a 50 Year Plan for the Shawnigan Basin for a magnificent challenge of multi-generational vision. Our grandchildren will inherit our results. Let's turn what could be a burden into a gift.

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The risks of Eurasian Milfoil

Kelly Musselwhite
Shawnigan Basin Society

Social, Environmental, and Economic – to Shawnigan Lake – are both Extensive and Long-Term...

As such, the Shawnigan Basin Society will be hosting a workshop to inform Shawnigan Lake shoreline residents and lake users about appropriate methods of control on Saturday, June 24, 2017 (details made public soon).

The following excerpt was taken directly from the Eurasian Milfoil Control Program, 2016 Annual Report, Christina Lake, BC. It was compiled by Phillip Maki, Milfoil Control Program Supervisor, in November 2016 and brings insight relevant to our community.

Introductory Information Regarding Eurasian Milfoil, It's Introduction and Proliferation

Sometime during the mid-1900s, and due to a lack of education and awareness of the plant, milfoil was introduced and spread to many other lakes and streams in BC.

It is predicted this occurred when a plant fragment, attached to a boat, was transported from an infested lake.

Eurasian Milfoil is now found across

most of North America, and is recognized as an noxious weed.

A single viable fragment could have started off the colonization, as Eurasian Milfoil's reproductive strategy is largely a vegetative and fragmentation process.

Once a fragment sinks and settles it can then grow its own roots and begin another life cycle.

In optimal temperatures, such as those exhibited in summertime waters, milfoil can grow up to 30cm per week in depths up to 10m.

This allows the plant to further spread and begin to compete with native aquatic species in the lake for territory, where it usually wins out.

Direct Consequences to Ecology, Recreation, Property Values, and Increased Taxation

Large infestations can have detrimental consequences to the biodiversity of the aquatic plant life in the lake as the milfoil shades out other species, which in turn can disrupt the natural ecology of the organisms that call it home.

If Eurasian Milfoil is given the time to spread and grow, swimming, boating, and fishing becomes much less appealing.

Dense surfacing milfoil patches can negatively affect waterfront property values

First Annual Shawnigan Lake Shore Clean-up Day
9:00am - 12 Noon
Saturday, May 20th



To Volunteer or for more info:

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as swimming and boating are hindered, aesthetic values are reduced, and decomposing plants in fall seasons can produce foul smelling gases.

All of these factors make control of milfoil a top priority at the lake.

Due to provincial cutbacks, local taxpayers in Christina Lake are required to provide 100% of the management cost through personal property taxes.

The 2016 year-to-date total expenditures for Eurasian Milfoil management for Christina Lake reached over \$213K.

Factors Contributing to the Growth and Spread of Eurasian Watermilfoil

Natural environment factors affecting the growth and spread of Eurasian watermilfoil in the lake include temperature, turbidity, nutrient levels and wind.

Human activity also largely contrib-

utes to the spread and growth of milfoil, which include increased plant fragmentation due to boating and various water activities, human-made obstructions to the flow of water, and mineral/sediment loading along the shoreline.

Although human contributions can be reduced through conscious efforts, those contributed by nature are out of our control.

Because watermilfoil cannot be eradicated, the importance of monitoring and managing this invasive plant both appropriately and annually cannot be overstated.

Don't see, will require the effort of EVERYONE who uses the lake.

Please join us on Saturday, June 24, 2017 to learn more!

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Book Review

Marcey Green,
Shawnigan Focus

The Woman in Cabin 10

by Ruth Ware
Published by Simon & Schuster
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I am sometimes asked, "Do you only review books that you like?" Fair question, as I don't usually like to pay a book, especially if it's a local author. So I chose this book as I am ambivalent about it and wanted to see if I could explore why.

Do you remember the main character of "Girl on the Train"? I described her as a "hot mess" and a "miserably flawed protagonist." Well, move over, train girl, because

we have a new addition to the dysfunctional heroine club. Lo Bla, black is a travel journalist assigned to cover the maiden voyage of a small luxury cruise ship. She has anxiety issues, complicated by a burglar break-in before she leaves for the trip. This is made worse by lack of sleep and far too much alcohol. Oh, and she's not sure if she and her current boyfriend have split up, or if they're still together. In short, Miss Marple she is not.

On the plus side, Ruth Ware has picked a wonderful setting in which to place a murder mystery. The boat is small, enclosed, and heads out to sea at heavy speeds. Some of the spaces below the water line

are claustrophobic and one can feel the thousands of pounds of water pressure pressing against the hull. The wintry coast of Norway and the remote towns contribute to the sense of isolation. Northern lights shall and shimmer over the dark stadsons.

Our journalist thinks she observes a woman's body being dumped into the ocean with a splash in the middle of the night. She also believes she sees blood on the deck, but when she inquires about the identity of the woman in Cabin 10, whom she briefly met the day before, she is told and shown that the cabin is empty. This is a classic case of "gaslighting" where the person is

made to feel she is crazy and wrong-footed. No one seems to believe there was a victim and Lo is treated kindly but carefully, as one would treat a mentally fragile person.

As there are only 10 passengers and a crew, the suspects shift and at one point or other, everyone is acting strangely. Clues disappear and threatening messages begin to appear. As the plot builds and begins to speed along, the suspense becomes unbearable. This is where the story grabs us and it becomes hard to put the book down. The red herrings, twists and turns are well done.

The ending is a frantic capture and escape for the heroine and, yes, I did find

myself rooting for her and low anxiety. The final twist was so confusing to me that I had to go online to figure out what I had missed. It appears that I was not alone, but maybe you're smarter than most of us. I do think an extra sentence or two would have been helpful. I grasped the "who" but not the "how".

Finally, here is one of the book blarbs, which seems to sum it up: "Cabin 10 just may do to create vacations what Jaws did to ocean swimming. You'll be afraid to go out on the water."

Recommended for mystery fans.

Rating: 3.5/5 stars

Discover Discovery Elementary

Allison Vliet
Discovery School

Young Entrepreneurs Rise

If you lived in the 1800's, you may never have gotten to have your dream job...right? If you don't agree, that's okay. This year, in 2017, we got to do just that!

We got to learn the basics of starting a business and creating any product we chose. We did this with a program called Young Entrepreneurs.

Young Entrepreneurs...wow! That's a big word, isn't it? It means young builders or creators. In this class, we had to make our own products to sell, create

a business plan, have a job, give to a charity or our choice, and create the business of our dreams selling any product!

In my opinion, this is a great way to encourage students, such as myself, to learn and create a business of our own.

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Win Teague
PR Coordinator

The photo shows the Wounded Warriors arriving at the RC Legion Branch 134, Shawnigan Lake in late February.

Legion members welcomed them warmly on the cool, wet night. The runners were wet and weary and sat down with our members to share in some very good chili and buns. Thrifty food. Mill Bay, donated the food.

The Wounded Warriors picked up a total of \$2180 to add to the donations they had received from Pat Hardy to Shawnigan Lake including \$200 from Mill Bay, \$200, \$200 from YSAGS, \$100 and from the Defenders Motorcycle Club. The remainder came from the Malahat Legion and the sale of the hot chili.

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Department Members Attended 10 Incidents in April 2017

- ★ Sat, Apr 1st - Chimney Fire on Peerless Rd
- ★ Tues, Apr 4th - Assistance at Kinsol Trestle & Burnt Bridge
- ★ Mon, Apr 10th - 1st Responder off McIntosh Rd
- ★ Mon, Apr 10th - 1st Responder off Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Sat, Apr 15th - Burning Complaint on Berger Rd
- ★ Sat, Apr 15th - Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Mon, Apr 17th - Burning Complaint on London Rd
- ★ Fri, Apr 21st - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Fri, Apr 21st - 1st Responder off Ranfrew Rd
- ★ Wed, Apr 26th - Burn Pile on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ★ **Area B Director's meetings with Sonia Furstenau**
Office hours by appointment. Email sfurstenau@evnl.bc.ca. For meeting updates check www.soniafurstenau.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission (APC)**
Meeting TBA at Watershed office: #1-1760 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 Lake 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 Fire Hall
- ★ **Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)**
For info: check www.sra.ca
- ★ **Canada Day - 150 Celebration meeting** May 23rd at 7pm in the Basin office
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**
Contact: sharr@shaw.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**
1st Tuesday of the month in Watershed office: Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: hvfb@shaw.ca
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: wweyysag.ca email: ysags@shaw.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
Open Fri - Sun, 10:30-4. For info contact: shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca
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Members of the Shawnigan Lake Community Association would like to thank all who attended, and volunteered at, our Easter Event on Easter Sunday! The weather co-operated and the crowds were the biggest ever!

Our next celebration will be Canada's 150th Anniversary on Saturday, July 1st! We would like to make this a day to remember and to show our citizens proudly!

The day will begin with a parade breakfast in the Legion Hall followed by an exciting parade that will wind along

Shawnigan Mill Bay Road to Elsie Miles Park.

The parade assembles at about 10:30 at Cairn Park across from the football. All participants, including children on foot or on decorated bicycles are welcome to join in.

After the parade, join the masses at the Park to sing our national anthem as the flag is raised! This opens an afternoon of family fun - entertainment, games, DIY projects, inflatable, birthday cake, food and so much more! Thank you to all of the groups: Rotary, Shawnigan Fire Department, Legion, Mill Bay Lions, I-H Club and South Cowichan Recreation for making it all possible!

The Shawnigan Lake Community Association puts the fun in your community! Grants through the Province of BC support our events.

Come and check out the plans for a new Pavilion to be constructed in the Park and contribute to the construction. This will be Shawnigan's legacy to 150 years of our great country, Canada!

Bring the whole family, or the whole neighbourhood, and celebrate with the whole community!

If you wish to help plan or volunteer on the day please email shawniganfocus@shaw.ca 1800. All are welcome!



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	April	Capistrano's Bay	Discovery School	Minimum	Maximum	Elsford Road
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Average High	12.5	12.2	12.5	12.0	12.4	12.7
Average Low	-4.3	-3.9	5.7	5.0	-4.5	3.5
Average Rain	36.0	22.0	16.0	20.0	16.0	16.0
Wettest June	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Driest June	237.0	243.0	113.0	90.0	144.0	97.0
Wettest July	4.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Driest July	820.0	582.0	600.0	504.0	587.0	490.0
Average Snow	1.74	1.95	2.05	1.63	2.00	1.00

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