



# Shawnigan-Showe'luqun Focus

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## Work in Progress

**Lori Treloar**  
Executive Director

We are in week 11 of the project to expand the museum. So far, we are making great progress, helped a lot by the good weather and the great crew. The next step is the foundation! The plan is to be at lock up sometime in November.

Due to demolition activity inside the museum, we do not have regular visitor hours at this time. However, there is generally someone at the museum daily if you want to check out our gift shop or pick up an order from our online shop. Our guaranteed hours for pick up are Tuesday to Thursday 10-2 (closed

on September 12<sup>th</sup>). We hope to be able to offer visitor hours as things progress. Hours will be regularly updated. Contact us if you have questions – 250-743-8675

We are very busy writing grants and looking for donations for the project. Covid did not help the project and we had to cut some features. Additional funding will restore the cuts.

We are also creating some exciting new exhibits for the larger space, including a Kinsol Trestle Interpretation Centre, a larger EJ Hughes Gallery and Life at the Lake. We are very lucky to have some wonderful design experts

helping us with their time and expertise.

Check out our great Events on:  
**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30. Join us for a guided walk to the Kinsol Trestle, led by Lori Treloar, Shawnigan Lake Museum. By donation. This walk is in collaboration with the Victoria Genealogical Society. Optional lunch following, at the Lakehouse. Please register on their website <https://victoriags.org>

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30. Sylvan United Church. Join us for a talk on the fascinating story of the British Home Child Migration. Many of you have likely heard of 'Fairbridge', in the Cowichan Valley. This was once the site of an 1100 acre farm, which



was built to educate poor and orphaned children from Britain. Patricia Skidmore, whose mother was a British Home Child at Fairbridge, will present the talk. By Donation. Please contact us to register: [museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com](mailto:museum@shawniganlakemuseum.com)

Coming in October... Watch for the date for a fun book event at the museum celebrating the

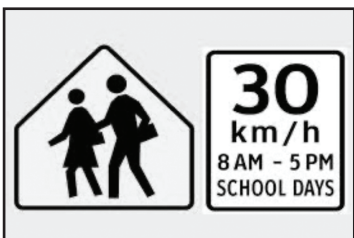
latest book by Robert Amos, *E. J. Hughes: Life at the Lake*. This will be a wonderful Christmas present for everyone who loves Shawnigan Lake.

If you are interested in Shawnigan History and/or the progress of the Museum expansion, Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or check out our website at: [ShawniganLakeMuseum.com](http://ShawniganLakeMuseum.com)

## School's Back!

### South Cowichan Community Policing

In September, we transition from busy summer traffic to school traffic, buses and kids on the roads. It's time to watch for excited children and observe school zone speed limits.



- **Driving in School Zones**  
All Drivers, this one's for You!
- Speed Limit is 30km/hour – 8AM - 5PM in all School Zones Every School Day.

### School Bus Laws:

1. Drivers Must Stop!  
Our provincial driving manual teaches that one must stop when you approach a school bus displaying flashing red lights from the front or the rear, no matter what lane you are in. You



must not start moving again until the bus driver signals it is safe by turning off the lights and pulling in the stop sign. This would cover any direction.

2. Drivers must exercise proper precautions

when encountering a child on any road, street or highway.

### Speed Watch Volunteers Wanted

As a member of the community, you may be asking how you can participate in community-based programs that make this a safer place to live for us and our children. Speed Watch is a program staffed entirely by community volunteers. "Volunteers are the Heart of Community Policing"

Trained volunteers, working in pairs, arrive in our Community Policing van, and use radar

with a large electronic display. It's an effective way to encourage safer driving in specific areas including school zones. The program is sponsored by the Shawnigan Lake and North Cowichan / Duncan RCMP, ICBC, and SCCPAS/CCP&ES. **Volunteer with Speed Watch in the Cowichan Valley:**

South Cowichan Community Policing Advisory Society  
250-929-7222

Cowichan Community Policing & Engagement Society  
250-597-7927

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# Shawnigan Focus

## South Cowichan Rotary

Lori is pictured here with Rotarians Hilary Abbott, Gay Wise and Leslie Grills of the South Cowichan Rotary Club. This award recognizes citizens in our community who have made a significant long-term contribution towards improving life in South Cowichan. Lori is a founder of South Cowichan Community Kitchens and has been the driver for over 30 years that has enabled the organization to make a difference in our community to those in need. The South Cowichan Rotary Club has supported South

Cowichan Community Kitchens and looks forward to continuing that support.

South Cowichan Community Kitchens makes a huge contribution to low-income families. It teaches the participants the skills needed and empowers them to shop effectively, budget, prepare and store nutritious meals along with using Food Safe Program principles. Participants pay most of the cost of their own meals but, through donations raised, Community Kitchens has been able to subsidize that cost by

50 cents for each dollar paid by participants. The program produces over 200 complete nutritious meals a month to community members.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made to St. John's Anglican Church in Cobble Hill. It is St John's Anglican Church which has provided their wonderful kitchen facility free of charge to the program for all of those 30 years.

For more information contact Lori at [lianni1@telus.net](mailto:lianni1@telus.net) or Gay Wise at [rotarywise@gmail.com](mailto:rotarywise@gmail.com)



Second from right Lori Iannidinardo, recipient of Rotary's Paul Harris Distinguished Community Service

## Something Awesome Happened at the Faux Family Fishing Derby This Year!

### Sarah & Daniel Faux

The Faux Family Fishing Derby is an annual family tradition that has been taking place on Shawnigan Lake since 2005. Every year, it brings together family and friends from across Canada in a friendly (but secretly serious) competition held over two days to catch the biggest fish. For the kids, a wide variety of prizes are on the line, which, of course, is the bait for their passionate participation. This year we had an amazing outcome!

The winner, and newest inductee into the Derby

Hall of Fame, was 10-year-old Helen Faux. In the final 30 minutes of fishing, Helen caught the biggest fish by far ever recorded in the derby's 19-year history, just up from "No-tell-e" Creek, for you fishing fanatics.

With loud encouragement from her sister, cousin and father, Helen managed to reel in a 5 lb 12 oz monster Shawnigan bass. Best of all, it was done on a cheap vintage rod using a hook and worm. In the end, it was an epic five-minute battle where, at one point, her father had to lift her onto one of the small tin boat seats to

allow her enough room to pull the bass to the side of the boat - close enough for her cousin Ayla to expertly net the fish in the cheapest net that could be bought heading down island on a Friday night.

With first choice from all the prizes, including but not limited to some big dollar gift cards, Helen, as predicted, chose to take home the biggest bag of candy that was up for grabs. Runner-ups included cousins Will Johnson with a 3 lb 7 oz bass and Madden & Rowan Clement with a 3 lb and 2 lb 13 oz bass, respectively.



## South Cowichan Library

### Monica Finn

South Cowichan Library  
250-743-5436

[southcowichan@virl.bc.ca](mailto:southcowichan@virl.bc.ca)

Poetry lovers! Join us for a **Local Poet Gathering** on Saturday, September 9 from 2-3 pm. We'll be celebrating poetry with Kamal Parmar, Poet Laureate of Nanaimo, with readings by local poets along with tea and discussion.

**Family Storytime** on Monday, Sep 25, at 10:30 am, in the Mill Bay Centre playground. Everyone welcome!

The next meeting of the **Inspired by Reading Book Club** is on Tuesday, Oct 10, 6:30-8pm. Request a copy of *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands*, a graphic novel by

Canadian Kate Beaton, now! The book club is run by the Cowichan South Arts Guild and open to everyone.

**Conversational Spanish** meets from 6:30 to 7:30 pm each Monday. Drop in, to practice Spanish in a casual setting and chat en español en la biblioteca! Beginners welcome.

**LEGO® Club** meets every Tuesday, 2-5pm. We provide the LEGO (and Duplo) and you supply the imagination. Come ready to build! This is a free, drop-in event.

**Tech Help** is available most Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Drop-in or make an appointment for one-on-one help with your mobile device or laptop.

**Art for Newcomers** is a drop-in group for new

Canadians hosted by the Cowichan Intercultural Society. Come by 2-4pm on the first and third Tuesdays or email [francoise@cis-iwc.org](mailto:francoise@cis-iwc.org).

**Soup for Seniors:** there is a bin in the foyer for donations of soup (or other canned foods) as part of the annual food drive by the Social Prescribing program of Volunteer Cowichan.

**Free webinar for tenants!** On Zoom, Sep 28, Oct 3 & 23. To register, go here: [bit.ly/VIRLtenants](https://bit.ly/VIRLtenants)  
The South Cowichan Library in the Mill Bay Centre is open:  
10am - 8pm, Monday and Tuesday  
10am - 5pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday  
Find out more at [virl.bc.ca](http://virl.bc.ca) and at [www.facebook.com/VIRLSouthCowichan](https://www.facebook.com/VIRLSouthCowichan)

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# Shawnigan Focus

## E. J. Hughes

**Robert Amos**  
*Author and Artist*

In 1951, artist E. J. Hughes and his wife Fern moved to Shawnigan Lake and, except for Fern's radio, things became very quiet. It was like that until 1977, when Hughes, then a widower, moved to Duncan. Photos show that his living room centred on his record player and his collection of LP records, exclusively big-band jazz of the 1940s. "Ed needs to be with people his own age to find anyone else who gives much of a damn about the forties," Pat Salmon wrote in her diary. "He sees no music worth appreciating after that, except Fraser MacPherson's playing (mostly of 40s music). If I ever dared to tell him I liked modern music it might be curtains to our friendship." Pat Salmon's diary, January 10, 1995

According to Salmon, Fraser MacPherson was "the one person in his whole life that I have ever seen Hughes chase. It's because of his superb talent. MacPherson is as good at what he does as Hughes is. One time I saw that Fraser MacPherson was going to

be performing at a school in Duncan, so I said to Hughes "would you like to go see him?" And without much enthusiasm he said "alright... if you want."

"That night we were almost the only people there, besides the students, and Hughes was just utterly taken with MacPherson. He went right up to the stage and stood behind the guy. And that was Hughes' reaction. Fraser MacPherson had no idea who Hughes was at that point. Later, his sister Jane (who was a nun) told him who Hughes was.

"Another time we went to see MacPherson play at the University of Victoria for some biggish event. And from the stage at one point MacPherson said "I'm going to dedicate this to my friend E. J. Hughes." And he didn't even know Hughes was in the audience!" Pat Salmon to Robert Amos. Personal communication 2012.

Though Hughes avoided travel, in 1984, he accompanied his sister Irma and Pat Salmon on a trip to Washington, New York and Montreal, paid for by his dealer, Max Stern. On his return, on November



*Ej Hughes and Fraser MacPherson at a hotel in Parksville, in 1985. Photographer unknown*

19, 1984, Hughes wrote to Stern: "At last I can sit down and write this "thank you" letter for making that wonderful 11-day trip possible for Irma and Pat and myself... New York was a veritable mad house of honking taxis, but our hotel (NY Hilton) was comfortable and luxurious, as were the two restaurants. Twice we visited one of the lounges, where there was a live jazz piano player

in action, producing very exciting music, so good that I congratulated him and said "you are Teddy Wilson's only rival!"

In his later years, Pat and Hughes were often out and about in the Cowichan Valley, looking for painting sites and places to dine. At that time, the cafés of Duncan provided him with all music he needed. As recorded in Pat Salmon's

diary: "Wednesday, February 14, 2001: Had dinner with Ed at Jake's and it was really quite nice. I admire Jake's as they give space for artists and, also, bring in live music. Ed liked the guitarist so much that he gave him a twenty dollar bill. For Ed that was incredibly generous, but he is very high right now as his two paintings sold for good prices at Winchester."

## Follow Your Heart

**Shawnigan Rotary Eco Club**  
**Kim Barnard**  
*Founder-President-Story Gatherer*

I can't imagine leaving everything behind and having to flee for my life as a wildfire approaches, and yet that is the current reality for us to prepare for in an emergency scenario. What would it look like to gather your Go Bag?

Walking around Shawnigan, I notice evidence of carelessly discarded things that could start, or rapidly fuel, a fire - from cigarette butts to broken glass to wrappers, napkins and cardboard. What if we each chose to waste less and to make our footprints a trail of tidying up? Individually it seems like a small choice but collectively it's an attitude that will help Shawnigan remain a beautiful place to enjoy for every living thing.

Consider "A Year of Living Generously" by Canadian writer Lawrence Scanlan. He intentionally dedicated his time and talents to 12 different areas of service. I can attest to huge personal

growth as a member (and Shawnigan's club president!) through Rotary. Some have suggested that I set my sights on local governance, but I have to wonder if that's really the best use of my quirks and interests? I tend to be a document nerd, almost annoyingly enthusiastic and, also, a fan of deeply honest conversations! Time will tell if I could be ready for such trust and responsibility.

In the meantime, being a fan of history I will be cheering on the Shawnigan Lake Museum - and celebrating the stories that we each bring to the community table! Kindness and collaborations are the keys to connectedness in leadership. I still marvel at the miracle of the restored Kinsol Trestle and look ahead with hope, that by following our hearts we will not only survive but, with understanding, thrive.

Spark a heartfelt commitment to walking generously! Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub members are welcomed and I can help connect you!  
[ShawniganRotaryEcoClub.ca](http://ShawniganRotaryEcoClub.ca)

## Shawnigan Lake CELEBRATING THE SEASON

# Fall Festival & MARKET

**Shawnigan Lake Community Centre**  
**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30AM-3:00PM**

**FOOD \* GAMES \* MUSIC \* TREATS \* CRAFTS**  
**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**ADMISSION BY DONATION FOR FOOD BANK**

Vendors, craft persons, groups or individuals who market seasonal products or community information can register for FREE space by October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Contact: [bburr@shaw.ca](mailto:bburr@shaw.ca). Check our website for more details. Space is limited.

[www.shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca](http://www.shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca)  
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Shawnigan Weather - August 2023 Report

Stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network, Environment Canada and Weather Underground  
Reported by Grant Treloar

	August Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay		Discovery School		Butler Road		Museum		Elford Road	
		2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Average High	23.6	27.2	28.7	27.1	27.9	26.9	29.1	26.3	26.3	25.9	27.0
Average Low	12.0	13.8	14.6	13.4	14.5	11.0	11.8	13.6	15.7	13.6	14.2
Extreme High	36.1	37.2	35.7	36.2	34.6	37.1	36.6	36.0	33.2	35.0	33.0
Extreme Low	3.3	10.4	10.4	9.2	11.3	7.2	9.4	10.6	11.4	9.5	10.5
Precipitation	27.9	9.0	0.0	7.9	0.0	11.4	0.0	8.8	0.0	8.6	0.2
Days w precip	6	5	0.0	5	0.0	5	0.0	5	0.0	3	1.0
Year Precip	682.8	635.4	868.5		701.8	571.5	842.8	460.0	619.7	473.0	696.6
Rank since 1914: tied for 3 <sup>rd</sup> warmest, 28 <sup>th</sup> driest											
Lake Temperature Lake level change Surface Elevation		Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 28						
		23"	24"	26"	24"						
		-2.5cm	-3.8cm	-2.5cm	-3.8cm						
		116.00	115.97	115.95	115.94						

The warm dry summer continued in August with only 5 days of rain, including a thunderstorm on the 28th/29th of the month. Hottest day of the year came on the 14th. Precipitation continued to be lower than normal, running at 67% of average for the year. Since April there have been 33 days with rain, as compared to the normal of 53. June, July, & August was the 3rd warmest summer since 1914. The lake level has dropped 13.5 cm since the beginning of June. It is now at its lowest level in the past 8 years for this time of year.

Royal Canadian Legion Malahat Branch134

**Gloria Solley**  
A monthly calendar is available each month at the Legion or on our web page [www.malahatlegion.ca](http://www.malahatlegion.ca). Everyone is welcome, but Non-members must sign in our guest book. Our Galley and Bar are open on Friday and Saturday. Our meat draws continues every Saturday at 3:00 pm (except November 11<sup>th</sup>) and a dinner is held once a month. Drop-in Crib, Bridge, Mahjong, Euchre, Holdem and various other activities are also available. Children are also welcome when our kitchen is open.

**Check Us Out**

- On our website ([www.malahatlegion.ca](http://www.malahatlegion.ca))
- On our Facebook page (Royal Canadian Legion Br 134) or Cowichan Valley Events
- Send us a message ([rcl134@shaw.ca](mailto:rcl134@shaw.ca)).
- Better yet – drop in. We would love to see you.

**Friday, September 15th**  
5:30 pm - Barbeque Steak Dinner \$30.00 - followed by Music Bingo. Please Note: Reservations are required. Non-Member tickets will go on sale the morning of September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our regular monthly General Meetings resume at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 17th. We will have Guest Speaker Holly Bowen from Cowichan Hospice talking about facilities available at the hospice. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Saturday, September 23rd**  
from 11:30– 1:30 pm: the Malahat Legion will be celebrating Canadian Legion Week by inviting our community to come in for a free hot dog, can of pop and bag of chips. Come in and meet some of our members, see how we help the community and enjoy the mixture of 60's, 70's blues and country, plus some original music by Jody Bishop.

Our Thanksgiving Modified Ham and Turkey half-time meat draw is on September 30th and will feature one ham and one turkey. Jody Bishop will be here to entertain again. Check our website for information about future events, including our Christmas Craft Sale on Sunday, November 26th.

**We Will Remember Them...**

**October 22nd**  
11:00 am – at the Cobble Hill Cenotaph

**November 11th**  
11:00 am at the Cobble Hill Cenotaph



St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake Spotlight

Welcome to Julie Shen, Head of English



Julie Shen, Head of English

Julie Shen is a committed believer in the International Baccalaureate who has taught in the PYP, MYP, and DP. She is a firm believer that resilience, social and emotional well-being are integral to academic success. This is why she has chosen the IB for her own children. Having taught overseas for the last 13 years, Julie is keen to continue the spirit of intercultural understanding, tolerance, and using education as a platform for positive change. She specializes in English Language Acquisition, and English Language and Literature in both a teaching and leading capacity. As a school reviewer, she has had the privilege of reviewing international IB schools for breadth and depth of learning.

Julie is excited to bring education to life and make a meaningful impact across the community. *Welcome Julie!*

It's a Wrap

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. Here at St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake (SJASL), we've been busy renovating the science centers and art rooms to get ready for the Diploma Programme Certification. We're excited to be growing our boarding program to include students from Germany, Myanmar, and Russia. This year we are collaborating with the Pacific Football Club in starting a soccer academy here at SJASL and kicking off with our "first 11" this September. This first group includes local students, and students from Spain and Malaysia.



Jenny Boomer, Director of Adminssions

**Hello Shawnigan Lake!**  
The countdown is on as summer comes to a close and we prepare for the upcoming school year. The team at St. John's Academy Shawnigan Lake are heading back from vacation and getting ready the year ahead.

- Upcoming Events**
- August 31st – New Student Orientation Day
  - September 5th – First Day Back to School
  - September 12th – Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Advisor Night for Students and Families
  - September 14th & 15th – Eco Camping Trip Whole School Overnight
  - September 19th – Parent Community Engagement Group (PCEG) Meeting
- If you haven't already visited our website we invite you to do so for additional information, and to learn more about our programming.

[www.stjohnsacademy.ca](http://www.stjohnsacademy.ca)

For weekly updates and day-to-day happenings, follow us on Facebook or Instagram.



Learn more about our International Baccalaureate programme at [www.stjohnsacademy.ca/ib/](http://www.stjohnsacademy.ca/ib/)

For a tour of the campus please contact: Jenny Boomer [jenny.boomer@stjohnsacademy.ca](mailto:jenny.boomer@stjohnsacademy.ca)

**Education can change the world.**



It's Impossible to Hide

Jared Qwustenuxun Williams  
Writer and Educator

Someone asked me the other day how I feel knowing the history that I know and living in this modern world. At first, I didn't know what to say. I think I kinda laughed it off. I answered casually that it comes and goes in waves. One minute, I'll be splashing with my kids in the river laughing and playing. Then I'll see something that brings me back, like a dying cedar tree or a pool of salmon fry cut off from the main river. These things are obvious and probably make most people acknowledge their changing environment and think almost existentially. But what really breaks my brain are moments like last night. I went to the skatepark with the kids and we had a blast. But every time I looked up, I could see Swuq'us staring down

at me. I am reminded that where I am skating was the edge of the once great S'amuna Xatsa and that my not-so-distant ancestors would have travelled where I now skated. Then my brain zooms out and I can't help but see the highway, the cars, the stores, the unhoused people, and the garbage. It goes from zero to a hundred. All of a sudden, my kids notice that I've stopped skating and ask me what's going on. I tell them I am tired and resting, not wanting to spoil their fun. But I stand there, bearing witness on behalf of my blood ancestors. I see the lake reduced to a warm, nearly toxic puddle. I see a highway running over a once prolific Salmon bearing creek. I see people going hungry begging for food in a place where generations of hunters caught ducks by the thousands. I see a great

and powerful empire reduced to POW camps we call Indian Reserves. Then I look back at my kids and I can't help but wonder, with everything I've taught them, what they will see when they are adults? In that moment, and only for a brief second, I see why some elders stopped teaching. It hurts. It's like a genetic trauma. When we live in the place of our ancestors and are raised with their stories of abundance and power, it can be difficult to look around and see what's taken its place. I see why some of the wisest elders and relatives struggle with their mental health. Residential schools and Indian hospitals may be closed, but colonization never stopped. Along with the earth we never forget who we are...we've just been buried in colonization and it's impossible to hide from.



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VICTORIA AQUA SKI CLUB



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SLCA Fall Festival and Market

Follow the aroma of hot apple cider to the Community Centre on Sunday, October 22nd and enjoy a Fall Festival and Market! Doors open at 11am until 3pm. This event will replace the usual Halloween Hoedown! Once again, the Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA) is

making changes to keep our community having more fun than ever. There are many Halloween events in the community, but we are 'Celebrating the Season' with vendors selling local products, games and activities for all ages and abilities and seasonal foods to enjoy! Admission will be an item for the Food Bank and

all games/activities will be free. Vendors must register their free space by October 1st at info@shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca Watch for details coming to shawniganlakecommunityassociation.ca Please email us if you wish to join our team in planning this event.

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Letter

Gay Wise  
Shawnigan Lake, BC

I'd like to say a big **Thank You** to the motorists in the South Cowichan, particularly those who drive around Shawnigan Lake. As an avid cyclist living in Shawnigan Village, the route around the Lake is my favourite morning ride. Recent repaving of some of the worst spots makes the ride more enjoyable, but it's too bad the Department of Highways did little, if anything, to consider cyclists as part of the traffic. There are places where you really are out on the travelled portion of the road and a motor vehicle can only pass if they go into the oncoming lane when it is safe to do so. Though it is not a

dedicated bike path, having a paved shoulder, with a line to mark it, makes the road safer and more enjoyable for both motorized and non-motorized vehicles. It makes me so happy to say that I have had no instances this summer where I felt at risk, no times when I have been honked at (except in greeting) or felt crowded. Now, what do we do about the Department of Highways?

The South Cowichan Rotary Club is in the early stages of planning an Active Transportation Initiative, mostly centred around use of the bicycle as a utility vehicle, a means of developing health and fitness and a way to just embrace the joy of cycling. If you are interested in hearing more, please contact me at : [rotarywise@gmail.com](mailto:rotarywise@gmail.com)

Variance Application

Our village will see development, but how it grows is up to us.

This property, at the end of Tricia's Way, just off Shawnigan Mill Bay Road between the Legion and the Village, has the zoning in place to open a post-secondary animation and gaming school. There are currently requests to adjust the setbacks and the height of the building.

This information was delivered to adjacent properties, but this will have an effect on the Village which is important to us all.

If you have comments or concerns, please provide input on the variance requests to Area B Director, Sierra Acton. Email: [Sierra.acton@cvrld.bc.ca](mailto:Sierra.acton@cvrld.bc.ca)



Notice of Proposed Development Variance Permit

Date of Notice	August 24, 2023	File No. DVP23B02
Place	CVRD Boardroom	
Date & Time of Public Meeting	September 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.	
Subject	Development Variance Permit for PID: 005-028-400	

The CVRD Electoral Area Services Committee will consider a recommendation to the Board regarding issuance of a Development Variance Permit during a public meeting beginning at 1:30 p.m. on September 6, 2023 in the CVRD Boardroom located at 175 Ingram Street, DUNCAN, BC.

In general terms, the variance request is to vary building height requirements and parcel line setbacks for a proposed three-storey private school.

If approved the proposed permit would vary the Electoral Area "B" Zoning Bylaw No. 985 1986 as follows:

- Section 10.1 (b) (2), height of all buildings and structures is varied from 12.0 metres to 16.99 metres for a school; and
- Section 10.1 (b) (3), setbacks for parcel lines
  - From 6.0 metres to 2.4 metres for the rear parcel line for a school; and
  - From 6.0 metres to 3.1 metres for the side yard parcel line for a school.

Subject Property

Civic Address: N/A

Legal Description: BLOCK A SECTION 3 RANGE 5 SHAWNIGAN DISTRICT PLAN 11434 EXCEPT PARTS IN PLANS 23321 AND 37222

PID: 005-028-400

Zoning: Parks and Institutional (P-1)

Please Note: All property owners and persons residing within 100 metres of the subject property shown on the map above will receive this notice.

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August 2023 Report

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- Tuesday, Aug 1, - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Aug 1 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Wednesday, Aug 2 – Mutual Aid MVI w/Malahat Fire
- Wednesday, Aug 2 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Aug 3 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Aug 5 - 1st Responder off McKean Rd
- Saturday, Aug 5 – Alarms Activated on Barton Pl
- Saturday, Aug 5 - 1st Responder off Gregory Rd
- Sunday, Aug 6 – Assistance on Cameron-Taggart Rd
- Sunday, Aug 6 – Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Aug 7 – MVI on Timber Ridge Rd
- Monday, Aug 7 - 1st Responder off Treit Rd
- Wednesday, Aug 9 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Wednesday, Aug 9 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Thursday, Aug 10 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Aug 10 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Aug 10 – MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Aug 10 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Friday, Aug 11 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Aug 12 - 1st Responder off Thain Rd
- Sunday, Aug 13 – Hydro Lines on Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Monday, Aug 14 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Monday, Aug 14 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Aug 14 - 1st Responder off Treit Rd
- Monday, Aug 14 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Aug 15 – Grass Fire on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Aug 15 – Burning Complaint on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Wednesday, Aug 16 – Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Aug 17 - 1st Responder off Treit Rd
- Thursday, Aug 17 – MVI on Stowood Rd
- Thursday, Aug 17 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Friday, Aug 18 – Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Friday, Aug 18 - 1st Responder off Sooke Lake Rd
- Saturday, Aug 19 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Saturday, Aug 19 – Assistance off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Aug 21 – Alarms Activated on Cameron-Taggart Rd
- Monday, Aug 21 - 1st Responder off Heald Rd
- Tuesday, Aug 22 - 1st Responder off Colman Rd
- Thursday, Aug 24 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Friday, Aug 25 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Saturday, Aug 26 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Saturday, Aug 26 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Saturday, Aug 26 - Assistance off Treit Rd
- Saturday, Aug 26 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Sunday, Aug 27 - 1st Responder off Treit Rd
- Monday, Aug 28 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
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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**  
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- **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**  
#102-1760 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road. Contact: [info@shawniganbasinsociety.org](mailto:info@shawniganbasinsociety.org)
- **Young Seniors Action Group (YSAGS)**  
Contact: [ysagssl@gmail.com](mailto:ysagssl@gmail.com) (web): [blog.ysag.ca](http://blog.ysag.ca)
- **South Cowichan Community Policing (SCCP)**  
Contact: 250-929-7222(web): [southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca](http://southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca)
- **Royal Canadian Legion Malahat District Branch 134**  
Saturday Meat Draw 3:00-5:00pm. Contact: Gloria [gsolley@shaw.ca](mailto:gsolley@shaw.ca)
- **Cowichan South Arts Guild (CSAG)**  
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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## Reflections on a Creative Summer

**Jennie Stevens**  
*Cowichan South Arts Guild*

Summer often involves getting away from routine and changing up the scenery and taking a healthy break if one is fortunate with time available to do so. Sometimes, however, staying and engaging in your community is just as much a boost and inspiration! Especially when you can build connections with others and support local activities benefiting all

ages. With a wide variety of great programs available through local community organizations, and little privately run ones too, there's lots of fun to be had right here!

My summer was filled with a heartwarming combination of volunteering/teaching/and grand-parenting. The best part was sharing these experiences together with my 11 yr old granddaughter. It began in collaboration with Paul Belanger, Kayla,

Monique and Hannah for two weeks of musical theatre with Shawnigan Kids Theatre Troupe, and the performance of Fractured Fairytales, in which actors also wove beautiful flowers for the garden backdrop and created their own unique T-shirt costumes. My granddaughter's confidence rose so much during the 2 week experience.

Two wonderful camps, Cowichan Creative (thanks Sheri and Rachel)

and Urban Farming and Cooking (thanks Zoe) filled the middle of the summer, and I saw such delight in her eyes as she emerged from these two amazing week-long experiences.

The highlight was the creative flow of preparing for CSAG's 9 week Thursdays ART TENT at Music In The Park. This was CSAG's 2nd year of collaboration with Cobble Hill Event Society (CHES) at their successful ongoing family event, and it filled me with such joy to see so many volunteers step up, so many children participate,

and hear so many positive comments from parents about the program. Thank you to co-coordinator Kayla, and wonderful volunteers Elise/Max, Diane C. Hannah, Susan, Diane M. Lindsay, Bev, Leanne, Autumn, Aimee, Freyja/friend, Zoe, Alyssa, Emilia. Special thanks to young Mossimo (6), already such a valuable member of the team!

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