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#### Shawnigan Lake Historical Society Announces Major Funding from the Government of Canada

(Shawnigan Lake, BC) - The Shawnigan Lake Historical Society is thrilled to announce that the Government of Canada, through the Legacy Fund - Building Communities through Arts and Heritage program will offer \$480,000 in support to the Shawnigan Lake Museum expansion, 'Project Impact'.

This award celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Historic Kinsol Trestle, which occurred in February 2020. Supported in part by this federal funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage, an enhanced Kinsol Trestle exhibit will be an important part of the overall project.

Project Impact is a capital project to triple the size of the current Museum, which will encourage increased cultural tourism to the region and improve cultural programming for members of Shawnigan Lake and the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

“The Museum is a gateway to visitors in the Cowichan Valley region and plays a role in promoting the tourism assets in the South Cowichan area,” says Shawnigan Lake Museum Executive Director Lori Treloar. “This project will not only allow for an improved visitor experience, it will also provide catalysts for new business development in the area, more programming for children and youth, and cultural benefits through community activities and safe gathering spaces. This project will also provide much needed space to display the facility’s unique collections, develop new exhibits, as well as attract new events.”

If you would like more information on the project, how to support the project, or ways to get involved, please contact Lori Treloar – Executive Director.

This project has been made possible in part by the Government of Canada through the Legacy Fund component - Building Communities through Arts and Heritage program, *Ce projet a été rendu possible en partie grâce au gouvernement du Canada par l'entremise du volet Fonds des legs – programme Développement des communautés par le biais des arts et du patrimoine.*

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*We wanted you to be the first to know...the long overdue expansion of the Museum (established in 1983) is one step closer to reality. We are now more than half way to the fundraising goal needed to increase the size of the Museum to better serve the community and visitors; to provide accessible Village washrooms (accessible whether the Museum is open or not); to expand public programming; to create new jobs and volunteer opportunities; to increase the sustainability of the Museum and to promote the amazing story of our community – Shawnigan Lake. If you want to help in any way, contact us at [shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca](mailto:shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca)*



PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION - FACING STREET

## Random Acts of Kindness

Glenn White

A while ago, I read an article by Paula Varga on Gratitude and in it there was an exercise option offered in the article - for the next month, keep a log of what you were grateful for on each day, and no repeats.

I was quite surprised to see how many things occurred in a day that I had often overlooked or taken for granted. From my layman's point of view this was a real game changer. In this country we have a lot to be thankful for, especially when we look around at other countries.

We are not perfect by any stretch of the imagination and ugly things still arise like the criticism of the Cowichan People as they try to deal with a COVID outbreak. For me, that was an eye opener as I did not

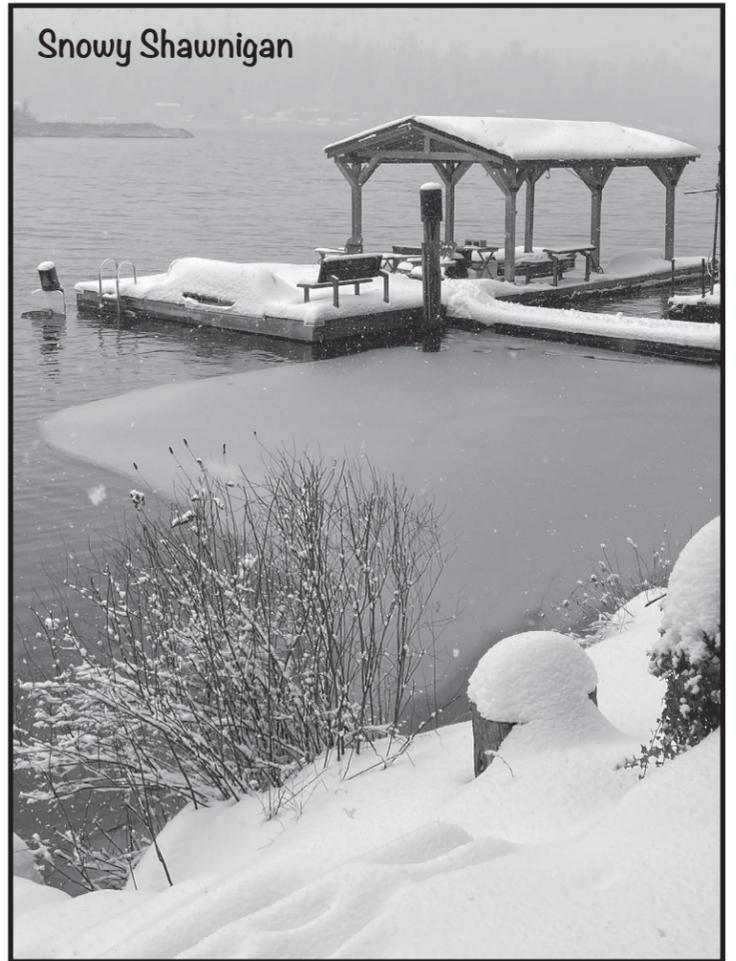
think they did anything to deserve that criticism. COVID is happening everywhere. I am thankful for all of our political and community leaders who spoke out against that kind of behaviour and the shaming that was going on. If anything, that action helped draw us together as community.

We are all in this COVID battle together. Yes, it is a pain in the neck at times, with the limitations and such, but at the end of the day we are managing very well. If we can all continue to be kind to each other and support each other when we can, and walk the talk of tolerance and kindness we will come out the other side in a reasonably good place.

We are all here for our allotted time and I think it is important that we seek to find things in our

lives for which we are thankful and grateful. It does not have to be big events or such. It really is the little things that happen to us - it is saying thank you for our small businesses that are trying to get by and supporting them with our purchases locally...it is saying hi to people on our trails etc.

In the most recent update, we are maintaining the current COVID guidelines. In the meantime, carry on being respectful of one another and support our community in whatever way we can. Remember that February 17 was random acts of kindness day. I hope it helped us to focus on that but remember it is also ok to commit random acts of kindness on any day of the year. And give thanks that we live where we do and have the freedoms we have.



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## South Cowichan Library

Hours have expanded and you can again browse the entire collection. We're sprucing up the place a little as well. We hope you like all the changes!

We're now open Tuesday through Saturday.  
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## Shawnigan Weather February 2021

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network - Reported by Grant Treloar

	February Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Average High	7.8	5.3	7.7	6.6	8.3	6.5	8.9	6.0	7.8
Average Low	0.4	-0.3	0.6	-0.5	0.5	0.3	1.2	-0.3	0.5
Extreme High	18.3	10.6	12.1	12.1	12.4	12.1	12.7	12.0	11.0
Extreme Low	-16.7	-3.9	-2.6	-5.1	-2.6	-4.2	-2.3	-4.5	-3.0
Precipitation	134.7	137.3	96.7	131.1	91.7	109.0	69.9	116.8	79.5
Days w precip	16	14	17	14	16	14	13	14	15
Year Precip	350.0	399.6	533.6	374.5	301.1	307.9	432.5	360.4	545.3
Precip since Oct 1	884.7	1069.9	888.5	1013.9	828.3	832.6	708.2	988.0	870.3

Rank since 1914: 32<sup>nd</sup> coldest, 47<sup>th</sup> driest

Lake Temperature: Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: 5° Feb 14<sup>th</sup>: 2° Feb 21<sup>st</sup>: 3° Feb 28<sup>th</sup>: 3°  
 Lake Level Change: Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: 0 cm Feb 14<sup>th</sup>: -13cm Feb 21<sup>st</sup>: -5cm Feb 28<sup>th</sup>: +31cm  
 Surface Elevation: 116.54m 116.41 116.36.5 116.61

February was about a degree colder than normal and had 86% of regular precipitation (almost half - 56 cm - fell as snow). Warmest day was the 21<sup>st</sup> and coldest was on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. There were 6 days when it snowed.

# High levels of soil dumping equals high levels of milfoil - south Shawnigan Lake

**Doug Strachan**  
*Opinion*

This is not a new discovery; it is well documented in the Madrone Report commissioned for the CVRD in 2018. What is new is the exponential extent of both the dumping and the milfoil at the south end of the lake. Before I go any further, I will say that much of the evidence in this opinion piece is anecdotal and not pure science, but what I hope is that you will find the information to be revealing enough that you feel compelled to act with unity, speed and conscience to reduce both the excessive soil and gravel dumping and the growth of milfoil.

At the south end of the lake I, personally, have both swam on the surface and dove along the bottom of the lake with scuba gear. The milfoil growth in areas close to the shoreline is up to fifteen feet in length and is as dense as any jungle. When swimming in it, if my legs go even a foot or two below the surface, they are entangled and immobilized by milfoil. When diving into the milfoil I have been wrapped from my air regulator in my mouth down to my swim fins in and have had to surface because the weight of the milfoil alone was dragging me deeper into the lake.

To the dumping - often, I drive from south Shawnigan Lake to Langford and just to pass the time I count the number of dump-trucks and pup-trailers going in the opposite direction. It is about a twenty-five minute drive and often I count more than twenty-five trucks and pups going the other way: on average one truck and trailer per minute. Of course, not all turn left onto South Shawnigan Lake Road, but most do. They will either turn left again onto Stebbings and drop their load just abeam the feed drainages for the Shawnigan Creek, or continue to Sooke Lake Road, where they will turn left and drop their loads just above the brand-new fish farm. This anecdotal evidence is backed up by the recent CVRD

Electoral Area Services Committee report which states, in part, that over 536,000 cubic metres of soil and gravel were dumped in the region last year with the majority just above Shawnigan Lake. To offer some perspective, imagine the Trans-Canada Highway lined with dump trucks and pup-trailers back-to-back, and nothing else all the way from Victoria to Port Hardy and you have an idea of exactly how much soil and gravel we hosted in our backyard in the last year alone. And in all cases, the high turbidity, high phosphorus soil often containing clay and industrial waste leaches down into the Shawnigan Creek and ends up at the south end of the lake where the milfoil has an ample appetite for phosphorus consumption.

In the Madrone Report there is an argument that poorly managed cottage septic systems and heavy wave states also add to the growth of the milfoil. In my mind, this argument may be valid for many areas of the lake but not at the south end. At the far south end, any heavy wave states, be it from boat traffic or wind driven, simply push the water up against the water grass of the shoreline. For wave states to influence milfoil growth, they must be pushing water up against a soiled area where the dirt is disturbed, and the phosphorus released. This is not the case at the far south end where there are no soil walls.

As well, there are only a couple of cottages at the far south end and, clearly, not enough phosphorus could be released from any of these cottages to cause such an exponential growth in milfoil. So, the only logical argument left for us is that the exponential increase in soil and gravel dumping over the past five to ten years at the south end has resulted in dangerously high levels of milfoil. In my opinion, milfoil at this end, for all intents and purposes, is choking the life blood out of Shawnigan Lake.

If you agree with me that

immediate change must be made to our levels of dumping, our bylaws for dumping and by law enforcement for dumping, please contact your Area Directors and let them know that modification and possibly even a moratorium is needed immediately on soil and gravel dumping. As well, if you feel as I do, that the milfoil is choking the life out of our lake and that we need a unified, collective, and fully funded approach to milfoil reduction please again contact your Area Directors and let them know that what we have in place currently to reduce milfoil is in no way, shape or form good enough to stay the milfoil advance.

The truth is that there are a lot of volunteer agencies and individuals working hard to reduce the milfoil. Shawnigan Residents Society is trying to remove the milfoil from swimming areas around docks and the Basin Society has a plan to remove milfoil when water temperatures cool and

many residents are either diving, hiring divers, raking on the milfoil or trying large sun barriers. It is all very constructive, but the water moves from south to north and if we do not deal with the massive amount of milfoil and reduce the phosphorus intake at the south end of the lake all the hard strenuous work that volunteers and homeowners are doing on their own time and their own ticket will be for not!

If you have stayed with me this long, I have one last thought in closing. In our community literature, be it by-law policies or community plans there is no shortage of speaking points on how important it is to protect our lake. I am going on record to say that, in my opinion, the good ship "protection" sailed off many years ago. If we are going to save this lake and return it to a pristine healthy ecosystem for all to enjoy for years to come, we need to have a paradigm shift in

thinking in two key areas.

First is to identify that we, collectively, have failed to protect the lake from the large influx of phosphorus and the resultant milfoil growth. The shift needs to be from protecting the lake to repairing and restoring both the water quality and the lake habitat. This is not an inexpensive endeavor as we now know with Christina Lake where the cost was well into six figures and counting. And any plan to bring into check the exponential growth of milfoil will not be successful unless it is accompanied by an equally strong plan to reduce soil and gravel dumping.

The second shift is simply to move from speaking about change to acting on it with meaning, with dispatch, and with an understanding that the most important component, albeit not the only one, to all decisions made, and all funds collected and allocated within Area B should go to the repair and restoration of Shawnigan Lake.

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## Winter water conservation

**Brettany Flowers**  
*The Shawnigan Basin Society*

This season, freezing temperatures, frost, ice and snow have come, and spring is just around the corner. Our attempts to preserve and save water will still make a difference.

**Here are a few tips on what you can do during the winter months to conserve water.**

- ★ Recycle the water from pet bowls and fish tanks for your indoor plants. This water contains less chlorine and there are also higher

levels of nitrogen, both of which help keep the plants alive.

- ★ Dog dirt and pet waste that is not properly disposed of washes into storm drains or nearby rivers and streams where bacteria and nutrient levels can be raised, similar to human waste. When it builds up on snowy grounds, the impact is more concentrated. Do your doo-doo duty to minimize the impact from pet waste!
- ★ Keep up with vehicle maintenance to prevent leaking of grease, coolant, antifreeze and other

harmful fluids. This can prevent fluids from leaking onto the pavement, which ends up in streams, lakes and other waterways.

- ★ Salt used to melt ice flows through our storm sewers and finally into our rivers, where freshwater habitats can be destroyed. Consider options that are less detrimental. Sand increases traction as well, but the ice does not melt – Safety first!
- ★ In the bathroom - “Movember” was last year - but some regularly keep to shaving! In order to conserve water when

shaving, rinse your razor by filling the bottom of the sink with a few centimetres of water. Turn off the tap when washing, brushing your teeth or shaving. Fill a glass with water to rinse your mouth when brushing your teeth. To conserve more water - turn off the shower while shaving your legs!

- ★ In the kitchen - clean wisely. Have a drinking water jug in the refrigerator - this way you are not running the water until it is cold for that refreshing drink. Run the dishwasher and use the energy saver or shortest

period when it is complete. A faucet aerator on your sink faucets can reduce your water use by 25%.

- ★ Never let the tap run continuously - utilizing water carefully decreases your intake. Tell us what your Winter Water Conservation consists of on our face book page!

### Upcoming Events – Virtual

- ★ General Meeting - March 2nd 2021
- ★ Annual General Meeting - April 6th 2021
- ★ Coming Soon - Raffle Draw 2021



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## Book Review

**Marcy Green**  
*Shawnigan Focus*

### **Just Like You**

*By Nick Hornby*  
*Published by Riverhead Books*  
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My Covid-time reading has become very random. Mysteries, novels, science fiction, travel, non-fiction...they are all starting to blur. So, here is a book that has stuck in my mind, which is perhaps as good a selection criterion as any.

Nick Hornby has written a number of best sellers, including “About a Boy” and “High Fidelity”, both of which have been made into popular movies. He specializes in relationships and has his finger on the pulse of popular culture. His characters are likeable and funny, with a few annoying ones thrown in for balance.

In this novel, he first introduces us to Lucy, an attractive, forty-one year old English teacher, who is divorced with two adolescent boys. Her few forays into the dating scene have been dismal, with men her age and class, proving to be quite disappointing.

Enter twenty-two year old Joseph, still living at home, a handsome young man who works at a number of part-time jobs, including one as an assistant at the local butcher shop. Initially Lucy is looking for a babysitter, and is pleased that the introduction of Joseph into her family is a success, as he understands gaming and all things male. Gradually the two become friends, and then slowly become aware of an undeniable spark between them.

What makes this unlikely pair fascinating is the differences in age, class and life experience,

and also the fact that she is white and he is black. The generational gap is there, as well, with Joseph not always understanding Lucy’s cultural references to bygone people and things. Lucy, of course, is equally unaware of the current hip music and youth scene and occasionally stumbles over the racial differences.

Lucy worries about how ridiculous they might look to friends and family but Joseph holds his own in social situations, including discussing the underlying subject Hornby brings in often during the book: Brexit, should the UK stay in the EU or leave?

In this novel, Brexit is a class issue, with most working-class people favouring leaving and most professionals voting to stay. Naturally, Lucy and Joseph have differing views, although Joseph offers a unique voting solution.

It becomes apparent that these two people are essentially very compatible but the differences that add up become almost unsurmountable. May-December romances featuring an older male with a younger woman have become commonplace in literature and movies. Is the reverse somehow more controversial? And, will they be able to stay together as a couple, or will they grow apart over time?

The decision they make and the ambiguous ending is somehow satisfying, and the story line provides the reader with the chance to explore biases and attitudes. Like the Brexit question, should they go or should they stay? Hornby’s writing makes us care for the characters and what happens to them.

Recommended for readers who like to imagine scenarios that are unusual or difficult, but who still appreciate a good love story.

**Rating: 4.5/5 stars**




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## Celebrating International Women's Day 2021

**Oriana Parker,**  
SCCPAS, CCP&ES

International Women's Day is on March 8th. The RCMP, with a large female force, recognize their countless contribution to crime prevention. The women play an important role in our communities and our country, as supporters of peace and safety.

Jill Woodley a wife, and mother of two young sons, balances the pressures of work with that of raising a young family. Her career as a General Duty Policing Constable carries a lot of risk with a demanding and challenging workload. Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jill describes herself as a "military brat". Her father's career in the Canadian military involved moving to three provinces while growing up.

After graduating from university with a Bachelor of Arts

in Psychology, Jill decided to pursue a career in law enforcement. She felt that her expertise could best be used to protect and serve others. As a young constable in her first placement to North Battleford, Saskatchewan, she had to deal with threatening scenarios which put her training to the test. It was a rough city with one of the highest crime rates in Canada, and it wasn't uncommon to have drive-by shootings and violent crime. While there, she set up a program on crime prevention tailored for multi-housing units called Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

As well, she worked on a program aimed at youth to age 12. This program was designed to not only rehabilitate the young offender, but to support the entire family with programs designed to better their lives. Unfortunately, tragedy struck when Jack, her fiance, a

first responder suffering with PTSD, took his own life. Constable Jill feels that, with her expertise, this is an area where she could help.

In October, 2015, she was posted to the island working out of the Duncan Detachment. Generally, it is pretty busy in Duncan, but it was uncanny, that during the first three months of the pandemic, it was a ghost town. With such a busy career, working night shift, and managing a family, I had to ask how does she do it? She describes her life as "nuts" but her husband who works for the Municipality of North Cowichan, and is an on call firefighter, supports and helps her in every way. Her mom and dad also live in Sidney.

We are grateful for young women like Jill, who, when on the job, are on the front lines to protect and serve their communities.

## Once Upon a Winter's Night

by 13 year old Svea Young,  
created for the Youth Arts Celebration

The woods were dark.

It was midwinter. The air was cold as the snow on the ground.

Trees blocked the moonlight and stars. Shadows were everywhere.

Except for where a single lantern was held by a girl to light her way.

Not many people (no one, really) would go into the forest, but here she was.

The glow from her lantern illuminated her face, her coat, the trees, and the snow around her, which looked blue in the darkness. The glow was comforting, but she was worried she would drop it and extinguish the only light for miles. That wouldn't be good.

She shivered and tugged her hat down over her ears, then trudged on through the snow.

Sometime later, she stopped. The girl could see something, something just within her bubble of light; something large, green, and breathing. Vetrhyrr. The Winter Dragon.

Slowly, Vetrhyrr opened one glowing, fire-coloured eye, then the other.

He swung his head around to study the girl in front of him, who was holding her breath, equally terrified and awestruck. The light from her lantern illuminated the dragon's nose.

"Sæl," Vetrhyrr said. His voice was low and rumbling. "Who might you be, little girl?" "Elin Ljusskog," she replied. The dragon nodded. "Mmm. You seek light, I take it?"

"Yes. What must I do to get it?"

"It is not a matter of what, but a matter of why.

Why do you seek my light, Elin Ljusskog?" "Without light, people can't see. Nothing will grow. I seek light because we need it for life to go on."

Many thanks to all the youth, facilitators & community groups involved in the successful launch of CSAG'S online Youth Arts Celebration! Ecole Cobble Hill, Frances Kesley, Evergreen, SKTT(theatre), S.Sings Choir, LTDance, Woodruff Studio, TLewis Animation, Barely North Entertainment, & groups who supported CSAG in the past year - SLA, Mill Bay Library, SLCC, CVRD, BC Arts Council, Province of BC.

Special thanks to Svea Young, 13 yrs old,

for her original story submission (above), Once Upon A Winter's Night.

Visit [cowichansouthartsguild.com](http://cowichansouthartsguild.com) to continue viewing the artwork & videos!

## Why are WE a Dumping Ground?

**Kim Barnard,**  
Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub

**We've got a problem, Shawnigan.**

It seems that some folks think that we are a dumping ground of all sorts of litter and trash. And, that no one will see and no one will care. It's ridiculous and we are furious.

Our Facebook group Shawnigan Lake Events, News, Links, & Community Forum lights up

regularly with unbelievable piles of garbage that mysteriously appear around the community. A constant example is the junk abandoned near the legitimate Metal Recycling Bins at the Legion...even after cameras have been set up to record perpetrators. "They must be stupid!" we think, "Or desperate!?" guess other commenters. As if there was nowhere to haul our unwanted debris of broken and useless material.

There really is no excuse for this behaviour. We have Fisher Road Recycling and D L Bins to responsibly receive and sort your stuff. It's pretty easy to do the right thing, owning your mess and paying the price. What will these ignorant polluters think, that they can get away with doing whatever conveniences them for free? Do the illegal dumpers really want to risk our anger, because it's UNACCEPTABLE to keep dropping any amount of waste wherever, and getting caught isn't going to go well for them. This crime of ugliness reflects our lifestyle of consumption and carelessness.

However, the pandemic has made the fly-tipping situation "300% worse" according to the Daily Mail in the UK.\* "What the hell is wrong with people?" rants the Keep Britain Tidy #Litterheroes Facebook group. Irresponsibly making our mess someone else's problem, yet tolerating litter attracts more, so we can't afford to give trash an inch of ground. Can we crowd-source the mindset of "pick it up and sort it out"? It takes effort to care, but what alternative do we have? If we won't take the time, who will? Just like a good gardener doesn't let the weeds take over, surely we have good neighbours on every street and corner of Shawnigan who would be willing to Litter Watch and comb their area regularly. We can report our findings via the 1-877-952-7277 Report All Poachers and Polluters (R.A.P.P.) line, include details via the website form at <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp/>

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## Malahat Legion

**Gloria Solley**  
Malahat Legion

The Legion is still collecting pet food for Broken Promises Rescue. Come to the Legion parking lot, every Saturday 10 to 2 pm through Feb, fill up Lisa's jeep with animal food. Clumping Kitty litter is always welcome and cages. If your animal food is open, just tape the bag up. They also need items for their online auction or resale. Still wrapped or almost like brand new is what they are looking for. All these items can be dropped off at the Legion's front door anytime of the week.

The Legion is also collecting bottle, cans, liquor, wine bottle, wine boxes and juice containers - no sorting

required for the Legion's bottle drive. If you can't make it Friday 1-4 or Saturday from 10-2, any day of the week works. Leave the bottles in the service entrance during the day time. A blue recycling bin is available for after hours. Your generous support is very much appreciated through this pandemic. The Legion's address 1625 Shawnigan Mill Bay Rd.

On Friday bar is open 1 to 7 pm. Kitchen open 1 to 6 pm takeout is available. Check out our menu. Wings, hamburgers, fries and onion rings are favourites. More items will be added as we go along.

We are hoping that meat draw will be back soon. Check our website or Facebook page for updates.



*This showed up today at the Legion. A lady painted poppies onto this rock for the Legion. It resides by our fire place for now. It will be taken down to the Cenotaph for the November 11<sup>th</sup> service this year. I think this shows an act of kindness by stranger to show love and support to our Veterans?*

### SHAWNIGAN LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

PO Box 201, Shawnigan Lake, BC V0R 2W0  
Phone: (250)743-2096  
Non-emergency  
Phone: (250)812-8030  
shawniganfire@shaw.ca



*Department members attended 16 incidents in February*

- ★ Monday, Feb 1 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Friday, Feb 5 - Structure Fire on Sherburn & Burnham Rds
- ★ Saturday, Feb 6 - MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Feb 6 - Burning Complaint on Damascus Rd
- ★ Sunday, Feb 7 - Vehicle Fire on Stonecrest Way
- ★ Sunday, Feb 7 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Feb 12 - Assistance off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Feb 12 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Feb 13 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Feb 16 - Assistance off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Friday, Feb 19 - 1st Responder off Wilmot Ave
- ★ Friday, Feb 19 - 1st Responder off McKernan Rd
- ★ Friday, Feb 19 - Alarms Activated on Renfrew Rd
- ★ Saturday, Feb 20 - 1st Responder off Ravenhill Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Feb 23 - Hydro Lines on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Feb 27 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rdd

**Spring will  
spring!**  
**Saturday,  
March 20,  
at 2:37 A.M.**



## Bringing Our Community Together

Become a member and share your input for our expansion project.

We have already received 50% of the funding.

Visit [www.shawniganlakemuseum.com](http://www.shawniganlakemuseum.com) to join now!

[shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca](mailto:shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca) to register

Join us on March 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 7-8pm for our  
online AGM

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me at the  
museum!**  
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*Of this be  
sure; You  
do not find  
the happy  
life; you  
make it.  
Thomas S.  
Monson*

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ★ **Area B Director's meetings with Sierra Acton**  
Email [sacton@cvrld.bc.ca](mailto:sacton@cvrld.bc.ca)
- ★ **Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission (APC)** Meetings TBA
- ★ **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**  
Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month.
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission**  
Meetings TBA. Held at the 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.thesra.ca](http://www.thesra.ca)
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**  
Contact: [bburr@shaw.ca](mailto:bburr@shaw.ca)
- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**  
Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: [info@shawniganbasinsociety.org](mailto:info@shawniganbasinsociety.org)
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**  
Contact: [blog.ysag.ca](http://blog.ysag.ca) - email: [ysagssl@gmail.com](mailto:ysagssl@gmail.com)
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**  
Reopening will be determined after the updates from the Province.  
Contact: [shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca](mailto:shawniganlakemuseum@shaw.ca) [www.shawniganlakemuseum.com](http://www.shawniganlakemuseum.com)
- ★ **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**  
Contact: 250-929-7222 - [www.southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca](http://www.southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca)
- ★ **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**  
Saturday Meat Draw 3:00-5:00pm. Contact: [Gloria\\_gsolley@shaw.ca](mailto:Gloria_gsolley@shaw.ca)
- ★ **South Cowichan Healthcare Aux.** every second Tuesday from 1 -2pm. at Mill Bay Community League Hall. [southcowichanhealthcareaux@gmail.com](mailto:southcowichanhealthcareaux@gmail.com)
- ★ **Shawnigan Quilters** - Wed. 9-2 at Lion's Hall (former Sylvania School)
- ★ **Note:** Covid restrictions may affect regular meetings. Check before you go...

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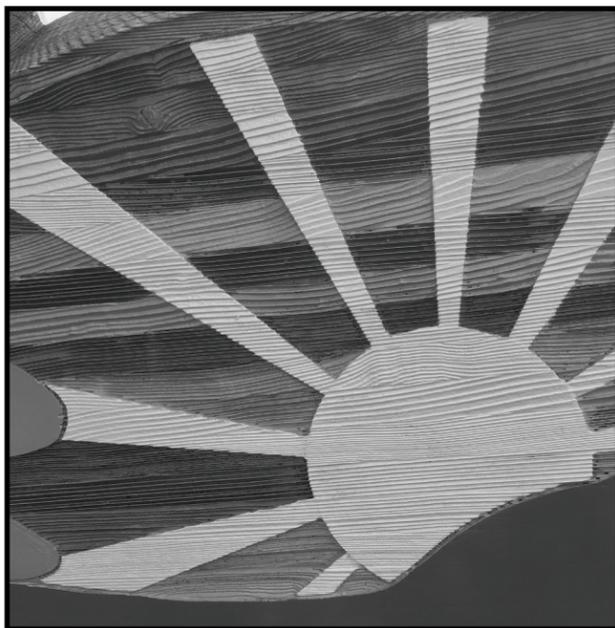
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## What Is It? Where Is It? Why Is IT?



One lucky respondent with the correct answer will be randomly selected to win two Specialty Coffees at Shawnigan House. Reply to: [editor@shawniganfocus.ca](mailto:editor@shawniganfocus.ca)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Andrew Bell is the winner for February! The photo showed the ramp on "Shawnigan Wharf" located at the end of Thrush Road in the Village. Formerly this was known as the Government Wharf and was owned and maintained by Transport Canada. Now it is the responsibility of the CVRD. Locals still just call it "The Gov".

**Cheap Ad Rates!!**

Contact Kim:  
[shawniganfocusads@gmail.com](mailto:shawniganfocusads@gmail.com)

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Have a passion for *thriving in life*  
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while **caring** for our outdoors?

Here's an opportunity to **improve**  
yourself and **support** Shawnigan!

- > Build friendships through service
- > Develop leadership skills
- > Foster best practices
- > Give back to your community
- > Connect through Rotary's  
global network

## INFORMATION SESSIONS . . .

**Saturdays @12noon** by ZOOM  
Contact Kim Barnard for the link and more details  
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