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# Oil dumped in watershed

Graham Ross-Smith  
Shawnigan Resident

In late May, local resident Bill Savage stumbled across a collection of plastic containers full of used motor oil that had been deposited by some irresponsible person or persons just a few metres off the West Shawnigan Lake Road near the south end of the lake (see photo). This spot is, of course, within the lake's watershed. It would not take long for a rain storm to wash most of this oil into the lake if and when the containers started to leak, an eventuality that would happen naturally in time as the plastic breaks down from sunlight, or unnaturally through other irresponsible humans deciding to take pot shots at the containers or to damage them in some other way.



It is distressing to come across places (and there are quite a few) in the watershed where people have dumped all manner of unwanted items such as mattresses and old furniture. But most of these items do not pose a threat to the quality of the lake water or a hazard to human health. This is not the case with motor oil however. Oil is a serious contaminant for fresh water. According to National

Geographic Magazine "One drop of oil can make 25 litres of water undrinkable." The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) puts it this way, "One gallon of used motor oil can contaminate one million gallons of fresh water." The EPA goes on to say that, "once it reaches waterways, used motor oil is toxic to plants and animals living in the water. . . ." Wikipedia states more specifically that "oil is actually lethal to fish,

that is it kills fish quickly, at concentrations of 4,000 parts per million."

Bill Savage has undertaken to deliver the containers of oil to a place for proper disposal. If you come across any such illegally dumped containers of oil or other potentially toxic substances in Shawnigan Lake's watershed, please report it to the proper authorities right away. Let's keep our lake clean and our neighbours healthy.



# Dwight donates to the Nepal Educational Fund

On May 23, 2014, Dwight International Interact Club presented their gift of \$3,000 to Susan Marshall's charity, the Nepal Educational Fund, which supports and enhances the learning opportunities for children half way around the world! These enthusiastic local students raised money primarily by hosting an International Dinner, proceeds intended for this and other International causes. The Interact Club is supported strongly by the Duncan Daybreak Rotary Club. This community recognizes their wonderful spirit!

Anyone with further interest in this project is encouraged to contact: Susan Marshall - www.nepaledfund.ca - www.nepaleducationfund.blogspot.com - Phone: 250-746-8936

## Poet's Corner

Hours are eternal  
While weeks and months disappear  
Life with a toddler

Their fractured bedrock  
Contaminants, dump trucks, lies  
Bind us together

Sonia Furstenu

# Editorial - Letters to the Editor

## 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 300 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.

### Is Shawnigan Lake a Reservoir or a Recreational Party Lake?

This is a letter addressing the latest (May 2014) front page publication in Shawnigan Focus "Designing Our Community Together", by Kelly Musselwhite.

Firstly, the 'map' illustrated on the cover is a crude misrepresentation of the area of interest. It does not make any geographical sense. This, in itself, speaks volumes about the research and knowledge held by those expressing interest in these "key anchor projects".

I'd like to comment on the first "key anchor project" - "Build a beach access trail across the railroad to the end of Shawnigan/Mill Bay Rd. and construct a dock for public and non-motorized boats"

Just a few points to consider here:

1. The water station is right there. This in itself should be enough to end this idea
2. Shawnigan Lake is a water reservoir. Reservoirs should be protected, not exploited - even by 'non-motorized vehicles'. Take the Sooke Lake Reservoir; you can't even HIKE near it.
3. The reason that there is currently no access to the old railway road leading to the train station is because vagrants would camp here, drug deals would go on day and night and people of all ages would drive down and get drunk and violent. During this time (when there was road access), the CVRD took NO responsibility for cleaning up the mass amount of empties, syringes, broken glass etc. that were left all around the train station. This area is still the site of constant teen drunkenness and violence but has thankfully lessened since road access has been denied, years ago, thanks to the Area Director at that time. (It took a huge community fight to get these barricades put down in the first place).
4. There is already a boat launch, giving anyone access day and night to unload their unregulated vessels in to the reservoir. This park doesn't even have a gate, and is barely regulated. The Government Wharf Park (The Gov), because of lack of regulation, is a great site for out of towners, underage teens, anyone

really who wants to party.

5. As the community should be up in arms about SIA, why is there no concern about jet skis and powerboats on this reservoir? Many people loading their boats in to the lake don't even KNOW it's a water supply. I know because I've asked. People are generally disgusted upon finding out it's a reservoir. Also, the Gov. (wharf) is used constantly by boaters to empty bilges, and to get their boats working again. Why not? No one stops them. (This is Potable water?)

The major point here is this - Is this a reservoir or a recreational party lake? The idea of constructing another public dock, when the dock currently extant is so poorly regulated or cared for is, to say the least, absolutely ludicrous.

Before publishing inaccurate maps and "key anchor points" (without accurate knowledge of issues surrounding them), perhaps pre-existing issues should be addressed. IE. a gate at the Government Wharf park, regulation of vessels entering the water, monitoring of public drinking - especially while boating, monitoring of night time parties in the Gov. parking lot, monitoring the lake for swimmers and non motorized boaters so it's actually SAFE to swim in etc.

Is Shawnigan Lake a Reservoir or a Recreational Party Lake?

Concerned Resident and Property Owner, *Alix McTaggart*

### To: The Editor Shawnigan Focus

Dear Editor,

I was disturbed, at a recent public meeting, about a proposed land development near Shawnigan Lake where many of the participants seemed to believe that the character of the people applying to the CVRD for a zoning change should be taken into account by the CVRD board when deciding to approve or deny the zoning change application.

It was clear that many of those attending the meeting were friends of the applicants, Messrs Partridge and Sharp. Having come to know these two gentlemen over the past few years, I was not surprised to hear expressions of friendship and respect as they are affable and responsible men; doubtless men of good character. What did surprise and distress me was what seemed to be strong support on the part of their

### According to Environment Minister, the Honourable Mary Polak...

We must respect the will of the community and the decision of the local politicians!



Well, it's got to go somewhere!



"Esquimalt opposes sewage treatment".

Drawing by R. Patrick Redridge

"Shawnigan opposes contaminated fill dump".

Text by Elijah Fraser

friends for the CVRD decision makers to look favourably upon the proposed land-use change on the basis of these developers' good character.

Having considerable education and experience in government and public administration, I felt it important for those present to know that the character, whether good or bad, of the applicants for a land-use change is not a valid factor for consideration by those involved in making such decisions. Following a short, passionate speech by a woman supporting the development proposal on the grounds that the developers were fine fellows and good citizens, I stood up and explained that their good character is not relevant in the CVRD's decision-making process. She retorted forcefully that character is indeed valid, for which she received a round of applause.

I suspect that she and her supporters had not thought about the implications of their position. The outcome of a system which allows elected representatives to base their decision to grant or deny a change in land-use based on who the land owner is rather than the benefits or lack thereof of the development to the community as a whole, is exactly the way such decisions are made in the world's failed states. Surely we do not want to emulate the way that these corrupt and impoverished states do the people's business. Surely this is not what the friends of these developers really want.

*Graham Ross-Smith (retired public servant, MPA)*

### Attack Issues not individuals!

Dear Editors,

Attack issues-not individuals. That is the policy isn't it? More than one letter in recent issues has clearly overstepped that line; some written by members

of the 'Focus Team.' How does this further the Focus's goal of "promoting harmony and involvement in the community?" It should be a clear boundary regardless, but who at the Focus is fact checking these statements? How is it determined who is fair game for personal attacks? Who is willing to be held liable when such statements are found to be defamatory? There are more than enough online comment sections full of this stuff. It is a deterrent to both readers and contributors. It has no place in a community publication.

Regards, *Elijah Fraser*

**Editor's note:** *The "Focus Team" referred to, consists of volunteer community members who sometimes contribute letters which are their personal opinion. They are signed as such and do not necessarily reflect the position of the Shawnigan Focus.*

### In regard to last month's letter "Thank you Nino Morano, Bylaw Enforcement Officer"

An update to my friends and my community: As of the deadline for submissions for the June edition of the Shawnigan Focus, the boat shelter and two docks and large deck still remain at the end of Orme Road. The owner of one dock and boat shelter has received no further correspondence from the CVRD Bylaw Enforcement Officer or from the expensive legal team representing the CVRD.

The wheels move slowly in the Bylaw Department. Oh they do move, but seldom in the right direction...and the speed varies from stop, to crawl. I find it difficult to comprehend that a Bylaw officer has not yet served papers on the other dock owner, but has chosen to direct legal action on someone who is willing, and happy, to conform to Bylaws regarding W2 zoning. In the process thousands of hard-earned tax dollars have

been spent.

With all due respect, Mr. Morano, to you and your employer (oops, I mean the taxpayers), employees must cease to perform so inefficiently. Please redirect and focus your efforts on a solution. Your wages are paid by taxpayers with the expectation that the bylaws will be enforced, fairly and equally upon everyone. You cannot enforce on one side of the street and not the other. If that is your purpose and your mandate, then I am pretty sure that most of us want out. What we do expect from you and your department is to correct this harassment and discrimination policy.

Recently, CVRD staff received a large increase in wages. Perhaps a few deserve the pay increase for a job well done. May I offer a suggestion that the public (you know, the people that pay your wages) might agree with for a solution to the continuous failures and flaws with the Bylaw Enforcement Department? Perhaps a minimum wage for your position would be more appropriate (with benefits of course). The rate of pay would increase with performance. Incentives and bonuses could be given for resolved Bylaw infractions.

Currently, within the W-2 zoning, hundreds of infractions are occurring and enforcement is non-existent under bylaws 985 and 1010. The Bylaw Enforcement Department is batting about three out of a thousand. We are not playing baseball but these numbers tell me that we, the public, are losing badly. Something needs to change.

As a resident of this community, I plead to you once again and request, once again, that you act on your mandate and fulfill your obligations to the lake, the watershed and to this community.

Sincerely, *Bill Savage*

# Shawnigan fights province to protect its drinking water

**Sonia Furstenau**  
*Op-ed*

This is the true, and at times unbelievable, story of a community fighting for its future. The ending of this story has not yet been written, but for the people of Shawnigan Lake, the only acceptable ending is one in which 5 million tonnes of contaminated soil are not dumped in their watershed.

This story begins for the residents of Shawnigan Lake in May 2012, when the community received notification that South Island Aggregates (SIA) was applying for a permit from the Ministry of Environment to accept 100,000 tonnes of contaminated soil a year for 50 years at its gravel mine site on Stebbings Road. The mine is located on a hillside above the south end of Shawnigan Lake. Shawnigan Creek, the main feeder creek to the lake, runs directly through the SIA property. The lake provides drinking water for 7,000 Shawnigan residents.

More than 200 local residents attended a public information meeting on May 31, and approximately 350 people attended a public meeting on July 12, 2012. At these

meetings, the opposition to the plan presented by SIA was almost unanimous, with only two parties voicing support: a woman named Nikki (later revealed to be SIA owner Marty Block's daughter) and Michael Harry, the Chief of the Malahat First Nation.

The greatest concern to the people is the threat to the drinking water; the contaminants listed in the permit include dioxins, furans, phenols, and a myriad of other toxins and chemicals known to be harmful to human health.

The people of Shawnigan Lake were supposed to be reassured by the claim made by Jeff Taylor, from Active Earth, the engineering company hired by SIA, that their watershed would be protected by a 250 foot layer of "virtually impermeable bedrock" underneath the site.

The middle of the story has been tragically predictable. Despite the overwhelming resistance in the community and the opposition expressed directly to the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry issued the permit on August 21, 2013. Among the list of opponents were the CVRD, the CRD, MP Jean Crowder, MLA Bill Routley, provin-

cial Liberal Candidate Steve Housser along with candidates for all the other parties, the Vancouver Island Health Authority, and Provincial Health Officer Perry Kendall. In all, there were 300 written submissions to the Ministry raising concerns related to the potentially negative environmental, health, and social impacts.

Now we are in the third act. The Shawnigan Residents' Association and the CVRD, along with local residents John and Lois Hayes, and Rick Saunders have filed appeals to the Environmental Appeal Board (EAB). Lawyers representing the SIA, as well as lawyers for the Ministry of Environment, are defending the permit.

We have learned a great deal during the six weeks of EAB hearings, confirming many fears of Shawnigan residents.

We've learned that SIA currently owes over \$500,000 to Active Earth, the engineering firm that it employs. This raises many questions in our minds about whether we can trust Active Earth to be unbiased. The permit was granted to SIA based solely on Active

Earth's assessment, and the decision maker disregarded assessments that questioned Active Earth's findings.

We've learned that there is no "virtually impermeable bedrock" under the site. Instead, there is indeed an aquifer and fractured bedrock, with significant movement of water through the rock. Eight independent geo-scientists and engineers testified about the project, all saying there was inadequate information about the site and a disturbing lack of planning.

We've learned from Dr. Lalith Liyanage, Ph.D., P.Eng., who assessed the water treatment facilities at SIA, that it is a "water treatment design that raises a lot of questions and some fairly significant doubts as to whether it can successfully handle the scale of water contamination that it may have to address under both operating and post-closure conditions."

We've learned about violations of SIA's Ministry of Mines permit for their gravel business. This includes multiple encroachments onto the neighbouring CVRD community forest. This com-

pany, which has not adhered to its Mines permit, would be self-regulating.

In a community where opposition has been overwhelming, we have learned that the only public support that SIA received, which was from the Malahat First Nation, was cemented in a "confidential agreement" between the two parties, which provided for a list of expensive favours from the SIA in return for the Malahat support.

Minister of Environment Mary Polack, referring to the sewage treatment plan for Victoria, has stated that she will not force a project on to an unwilling community. We in Shawnigan intend to hold her to that.

If the EAB panel chooses to revoke the permit, it will be an ending to this story that the people of Shawnigan Lake will celebrate. If the panel chooses to uphold the permit, the people of this small community, who have raised over \$200,000 for legal fees, will appeal the ruling. To give up this fight – which is a fight for clean, drinkable water – would be to give up on the future of Shawnigan Lake.

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1. Quoted in CVRD Public Meeting Minutes, SIA Waste Discharge Permit Application and Mining Permit Amendment, July 12, 2012, p. 15. <http://www.cvr.bc.ca/DocumentCenter/Home/View/8757>
2. The assessment by hydrogeologist Dennis Lowen called into question many of Active Earth's findings. <http://fraserforshawnigan.ca/Contaminated%20Soils%20Issues/Lowen%20Report.pdf>
3. Lalith Liyanage, Memo: Water Treatment Facility Assessment – Preliminary Opinion, February 14, 2014. Document available at <http://brentatthefocus.blogspot.ca/2014/04/at-eab-hearing-with-john-hayes-with.html>
4. This agreement was entered into evidence during the hearings. It can be accessed online at <http://brentatthefocus.blogspot.ca/2014/05/what-we-learned-at-eab-hearing-may-24.html>



South cut-off logging "Village" - Note the array of vehicles and 'housing' options...not to mention the barely concealed sewage line draining into the forest from the trailer.

## Ecological analysis of the Shawnigan Watershed

**Bruce Fraser,**  
Area B, Regional Director

Herb Hammond of Silva Forest Foundation began work on the ecological assessment of the Shawnigan Watershed on June 9th. He will be examining the character and condition of each of the sub-basins of our watershed, looking at what its historical forest would have been like undisturbed and comparing it with its current status. The objective is to provide planners and managers with recommendations for how the watershed landscape should be managed into the future. Some areas will likely be suitable for development; some will require urgent efforts at restoration and many will require forest management that is primarily designed to achieve conservative hydrological function that

protects streams, wetlands and aquifers. This basic work will provide the essential base of information that the Shawnigan Basin Authority will need as it works with all the necessary partners, public and private, to prepare a watershed master plan.

The ecological assessment will proceed by sub-basin. The southern reaches of Shawnigan Creek and Van Horne Creek in the headwaters, the main southwestern tributaries of Shawnigan Creek, McGee Creek, the West Arm drainage, the Village slopes and the steep slopes of Mt. Baldy and the East shore of the Lake. Each of these watershed areas has its own character and condition and each is relevant to a portion of our residential community. All sub-basins contribute to the quantity of

inflow to the lake and to its water quality.

This effort is needed because the uplands of the watershed have already experienced the impacts of clear-cut logging, road building, gravel mining, subdivision, off-road access and contaminated soil dumping. As climate volatility increases, with heavier winter storms and lengthier summer droughts, the integrity of the uplands is becoming ever more important to our community. Our main concern is for the productivity of the watershed for our domestic water supply, but our forested slopes are also a key part of the visual environment that supports our residential amenity, our tourism and recreation quality and our property values.

The Shawnigan Advisory

Planning Commission is working with our recently established Ecological Design Panel to prepare very strong criteria for assessing the implications of any and all proposed developments in the basin. In short, all development proposals must demonstrate that they will provide a net ecological benefit to the watershed. This is a work in progress and will be published within the next few months. We are also working with private forest land owners to transform the industrial clear-cut logging practices to "community forest" practices that respect a wider range of values beyond timber.

The Shawnigan Basin Society maintains air photos, maps and a large three-dimensional model of the basin in its new office across from the coffee shop in the village. Everyone is

welcome to drop in for a discussion of the planning process as it develops. Regular Director's hours at the office are 11am to 1pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday or by appointment.

While this examination of ecological issues in the uplands is taking place, the CVRD is also focusing on the effects of habitation. We are all aware of the growing problem of lake water quality arising from inadequate septic fields on the lake perimeter. Studies that compare the Sooke Lake conditions in the Capital Regional District watershed with those in Shawnigan have indicated relative decline in water quality in Shawnigan that has taken place with the acceleration of development around the lake since the 1970's. A formal "liquid waste management plan" is now being developed to address this concern.

## Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission

**Grant Treloar**  
Chair

Shawnigan APC and/or South Cowichan APC meetings regarding Shawnigan are scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month at the Shawnigan Watershed Planning Office: Unit 4 - 1760 Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend. In case of rescheduling or cancellation of meetings, information is posted on the Shawnigan Focus Facebook page.

Links to details about the South Cowichan Advisory Planning Commission and the minutes from either the Shawnigan or South Cowichan APC may be found on the right

sidebar on Director Bruce Fraser's website at <http://www.fraserforshawnigan.ca/>.

### June 2014 Shawnigan APC Meeting

Application 1-B-14TUP (Spilker for Holroyd) The applicant requested a temporary use permit to allow rustic riverside camping, occasional wedding ceremonies, and occasional musical and theatrical event/performance on the subject property.

Existing Zoning: F-1 (the current zoning does not allow for the above mentioned events)

Motion: to recommend denial of temporary permit. Motion carried

## Shawnigan Weather May 2014

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network ~ compiled by Grant Treloar

May Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Average High	16.9	19.2	18.6	18.8	17.7	19.8	18.7	18.9	17.9
Average Low	6.8	8.5	8.2	8.4	7.6	9.4	8.2	8.8	8.2
Extreme High	33.9	27.6	29.6	27.1	29.0	28.8	31.7	28.0	28.0
Extreme Low	-3.9	4.4	0.8	3.8	0.2	5.6	1.7	5.0	1.0
Precipitation	48.7	68.2	106.1	46.1	90.7	48.3	84.2	51.2	85.6
Days w precip	10	12	19	13	19	10	19	10	19
Precip since Oct 1 (mm)	954.9	919.1	1386.6	822.9	1135.7	738.0	1127.7	813.4	1099.0
Since 1914: 5 <sup>th</sup> warmest, 30 <sup>th</sup> driest									
Lake Temperature: May 4 <sup>th</sup> : 14° May 11 <sup>th</sup> : 15° May 18 <sup>th</sup> : 17° May 25 <sup>th</sup> : 18°									



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## SRA Report: Taxes and transit services

Lois Morrow  
SRA

Several weeks ago, ratepayers in Area B received our 2014 Property Tax Notices. In order to pay for the services provided to our area by the Cowichan Valley Regional District, there was a lift in taxes from 277.92 per \$100,000 assessed residential value in 2013, to 292.14 per \$100,000 assessed value in 2014. The most expensive categories for Shawnigan taxpayers were, as they are every year, the Kerry Park Recreation Centre and the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre.

Overall, the 2014 CVRD budget showed a relatively modest 2% increase from 2013. One of the small handful of factors driving this increase was the expansion of transit services to Ladysmith. Readers are probably asking themselves at this point: “why is this of concern to the ratepayers of Shawnigan, or why is the Shawnigan Residents

Association commenting on this matter?”

Transit services are organized and funded on a regional basis, and the lift in Shawnigan taxes in the Transit category this year is occurring primarily to pay for the buses running to Ladysmith, not to pay for any increase in services to our area. Now most of us recognize that it makes sense to participate in certain regional services – the 911 emergency infrastructure comes to mind – and we don’t begrudge our taxes going to benefit other areas besides our own.

There are two problems, however, with the Transit tax. First, let’s look at the document to be presented at the June 12 CVRD Transit Committee meeting: “BC Transit Ridership Information for Ladysmith Routes – 6 Months (September 2013 to February 2014)”. This document shows that the total ridership on all six routes over the six months

was 5,128, or a total average of 28.4 riders per day. The 28 people who use BC Transit in Ladysmith every day are no doubt very grateful for the service, but does it make sense for an entire regional district to increase a tax requisition for these 28 users? And does it make sense for Shawnigan ratepayers to build up a service in Ladysmith when the majority of Area B residents do not have ready access to that same transit service in our area?

This brings us to the second problem. Last fall the Shawnigan Residents Association was invited to send a representative to the second of two BC Transit-sponsored public consultations on the future of the transit system in south Cowichan. There weren’t very many members of the public there and there wasn’t much consultation either, mainly just a presentation by BC Transit consultants, but the effort was made to gather input from partici-

pants. The concerns identified would be apparent to any resident of Area B, who observes large empty buses most times of the day, or who lives in an area that has no bus service whatsoever.

In May, the proposed service changes arising from the consultations were made available on the BC Transit website and at an Open House held June 3 at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre. Far from addressing the concerns that had been brought forward, Shawnigan will see a reduction in routes from three (#10,12,15) down to two (#8, 9), with a total number of 15 daily trips plus 7 on week-ends. The request for smaller buses and more flexible routing has been deferred 2 to 3 years, and the idea of taxi script (using taxis to transport riders from areas far from a bus route to a bus pick-up point), which was presented as a viable option for Shawnigan, has been deferred 4 to 6 years.

To top things off, the Shawnigan map used by BC Transit cuts off at about a third of the way down the lake – residents south of there and in the Koksilah area have no hope of ever seeing service because they don’t exist. Our Area Director Bruce Fraser has been trying for three years to have BC Transit use an accurate map of Area B, and the point has been raised by the Residents Association, but to no avail.

So, why is the Shawnigan Residents Association commenting on this matter? The ratepayers of Shawnigan Lake are paying increasing taxes for a minimal service or for a service they will never receive, at the same time contributing to transit operations in another area which serve an average of 28 people per day. Taxpayer dollars are not unlimited; while public transportation is desirable, decisions about the expenditure of public dollars must always reflect some common sense.

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 EARNINGS GREATER THAN \$75,000				
Employee	Position	Remuneration Note 1	Expenses Note 2	
Adair, J.	Superintendent, Solid Waste Operations	\$ 103,069.04	\$ 3,826.75	
Allen, C.	Administrative Supervisor	77,035.28	686.88	
Anderson, T.	General Manager, Planning & Development	147,427.27	2,308.85	
Austen, R.	General Manager, Parks, Rec & Culture	154,642.05	2,120.96	
Barry, J.	Manager, Legislative Services	117,120.06	2,341.30	
Bath, J.	Administrative Supervisor	75,395.34	157.44	
Blatchford, L.	Manager, Cowichan Lake Recreation	113,567.50	4,257.76	
Bonekamp, G.	Senior Engineering Technologist	80,262.12	2,863.28	
Boyles, S.	Admin & Facility Booking Co-ordinator	82,642.44	1,741.82	
Breckenridge, G.	Chief Building Inspector	78,688.77	2,554.08	
Carpenter, S.	Payroll Co-ordinator	80,190.83	3,258.74	
Coleman, B.	North/Central Cowichan Facility Co-ordinator	96,168.27	293.52	
Conway, R.	Manager, Development Services	125,783.72	1,009.40	
Dennison, B.	General Manager, Engineering Services	147,785.37	1,479.25	
Dharm, R.	Utilities Operator	76,590.92	337.66	
Dias, R.	Parks Superintendent	96,712.33	21.09	
Duncan, B.	Manager, Inspections & Enforcement	93,025.55	1,155.87	
Ellis, J.	General Manager, Regional Services	131,728.96	1,324.96	
Elzinga, J.	Manager, Island Savings Centre	112,438.30	2,997.76	
Etherington, T.	Operations Superintendent	92,241.54	365.00	
Ewing, C.	Manager, Information Technology	113,352.51	-	
Farquhar, B.	Manager, Parks and Trails	123,757.60	900.79	
Foo, K.	Senior Environmental Analyst	75,352.77	1,237.60	
Frost, R.	West Coast Facility Co-ordinator	96,341.97	2,519.29	
Grant, R.	GIS Supervisor	82,744.32	2,402.00	
Harrison, K.	Legislative Services Co-ordinator	97,872.68	586.74	
Hull, M.	Human Resources Consultant	99,869.47	2,197.09	
Hurcombe, S.	Budget Co-ordinator	95,871.27	3,196.80	
Jackson, J.	Project Engineer	97,563.29	2,093.64	
Jones, W.	Chief Administrative Officer	197,991.20	8,240.77	
Kjerulf, A.	Senior Planner	84,543.68	3,413.89	
Knodel-Joy, L.	Senior Engineering Technologist	80,170.16	1,739.86	
Kueber, M.	General Manager, Corporate Services	159,459.13	5,434.19	
Lachman, K.	Business Development Officer	88,730.84	6,447.79	
Leitch, D.	Manager, Water Management	116,676.14	1,979.96	
Lewis, J.	Utilities Operator	76,139.56	1,801.76	
Liddle, A.	South Cowichan Facility Co-ordinator	90,940.11	727.92	
Liddle, K.	Manager, South Cowichan Recreation	111,305.47	2,991.03	
McDonald, R.	Manager, Recycling & Waste Management	111,372.77	2,455.47	
Miller, G.	Manager, Economic Development	112,275.48	6,621.48	
Miller, C.	Manager, Regional Environmental Policy	108,318.36	7,149.61	
Moss, S.	Manager, Finance	119,224.28	5,258.34	
Olive, N.	Manager, Capital Projects	117,690.50	1,989.22	
Parker, D.	Utilities Operator	94,847.85	1,365.43	
Rigby, J.	Programs & Events Co-ordinator	86,321.51	1,449.29	
Sanderson, S.	Manager, Public Safety	112,521.24	4,235.76	
Schaefer, M.	Technical Director	86,447.92	403.14	
Schrader, K.	Manager, Arts and Culture	101,228.26	7,503.90	
Spalding, A.	Admin & Facility Booking Co-ordinator	84,884.02	1,689.84	
Tippett, M.	Manager, Community & Regional Planning	124,060.91	1,052.19	
Van Horne, J.	Manager, Human Resources	118,675.90	910.64	
Wakeham, J.	Manager, Facility, Fleet and Transit	115,355.28	6,433.02	
Total Employees over \$75,000		\$ 5,464,422.11	\$ 131,530.82	
Total Employees under \$75,000		9,670,397.74	115,969.16	
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</b>		<b>\$ 15,134,819.85</b>	<b>\$ 247,499.98</b>	

Note 1  
Remuneration includes the sum of gross salary plus the value of benefits.

Note 2  
Expenses includes costs such as mileage to meetings, conference, professional accreditation, and membership fees. These expenses "... are not limited to expenses that are generally perceived as prerequisites or bestowing personal benefit, and may include expenditures required for employees to perform their job functions".

Prepared under the Financial Information Regulation, Schedule 1, section 6(2)

## Understanding CVRD salaries

Brent Beach  
Shawnigan Focus

The CVRD publishes some standard salary disclosures in the 2013 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION (SOFI) available on their website.

The CVRD uses a number of technical terms when discussing salaries. I think I have figured a few of them out.

### Compensation

Defined early in the document as “salary plus the employer’s portion of Municipal Pension”. This word is used no else in this document. Forget it. Sorry I mentioned it.

### Remuneration

Depends on whether it refers to an elected person or a non-elected person (regular employee).

**Elected person** remuneration: gross salary and applicable benefits. One third of the salary is a tax free expense allowance.

**Regular employee** remuneration: the sum of gross salary plus the value of benefits.

Neither of these definitions tells the whole story. We will also discover that in one case remuneration includes tax free benefits, in the other it does not.

It is possible to actually separate the tax free expense allowance cost from total remuneration for elected people, because that is reported in another section. The total remuneration for elected folks is 354,615.49. Later on we find the total remuneration again, this time it is 237,151.21. So the difference is the tax free expense allowance: 78,121.78. Yep, it is interesting that the total with exactly the same name could have two different values.

Later on we find the total Non Taxable Benefits 2,707,790.94. This is the total for elected people and non-elected people.

If we subtract the non-taxable benefits for elected people, we get the total non-taxable benefits for non-elected people 2,707,790.94 - 78,121.78 = 2,629,669.16.

We know the total remuneration for non-elected people is 15,134,819.85. So we can evaluate the percentage over and above remuneration paid in non-taxable benefits for non-elected people 2,707,790.94 / 15,134,819.85 = 17.37%.

This documents does not contain enough information to determine gross wages or taxable benefits.

This is the average cost of non-taxable benefits. As such, any single employee may receive more or less than this percentage of non-taxable benefits. We could show a table of remuneration plus non-taxable benefits for each employee for whom regular remuneration is over \$75,000.

### Corrected Definition - Remuneration

A definition which reflects actual usage in this document, for non-elected people: gross salary plus taxable benefits. That would of course have us using the word gross when it does not mean gross (in the sense of total) but could well mean gross in the sense of excessive.

### Comment

It is possible there is a more obscure way to publish this information. Not being a Human Resources professional, I have no way of knowing.

It also seems to me there could be many less obscure ways of publishing this information. Given that this information is public - provincial legislation requires that it be published - it makes sense to publish it in the most useful way possible.

*This is an area in which the CVRD has room for improvement.*

**“Non-taxable benefits such as employer paid pension and CPP contributions are not included. If included, these costs would boost the ‘remuneration’ figures shown, by 17.37%”**

## Young Seniors Action Group Society

Dieter Braun  
Y.S.A.G.S.

### Chess - the Game of 64 Squares

Chess players will tell you that is the best game in existence and indeed it has been around for a long time. It is an ancient game tracing its origin to 500 A.D. in India. From there it spread to China, Persia and then to Europe through Spain (which was then ruled by the Moors) where it existed for over 1000 years and then to America by the Spanish. Despite the efforts of rulers and religious leaders to suppress the game it continued to flourish. Here are some who tried hard to stop it: in 1005 by Egypt's al-Hakim-Bi-Allah, 1061 by Cardinal Damiani of Ostia, 1195 by King Louis IX of France,

1291 by the Archbishop of Canterbury, 1310 by the Council of Trier (the Holy Roman Empire), 1375 by France's Charles V, 1649 by Tsar Alexei and recently by the Ayatollah Khoumeini in 1981, the Taliban in 1996 and the Iraqi clergy in post Saddam Iraq. Despite these obstacles it is now well established worldwide and being taught in many schools.

Chess is a game for people of all ages. It develops memory, concentration, logical thinking and consequences of actions. It teaches you to look both ways before crossing the street. The more you practice the better you will become. One of the greatest players, Capablanca, said, "You may learn much more from a game you



lose than from a game you win. You will have to lose hundreds of games before becoming a good player."

Our little chess club is part

of YSAG (dues are \$20 per year) and we play friendly games every Wednesday from 1 - 4pm at the Legion. For additional info, please call 250-743-8740.

If you are a senior, 55 years or more and want to find out more about us and how to become a member check out our Blog: <http://blog.ysag.ca/> or phone Ed: 250 743 8344.

## Royal Canadian Legion

### Malahat Branch #134 Shawnigan Lake

- ★ Friday, June 27 Steak & Music Jam Night. Dinner from 5 - 8 pm Music from 6pm
- ★ Saturday, June 28 Meat Draw from 3-5pm
- ★ Saturday, June 28 Country Night - Live Band - Montgomery County starting at 8pm
- ★ For more details contact our legion at 250-743-4621

Our Shawnigan Lake branch is the only remaining legion in the south end. We organize the cenotaph ceremonials at Cobble Hill, and host many in branch afterwards. In recent years, we have given over \$25,000 to charitable causes in the local Cowichan area to veterans, good works organizations, youth sports, and many other worthy groups. Come to our branch this legion week- we welcome the opportunity to tell you more. we are accepting new members to continue our good works. You no longer require military heritage to join.

Recently we had an awards ceremony where comrades were given pins for up to 40 yrs of service and, in one case, one comrade was given his 50th Anniversary Medal. These pins and other awards would indicate that some people thoroughly enjoy their time with the Royal Canadian Legion.

1. Supporting Legion week June 23-30 Special Events for Members & guests

The Legion is celebrating National Legion Week June 23 - 30 2014.

During this week the Royal Canadian Legions across the country are going to try and introduce themselves to the Public. The Legion still has its veterans but also has other members who are your friends and neighbours. The main idea of this week is to try and increase memberships. More details are on our facebook page Malahat legion entertainment & events or on our website [www.malahatlegion.com](http://www.malahatlegion.com).

2. Canada Day July 1st.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 134 and the Malahat Lions club put on a pancake breakfast from 9 - 11 am at the Malahat Legion facilities. Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee & juice.

This will be followed by the flag raising in the park immediately across the road from the Shawnigan Lake Firehall. Join us to sing the National Anthem.

Come and enjoy these festivities and consider becoming a member of the Royal

Canadian Legion. We appreciate all of your support.

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia.



**Celebrate Canada "Shawnigan Style"**  
**Tuesday, July 1st**  
**Canada Day with the whole family!**

It all starts @ 9 with the

**Mill Bay Lions Pancake Breakfast**  
@ the Malahat Legion

**Flag Raising - after Breakfast @ 11**  
Cairn Park - across from Malahat Legion

**Join the Parade - 11:30 to Noon**  
- decorate your bike  
- promote your group or association  
- watch or follow along from Cairn Park to Elsie Miles Field  
( Participants please assemble at Cairn Park @ 11 )

**Carnival - from Noon to 3**  
Elsie Miles Field  
Games - Kids Triathlon - Kids Can Build - Bouncy Inflatables

**Food by Rotary - Music by Pony Club**

Information @ 250-743-1433  
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Check out our website: [Shawniganfocus.ca](http://Shawniganfocus.ca)

## Inspire! SHAWNIGAN ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE SOCIETY

We have so much planned for the summer that we'd have to spend all our time updating ads - we want to be teaching, playing, and inspiring. So, bookmark our website and check frequently for newly posted workshops, classes, and events (for adults and children). We can't wait to inspire you and to be inspired by you. Come out and play!

**Art Drop-in:** Come in and create to your heart's content. We have lots of art supplies.  
\$5.00 for members (for one hour)  
\$10.00 for non-members (for one hour)

**Workshop on Pouring Acrylics** (See a sample in the window)

Saturday July 12th: 1 to 4pm. at Inspire Shawnigan

Cost is \$60 including all supplies.

4 or 5 different examples will be demonstrated. You choose one and "go for it". No experience necessary - very little predictability in how it will turn out - except for the colors you choose. Wear old clothing. Bring a low cardboard box well lined with newspaper & 4 matching empty soup tins. For Questions or to register, contact Rebecca: rrbarnard@gmail.com or sign up in the back entrance of Inspire! Shawnigan.

**Mark your calendar and plan to attend:** The Heritage Inspirefest is on August 17 at the Elsie Miles Park. Picnic style, unplugged, family fun with music, old fashioned games, art demonstrations, puppet show and more.

# South Cowichan Community Policing

The South Cowichan Community Policing office is happy to be participating in the annual Family Day celebration on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 to 3:00 at the Mill Bay Centre. Bring the family along for a fun filled day of events geared for all ages.

At our location at #120, the Shawnigan Lake RCMP will be set up to do child IDs, a representative from Victim Services will be providing information about Elder Abuse, Frauds, Scams and Cyber Crime and we have a photo opportunity featuring 'Constable Cut Out' attired in formal Red Serge and his trouble making, trash can dumping friend 'Rocky Raccoon'. It looks like Rocky has been busted! Come by and bring your camera as you are going to want a unique picture with our famous duo. We will also have a coloring table with a 'Be Safe Be Seen' poster for children to color and take home. While children are coloring, parents can familiarize themselves with the materials available in our office. We

have a wealth of information and there's certain to be something that interests you and your family or that you might want to send to friends or family dealing with difficult situations.

This is our second anniversary in the Mill Bay Centre and Family Day is a great opportunity for community members to get information about the many programs we are currently running including Block Watch, Speed Watch, Lake Watch, Friendly Phones & Positive Peers.

Please also circle the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month (June 21<sup>st</sup>) for the SCCPBottle Return Fundraiser at the Valley View Centre. We will be located at the north end of Country Grocer parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We accept all drink containers except milk products.

Come out and support us and our ongoing programs. SCCP is a volunteer driven organization and new volunteers are always welcome!

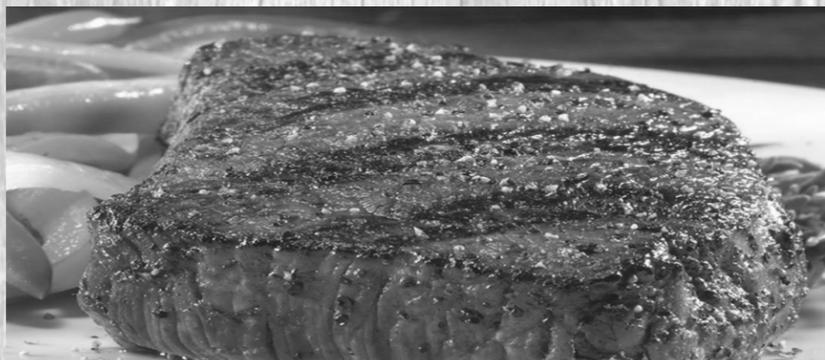
## Coming soon...

The Shawnigan Focus website is in the process of being re-designed. This will make the site easier to navigate; and to find information from past issues. Stay tuned. - [www.shawniganfocus.ca](http://www.shawniganfocus.ca)



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## Another successful Shawnigan Lake Triathlon

**Sarah Malerby**  
Race Director, Shawnigan Lake Triathlon

The Shawnigan Lake Triathlon Festival Weekend and Race saw another hugely successful year, thanks to this amazing community and 327 volunteers!

You know you live in a great place when the post-race emails from athletes and volunteers include comments such as these:

**From an Age Grouper Athlete:**

“Overall, the (race) course was great, the organization was well thought out, there was the perfect amount of support (water stations, volunteers, post-race food, etc) and the volunteers were excellent. So cheerful, helpful and encouraging! Thank you so much for the great day and for all the hard work that went into making the event a success.”

**From a Local Volunteer:**

“We are happy to help out with the triathlon....it's a great event, with great participants and lots of community spirit! Count us in for next year!”

As of May 6, 2014, IRONMAN acquired Shawnigan Lake Triathlon so this is the first year that the race was under their ownership and direction. Here is a post-race message to the volunteers and community from **Keats McGonigal, IRONMAN Operations Director:**

“On behalf of IRONMAN thank you for all your efforts and assistance in making this a fantastically success-

ful event.

*It is clear that each of you deeply care for this event. This is evident by the ownership each of you put into your individual area (of volunteering).*

*Every athlete who crossed the finish line, did so with your help.*

*This event would not be possible without you. Thank you.”*

The Triathlon is made possible due to the amazing effort and leadership of the “DREAM TEAM” – the Shawnigan Lake Race Committee, made up of the following generous, energetic, dedicated and talented folks:

Alan Lolacher, Caroline Kirman, Sarah Sinclair, Lisa Large, Buddy Bhandar, Blaine Castle, Wade Smith, John Middleton, Betsy Burr, Del Morgan, Jim Kingstone, Margaret Symon, Ian Ritchie, Marian Davies, Megan Slec, Della Lawrence, Addie Clark, Frank Statham, Jim Scott, Rod MacIntosh, Kim Liddle, Karoline Creighton, Rick Restell, Cam Weston, Mario Desandoli and Roy Davies.

The Triathlon is also strongly supported by the following local sponsors and organizations: Shawnigan Lake School, Bonterra Pizza, Shawnigan Lake Fire Department, RCMP, CVRD, Shawnigan Lake Community Centre, Rotary Club of South Cowichan, Aspire Triathlon Club, Ceevac Roadrunners and Camp Pringle.

With the support of the athletes and the community, the Triathlon included successful fundraisers for the following charities: Rotary Club



Photo Credit: Sarah Malerby

of South Cowichan (\$2000), KidSport Cowichan (\$750) and Camp Pringle (approx. \$5000).

On the Race Course, there was some exciting action with the top male and female times and finishers as follows:

**High School Divisions:**

Super Sprint (14-15 yrs) 500m Swim, 10K Bike, 4K Run:

- ★ Josiah Ney of Gold River 43:33
- ★ Desirae Ridenour of Cowichan Bay 46:34

Sprint (16-19 yrs) 500m Swim, 22k Bike, 5k Run:

- ★ Brennan Smith of Victoria 1:02
- ★ Courtenay Chanin of Ladysmith 1:13

**Adult Divisions:**

Kinsol Trestle Challenge - 1500m Swim, 44K Bike, 21.1K Run:

- ★ Stephen Kilshaw of Victoria 2:41

- ★ Alexandra Gordichuk of Edmonton 3:16

Olympic – 1500m Swim, 44K Bike, 10K Run:

- ★ Carlos Lesser of Victoria 2:05
- ★ Megan Jones of Cranbrook 2:35

Sprint – 500m Swim, 22K Bike, 5K Run:

- ★ Robert Johnson of Chilliwack 59:54
- ★ Jill Ramstead of Duncan 1:12

Congratulations to all of the top Sprint event finalists who qualified for the 2015 World Triathlon Championships in Chicago and to all triathletes for their many hours of training and for reaching their personal goals.

My deepest appreciation goes out to all of the volunteers and community members who supported the Triathlon and the athletes this year. Thank you very much!!



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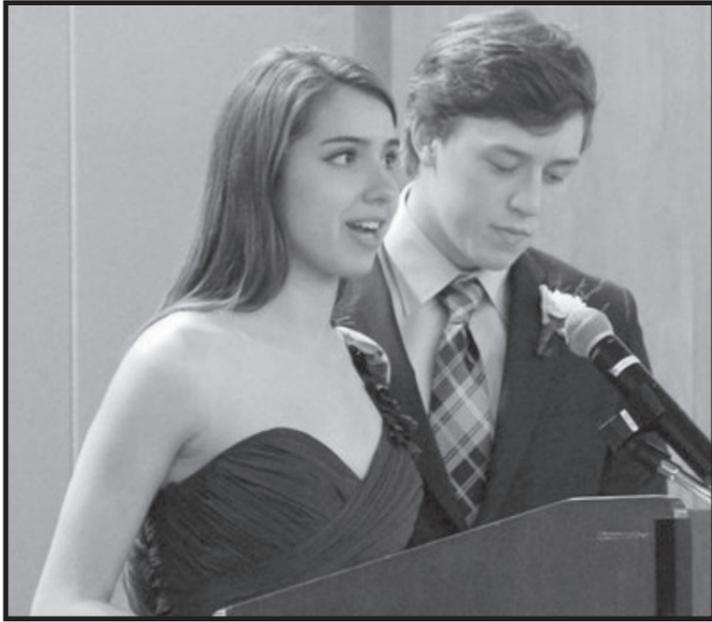
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# Excerpt from Dwight 2014 Valedictorian Speech



**Roan Nix & Shayda Swann**  
*Dwight Valedictorians*

Our class was honoured with the supreme opportunity to venture into the ancient old growth forest of the Cowichan people. When we arrived, we were led through a

series of community building activities, in which our class was able to form those vital connections that served as the basis for many of the friendships that we developed.

Whether it be in academics, sports, or the arts, Dwight has laid the foundation for

each one of us throughout the years of our attendance here. And as we move forward in our lives we can understand that this school has evolved up and sparked a uniqueness inside each one of us.

At this school, we are lucky enough to have teachers who are not only educators, but also supporters, mentors, and most importantly, friends. The ability to succeed was a mentality that each and every one of the teachers possessed and transferred to us graduates. Of course, what would be life without a few rough patches, but the support you have all given us has allowed us to be where we are today.

Through all the tests and difficulties that we have withstood, they have been like an anchor, perpetually keeping our feet on the ground and helping us to stay afloat. The CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) program at Dwight

is something that genuinely well-liked. The program allowed for us to see and try different activities – from boating, to even fencing and especially it allowed for us to better ourselves at activities that we are passionate about, such as hockey and rugby.

Dwight's small classes and individual learning have allowed us, along with others to really thrive in this learning environment and understand just how we function and where we will go in the future. We can all rest assured that the irreplaceable education that we have received at Dwight will last us for many years.

The opportunities that we have had, and the doors that have been opened to us, should be the envy of high school students all over the world. Our class may come from many different countries, speak many different

languages, and practice many different customs, but somehow we have managed to form a homogenous community that has grown together.

And the reason for this connection lies in the fact that Dwight truly has fulfilled their mission in “igniting the spark of genius” in every student. Through the years, our class has grown in talent and diversity, as we can now boast having members from South America, Asia, North America, and Europe. As graduates the anticipation of leaving school is huge, but the anticipation for our life to come after we have relaxed and got some sleep is what is really motivating us, our independence, our life. And with all Dwight has done for us, we are more than prepared!

See the Dwight Graduates on page 16...

## Did you know?

VIA Rail recently announced that an agreement to resume operation of the island train service has been reached. Service was suspended in April 2011 for safety reasons.

In the 1930's, there were four passenger trains a day through Shawnigan. Two northbound, morning and afternoon, and two southbound. These were trains (not Dayliners) - each train having a mail car, a baggage car, and two or three passenger cars. The thrill of the day for the youth of Shawnigan, especially on week-ends was to go down and watch the trains come in. The station (a real station) during this period was manned by a full time station master or agent.

## Digging Up The Past



**Mark Woloszczak**  
*Shawnigan Lake Museum*

Back in the old days, there was no such thing as garbage pick up. Most of the time people would wander off into the nearby woods, dig a hole, and voila, garbage gone. Littering was unheard of as the land was raw and virtually untouched. Things have sure changed in the past 100 yrs.

I'm sure glad they buried it, as you can be sure there's stuff in them there woods! It is a sort of a time capsule of every day life. You can date how old the homestead was and tell a lot about the pioneers who lived there. If they didn't bury it, I and many others wouldn't have this awesome pastime we enjoy so much.

Many bottles were also tossed into outhouses and abandon wells. There you could find layers and layers of disposed-of bottles. These are actually the honey holes of bottle collect-

ing. If you can find either, they usually produces solid bottles and the oldest. Some hardcore diggers will keep going down as long as bottles keep appearing. Crazy as it sounds, they would lower a man down a long, narrow hole, sometimes 20 ft. or so, armed with a bucket and a light! He would continue to fill the bucket with dirt and finds, and then they would rotate. That's serious digging if you ask me!

Seasoned diggers like the Gorge waterway as it is one of the oldest dumping grounds in Victoria. It certainly emits a foul odour but will not deter the hardcore digger. Hip waders and a fishing net is all you need. The process involves plunging your boot into the muck; feeling for something slippery; dislodging it with your foot, and then scooping your find up with the net. Some of the best bottles are recovered from the Gorge.

If only bottles could tell a story!

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## Strong Women

We know that exercise is extremely important to us, but just how much it impacts us may not be at the forefront of our minds.

Although there is a myriad of health concerns in this day and age, we chose to talk about the five most common for women (and men) today and the benefits that exercise has upon them.

### Heart Disease

- ★ Regular exercise, especially aerobic exercise can strengthen your heart and cardiovascular health.

### Breast Cancer

- ★ Exercise helps in reducing breast

cancer risks at any age. Nobody knows why for sure, be it the hormone production and/or positive endorphins, but it does!

### Osteoporosis

- ★ Exercise is essential for healthy bones and helps to reduce the risk of osteoporosis. For those at high risk or that even have osteoporosis currently, a properly designed program keeps muscles and bones strong, improves balance and coordination and flexibility which is important to avoid falling down and suffering fractures.

### Depression

- ★ Exercise is often overlooked as

a beneficial treatment for mild to moderate depression. And although it won't solve your problems, exercise creates positive endorphins that improves mood and immunity. Exercise also reduces pain, lowers blood pressure and boosts self esteem Issues (that often contribute to depression).

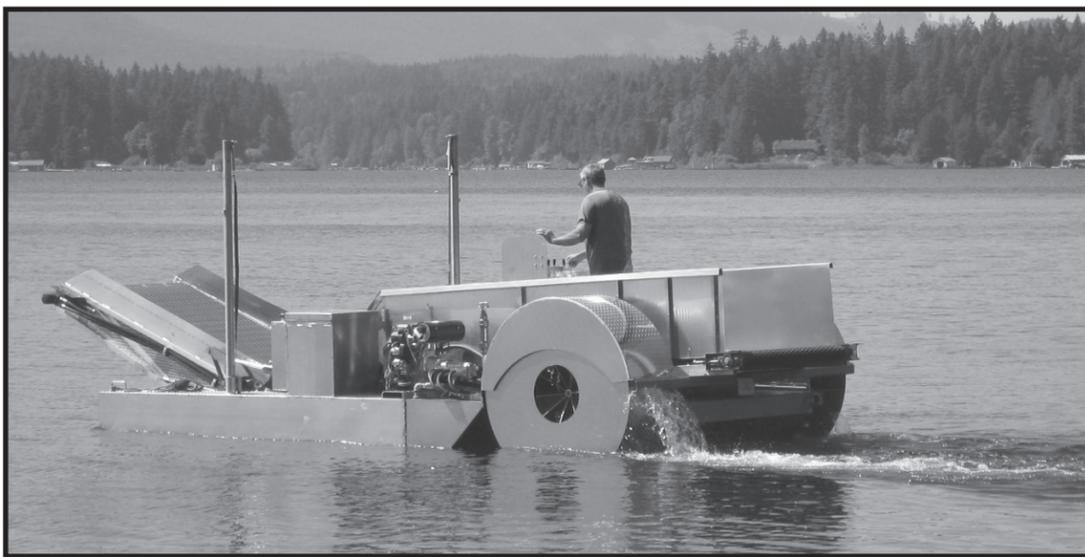
### Auto Immune Illness or Disorder

- ★ This is a category of illnesses that cover a wide range of ailments that cause our body's immune systems to fight against itself. Illnesses such as Hashimoto's Thyroiditis, Graves' disease,

Multiple Sclerosis and Rheumatoid Arthritis are among the most common Auto Immune Illnesses that affect women. The benefits of exercise include the energy boost, positive endorphins, pain relief, decreased inflammation and these help to reduce depression and anxiety which are often associated with auto immune illnesses.

At Curves we are all about women's fitness, nutrition and health. It's about gaining strength; losing weight and reaching goals with a community of support and encouragement by your side.

*It's really about strengthening women all over the world. Find Island Curves on Facebook today!*



## Odd craft on the lake

**Graham Ross-Smith**  
*Shawnigan Focus*

Over time, all manner of water craft have been seen on the lake, from amphibious cars to home-made hovercraft. One of the strangest looking floating things showed up recently at the Recreation Road launch site (see photo).

It is a fresh water aquatic plant remover for the removal of unwanted vegetation in medium and smaller size bodies of water such as Shawnigan. It was manufactured in the USA and purchased recently by a local company for

use on Vancouver Island. The whole rig, plus its special trailer, is worth around \$60,000. It is propelled by two paddle wheels which are powered by a 25 horse power, air-cooled, Honda, gas engine. Unlike other such machines this one pulls the plants out of the lake bottom rather than just cutting them off. It then picks the plants up onto a conveyor belt and dumps them into a bunker for later transport to a composting site. The machine belongs to VLS Land Services and was receiving its maiden voyage here at the lake under the careful operation of Steve Warnef.



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# Take a Hike!

**Robin Massey**  
*Shawnigan Focus*

Hike for Hospice, for the Cowichan Valley Hospice Society, is an annual event to raise funds for the care and support of those who have or are making their way to the afterlife, as well as supporting their loved ones through the process. This year it was held on May 4th at the Providence Farm.

Not only a great cause but such an amazing location to be part of this event. Upon registering you are given the choice of a 2km or 4km loop... we chose the 4km. At first we were discouraged by the continuous buckets of rain falling that morning, but like any day on the Island if you're dressed for it works out just wonderfully.

With rubber boots and a giant golf umbrella in my arsenal, I was really excited to get to the grounds

and enjoy the pre-event camaraderie. Seeing all the teams assemble and have their photos taken is fun to watch all while listening to inspiring heartfelt speeches and stories on the mic. In its 6th year the fundraising event was just as fabulous as the previous ones. It takes a whole lot of effort and organization to host an event such as this – much kudos to the organizers and volunteers!

Three quarters into the hike was a detour to avoid a very steep and muddy climb... and for those too stubborn (such as us) that continued to forge ahead through the mud, a paramedic was there to assist anyone that needed an extra set of hands to escort them through. Wow!

The hike route was very nicely planned, taking us from the trailhead close to the main parking area past the labyrinth, through the windy, wooded trails

around the farm to the backside. We then went past the equine center, across the meadow and onto the base trail of Mount Tzouhalem with the final leg back to the entrance of the farm.

Upon returning from the hike we were rewarded with a yummy lunch with all sorts of choices available for those with any special dietary choices, lots of veggies and many smiles.

Joining an organized hike is a great way to get out in the safety of numbers while perhaps introducing you to a new area or trail AND it is also a great way to support organizations that support our community. Sign up for one today!

Robin hangs out with a few crazy nuts in the wilderness on a weekly basis – find them at [www.thetree.com](http://www.thetree.com)!

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*Kali Yoga*

The Aerial Dance Troupe under the wings of Cecily Dhama outdid themselves once again at the End of the Year Performances at KaliYoga Studio. Breath taking drops and beautiful choreographed dance routines entertained our village.

The group is getting more and more attention and offers to perform at local school fairs, markets, and community gatherings. The girls are enthusiastic about the possibilities to share their gifts and entertainment.

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## Permit 105809 Status - June 2014

### Brent Beach Shawnigan Focus

The Environmental Appeal Board (EAB) hearing into the Appeal of Permit 105809 to allow 5 million tons of contaminated waste into the Shawnigan Lake community watershed completed the live hearings.

Since the May Status Report there have been 6 days of hearings.

Witnesses included Ministry of Environment (MoE) staff, Mr Block (an owner of South Island Aggregates (SIA)), Tony Miller (explosives expert) and Thurber Engineering staff.

### MoE

From MoE Staff we learned that in weighing evidence, using a variety of sources can result in always accepting the least reliable source and the least persuasive evidence. Their Handbook states:

*"Weighing evidence is an assessment of the extent to which the evidence is both reliable and persuasive. Reliability often goes to the source of the evidence, while persuasiveness goes to its strength, relative to other contrary evidence, if any."*

MoE chose the least reliable source because that source is in a conflict of interest (see Block below). Least persuasive because most of the expert testimony contradicts the chosen source (see Thurber below). MoE staff appear to believe that repeating the mantra - I based my decision on a number of sources - over and over again makes the decision good, despite all evidence to the contrary.

### Mr Block, SIA

From Mr Block, we learned that deceptive accounting, secret agreements to gain support from First Nations, having their Qualified Professional (QP) in a conflict of interest, are business as usual. SIA owes its Qualified Professional over \$540,000. That money will only be paid, it would seem from testimony, after the Permit is approved. That puts the QP in the awkward position of deciding whether or not to report results that could result in the failure to approve the Permit.

Mr Block and SIA also

failed to disclose a confidential agreement with the Malahat Band which provided the Band with services in return for a letter from the Band supporting the Permit application. Mr Block denied while under oath that such an agreement existed.

### Tony, The Blaster

Tony Miller, the supervisor working for the company that did all the blasting in the SIA quarry, also blasted two other parts of Mr Block's testimony. While Mr Block often testified that there was no water in the bottom of the quarry in summer, Mr Miller called it a lake and said it was there year round. While Mr Block testified that the current low spot, where water now flows from the quarry, had always been there, Mr Miller graphically described blowing out that shelf of rock in order to establish the new low point of the quarry.

### Thurber Engineering

Thurber Engineering, called by the CVRD, once again testified to the failure of the QP to understand the science of fractured bedrock. This testimony demolished the Quarterly Report (QR) as a valid document for use by MoE to verify compliance with the Permit. As an attempt to rehabilitate the Permit science model, the QR was a complete failure. It was interesting that counsel for SIA insisted that the QR be allowed into evidence, saying that the document showed the high quality of material that was being provided to MoE in support of the Permit. Not even the

numbers in the data tables withstood scrutiny. Claims in the QR that work to date has respected the property line between the contaminated waste site and the neighbouring CVRD land, intended to be park land, are laughable. This dispute will almost certainly end up in the courts.

### Next Steps

All parties are required to present their written arguments to the EAB panel by June 27. All parties have until July 16 to write their responses to written arguments. Oral statements will be given on July 24 and 25.

### Looking Forward?

This series of catastrophic blunders on the part of the SIA legal team and its QP, coming as it did at the end of the EAB hearing, heartened those opposing the Permit.

However, the narrow focus of the EAB terms of reference and the bland indifference of MoE staff to the inappropriateness of the location continue to cause me concern.

It would appear that some members of the EAB panel feel that by requiring additional conditions they can turn this broken concept into a functional contaminated waste site. They are merely deciding on the colour of lipstick they are asking MoE to put on this pig.

These are some of the tragic revelations during the hearings over the last month. There are many more, equally or even more damning. Visit BrentattheFocus.blogspot.com (google brent focus) for more, links, etc.



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# The Wildside: Black Bears Abounding – Take 2



"Boo Boo" the Bear smells something really good in here! (Google Images)

**Dave Hutchinson**  
*Shawnigan Focus*

Two years ago in the July 2012 Focus we did a Wildside article about Black Bears and the unusual number of local sightings at the time. Last year seemed quiet but this year there have already been several sightings along the West Arm and the north end of the lake. We thought it worthwhile to repeat portions of the original article:

Black Bears were a common sight around Shawnigan just a few decades ago. They were a highlight of most trips to the dump and no one got too excited seeing them scamper across the road or foraging in a berry patch. A shotgun loaded with rock-salt was often the solution for those who got caught raiding a vegetable garden or orchard.

With increasing urbanization their numbers have diminished and they appear to have become more reclusive. Sightings are normally rare and often result in media attention and calls to conservation officers. The rural tolerance of the past has been

displaced by suburban apprehension.

**Scientific Name:** *Ursus americanus vancouveri* (Vancouver Island Black Bear)

### A Few Bear Facts:

- ★ Trash and bird feeders are the most common attractants responsible for luring bears to human dwellings. Pet food, charcoal grills, fruit trees and gardens may also attract bears. Once a bear finds food around your home it will likely return. Do not leave your garbage outside in a regular bin. Relocate bins to a secure shed or garage during bear season, or get bear-proof containers.
- ★ Most Black Bears fear people and will leave when they see you. If the bear refuses to leave, be sure you have allowed the bear an escape route and make loud noises to scare it away. Avoid direct eye contact and move away without running. Playing dead is not appropriate for a Black Bear attack (as opposed to a Grizzly). Try to escape to a secure place (car or building). If you have no other option,

try to intimidate the bear with weapons such as tree branches or rocks.

- ★ A typical adult Black Bear weighs between 200 and 400 pounds, with some reaching 500 pounds; females are a third smaller than males.
- ★ Black Bears have a lifespan of about 20 years; they can run up to 35 mph, climb up a tree easily and are good swimmers.
- ★ Black Bears are omnivores with a diet of plants, meat, and insects. Only 12% of their food is animal matter.
- ★ Sounds expressing aggression include growls, woofs, snorts, bellows and roars. Sounds expressing contentment include mumbles, squeaks and pants.
- ★ In coastal British Columbia, almost all Black Bear dens are in large-diameter trees, snags, logs or stumps, and may be up to 25m above the ground.
- ★ Black Bears enter their dens in October and November. Prior to that time, they can put on up to 30 pounds of body fat. Hibernation in black bears typically lasts 3–5 months. During this time, their heart rate drops from 40–50 beats per minute to 8 beats per minute. Their body temperature does not drop significantly (staying around 35 degrees Celsius) and they remain somewhat alert and active. If the winter is mild enough, they may wake up and forage for food.
- ★ Breeding usually occurs in June and July. Litters are usually born in late January to early February. Litters usually consist of two cubs. The cubs will stay with their mother for about two years.
- ★ Black Bear fat was once valued as a cosmetic article which promoted hair growth and gloss.
- ★ Conservation officers have to kill up to 1000 Black Bears every year because of conflicts with people. Improperly handled garbage is the greatest cause of human-bear conflict in B.C.

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- ★ Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder off Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Alarms Activated on Cullin Rd
- ★ Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder on Renfrew Rd
- ★ Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder in the Beach Estates
- ★ Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder in the Beach Estates
- ★ Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Alarms Activated in the Village
- ★ Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Responder on Renfrew Rd
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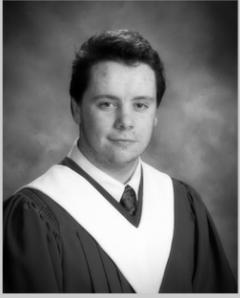
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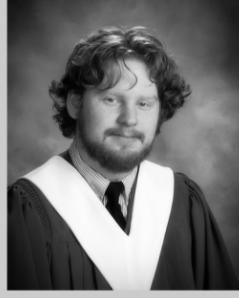
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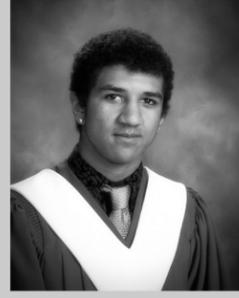
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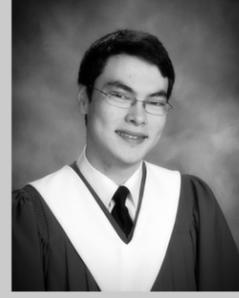
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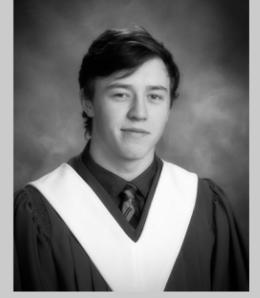
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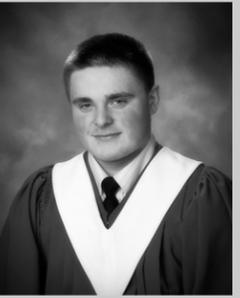
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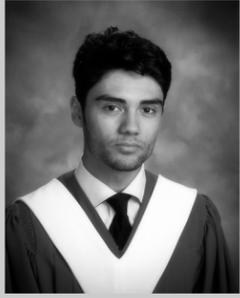
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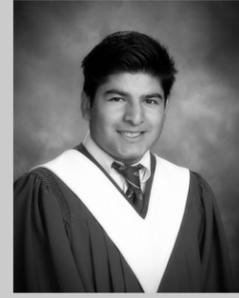
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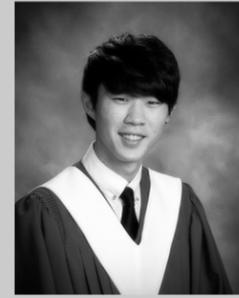
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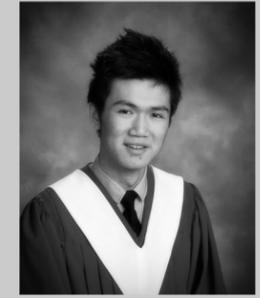
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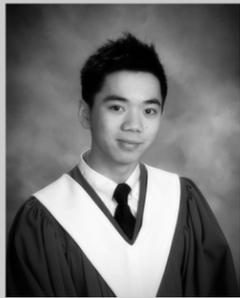
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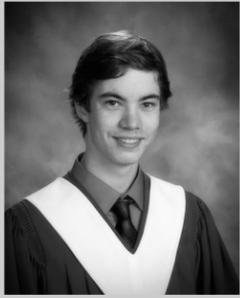
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