



# Shawnigan-Showe'luqun Focus

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## Candidates respond to questions posed by the Focus

### Kathy Code

#### Introduction:

I have lived in Area B for 10 years and have a lifetime of community service, most recently the Ecoforestry Institute Society, the Cowichan Family Life Association and Fairy Creek. I retired as an economic development policy analyst with the Province of BC and have a Masters in Environment and Management and a Criminology Diploma. I have deep interests in climate change, ecoforestry, regenerative agriculture, economics, Indigenous rights and title, among others. I was asked by community members to run in this election and, if elected, I am dedicated to earning the trust of Area residents.

#### What has been your involvement in the Shawnigan Community over the past 5 years?

Protest against the contaminated soil dump, the paving of Taylor Park and the destruction of lakeshore ecology through the Rail Trail project. Mentoring with SL citizens and leaders to learn about issues related to the lake, watershed management, roads, forestry, agriculture, ecology, housing, water and sewer, business concerns.

#### How do you plan to protect and/or repair the lake watershed, including riparian zones, for future generations?

End the Rail Trail project that will remove 3000 square metres of lakeshore ecology and cut down as many as 100 mature trees. Restore the Shawnigan Basin Society funding for watershed protection. Implement a milfoil control project in Shawnigan Lake. Use gas tax funds to improve not destroy the environment.

#### Knowing that the province controls our roads, and we have no say,



#### how do you propose to keep our pedestrians safe on the roads?

Community campaign to reduce vehicle speeds and drive with caution. Liaise with RCMP and community policing group to discuss their community plan. Develop good relations with the Ministry of Transportation to address road issues and find solutions. Look at parking options and reduced vehicle traffic on certain roads.

#### This election has been referred to as a time for change for Shawnigan Lake. What change do you envision?

We are in a climate crisis! We have to get serious about water protection and food security, becoming more self-sufficient. Environmental, cost of living and housing issues require smart planning to provide for future generations and businesses. Development of new funding strategies while acknowledging property owners are not cash cows.

#### There are many people in our community that work in the forestry industry. How do you plan to work with Mosaic to ensure that forestry remains in a viable relationship?

Invite Mosaic to become a community partner. Advocate for new forestry jobs: manufacturing; ecological restoration; recreation; camping; education; wildcrafting; biodiversity and wildlife stewardship. Partner with First Nations and Mosaic to sponsor public education, tours and projects.

### Sierra Acton

#### Introduction:

The CVRD a complex organization and the learning curve is a big one. Can we afford to have someone learn it all again when we have so much happening at once: major development pressures, extreme weather events, an affordability crisis and a threat of losing the "Shawnigan in Shawnigan"? With all this in mind, I hope you will put my experience to work.

#### What has been your involvement in the Shawnigan Community over the past 5 years?

My community involvement is extensive: everything from volunteering at the schools, community events and of course working hard for the community at the CVRD Board table. Something I am most proud of is the "Love Gratitude Hope" Hearts campaign - during the most stressful time of COVID our small team ran this campaign and raised \$30,000 for Nourish Cowichan.

#### How do you plan to protect and/or repair the lake watershed, including riparian zones, for future generations?

Having quality water, and enough of it, is a major concern for the community. Currently, the CVRD collects \$750,000 regionally for the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Plan. I will continue to ensure



Shawnigan Lake remains a CVRD priority. I have also worked hard on the soil bylaw which should help reduce erosion and the amount of sediment being washed into the lake. We funded a campaign to educate lakefront property owners and boaters on how to manage and mitigate the invasive Eurasian Water-Milfoil. We are currently working with the team who replanted 2km of foreshore on Cowichan Lake so they can help us organize and receive grants to replicate their success here at Shawnigan.

#### Knowing that the province controls our roads, and we have no say, how do you propose to keep our pedestrians safe on the roads?

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure have limited tools and, unfortunately, we can't have sidewalks... but we can have trails! For this reason, we have been focusing on working towards roadside pathways such as the one in front of Francis Kelsey High School and the sections of rail with Trail between Mason's Beach and Old Mill Park. Ensuring the 100% grant funded Trail along the lake from Government Wharf Park to Old Mill Park is built is

key to getting pedestrians off the roads in the village.

#### This election has been referred to as a time for change for Shawnigan Lake. What change do you envision?

As a community, we do not envision a lot of change. Slowly we have been implementing small improvements to what we already have such as public right of ways (Train tracks land), our community centre, our museum, our parks. Although some people want more "city services" we do not have the population to support it or, in some cases, we are actually not permitted to provide it by the Province. Any change will come forward as development applications and, at that time, I will ensure the community's voice is heard - one of the biggest concerns for residents at this time is affordability.

#### There are many people in our community that work in the forestry industry. How do you plan to work with Mosaic to ensure that forestry remains in a viable relationship?

Forestry is an important part of our community. The wood lots allow us to be surrounded by beautiful forests and trails (that would be in danger of being developed if they were otherwise zoned.) A large part of our community is employed in some way, through forestry, and Mosaic itself spends more than \$5M with local businesses and suppliers (not counting what employees spend and invest.) Furthermore, Mosaic is a large donor to local communities and they are currently working with the community

### If You Live on One of These Streets You're Voting for Area B

Cobble Hill	Carlton Dr	Duffield Rd	Northgate Rd
Streets in	Chapman Rd	Empress Rd	Nugget Rd
Area B	Cheal Pl.	Ethel Lane	Oldham Rd
(3200 blk)	Cobble Hill Rd. (check!)	Filgate Rd	Peerless Rd
Baron Rd	Colman Rd	Gray Lane	Sherburn Rd
Bayne rd	Empress Rd	Kingburn Rd	Silvermine Rd
Beatrice Way	Empress Ave	Leaside Rd	Simard Pl
Bonnie Place	Ethel Lane	Lover's Lane	Stein Way
Burnham rd	Filgate Rd	Melrose Cr.	Thain Rd
Cameron-Taggart	Dale Pl	Merridale Rd	4200blk Trans Canada HWY
Campbell Rd	Doran Rd	Miner Rd	Tyerman
		Nora Place	Wilkinson

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So, You Don't Vote?

Michael Battler  
Shawnigan Lake

Well at least that what's the numbers say... Almost 7 out of 10 eligible Cowichan Valley citizens did not vote in 2018 according to CIVICINFO BC. This is a statistic that has sadly continued to decline since 2014. Two key outcomes of note: 1) In 2018 the estimated eligible voter turnout for the

Cowichan Valley (Regional District), all contested areas combined, was 29.1%. This was 3.3% lower than the average regional district turnout of 32.4%. and 2) Of the 9 Directors elected, 6 are incumbent and 2 are acclaimed. In Area B (where I reside), I believe the numbers were even worse. Out of a population nearing 9,000 people, at the time, we only had 1,403 voters turnout in 2018.

How are you not hopping mad that there is this much apathy if you voted and, if you are a non-voter, why don't you vote?

When did we, as a society, let the so-called silent majority become the accepted norm? Why has the majority of our population opted out of democracy? In a world where people are literally fighting to the death to hold on to their sovereignty and democracy, it boggles my mind that we leave the choice of our regional governance and asset

management to a small minority of the population.

In Area B, for example, our collective votes only get us one vote at the CVRD board table, but it is still our vote and, more important, it's at least a seat at the table.

My favorite people in the world are volunteers. They show up in every part of our lives, from firefighters to hospitals to social services and fundraising for people in need to name a few. They give freely of their

time, effort and sometimes at a great personal sacrifice. But they wouldn't have it any other way. We are down to the final couple weeks to vote in our regional elections. Wouldn't it be amazing, if the majority of us volunteered to vote instead of armchair quarterbacking everything we didn't like that wasn't to our way of thinking. What if we volunteered our time, experience and effort to help make things better instead of not making things better for our democracy.

Every election is determined by the people who show up.  
- Larry J. Sabato

Local Government Elections

Advanced Voting

October 5 & 11, 2022  
Kerry Park Rec Centre

from 8am to 8pm

General Voting Day

Sat, October 15, 2022  
Area B - Shawnigan Lake  
Community Centre  
When: Saturday Oct. 15th  
from 8am to 8pm

Eligible Voters

You are eligible to vote in local elections as a resident elector when you:

- are 18 years of age or older when you register to vote or will be 18 years of age or older on general voting day;
- are a Canadian citizen;
- have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before you register to vote;
- are a resident of the municipality or electoral area on the day you register to vote; and,
- are not disqualified under the Local Government Act, any other enactment from voting in local elections or be otherwise

disqualified by law.

Voting Information

Non- resident property owners:

Non-Resident Property Elector Applications and consent forms (<https://cvrld.ca/DocumentCenter/View/2028/F-27-Non-Resident-Property-Elector-Application>) can be downloaded and submitted to the Legislative Services Division, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC, during regular business hours from 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

For more detailed information about registration procedures, contact the Legislative Services Division at 250.746.2503 or 1.800.665.3955

Referendum Question

This is the referendum question on the ballot Oct 15, 2022. If it passes, Area B-Shawnigan Lake will see an increase in taxes.

*Are you in favour of the Cowichan Valley Regional District adopting "CVRD Bylaw No. 4438 - Regional*

*Recreation Funding Services Establishment Bylaw, 2022*, to establish a new regional funding model replacing the current Recreation Services to fund the usage based costs of 9 Regionally Significant Recreation Facilities that include the: Cowichan Aquatic Centre; Cowichan Community Centre; Cowichan Lake Sports Arena; Cowichan Performing Arts Centre; Cowichan Sportsplex; Frank Jameson Community Centre; Fuller Lake Arena; Kerry Park Recreation Centre; and Shawnigan Lake Community Centre, and annually requisition the greater of up to \$35,000,000, or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property tax rate of \$1.1954 per \$1,000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area?"

YES or NO

For more information visit: <https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/recfund?tool=map>

What an Area Director decides on at the Regional District  
<https://www.cvrld.ca/58/Services>

Cowichan's Largest Book Sale

If you've lived in the Cowichan Valley for some time, you may have heard of, or attended, the Garden House Foundation's charity used book sale held every October at Bonner Elementary School in Mill Bay. If you are a book-loving newcomer, and have not, there is an upcoming treat in store for you at the sale on October 29th<sup>th</sup> and 30th! Please note that the sale dates have changed from what was published previously.

People often ask what the Garden House Foundation (GHF) is and what happens to the money that is raised at the sale. The GHF is a fund held at the Victoria Foundation (VF), but don't be fooled. Grants given by the fund are targeted only for organizations in the Cowichan Valley.

The VF allows people and groups to establish permanent funds, now valued at \$497 million, to be used for charitable giving. Its operations are monitored by the Canada

Revenue Agency. Should anything happen to the VF itself, all funds must be transferred to another community foundation in Canada.

The GHF reaps huge benefits by being associated with the VF. For a small annual fee, legal requirements such as audits are met, annual granting guidelines are established, and fund investments, which on average yield 8 to 10% per year, are overseen.

Profits from the giant 20,000 book sale go into the GHF fund. Annual grants are given to three organizations which provide services to families in crisis and animals in need throughout the Cowichan Valley: Cowichan Family Life, Cowichan Women Against Violence and the Duncan and District S.P.C.A. As the GHF fund grows, so do the grants, and will do so in perpetuity.

For more information about the GFF or book sale please call 250-743-4627 or visit [www.gardenhousefoundation.org](http://www.gardenhousefoundation.org).

Arbutus Ridge Art Club Show & Sale -  
Sat. November 5<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 6<sup>th</sup>

Arbutus Ridge Golf Club/Satellite Bar & Grill, (Baker Room).  
3515 Telegraph Road, Cobble Hill.

We would like to invite you to our biannual Show and Sale. After two years of COVID cancellations we are back and excited to have this opportunity to share our work with you.

We will be presenting a selection of art including oils, acrylics, water colours, pen/inks, hand-pulled prints and greeting cards. Please join us to view our large and small landscapes, flora and fauna, still life images and evocative abstracts.

Any COVID protocols at the time will be in place. For information contact Jill Waterfall, [jillw2@shaw.ca](mailto:jillw2@shaw.ca)



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# E.J. Hughes at Home in Shawnigan Lake

**Robert Amos**  
*Author & Artist*

Before artist E. J. Hughes and his wife Fern moved to Shawnigan Lake in 1951, Hughes had been a Canadian War Artist. He enlisted on September 1, 1939, just a few days before war was declared, and wasn't demobilized until late September 1946. Thus, among Canadian War Artists Hughes was the first, the last and the most productive.

Following the Great Depression, he despaired of finding employment as an artist. Reflecting on the time he had spent as a cadet with the Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver, Hughes joined the army as a member of the Royal Canadian Artillery. Though at the time there was no War Art program - it did not become official until 1943 - Hughes began applying for the task and in 1941 was assigned to be one of the first three "Service Artists", along with Orville Fisher and Will Ogilvie. He was sent

to Ottawa to train with the Historical Branch of the army under the historian Colonel A. Fortescue Duguid. Working there for a year, he drew and painted winter scenes at Petawawa and summer on the Connaught Rifle Range.

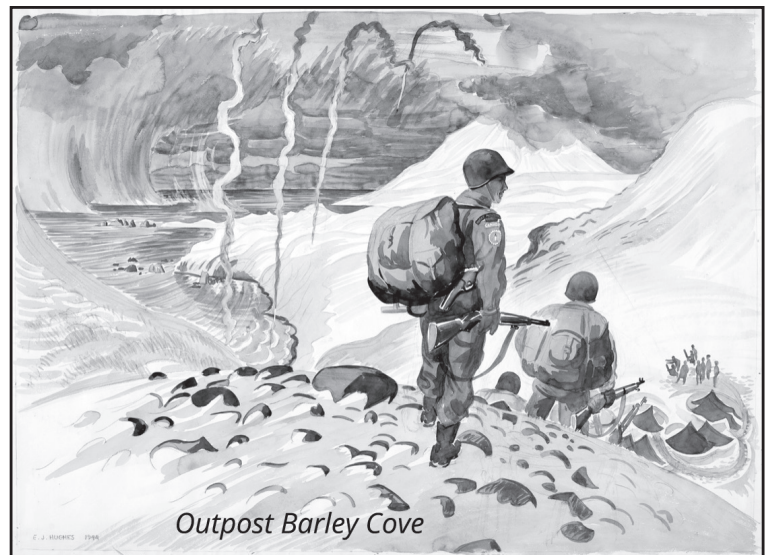
Arriving in an England shattered by the German "Blitz", in February 1942 Hughes joined different regiments of the Canadian Army which were preparing the defense of England on the south coast along the English Channel. Stationed first at Shoreham and then along the Sussex Downs, he made detailed notes which he developed in his studio in London. In June 1943, at which time he returned to Canada.

Again, based in Ottawa, Hughes was sent to Kiska, an island in the Aleutians of the Alaska coast halfway to Japan. He was the only artist, and though the weather conditions were abominable Hughes found a way to make paint small and develop beautiful

drawings. Back in Ottawa he translated them into powerful oil paintings. Hughes was the "last man out" when the War Artists studio closed in September 1946.

During his service, Hughes created more than 540 drawings and paintings, all army property and now part of the Canadian War Museum's vast collection in Ottawa. With the exception of a few striking canvases this work has never been seen. Now with the full cooperation of the War Museum, plus information gleaned from Hughes's wartime letters with Fern, the story can be told.

The new full-colour book shows Hughes's interest in the military from childhood drawings and cadet training. Endearing cartoons sent to Fern during his training at Fort Macauley provide insight into his personal life. With this in-depth look at his wartime art works, we can better understand



how a quiet fellow from Shawnigan Lake became one of Canada's most respected artists.

Robert Amos is an artist and author. The new book

**E. J. Hughes: Canadian War Artist** (TouchWood Editions, Victoria, 2022. 200 pages, \$35.) is the fourth in his series on the life and work of E. J. Hughes.



## Meet me at the museum!

### Book launch at the Shawnigan Lake Museum

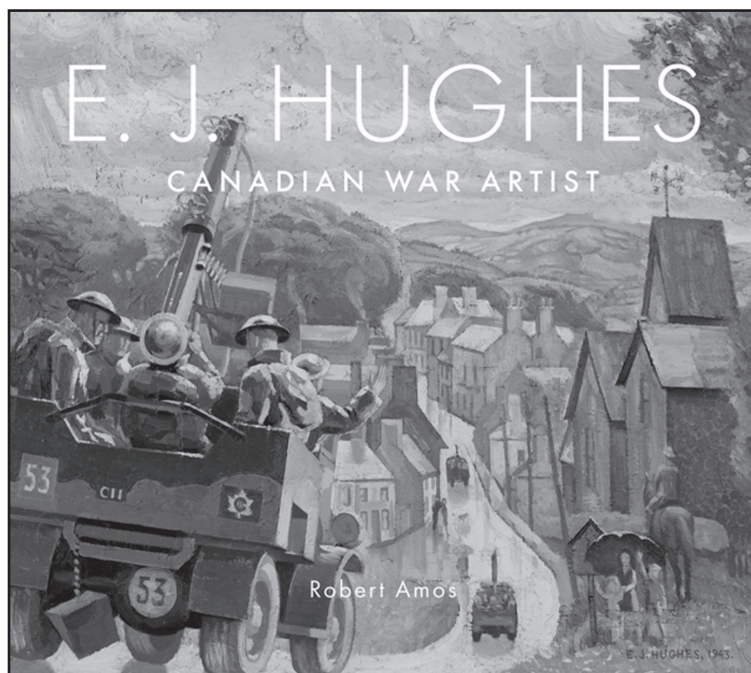
The latest book about E.J. Hughes is now available!

Join us at the Shawnigan Lake Museum, on October 22nd between 2-4 pm to get your copy of E.J. Hughes War Artist. Author Robert Amos will be at the museum for a book launch and signing.

Robert will also give two brief talks about this beautiful new book, at 2:30 and again at 3:30.

The museum will have books for sale on that day, or let us know if you want to buy a copy in advance. We do have a few on hand, right now, and an order on the way.

You don't want to miss this opportunity!



## Shawnigan Lake Family



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## Shawnigan Basin Society

### We Must Set Aside More Land for Nature

**Bernie Juurlink,**  
Director

We are over-exploiting our planet: over-producing greenhouse gases and leaving little of the earth for the creatures we share the planet with. This is resulting in a climate crisis and great loss of biodiversity. The increase in mean global temperature and

loss of biodiversity (pollinators) are beginning to affect food production.

Current forestry practices also impact global warming and loss of biodiversity: our forests used to be net carbon sinks, but no longer. Natural Resources Canada's 'The State of Canada's Forests Annual Report 2021' points out that Canada's Managed Forests have been net carbon emitters since 2002 – see

their figure. The BC Provincial Greenhouse Gas Inventory shows that BC forests have also been net carbon emitters since 2002 with the amount of carbon being emitted ranging from 40 Megatonnes (MT) of carbon dioxide-equivalents annually to 204 MT annually. These forest emissions do not form part of the official statistics, neither for Canada (~740 MT) nor for BC (~69 MT).

We need to advocate for better forestry practices, and setting aside more of our land for nature. A few years ago, we had the opportunity to purchase 830 hectares of mature second growth forest surrounding Grant Lake. These lands are contiguous to the 230-hectare Koksilah River Provincial Park. We could have had 1060 hectares of contiguous protected land, a small step towards promoting biodiversity and healthy forests in the Cowichan Valley. If the CVRD was

willing to contribute a modest down-payment, the Shawnigan Basin Society and the Cowichan Land Trust were willing to fund-raise the remainder.

Although there were Directors in favour of acquiring these lands, the CVRD Parks & Trails Acquisition Fund was not made available.

It is time to reinstate a Parks Commission (not Committee) so the public has a say in the acquisition of parks and trails.

## Cowichan South Arts Guild

### Community Connections Through Art

**Diane Mellott**  
Director

Are you looking for some ways to improve your overall health and sense of well being? Feeling a bit lonely after the isolation of the pandemic? Craving some creativity in your life? Joining a group of amateur artists or creatives may be just what you are looking for.

Engaging with a group of creatives has been well documented to reduce the social isolation that often results from creating on one's own and helps to widen social and creative networks. By networking with other artists and crafters you will likely be exposed to new techniques and skills and pos-

sibly embark an entirely new avenue for creativity! Amateur and non-competitive groups like Makers Circle and Fearless Friday Painters welcome participants of all skill levels, offer non-judgemental support and feedback, build confidence and are both great ways to rebuild and reconnect with your community and to make new friends!

Here is what participants have to say

*Makers' Circle has been a godsend for me! I look forward to the camaraderie and continuity of meeting with others who love creating. It's a supportive, non-judgemental space for adults of all levels to work on their own projects, to inspire and be inspired by the others!*  
Theresa

*I was thrilled when I learned that CSAG would be hosting a "Makers Circle". I've met numerous new friends with likeminded interests, been inspired to try new things and enjoy*

*the conversations, which can be thought provoking or just darn right hilarious. When I leave after a couple of hours, it feels like a reset of the soul. Love it. Come and join us, the more the merrier.*  
Elaine

Nurture your creative self by joining us! To find out more or to join CSAG please go to our website <https://cowichansouthartsguild.com/>

Or contact us at [hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com](mailto:hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com)

## Royal Canadian Legion

### Gloria Solley

Have you seen the Legion's new addition? It's big, it's beautiful and it's blue.

### It's Our New Sign!

We would like to thank everyone that gave up some of their summer to make this happen. Thanks to Dan from Houston

who designed and made the sign and our old sign 40 years ago. Thanks goes Ricky from N.T.L. Excavating, Thanks also to the Hammer family (Vincent, Isabelle and Jason). Other members of the Legion included Denise, Virginia, Lisa and Curtis were also seen working on this project.

**Thank you and well done!**

Our annual Christmas drive for the Toys, Toiletries and Toques Charity Organization has started again. Donations of non-perishable items and toys will be appreciated.

Annual Poppy Envelope Stuffing afternoon is Thursday October 13th at 1:00 pm. or come early for a free lunch of soup and sandwiches from our Galley. All donations raised by the Poppy Campaign goes toward helping the veterans in our area.

We will be holding our Annual Memorial Service for Canadi-

an Military who have lost their lives in a non-combatative role in the service of their country at the Cobble Hill Cenotaph at 11:00 am on October 22nd.

The Veterans' dinner will be held on October 27th starting at 5:00 pm. All Veterans are free. Guests \$20. Sign up on line or at the bar or by email ([rc1134@shaw.ca](mailto:rc1134@shaw.ca)) Veterans do not have to be members of the Malahat Legion.

Our first Friday Night Dinner and free Music Bingo turned out to be great night. So great that we are planning another one.

### Beer, Burgers & Music

Bingo on Friday October 14th Dinner 5:00 – 6:30 pm followed by a Music Bingo - \$20.00

**Reservations** - pay on-line or at the bar.

For more information, please check our website or Facebook.



## St. John's Academy Spotlight



Visit our website for additional information:  
[www.stjohnsacademy.ca](http://www.stjohnsacademy.ca)

## You Are Invited

We are already through our first month of the academic year and it is thumb's up.

Did you know that St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake is an IB school, in addition to offering the BC curriculum?

This means that we seek to make a better world through education. The IB (International Baccalaureate) is a world curriculum that is focused on teaching students how to learn. IB students develop a strong academic, social and emotional character. They love learning and perform well academically.

For more IB information, please link to: <https://www.ibo.org/benefits/benefits-for-students/>

We look forward to meeting you at our IB information session listed to the right.

**Jenny Boomer**

Director of Admissions (Local)  
[jenny.boomer@stjohnsacademy.ca](mailto:jenny.boomer@stjohnsacademy.ca)



### Event details:

What: IB Information Session  
When: Wednesday, October 26  
Time: 7 PM to 9 PM  
Where: St. John's Academy Campus  
2371 Shawnigan Lake Road

If you haven't already visited the SJA website, please do so. For weekly happenings, follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

For a tour of the campus please contact:

**John D'Arcy**, Head of School  
[john.darcy@stjohnsacademy.ca](mailto:john.darcy@stjohnsacademy.ca)



# Shawnigan Focus

## Area B Director's Report Affordability in Shawnigan Lake

**Sierra Acton**  
Area B Director

The secret is out on how great our community is. Young families and retirees are moving to our area and many who grew up here are returning (if they ever left.) We are struggling to keep “the Shawnigan in Shawnigan” and provide for those who want to remain in Shawnigan Lake without getting priced out. At the local level we have limited ability but that hasn't stopped me from

doing and supporting what I can.

Recently, I brought a motion to the board for the CVRD to work with Island Health to understand the size/density restrictions on lots in the village. Specifically, could we safely add more suites and carriage houses in the village area, since we currently have public water but no sewer yet? This would allow individual homeowners to quickly build some more affordable rental units and supplement their income.

If re-elected, you can be assured that I will be asking about and supporting adding extra housing where we already live. This reduces urban sprawl and increases the number of affordable units, while supporting current residents. Improving affordability allows more people to live in their hometown close to their family and support networks.

I am also currently in conversation with Cowichan Housing to help bring a seniors housing project to Shawnigan Lake. Area B has \$50,000 in trust to support non-profit groups in getting a project off the ground. This is an

all hands on deck kind of crisis and if you have any comments please reach out.

### Endorsements From Community:

*As seniors of the Shawnigan Lake community Merelyn and I find Sierra Acton caring and approachable when discussing needs and benefits for the area. We are particularly happy to see the rail trail developed and improved upon as enjoying the outdoors, views as well as greeting people is enjoyable and makes living in this beautiful part of the world second to none. It is therefore my intention to endorse Sierra Acton for a second term as area B director of the Co-*

*wichan Valley. Maurice and Merelyn Lobe. Sierra Acton is a great area representative. She has helped get wonderful things done in our community not the least of which is the rail trail on the east side of the lake. I live on the west side of the lake and drive there to use the trail almost every day with my friends. We love it and are totally in favour of the extension as we have to loop the trail twice to get enough walking in. Thanks to Sierra and her team. Judith Gilley*

As always happy to connect, Sierra.

[Sierra.acton@cvrld.bc.ca](mailto:Sierra.acton@cvrld.bc.ca)  
250-715-6763

## Shawnigan Residents Association Calling all Artists, Sculptors and Fabricators!

We want your submissions to create Artistic Bicycle Racks for the Shawnigan Lake Waterfront Trail

The Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA) has received funding from the Island Coastal Economic Trust Fund to create four seating and bike rack areas at viewpoints along the waterfront trail between Mason's Beach and Government Wharf Park. Our vision is to create something a little unique and creative along our waterfront. We envision the bicycle racks as public art pieces representative of the character of Shawnigan, combining form, function, and local craftsmanship.

Each location will be a spot

to rest and offer views to the lakefront, or to allow cyclists to lock their bikes and access beach swimming areas or take a short walk to the Village to visit local shops and cafes.

The initial concept of the seating portals came out of the Design Charette held in 2019 to revitalize the Shawnigan Village community. The process was lengthy and invited all residents and stakeholders to participate. It resulted in the Shawnigan Village Plan, a community-based locally specific development plan. Although CVRD has been working to implement portions of the Plan, community initiatives were delayed due to Covid. We are

pleased to finally be able to engage in community projects envisioned in the Shawnigan Village Plan.

This is a great opportunity for a local artist, metal worker, blacksmith or other craftsperson within the Cowichan Valley or environs to showcase their creativity. Concept submissions will be received up to November 15, 2022. The work will be promoted throughout media channels by the SRA and CVRD.

This scope of work includes the design, materials and fabrication of four artistic metal bicycle racks for a budget of \$10,000.

For all the details and submission procedures go to: <https://thesra.ca/bike-racks/> or

email: [shawniganresidentssassociation@gmail.com](mailto:shawniganresidentssassociation@gmail.com)



### Calling all Artists, Sculptors and Metal Fabricators!

Submissions wanted to create artistic bicycle racks for the Shawnigan Lake Waterfront Trail

The bicycle racks will be public art pieces representative of the character of Shawnigan, combining form, function and local craftsmanship. The scope of work includes the design, materials and fabrication of four artistic metal bicycle racks.

Deadline: November 15, 2022

For submission details:  
[www.thesra.ca/bike-racks/](http://www.thesra.ca/bike-racks/)

or email to request a submission package at  
[shawniganresidentssassociation@gmail.com](mailto:shawniganresidentssassociation@gmail.com)

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**CVRD**

A project of the Shawnigan Residents Association  
in collaboration with CVRD funded by  
Island Coastal Economic Trust Fund.

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  - Sunday, Sept 4 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
  - Sunday, Sept 4 – Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
  - Monday, Sept 5 – Assistance on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
  - Monday, Sept 5 – Burning Complaint on Kapoor Main Line
  - Monday, Sept 5 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
  - Tuesday, Sept 6 - 1st Responder off Meadowview Rd
  - Tuesday, Sept 6 – Alarms Activated on Colman Rd
  - Tuesday, Sept 6 – MVI on Cameron-Taggart Rd
- Tuesday, Sept 6 – Burning Complaint on Sooke Lake Rd
  - Wednesday, Sept 7 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
  - Wednesday, Sept 7 – HazMat on Munsie Rd
  - Wednesday, Sept 7 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
  - Thursday, Sept 8 – Burning Complaint on Ashley Rose Close
  - Friday, Sept 9 - 1st Responder off Fern Ridge Dr
  - Saturday, Sept 10 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
  - Sunday, Sept 11 – MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
  - Tuesday, Sept 13 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
  - Wednesday, Sept 14 – Alarms Activated on Glen Eagles Rd
  - Wednesday, Sept 14 - 1st Responder off Cameron-Taggart Rd
  - Friday, Sept 16 – MVI on
- Renfrew Rd
  - Saturday, Sept 17 – Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lake Rd & on Kingsley Rd
  - Sunday, Sept 18- Alarms Activated on W Shawnigan Lake Rd & on Fitzgerald Rd
  - Tuesday, Sept 20 – Structure Fire on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
  - Tuesday, Sept 20 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd & on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
  - Wednesday, Sept 21 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
  - Friday, Sept 23 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
  - Sunday, Sept 25 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
  - Monday, Sept 26 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
  - Wednesday, Sept 28 – Burning Complaint on Timber Ridge Rd

Shawnigan Weather for September 2022

	Sept Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Museum		Elford Road	
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Average High	20.5	24.2	20.0	24.0	20.3	22.7	19.8	23.4	19.8
Average Low	9.3	11.1	10.7	11.0	10.4	11.9	11.7	11.5	10.1
Extreme High	34.0	29.7	28.0	29.2	27.0	27.3	27.0	28.0	26.5
Extreme Low	-3.9	7.4	5.4	7.5	4.3	7.5	6.3	7.0	5.0
Precipitation	33.3	3.4	155.5	0.5	141.2	0.7	152.9	1.8	135.3
Days w precip	8	3	15	1	17	2	15	4	17
Year Precip	716.1	871.9	738.4	702.3	678.3	620.4	570.2	698.4	655.7
Rank since 1914: warmest ever, 3rd driest									
Lake Temperature		Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25				
		24"	22"	20"	19"				
Lake level change		-2.5cm	-3.8cm	-3.0cm	-3.8cm				
Surface Elevation		116.39	116.36	116.33	116.33				

South Cowichan Library

**Monica Finn**  
250-743-5436  
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Family Storytime: join us for stories, songs, and rhymes on Mondays at 10:30am through Oct 31 (except for Oct 10). We meet outside at the Mill Bay Centre playground or in the library if the weather is discouraging.

Conversational Spanish has

begun! Drop in to practice Spanish in a casual setting on Mondays at 6pm. Chat en español en la biblioteca! Beginners welcome.

Bring your children to Trick-or-Treat the library on Monday, Oct 31, and they can pick out a new book to keep!

We have a new history quiz to puzzle over from the Mill Bay-Malahat Historical SBay-Malahat Historical Society

Children can write their answer on a handout, get it stamped at the circulation desk, and then take it into the museum for a prize!

Take & Make kits for children are available this month until supplies run out. All the supplies and instructions for a craft project are in a bag, ready to grab and go!

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.

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- **Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission**  
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- **Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission**  
Meetings TBA. Held at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
- **Shawnigan Improvement District**  
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- **Shawnigan Lake Museum**  
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- **Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)**  
For info: (web): [www.thesra.ca](http://www.thesra.ca)
- **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**  
Contact: [bburr@shaw.ca](mailto:bburr@shaw.ca)
- **Shawnigan Basin Society**  
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- **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**  
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- **South Cowichan Arts Guild**  
Contact: [hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com](mailto:hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com) (web): [cowichansouthartsguild.com](http://cowichansouthartsguild.com)
- **Shawnigan Quilters** - Wed. 9-2 at Lion's Hall (former Sylvania School)
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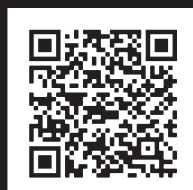
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