



Shawnigan-Showe'luqun Focus

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SUMMER IS HERE BE SAFE ON THE LAKE

Boating Licence Requirements:

- ★ All motorized boats and PWCs (Personal Watercraft) in BC powered by 10 horsepower or more are required to have a Pleasure Craft License.
- ★ All Canadian boaters, operating pleasure craft are required to obtain a boating license... To operate any brand of (PWC Examples: Jet Ski, Wave Runner, or Sea-Doo), you must be at least 16 years of age and carry a valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card with you.
- ★ Not having the required Pleasure Craft Operator Card or proof of competency on board = \$250 fine

Boating Equipment:

- ★ A Canadian-approved flotation device or lifejacket of appropriate size must be available on the boat for each passenger on board.
- ★ Equipment required on board pleasure crafts of any size, including non-powered: Buoyant heaving line at least 15 metres in length. Watertight flashlight or Canadian approved flares – Type A, B or C. Sound-signaling device (example: a whistle).

Towing a water-skier, wakeboarder, kneeboarder or other towable device requires the use of a spotter. A spotter is a person who observes the person being towed.

- ★ A spotter must be in the boat at all times
- ★ The towing vessel must

be equipped with an extra seat for each person that is being towed in case an emergency recovery is necessary

- ★ Only personal watercraft designed to carry three or more people can be used for towing a water-skier
- ★ The person being towed must wear an approved

flotation device (a 'ski belt' is not considered to be an approved flotation device)

- ★ Do not tow water-skiers between one hour after sunset to sunrise
- ★ It is a criminal offence, as governed by the Criminal Code of Canada, to tow a person after dark
- ★ Boating while impaired

is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.

- ★ While it is possible to pull a skier behind a jet ski, by law it must be a three-seater. This is because you need a driver, a second person to be a spotter and room (a seat) to recover the skier or every person on the flotation device. To pull a 150-200 pound

skier, you should ideally have an 110 horsepower (or greater) jet ski.

Operators with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood are liable to the following fines:

- ★ 1st offence: at least \$1,000 fine
- ★ 2nd offence: at least 30 days of imprisonment
- ★ 3rd offence: at least 120 days of imprisonment
- ★ Consumption of Alcohol on Boats

Alcohol may be consumed on board the pleasure craft if it meets all of the following conditions:

- ★ The vessel has permanent sleeping facilities
- ★ The vessel has permanent cooking facilities
- ★ The vessel has a permanent toilet
- ★ The vessel is anchored or secured alongside a dock

Paddleboards

Stand Up Paddleboards require, at a minimum, a Personal Flotation Device, a floating throwing rope and a sound signalling device. A watertight flashlight is required for low light or nighttime conditions, Option 1 - Wear a lifejacket with a whistle (no buoyant rope required). Option 2: Carry a lifejacket on board with whistle and a buoyant heaving line. Option 3 - No safety equipment which carries a fine of \$200-\$500 for non-compliance.

The RCMP is the law for all the above infractions on Shawnigan Lake.

Things to Do

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

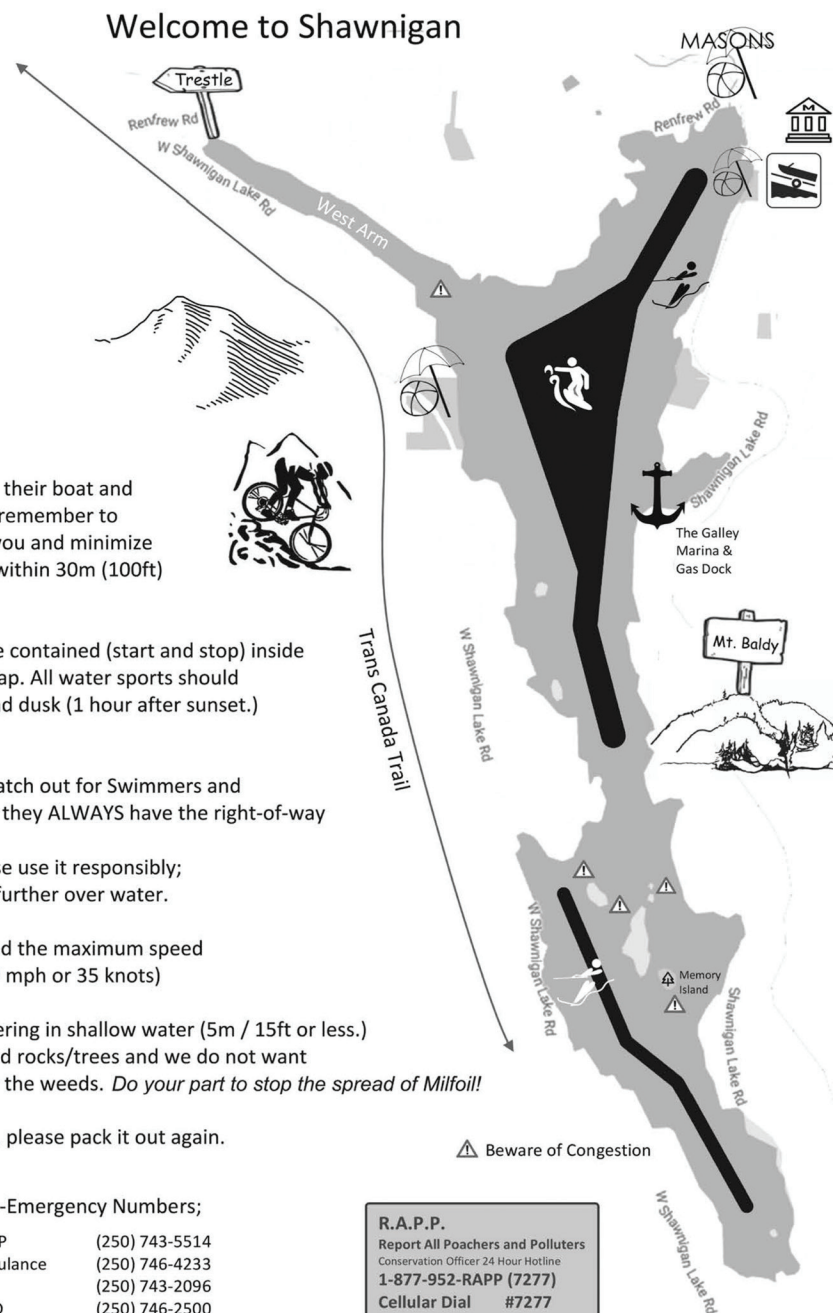
On the Water

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



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CVRD (250) 746-2500

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Cellular Dial #7277



Canada Day Ski Past

Photo by Laurie Milton

Shawnigan Focus

Opinion Eric J. Ronse

Shawnigan Lake

The normally astute Gwyn Morgan wrote in the Times Colonist on June 8th of this year.

The title of his article is "Electric vehicles in Canada: Facts versus fantasy". It would seem he intends to drive car purchasers away from buying this technology on the basis that it really does

little to address climate change.

Yes, China's coal-fired power plants would offset the benefit of these new vehicles as these plant emissions would neutralize our change-over in a matter of days.

It is a poor comparison to view Canada with a population of 40 million people to China's one-billion plus people. In addition, there is the

matter of doing what is right. We must start somewhere and to be seen by other nations as trying to go in the direction we hope they might emulate.

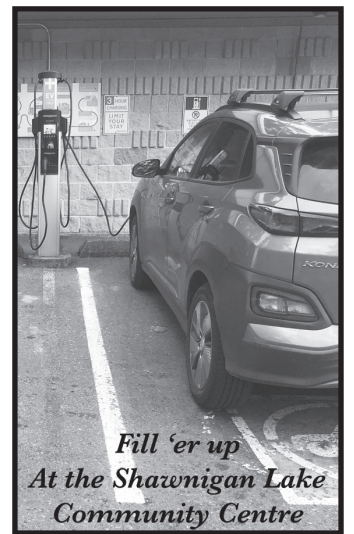
To point out, I wish to state that my family has purchased e-vehicles for the past three years.

For pragmatic reasons we installed one charging station at each of our homes. A push of the "fob" and the fill-up of over 500kms is achieved.

We fill-up at night when the vehicles are not needed. So simple, so inexpensive! The technology in the cars is superior to conventional ones. Its acceleration is swift, it nearly drives itself.

Mr. Morgan, you appear to have preconceived ideas that are not supported by evidence. I suggest you test drive this technological breakthrough.

Hopefully a more balanced article will follow.



Shawnigan Lake Area B - I've got your back!

Sierra Acton
Area B Director

Eight years ago, it was my goal to get more involved in my community. I volunteered at the school, attended community meetings and even started a basketball clinic. Before I knew it, I found myself stepping out of my comfort zone to stand beside the rest of the



community in protest of the contaminated soil dump. Suddenly I was organizing rallies, gathering signatures and doing whatever was needed to help our community out of that

high-risk situation.

All kinds of circumstances led up to me running in the by-election in 2017 and then again in 2018 for re-election. Shawnigan Lake, I have been your Area Director for 5.5 years. The CVRD is a large and complex organization, and the learning curve is a big one. Sure, I've made mistakes, but there have also been a lot of WINS! Our community cannot afford to have someone

learn it all again when we have so many critical things happening all at once; major development pressures, extreme weather events, economic uncertainty, and a threat of losing the "Shawnigan in Shawnigan."

My core value continues to be our community and representing the whole community even when the decisions are hard, and it takes courage to do so. With all this in mind, I have

decided to run for re-election this fall. So, I just wanted you all to know, Shawnigan Lake I've got your back!

Like anything it takes many people to get a job done. Should you wish to help out we need you!

Love it! Share it! Protect it!

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South Cowichan Library

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Summer Reading Club starts July 5! The theme is All Together Now and is filled with fun activities for ages 0-12, online and in the library. Registration can be done in the library or at virl.beanstack.org online.

July 5-9: Jenga in the chil-

dren's area all week

July 14, Thursday, 11am: Join us for Kid Cut Out to decorate a paper figure we'll put up in the library for the summer.

July 18, Monday: the Stuffie Sleepover returns! Register and drop off your most outgoing stuffie by 4pm for an evening of activities. Stuffies will be ready for pick up Tuesday afternoon along with a booklet of photos to remember the

fun.

July 25-30: Straws & Connectors in the children's area all week

July 25, Monday, 4pm: Introduction to 3D Printing will demonstrate how 3D printing works, advise us on finding quality patterns, and suggest what to do next.

Watch for more fun in August!

For ages 12-18, this year's

Teen Summer Challenge is "VIRLmanji: Welcome to the Library." There is also an Adult Summer Reading Challenge Bingo. For both, find out more at virl.beanstack.org or come into the library.

The Library Mouse is hiding again this summer! Children can come in each week to find her and enter to win a prize.

LEGO® Club happens every Tuesday, 2-5pm. We provide the LEGO (and Duplo) and

you provide the imagination. Come ready to build! This is a free, drop-in event best suited for children 6 to 12 years.

The South Cowichan Library in the Mill Bay Centre is open:

10am - 8pm on Monday and Tuesday

10am - 5pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

Cowichan South Arts Guild

'LIVE' Events Are Back!

Terry Dheensaw
CSAG Director

June 11, 2022 marked the first CSAG "Live Event" since the Covid-19 lockdown in March of 2019. And what a celebratory evening it was with the launch of our 1st SPOTLIGHT of the year, presenting Ukes Misbehavin' a versatile and entertaining trio playing mostly Jazz standards in the SLCC's Lounge Room. The musicians had a comfortable rapport and presented a set of well-loved familiar songs as well as some original content.

"Attending concerts is an essential social and cultural activity for many people. In

addition to hearing live music, concert goers are able to experience a sense of community at concerts and become more in-tune with their lives and well-being." (Incandance.org.) In addition to promoting a mood boost in participants, live concerts can be inspirational and result in shared memories with fellow concert goers. This was definitely the feeling at CSAG's first Spotlight of 2022.

A cozy coffee house vibe with home baked treats, decorative lighting and space to dance attracted an appreciative, interactive audience of CSAG members ranging from 10 to 75 years of age. Talented local artist Roger Jackson displayed/sold some of his cards and acrylic paintings, adding to the interest and enjoyment of the well attended event.

Many thanks go out to the staff of the SL Community Centre for permitting a Saturday evening function to be booked, supporting the arts and helping to celebrate LIVE EVENTS once again! CSAG will co-host some activities over the summer, but most of our Arts Series will begin again this September. Visit us at: www.cowichan-southartsguild.com to enjoy our NEW WEBSITE and stay informed on Community Arts in the South end.

For more information about the benefits of attending live concerts see this article by Incandance.org: <https://www.incandance.org/post/good-news-for-music-lovers-attending-concerts-can-be-good-for-your-health>

Shawnigan Rotary Eco Club

Rise and Shine!
Kim Barnard
EcoClub Secretary and Seed Planter



Check out our website:
ShawniganRotaryEcoClub.ca

The Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub celebrated their first anniversary on Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 most fittingly at the Shawnigan Basin Society's watershed stewardship office space.



EcoClub members and friends led by Jennie Stevens participated in an inspiring early morning Solstice Hike up Old Mt Baldy on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022



Kim Barnard representing the Shawnigan Basin Society and Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub at the June 5th "Acting Locally" World Environment Day in Sidney.

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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.

E.J. Hughes at Home in Shawnigan Lake

Robert Amos
Author and Artist

Fern, wife E. J. Hughes, died in 1974, and it became clear that the artist needed some help. From 1977 until Hughes died in 2007, Mrs. Pat Salmon was his assistant. Salmon first met Fern and Hughes in the late 1960s when Pat, her husband Martin and their seven children had a summer home at Shawnigan Lake. In 2011 she told me about that first meeting: "It was a rotten summer at Shawnigan Lake, mostly raining. And Martin was mostly working at his job in Victoria. It was about 4 pm and there I was with the kids, ready to kill them. We had a two-room cottage, two rooms and a porch and, to entertain the kids, I'd get tinned food out of the cupboard and roll it across the floor to them, and then we'd get out the goodies: they could have cookies and milk.

"And then, for a break, I took a walk up the driveway to watch for Daddy. Mummy was just buzzing, you know. When I got to the top of the driveway, away

from the kerfuffle, I thought "isn't this nice - you can breathe".

"I took a step or two, and then another step or two, and I thought "holy cow!". For as I turned around - we were wearing those cheap rubber thongs in those days - one of my thong straps snapped off. So that made me go hippity-hop, hippity-hop on my way back toward home. It wasn't too far, but it seemed like forever. I could see the headlines: Children Drown In Lake as Distraught Mother Wanders the West Road. "Just then this great big swank Yank Tank rolls up beside me. The window rolls down automatically, and a voice say, "would you care for a ride?" It was Hughes, and he had just bought a new car.

"Thank you, thank you," I gasped.

"So, I popped into the back seat and then was introduced to Fern, who was sitting up front. Because of her muscular dystrophy she couldn't smile readily, and her face was sort of mask-like. I said, "I'm just a little way up here." I was worried about



Fern Hughes with the "Yank Tank", a 1965 Pontiac Laurentain. Photo by E.J. Hughes

my kids and I was nervous anyhow - he was such a bad driver. As we went along, he turns around to me and says "I paint pictures for a living". And I said, "good heavens above, you must be E. J. Hughes!" Well, he was so happy to be known about, he was just so pleased.

"When we got to our place I said, "well, come on down and see the house." It would have been too dangerous for him to try to circle that big car up at the top on the road. When we got there, the kids were glad to see me, and Mrs. Hughes liked kids. So Hughes and Fern

stayed for a few minutes. Naturally, I said "we'll have to have you over for tea some time," and, to my surprise, he said "Yes... How about tomorrow afternoon?". "So that was the beginning of my lengthy relationship with Hughes."

Shawnigan Basin Society

Questions About Watershed Protection Funding
Dave Munday
President,
Shawnigan Basin Society

In the June issue of the Focus, Area B Director Acton indicated that SBS was allocated \$10,000 from the CVRD to initiate water quality monitoring in the watershed. I discussed this with Director Acton, and she indicated that the CVRD Board had approved this funding and she assumed that the program was underway. I wish it were so. September 2020 was the last time that SBS water quality testing was funded by CVRD. Members of the SBS are fully qualified to conduct this sampling. As well, we can contribute to establishing a suitable monitoring plan.

We have previously done this work and published the results. The CVRD has not spent the DWWP budget since inception, it seems a shame that we can't access funding to continue the database that is already established in the Environmental Management System (EMS) hosted by the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. We are all volunteers, and provide the samplers, the vessels, and the labour at no cost. It doesn't get any better than that!

For context, in 2018, the voters of the Cowichan Valley

Regional District (CVRD) approved a referendum to support protection of our drinking water and the watershed that provides water to our lake and streams. The approval of the referendum was reflected in establishing Bylaw 4202 in support of Function 532 - Drinking Water and Watershed Protection (DWWP). The Bylaw establishes a fund of approximately \$750,000 per year to fund costs related to DWWP.

The planning documents for DWWP can be found at <https://www.cvrld.ca/DocumentCenter/View/102038/CVRD-One-Water-one-Region-Strategy-summary-2020> This document provides a summary of the vision for the DWWP function. It sounds good:

- Hydrometric and water quality monitoring strategies.
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 - Safe source water for water supply.
 - Resilient watersheds, aquifers, and aquatic ecosystems.
 - Support to strategic partnerships (Shawnigan Basin Society is mentioned).
- Action items:
- Develop a better understanding of groundwater and surface water availability to communities.
 - Identify priority waterways and aquifers where water

quality problems are occurring.

Monitoring results will show changes in watershed health over time and indications of effectiveness of the Program and land use decisions. To date, only a small fraction of the funding has been spent (ranging from \$101,974 in 2018 to \$256,167 in 2020).

The budget for 2022 draws on an operation reserve presumably available due to the shortfall in actual expenses in previous years. The approximate \$1,500,000 budget for this year will cover installation of hydrometric and climate monitoring stations at various locations in the CVRD.

Given the importance of Shawnigan Lake to the salmon enhancement program and the water supply for Cobble Hill, Mill Bay & Shawnigan, it is good to see that a hydrometric station is planned for the lower Shawnigan River. The development of these monitoring stations will take several years, and in the meantime, we need to continue to monitor the quality of water in our watershed streams and lake.

Please consider writing a note of support for a Shawnigan monitoring station and water quality testing to CVRD Environmental Services Manager KMILLER@cvrd.bc.ca and copied to CVRD Area B Director: SActon@cvrd.bc.ca

Shawnigan Lake Museum

What's your Story?

You may not think your story is special, but it is a unique part of the bigger story of Shawnigan Lake. We encourage you to dig out one or more of your favourite stories, or best memories, of your life at the lake to submit to our 'Top 10 Stories of Shawnigan Lake' challenge.

Is it time spent on the dock? roasting marshmallows around a campfire? Penny candyfro the Galley? Sunset cruises on the lake?

Deadline: August 25, 2022

Details:

- Maximum **500** words in Word Format. One photo per submission (optional)
- Multiple entries are permitted.
- No age limit
- Entries will be used by the Shawnigan Lake Museum to 'add to our history' and to 'create nostalgia'.
- Some, if not all, entries will be published in the Shawnigan Focus over time.
- A community panel will choose the Top 10 stories which will be put on display at the museum.
- The Top 10 stories will be announced in the August edition of the Shawnigan Focus
- To participate, email your Submissions to museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com

The Top 10 story authors will receive a gift from the museum.

Questions? email us at museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com

When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine. Anon

Property Taxes

Sierra Acton
Area B Director

Taxes may seem simple and straightforward, but as far as Area B taxes go, they are commonly misunderstood. The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is a complex government structure that arguably does not serve our local needs as well as it could, but I will leave that discussion for another day. I will cover the basics and should you wish more information, I would suggest the CVRD website be your next stop. Your “property taxes” are actually made up of multiple taxes, of which the Area Directors can only influence (need a majority) the CVRD line item. The other taxes such as Fire Protection (Shawnigan Improvement District), Hospital, Education, Parcel, and Rural Tax are set out and managed by other jurisdictions.

The CVRD provides mandated and community requested services. If you have never been a developer or built a house you may not know this, but the CVRD has many departments including: Planning, building inspection, Legislative services (create bylaws, runs transparent meetings, etc), Engineering services (approves and manages water-systems), finance, emergency services (responsible for 911 towers and response) and Environmental services (creating the plans for the Province, flood plain mapping, water quality testing, water quantity testing, etc.) just to name a few. Many of these services are paid for by everyone in the region.

Sub-regional services such as Kerry Park Recreation and South Cowichan Liquid Waste Management are paid for by the Areas that are covered by the services in question. Local services such as our Community Parks and the Community Centre are entirely paid for by Area B. Furthermore, you are only taxed for a service if you receive it (e.g. if you are connected to the Beach Estates Sewer.) Many of the regional services we may not actually notice locally, but they are mandated by the Province and must be part of our planning and legislation.

Assessments of property value are made by BC Assessment (which is managed provincially) every year and are based on sales in the local area. In Shawnigan Lake (Area B), assessments are generally much higher than anywhere else in the CVRD because we are closer to Victoria (among other things). Since the average assessed value is higher, we do end up paying a higher percentage for a given service if it is regional or subregional. This is because the allocation of taxes is based on assessed value and are not “flat-rate” (e.g. by population.) Despite this, we still only have one vote at the table (that’s me).

On your property taxes you will also see a separate tax called Rural Tax, which is charged to unincorporated areas. The same rate is charged throughout the Province (with the exception of the Peace River Regional District) to all properties in a given property

class. This means exactly what you think it means; every residential property in an unincorporated area pays this tax based on that individual property’s assessed value, which means that if the assessed value is 3 times the value of a similar property in say northern BC, then that property pays 3 times the taxes. This Rural Tax is a general tax that goes into the Province’s general revenue. The Province determines how much revenue they need to raise for the year and sets the provincial rate in order to raise that amount of revenue. Because it goes into general revenue, it is impossible to say exactly how it will be allocated, but it does cover things like our roads and the RCMP.

So why did our taxes go up so much this year? 1) there was a large increase in assessed values in Area B. In the 2022 tax budget the average home in Area B was \$916,164 and the corresponding CVRD portion of the tax would be \$1698.57. Area B CVRD Taxes increased on average by 7% but because the increase/total of our assessments were disproportionately higher we pay a larger portion for Regional Items than other areas. We also end up paying a larger portion of the Rural Taxes when compared to other properties in unincorporated areas all over BC! 2) The Provincial Government reduced taxes for forestry lands. In Area B we have lots of Forestry land so that reduction in tax revenue is being made up for by us, the local residents.

I have tried to reduce/limit spending as much as possible during my term, especially when it comes to services that are paid for exclusively by Area B (these have the largest impact.) I have been able to fund many of our local projects with grants and other sources of revenue (like gas taxes, which are federal and can only be spent in a certain way). As a community, we could decide to reduce our lo-

cal parks budget or other items close to home like the community centre, but this would not be a popular choice, since these are the things that the community values most.

As always, I am available for a conversation, Sierra Acton.

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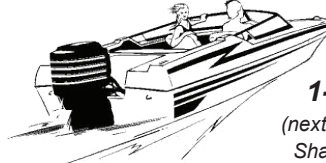
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The Canada Day Parade is Back!

A large crowd turned out to celebrate the first Canada Day parade, in Shawnigan Lake, since 2019. The weather was glorious. There were smiles on faces, flags in hands and a sea of red and white. The parade led to the event, hosted by the Shawnigan Lake Community Association, in Elsie Miles Park. A grand day, indeed!

right: Photos by Julie Connolly

below: Photo by Grant Treloar



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Jared Qwustenuxun Williams
*Chef to Cowichan Elders,
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Please read with caution...

It never gets easier. It never stops being present in mind. Every time I am with my kids, I can't help but feel privileged. I was only given the gifts my grandmother gave me because she couldn't give them to her own kids. The fear of residential school kept my grandparents from teaching my father and his siblings their language. So she taught me.

Yesterday I asked my wife about the book she was reading. It's called Five Little Indians. I thought it would be ok. I felt strong enough. Then she said something...she said that the little boy in the book ran away from residential school and when he found his mom she smelled like the priests. Only later to realize that the smell was alcohol. The home he had known was in shambles, the life he left behind when he was taken away to school was in pieces, all because his mother drowned her sorrows in

the bottle. My partner stopped and asked me if I wanted her to stop, because she could see the tears streaming down my face. I didn't cry. I could barely talk, but the tears were enough.

I didn't go to these schools, but they haunt me. That smell, the old stench of alcohol conjures memories of aggressive uncles and passed out aunts; of crying babies and homes full of garbage; of my uncles shivering with cold sweats detoxing on the couch and of the house after a party night with countless

relatives passed out on the lawn and sofa.

A life I will never show my children. I hug them and my arms ache with a generational sadness, a feeling I can't describe. Like when my grandmother hugged me when I was a boy, and she would cry and cry, and rub my hair telling me I was so lucky.

Not a day goes by that I don't remember how lucky I am.

Every day is orange shirt day.

Every day Indigenous children matter.

Every day we search for our missing women, girls, and two spirits.

Every day I think about my friends and relatives who've died from alcohol, drug overdose, and suicide.

Every day I remember how lucky I am to be born in the first generation free from residential school.

Not just one day, not just one month, every day I am Indigenous. I live with this lasting generational trauma, and every day I fight to break the cycle.

Shawnigan Lake Pickle Ball Club

Grand Opening of the Shawnigan Lake Pickle Ball Club

Pip Breckon, Laurie Vasey and Rick Hollingworth

The popularity of Pickleball has skyrocketed in recent years, capturing the interest of people of all ages and fitness levels. The game has been described as a mix of tennis, ping-pong and badminton. It's easy to learn, fun to play and highly

addictive, making it one of the fastest growing sports in North America!

The Shawnigan Lake Pickleball Club celebrated its Grand Opening on June 25th, 2022 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. MLA Sonia Furstenau, and Area Directors Sierra Acton and Blaise Salmon of Shawnigan Lake and Mill Bay respectively were all in attendance to show their support. With the opening of six new courts in a few weeks at Kerry Park the South Cowichan is now positioned to be one

of the best served areas for the sport on the Island.

Almost 90 people participated in the festivities which included a free barbeque, a raffle, pickleball demonstration games and a game of skill to win a prize. The winners of the two paddles from GRUVN valued at \$350 were beaming. Court-side Sports in Victoria and Country Grocer generously provided \$100 each in certificates and RHarn Thai Restaurant in Shawnigan Lake donated three free lunches. The Club itself provided

one free \$200 membership and club member Krista Hill donated a handmade driftwood centrepiece with an inspirational saying. Thrifty's donation allowed the purchase of several jars of pickles for prizes. The Club truly appreciates the support shown by the community.

The four new courts at the Shawnigan Lake Pickleball Club are co-located with the Cricket Club on Elford Road and people from all over the island are scrambling to play here. The



The Next Generation of Pickleball Players

Club is providing a much-needed venue for pickleball players and is expected to reach its planned membership goal this summer.

We hope to see you on the courts for some fun, exercise and comradery.

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Malahat Legion Branch 134

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Malahat Legion

On Saturday, June 18th, the Malahat Legion held its' Father's Day Annual Walter Hall Memorial Fishing Derby.

Forty-seven adults and 10 youth attended this year. All the youths received a prize thanks to Go-Fish, which co-sponsors this family event with the Malahat Legion and the Mill Bay Lions Club. Not bad for not being held during the Covid-19 pandemic.

One family mistakenly thought the derby was on Sunday and missed the event, but the amazing volunteers found a way to ensure the 2 kids were not disappointed and arranged for



the kids to receive their prizes. They will be back next year and fish on Derby Day.

Be sure to check our Facebook Page and our website for any activities. We are open during the summer on

- ★ Fridays & Saturdays - 1:00 – 7:00 pm
- ★ Saturdays Bottle Drives continues 10:00 – 1:00 pm
- ★ Saturdays - 3:00 – 5:00 pm Meet Draw & 50/50



Shawnigan Lake Fire Department

PO Box 201 Shawnigan Lake, BC
V0R 2W0 Phone: (250)743-2096

Non-emergency

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shawniganfire@shaw.ca

Department members attended 37 incidents in July

- ★ Wednesday, Jun 1 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd Activated on McKean Rd
- ★ Friday, Jun 3 – Alarms Activated on Fitzgerald Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 4 – Structure Fire on Rose Isle
- ★ Sunday, Jun 5 – Burning Complaint on Ingot Dr
- ★ Monday, Jun 6 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 6 – Assistance on Glen Eagles Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 6 – Burning Complaint on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Jun 7 - 1st Responder off Sherburn Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Jun 8 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Jun 8 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Wednesday, Jun 8 – Structure Fire on Terrace Rd
- ★ Thursday, Jun 9 – Alarms Activated on Skylar Circle
- ★ Thursday, Jun 9 - 1st Responder off In Rd
- ★ Thursday, Jun 9 – Alarms
- ★ Friday, Jun 10 - 1st Responder off Harvey Rd
- ★ Friday, Jun 10 - 1st Responder off Wilmot Ave
- ★ Saturday, Jun 11 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Jun 12 – Alarms Activated on Fitzgerald Rd
- ★ Sunday, Jun 12 - 1st Responder off Silver Mine Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 13 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, Jun 16 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Thursday, Jun 16 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- ★ Thursday, Jun 16 - 1st Responder off McKernan Rd
- ★ Friday, Jun 17 - 1st Responder off Wilmot Ave
- ★ Saturday, Jun 18 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 18 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 18 – MVI on S Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Sunday, Jun 19 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 20 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 20 – Structure Fire on Mable Rd
- ★ Tuesday, Jun 21 - 1st Responder off Cameron-Taggart Rd
- ★ Friday, Jun 24 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- ★ Friday, Jun 24 – MVI on Silver Mine Rd
- ★ Saturday, Jun 25 - 1st Responder on Kapoor Main
- ★ Saturday, Jun 25 – Burning Complaint on Dundas Rd
- ★ Monday, Jun 27 – Burning Complaint in Baldy Mtn

Shawnigan Weather - June 2022 Report

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network & Environment Canada
Reported by Grant Treloar

June Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road		
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	
Average High	20.2	21.0	25.5	21.3	25.3	20.0	24.1	20.5	24.2
Average Low	10.0	10.2	12.3	10.6	12.2	11.0	13.4	10.5	12.3
Extreme High	35.6	34.4	42.3	33.2	42.5	31.4	42.1	31.0	40.5*
Extreme Low	0.0	6.6	5.1	7.1	4.0	7.4	5.9	7.0	5.0
Precipitation	40.0	77.5	31.2	59.7	36.3	42.6	20.9	52.2	31.2
Days w precip	11	13	7	13	8	9	7	12	8
Year Precip	631.7	835.2	575.9	670.4	533.6	601.3	413.0	664.0	516.2

Rank since 1914: 35th warmest, 18th wettest

	June 5	June 2	June 19	June 26
Lake Temperature	16°	16°	16°	20°
Lake Level Change	-4cm	0cm	-5cm	-4cm
Surface Elevation	116.72	116.72	116.67	116.64

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- ★ **Area B Director's meetings with Sierra Acton**
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- ★ **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
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**
Contact: bburr@shaw.ca
- ★ **Shawnigan Basin Society**
Unit 4-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: info@shawniganbasinsociety.org
- ★ **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**
Contact: blog.ysag.ca - email: ysagssl@gmail.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Lake Museum**
Open Wed - Sat 10:30 - 3:30
Contact: museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com - shawniganlakemuseum.com
- ★ **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**
Contact: 250-929-7222 - southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca
- ★ **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**
Saturday Meat Draw 3:00-5:00pm. Contact: Gloria_gsolley@shaw.ca
- ★ **South Cowichan Arts Guild**
Contact: hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com - cowichansouthartsguild.com
- ★ **Shawnigan Quilters** - Wed. 9-2 at Lion's Hall (former Sylvania School)
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St. John's Academy Spotlight



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Recap of 2022 at St. John's Academy

Our first Community Fun Fair, held on May 28, was a great success. It was good to see that many of our neighbours, nearby residents, current and future SJA families were in attendance. Fun was had by all!

On June 8th, the Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA) hosted a Mix and Mingle for local businesses at SJA. Over 100 people attended and we were thrilled to open our doors to the community. If you would like to host an event at SJA, over the summer or in the upcoming school year, please feel free to contact us for availability.

During these events, the overall consensus was that our proposed expansion will allow us to add much needed facilities and educational options for the Shawnigan Lake community. For example, there was great demand shown for our proposed addition of Kindergarten to grade 3. As well, our proposed new sports field and athletic facilities will be a welcome addition for all.

We have heard from you, our Shawnigan Lake community, and know that there are many needs in the area that we can help to fill.

For more information, please contact:

Matt Jonah, Director of Admissions
matt.jonah@stjohnsacademy.ca



Listening to student feedback during the June 8th SLCA Mix and Mingle at SJA.



Community, faculty, parents and students stopped by the information table during the SJA Community Fun Fair.



Holly, from Urban Strategies, presenting the updated plan during consultations.



The candy making machine was a big hit at the Community Fun Fair while parents viewed project renderings.

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