



Shawnigan-Showe'luqun

Focus

August 2026 Tum'qwe'unhw
"The time when mosquitoes(qwe'un) are out"

A Non-Profit Community Publication

Opinion

A Concerned Citizen
Shawnigan Lake

I am writing this as a Concerned Community Member. In our Shawnigan neighbourhood, over the past three years, we have watched at the increase of unlicensed off-road motorcycle traffic. It is not unusual to have groups of 5 or 6 young riders streaming by. I can't imagine the horror of being a vehicle driver who is involved in an accident with a young biker or being the parent, friend, or family member of a hurt and injured child. These concerns are based on seeing motor bikes failing to follow the rules of the road, and reports of accidents that have already occurred this year as well as previous years.

The major challenges are:

1. Unlicensed (and uninsured) motorcycles using the road in a reckless manner; speeding, weaving from lane to lane, and simply driving in the wrong lane which makes them a horrific surprise to oncoming traffic when they crest the hills on the road.
2. Often no helmets being worn by the riders.
3. Excessive speed as they race along the street.
4. Doing wheel stands (driving on the back wheel) as they drive along the road often while in close proximity to other cars on the road.
5. A significant number of the drivers appear to be well under 16 years of age
6. In addition, during our dry and hot season a very real safety concern as they drive the roads and trails is the potential to ignite a fire caused by not having spark arresting mufflers.

This is an escalating and serious problem with the potential for ugly results that far exceeds "kids just being kids". Our situation in Shawnigan is not unique and we share this problem with many other communities on Vancouver Island. I have spoken with the Sargent from the Shawnigan RCMP Detachment and they are aware of this very dangerous situation and are working hard to correct it. They have begun issuing stiff fines (the biggest so far was just over \$1,100.00) and they are confiscating bikes involved in breaking the law. To assist them, they have asked for our help in the form of clear photos of the offenders and their bikes. Our shared goal should be to help avoid someone's child from being seriously hurt and to help remove a dangerous situation from our roads. I would suggest that parents and friends of young bikers could play a major role in helping to reinforce the "drive safely, live longer" message.

OPEN LETTER TO PREMIER DAVID EBY AND FOREST MINISTER RAVI PARMAR

Dear Premier David Eby and Minister Ravi Parmar:

I write to you today to implore you to refrain from clear cutting any more old-growth forest on the Pacheedaht unceded lands, particularly the Walbran.

As a boy, I remember when the salmon ran in the river in runs so strong you could walk across them to the other side. I have always considered our forests as our cathedral, our relatives who provide us with food, medicine, biodiversity and everything we need to exist. Quite simply, the land is us and we are the land, and that relationship of love and respect has sustained us for millennia. Never take more than you need; never take it all has always been our way.

Yet, in less than 200 years, our land has been ravaged in the pursuit of profit for both government and industry. There is no thought to the care of the people. In destroying our forests, you have brought upon us terrible wildfires, droughts, floods and landslides across the province of BC.

Nothing seems to have moved you, not the pleas and protests contained in the thousands upon thousands of letters, emails, phone calls, rallies, sit-ins, parades, art installations, documentaries, books and legal actions from people of all walks of life. Indigenous peoples, teachers, writers, film makers, artists, lawyers, doctors, scientists, foresters, students, retirees, children, youth – all of us have not made the slightest dent in your determination to annihilate all the accessible old-growth forest. You ignore the recommendations of your own panels, including the Old-Growth Strategic Review, the Technical Advisory Panel and more recently the Forest Practices Advisory Board. Most of all, you continue to ignore Fairy Creek, the largest mass civil disobedience movement in Canadian history. You simply pretend it didn't happen. The voices of tens of thousands of people across the province have apparently made no difference to you.

What of your legacy in the generations to come? As it stands, you will be remembered as the architects of the destruction of our once great BC forests, those who refused to stray from the path of corporate profit-making to consider the needs of the people. Why not change that by saving what's left of our old-growth forests?

It seems to me a strange legacy, particularly for Premier Eby, considering the government no longer makes any profit, as it spends forest revenues on fighting wildfires, repairing infrastructure and increasing health costs.

Now with the use of gates and roadside boulders, you deny me access to what remains of my cathedral. Please tell me why you think you have the right to deny me and my Nation our spiritual practice and culture on our unceded lands?

I look forward to your detailed reply to be provided to my email address at william.jones@me.com with a cc to the media contact listed below.

Respectfully,

Elder Bill Jones
Pacheedaht First Nation



South Cowichan Library

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South Cowichan
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SUMMER READING
CLUB continues!

Mon, Aug 4, Local
Nesting Birds: Join
Jacquie Taylor from the
Cowichan Bring Back the
Bluebirds Project to learn
about local birds and the
nests they build. Stay to
make your own bracelets
like the bands the Western
Bluebirds wear! 1:30-
2:30pm

Fri, Aug 7: Cowichan
Estuary: Join staff from
the Cowichan Estuary
Nature Centre to learn
what lives in the sea and
what we might find on the
beach. 11am-noon

Thu, Aug 27: The
Mystery of Loch Ness,
a marionette puppet
show for all ages. 2-3pm

SRC ends Aug 20 but
you have until the end of
the month to bring in draw
slips and pick up prizes

Tech Help: Drop in
Thursdays, Fridays, and
Saturdays or make an
appointment for one-on-
one help with a mobile
device or laptop.

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LEGO® Club happens
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.

Intermediate
Conversational Spanish
meets 5:30 to 6:30pm on
Thursdays. Drop in to
practice Spanish in a casual
setting.

Intermediate Chess
meets Wednesdays at 1pm.
For experienced players
looking for matches.

If you know someone local
who is unable to come into
the library due to illness or
injury, please let them know
about our volunteer Home
Delivery service. They
can get books, audiobooks,
and DVDs delivered to
their door monthly.

The library stocks period
products in the washroom
using donations of items
or money to support this.
Thank you.

There are Summer
Reading programs for
teens and adults too!

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

Mon & Tue 10-6

Wed & Thu 10-7

Fri & Sat 10-6

Find out more at
virl.bc.ca and at
https://www.facebook.com/
VTRLSouthCowichan

Malahat Legion

Jeff Lydiatt

August 2026 at the Malahat Legion

Regular Hours

Fridays and Saturdays

- Bar 1:00-7:00 PM
- Kitchen 12:00-4:30 PM

Drop-in Events

Fridays

- Euchre – 2:00-4:00 PM
- Mahjong – 1:00-3:30 PM

Saturdays

- Meat Draws - 3:00-5:00 PM

Our Special Events:

- For our Centennial year, the Legion of-
fers free membership
- Saturday, August 8th – 5:30 – 10 PM
Pig Roast Dinner & Dance

More Legion events are available at
Upcoming Legion Events

Climate Projection Report Supports
Watershed Stewardship

John Robertson
Shawnigan Basin Society

The endorsement of
the Climate Projection
Report by the CVRD is
a positive move that will
provide opportunities for
informed decision making,
particularly with respect to
the Shawnigan watershed
and surrounding areas
in South Cowichan. The
projections leverage the
best information that
climate science has to offer
across the globe and apply
that knowledge at the
local level. As a tool, the
projections provide context
and understanding of the
scale of potential impacts
resulting from climate
change for the regional
government, organizations
like the Shawnigan Basin
Society (SBS), and private
citizens.

The Shawnigan watershed
is dominated by severely
impacted forest ecosystems
with very little original
old growth forests left in
the basin. Much of the
forest has been logged
(in most cases multiple
times), and industrial and
residential development
is increasing as our local
communities grow. Many
of the natural attributes
that would provide healthy
hydrologic function within
the watershed have been
diminished or removed
altogether. A priority of
the SBS is to understand
and define the current
condition of the watershed,

its capacity to provide and
deliver fresh, clean water
to the community and
to mitigate wildfire risk.
With this understanding
we can inform decisions
with respect to land use
planning and future
development in the context
of watershed health. We
can also inventory existing
ecosystem components
that can be preserved or
rehabilitated to improve the
capacity of the watershed
to provide water.

We partner with the
CVRD by supporting
water sampling programs,
providing public education
and information sharing,
and advocating for
strong stewardship of the
watershed. The Climate
Projection Report is an
important tool in this work.
By modelling the trajectory
of climate change with
respect to temperature and
precipitation, government
planners, community
organizations and private
citizens, at the local level,
can better understand the
potential consequences of
our decisions.

The report is the product
of scientific observation
and reasoning across
the globe that translates
data and known physical,
chemical and biological
relationships that exist in
nature to explain current
conditions and describe
future outcomes. Scientists
use computational analysis

to connect the local
conditions of the Cowichan
Valley to global climate
models and the predictive
capacity they provide. The
result is a broad description
of a probable future climate
and associated impacts if
the world continues to carry
on as we are.

The Climate Projection
Report describes a future
of increased number
of hot days, higher
maximum temperatures,
and fewer frost free days.
It also indicates drier
summers, wetter winters
with less snowfall and
diminished snow packs.
This information identifies
important considerations
for planners, farmers, forest
managers, land owners and
the public. The Shawnigan
watershed is particularly
vulnerable given the
disruption to watershed
function it continues to
experience. The SBS will
refer to the report as we
advocate for effective land
use decisions, look for
opportunities to alleviate
watershed degradation,
rehabilitate forest
ecosystems, and support the
CVRD in its stewardship of
the watershed.

Link to the report:

https://pub-cvrd.
escribemeetings.com/FileStream.
ashx?DocumentId=9146

Please email us with
questions or comments at
info@shawniganbasinsociety.org



Cowichan
Community
Land Trust

The Cowichan Community Land Trust
and the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust
offer a:

\$1000 REWARD

For information that leads to conviction of
those responsible for the recent destruction
and theft of a venerable cedar tree from
conservation covenanted land in the Ren-
frew Road area of the Koksilah watershed.
Please report evidence in confidence to the
Cowichan Community Land Trust.

Contact: info@cowichanlandtrust.ca
Phone: 250-746-0227

Comment

Eric J. Ronse
Shawnigan Lake

Trump (I hesitate to refer in the honorific “Mr.
President”) has been critical of the lack of imme-
diate support for the societies of those willing to
support his war.

He need only look at his own conduct of declar-
ing and bombing Iran without such support. He
launched an illegal war as a decision such as what
is reserved for Congress.

The mainland USA is comfortably an expanse of
an ocean away from the footprint where that war
escalates. While the cessation of hostilities were
projected to be a matter of days long, it is now in
the third month of fighting.

We in Canada stand proudly for support of “Peace,
Order and Good Government” while our cousins
to the south must contend themselves with “Right
to Bear Arms”.

Shawnigan and the CVRD: Inside Regional Governance

Michael Battler
Shawnigan Lake

Understanding the steps behind regional decision making

Where Your Tax Dollars Go, Understanding Budgets and Services

Part 5 of a 6 Part Series Ahead of the October Regional Election

Why does one community pay for a service that another does not, and how are those costs calculated?

For people in Shawnigan Lake, these questions often come up when looking at a property tax notice or hearing about a new service. It can seem like neighbouring communities are paying for different services, or paying different amounts, even though they are all part of the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD).

That can leave some wondering if they are paying too much, or whether the system feels fair.

The answer lies in how the CVRD is structured and funded.

Unlike a municipality, the CVRD does not operate under a single unified budget. Instead, it is built around a collection of individual services, each created by its own bylaw under the Local Government Act (British Columbia).¹ Each service has its own budget, participating areas, and cost-sharing method.

For Shawnigan Lake, this means participating in a range of services. Some are shared across the entire region, others with a smaller group of communities, and some are specific to rural areas. Because communities participate in different combinations of services, costs naturally differ across the CVRD.

In simple terms, your tax dollars help pay for the services your community receives. Each service is funded separately through the regional budget, rather than through a single general tax.

A Service Based System

At its core, the system is straightforward. Communities pay for the services they participate in. If an area is part of a service, it contributes to its cost. If it is not, it does not.

Each service also has its own cost-sharing formula, which may be based on population, property assessment, usage, or a combination of these factors. As a result, households across the region can pay different amounts because they participate in different combinations of services.⁵

Understanding Requisitions

Each year, the CVRD Board reviews and approves budgets for every service.³

The portion of a service budget collected from participating communities is called a requisition. In simple terms, it is the amount that appears on your property taxes to fund that specific service.

Rather than applying one tax rate across the region, requisitions are calculated service by service. Each service budget is divided according to its cost-sharing formula, and only participating communities contribute.

For example, if a service includes five participating areas, only those five areas share the cost. If Shawnigan Lake is one of them, its share is calculated within that group, not across the entire CVRD. A community that does not participate in that service pays nothing toward it.⁴

While this is a financial process, it also reflects policy decisions. Every budget represents choices about what services are considered essential, what is discretionary, and how costs should be shared.

This is also where broader policy decisions can begin to influence future costs. Proposed land use changes,

such as Zoning Bylaw No. 4710, do not directly set taxes, but they can influence how land is developed, what services are required, and, over time, the need for additional staffing, administration, or enforcement.⁶

What This Means for Shawnigan Lake

For Shawnigan Lake, property taxes reflect a combination of region-wide and localized services. Some are shared with municipalities, while others are specific to rural communities.⁵

Residents contribute to services they may not always see day to day, while also funding services that directly support their own community.

As a result, the system can sometimes feel confusing. There is no single CVRD tax. Instead, property taxes include multiple service-based charges, each with its own budget and cost-sharing formula.⁴

Increases may result from several different factors rather than one obvious decision. These can include legislated or regulatory requirements, a new service, higher operating costs, or rising costs within an existing service.

Without understanding how those pieces fit together, it can be difficult to see exactly what you are paying for and why.

Unincorporated vs Incorporated, The Trade Off

In unincorporated areas like Shawnigan Lake, residents benefit from shared regional services and economies of scale that can reduce the cost of delivering certain services.

Municipalities have greater autonomy over their budgets and service decisions. However, that autonomy also comes with responsibility. Municipal governments must fund and deliver the full range of municipal services themselves.

Why This Matters

Budgets are about more than dollars. They reflect priorities, determine what services are provided, and influence how communities grow over time.

Understanding the CVRD funding model helps explain why costs differ between communities, how budgets are developed, and how broader policy decisions, including land use, can influence future services and taxation.

Residents also have opportunities to participate. Annual budgets are reviewed in public meetings, and proposed changes to services or bylaws often include open houses, public hearings where required, or written submissions. Legislative Services also accepts written submissions before Board and committee meetings, allowing residents to become part of the public record before decisions are made.⁷

Staying informed, asking questions, and participating when opportunities arise are some of the most direct ways people can connect to how regional decisions are made.

Looking Ahead

In the final article of this series, we bring everything together. We explore how governance, decision making, funding, accountability, and public participation all connect.

Understanding the system is one step. Knowing how to engage with it, and how it connects to how you cast your vote, is the next.

Sources

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https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96323_00

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Regional district governance, services, and organizational information

<https://www.cvrld.ca>

³ Cowichan Valley Regional District – Budgets

Annual budget process, Financial Plans, and Board approval of budgets

<https://cvrd.ca/government-administration/finance/budgets/>

⁴ Cowichan Valley Regional District – Current Annual Budget

Service budgets, requisitions, taxation impacts, and individual service schedules

(Use the current budget page for the year the article is published. For example, if publishing in 2026, use the 2026 Budget page.)

⁵ Cowichan Valley Regional District – Service Establishment Bylaws

Service participation areas and cost-sharing frameworks

<https://www.cvrld.ca/DocumentCenter>

⁶ Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Project (Bylaw No. 4710)

Planning information, draft bylaw documents, and project background

<https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/zoning-bylaw-project>

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Board and Committee Meetings, Agendas, Minutes, Public Participation, and Written Submissions

<https://www.cvrld.ca/Agenda-Center>

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Exactly My Point

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I'm hearing, "It's exhausting to babysit the CVRD", yet I started getting involved 5 years ago because my concerns led me to advocate for the health of our lake, to pick up litter, and to prepare for emergencies. Today's challenges grow - financially to make ends meet, geographically to limit cityscapes, and creatively to legislate flexibility for many to live their way. I can't imagine anyone thinking, "This is fun. Politics is what I want to do with my life!"

Your community expects you to be prepared to do the work from Day 1. People who haven't attended the meetings, examined the governance structure or studied the reports have no business running for office. Follow the decisions. Know the history. My background as a self-paced learner fits this technical rollercoaster, and my curiosity-with-

kindness helps me navigate the messy middle of diverse opinions.

Consolidating 9 rural electoral areas' worth of zoning bylaws is bonkers. Better to appoint 9 local bylaw officers as experts of their areas, equipped with an approach to educate before escalating penalties. I support a realistic set of Land Use "Do's and Don'ts" that aren't going to pit neighbour against neighbour.

Let's strive to know our neighbours. From time immemorial, looking after each other helped us feel belonging and purpose. Not to mention it is vital to survival. If rural Shawnigan should suffer an earthquake, a wildfire, or another disaster, we'll have to be our own rescuers. Who is your neighbour? A good rule of thumb is to go by your postal code, defined by where you pick up your mail. If every neighbourhood appointed someone to stay in touch

with planning and preparedness, this would become a vital link!

On this October's election ballot will be a Referendum question around adopting a South Cowichan mindset. Should we be working even more closely together with Mill Bay and Cobble Hill to raise awareness of our shared issues and infrastructure deficits? Should we allocate funds and attract grant dollars under this new Budget Function? You get to make the call!

I'm showing up to participate - and VOTE! Do you know what you want in an elected official speaking on your behalf? Will they pay attention to decisions affecting our Island, our province, our country and our world? Do they respect that we reside in a storied place that holds generations of First Nations care? Shawnigan is also Showe'luqun, a memory of mystery. Each of us has a responsibility to be mindful of the multiple



 **Kim B for Area B**
Authorized by Kim Barnard, Financial Agent 250-732-0531

viewpoints that have shaped this land. You can count on me to commit to ongoing transparency. I deplore letting ideas collect dust on a shelf, become lost in a report, or forgotten in correspondence. Your questions help me promote what we "Think Shawnigan" can become. Spending is serious business. Watch how

candidates run their campaigns. Do they ask for your money? I'm self-funded, without costly roadside signage. I promise every dollar the CVRD spends will be equally scrutinized for practicality and necessity. My web page is now live: Kim-for-Shawnigan.com "I'm Here for You!" Shawnigan

Investing in Our Youth: Growing Opportunities Through South Cowichan Recreation

Kim Liddle
Manager South Cowichan Recreation Division

At South Cowichan Recreation, we believe that strong communities are built by investing in our young people. Over the past year, we have been working hard to expand opportunities for youth across our region, creating spaces where they can stay active, develop new skills, build friendships, and feel connected to their community.

We are proud of the many initiatives that have helped make recreation more accessible. Through partnerships with Cowichan Valley Youth Services, dedicated recreation staff and community volunteers, we have been able to reach more youth than ever before.

One of the highlights of the year was our successful Youth Week celebration in May. Throughout the week, youth had the opportunity to participate in a variety of free activities, including art, pickleball, and games, while connecting with friends and exploring new interests. The week included a community BBQ lunch with games and activities that brought youth together. In total, more than 250 youth participated in Youth Week activities, making it one of our most successful celebrations to date.

Our youth sports programs have also experienced tremendous growth. The South Cowichan Youth Softball League welcomed an additional 45 players this season with participation and enthusiasm so strong, that our Major Division continued playing into the summer months, with players eager to extend their season and spend more time on the field. This year also saw the introduction of Ball Hockey and Volleyball, providing

youth with additional opportunities to stay active, develop new skills, and engage in team sports. These new offerings were met with great enthusiasm and have helped broaden the range of activities available for youth. In July we were proud to host Celebrate your Pride Day, bringing youth together to celebrate diversity, inclusion, and belonging. These vents help create welcoming spaces where everyone feels valued

and supported. The success of these programs and events would not be possible without the support of Cowichan Valley Youth Services, whose partnership has been instrumental in expanding opportunities for youth in South Cowichan. By working together, we have been able to increase the number of programs, activities, and special events available in the south end, creating more opportunities for local youth to connect,

participate, and thrive within their community. As we look ahead, we are excited to continue building on this momentum and creating even more opportunities for local youth to participate, grow, and thrive through recreation. Thank you to everyone who helps make recreation a positive part of life for South Cowichan's youth. Together, we are building a stronger, healthier, and more connected community.



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Shawnigan's Safe and Secure Thanks to Our RCMP

Sangeeta Parmar
Shawnigan Lake

Shawnigan Lake has been served by the RCMP since approximately 1956, making it one of British Columbia's older general duty detachments. Established after the 1950 integration of the British Columbia Provincial Police into the RCMP, the detachment proudly serves Shawnigan Lake, Cobble Hill, Mill Bay, and the Malahat First Nation.

Recently, outside the Shawnigan Lake Museum, a traffic incident quickly escalated as a large group of people became involved in a confrontation. Within just four minutes, RCMP officers Raymond and his partner, both new to the area, arrived on scene. Their calm, professional approach helped peacefully de-escalate the situation and disperse the crowd without further incident.

What stood out most was not only their quick response, but also the respect they showed toward the community. The officers thanked local residents who had stepped in to help, reminding everyone the right of way is something that should be given with courtesy—not taken.

For those of us who call Shawnigan Lake home, it was reassuring to see how quickly help arrived when it was needed. We often take our first responders for granted until an emergency reminds us just how valuable they are. Their presence allows our community to remain the peaceful, welcoming place we cherish.

Police officers are often the first to respond on what may be the worst day of someone's life. They do so with professionalism, compassion, and a commitment to keeping our communities safe.

To Officers Raymond and his partner, and to all the members of the Shawnigan Lake RCMP detachment, thank you for your service. The next time you see one of their patrol vehicles driving through town, consider giving them a friendly wave to let them know their dedication to our community is seen and appreciated.

Shawnigan Lake Fire Department

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Mission Statement: To provide fire suppression, medical aid and rescue services to the community. To protect life, property and environment through prevention, public education and emergency response.

July 2026 Report - Department Members
Attended 33 Incidents in July

- Wednesday, Jul 1 - 1st Response off Gregory Rd
- Thursday, Jul 2 – MVI on Renfrew Rd
- Thursday, Jul 2 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Friday, Jul 3 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Sunday, Jul 5 – MVI on W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Jul 7 – Burning Complaint on McIntosh Rd
- Thursday, Jul 9 – Alarms Activated on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Jul 9 – Mutual Aid MVI w/ Malahat Fire
- Thursday, Jul 9 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Jul 9 – MVI on Wallbank Rd
- Friday, Jul 10 – Alarms Activated on Renfrew Rd
- Monday, Jul 13 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Jul 13 - 1st Responder off W Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Monday, Jul 13 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Jul 14 – Alarms Activated on Timber Ridge Rd
- Tuesday, Jul 14 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Tuesday, Jul 14 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Wednesday, Jul 15 - 1st Responder off Colman Rd
- Thursday, Jul 16 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Friday, Jul 17 – Alarms Activated on Royalta Rd
- Sunday, Jul 19 – 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Sunday, Jul 19 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Sunday, Jul 19 – Burning Complaint on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Tuesday, Jul 21 - 1st Responder off Ravenhill Rd
- Wednesday, Jul 22 – Mutual Aid 1st Responder w/Malahat
- Thursday, Jul 23 – MVI on Shawnigan Lake Rd
- Thursday, Jul 23 – Wildfire south of Baldy Mountain
- Saturday, Jul 25 – Burning Complaint on Highland Ridge Rd
- Sunday, Jul 26 - 1st Responder off Renfrew Rd
- Tuesday, Jul 28 - 1st Responder off Deloume Rd
- Tuesday, Jul 28 – Burning Complaint on Leonard Rd
- Wednesday, Jul 29 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Rd
- Wednesday, Jul 29 – Alarms Activated on Pinder Pl

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Meet
me at the
museum!



Lori Treloar
Executive Director

July was another very busy month at the museum, with a great turnout on Canada Day, and many visitors from all over the world.

With a grant from the

Canada Summer Jobs program, we hired Luke, a local student. Luke is planning to become a teacher and is a great fit for the museum.

We also had a fantastic visit, recently, from Chek TV's Upside Guys! Hope you had a chance to see it, as they were hilarious (as always).

On Friday, August 7th we will be screening the movie Lake Placid,

which was partially filmed in Shawnigan Lake. As it is a restricted movie, it is for adults only. We will also have trivia events that night. If you are interested in attending, call the museum to reserve a spot (250-743-8675) as seats are limited to 50. The cost is \$20 per person. On August 8th we will have a family-oriented day based on Lake Placid, with crafts and activities.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the expansion a success – donors/members (now over 200)/volunteers/funders and supporters. The expansion was very much needed, and the feedback from visitors is very positive!

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram to see what activities and events that we are planning at the museum.

Website: <https://www.shawniganlakemuseum.com>

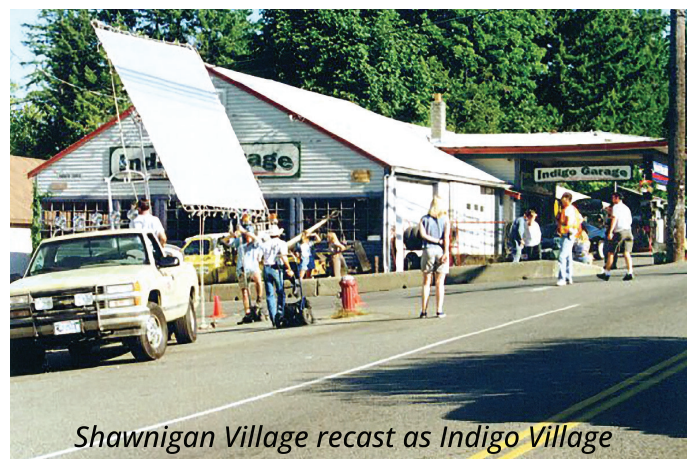
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Hand drawn poster by Russ Treloar



Lori watching Ed Bain & Jeff King, the Upside Guys from CHEK TV



Shawnigan Village recast as Indigo Village

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Netta Bos

Area B Director Candidate
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This is why I am running.

Putting community knowledge and business experience to work.

Throughout my career, I have learned that trust is earned through listening, transparency, fiscal responsibility, following through on commitments, and not by making promises you can't keep. Those same principles will guide every decision I make on behalf of Area B residents.

My parents immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands in the early 1950s with very little. They taught me that every dollar matters, hard work creates opportunity, and leadership means taking responsibility for the people who depend on you. Those values have shaped my life and career.

For more than 30 years, I have worked with businesses, municipalities, Indigenous communities, architects, engineers, and non-profit organizations to solve complex problems, manage budgets, build partnerships, and deliver

practical solutions. That experience, combined with governance, strategic planning, public consultation, and financial management, has prepared me to represent Area B with integrity and accountability.

My commitment to Shawnigan Lake extends well beyond my professional life. I have served with the:

- Shawnigan Residents Association (SRA)
- ThinkShawnigan
- Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Commission (SLCCC)
- Shawnigan Lake Museum
- Shawnigan Alliance Church (SAC)
- Shawnigan Lake School
- St. John's Academy
- Easter Seals Camp
- Firewise Consulting

...plus many other community initiatives dedicated to making our community stronger to bring it together. Working alongside countless dedicated volunteers, I have been fortunate to contribute to projects that strengthen our community, support local organizations, and improve the places where people gather, learn and connect.

When our watershed was threatened by the contaminated soil landfill proposal, neighbours came together in an extraordinary way. I was proud to lead the petition that gathered more than 7,000 signatures in just six weeks and help organize the rally at the Legislature.

Together, we proved that informed, engaged citizens can make a difference.

More recently, we saw that same spirit during the Modernized Official Community Plan and Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw process. Once again, residents became informed, involved, and committed to shaping the future of Area B.

I know that when Shawnigan Lake comes together, we accomplish extraordinary things.

We did it once. We can do it again.

Today, Area B faces significant challenges including rising taxes, growth infrastructure needs, housing affordability, environmental stewardship, and rebuilding trust between residents and the CVRD.

Many families are watching every dollar. Seniors are working hard to remain in their homes. Young families are looking for housing options, and local businesses continue to face rising costs. You deserve a local government that listens, spends tax dollars responsibly, communicates openly, and is accountable for its decisions.

Shawnigan Lake deserves leadership that will stand up for it.

Not every decision will be easy, and not everyone will agree. What you can expect from me as we rebuild trust is a commitment to:

- Listen.
- Ask the difficult questions.
- Respect all perspectives.
- Make informed, fact-based decisions.
- Put Area B first.



Save Shawnigan (organized petitions, press + media site tour, rally's and protesting with Shawnigan to save our water)



Tick Tock Tick Tock Milfoil at Your Dock (created + executed campaign to drive milfoil invasion awareness to residents on our Shawnigan)



St. John's Academy (organized with community engagement + partnerships, initiated annual Fun Fair and fund-raised for Shawnigan Lake Museum)



ThinkShawnigan (working closely with community to bring Dave Griffiths, author of 13 Ways to Kill Your Community, together)

Our Shawnigan Lake deserves leadership that is practical, transparent, fiscally responsible, and accountable.

Area B requires leadership people can trust.

Together, we can restore confidence in local government, make thoughtful decisions, and build a stronger future for Shawnigan Lake.

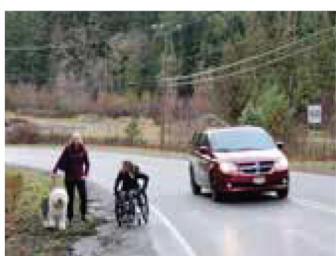
We did it once. We can do it again.

I would be honoured to earn your trust and your vote as your next Area B Director for our Shawnigan Lake.

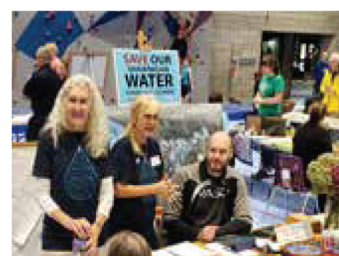
Let's work together to Build our Shawnigan. In community. For community.

I look forward to hearing from you, and invite you to email me to join The BOS Plan at netta@nettabos.ca or to have a copy delivered to you personally, please call (250) 709-0459.

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RAD Society (conducted a safety audit of Shawnigan with Tanelle Bolt, accessibility advocate)



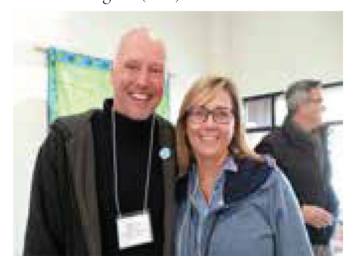
The Gathering (organized event bringing community groups together)



Road Ends (helped organized community road end discussion ... exploring a path forward)



Easter Seals Camp (assisted with community + stakeholder engagement and fund-raising)



SRA (helped to raise \$750,000 toward legal action to see permit rescinded)

Straight A's for Mill Bay. Accessible. Accountable. Action.



Jerry Anderson
Area A Director Candidate
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www.jerryanderson.ca

Area A deserves experienced, practical leadership.

I believe effective local government starts with practical experience, thoughtful planning, and a willingness to listen.

I grew up on a farm in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, where I learned the value of hard work, personal

responsibility, and the importance of protecting rural communities. Those early experiences shaped who I am and are a big part of why my wife and I chose to raise our daughter here in the Cowichan Valley. We want her to grow up in a community that offers the same opportunities and quality of life that drew us here.

While studying in UBC Okanagan's business program, I spent my summers working on commercial fishing boats along British Columbia's west coast. Those years gave me a lifelong appreciation for our coastline and ultimately brought me back to Vancouver Island.

After graduating, I turned my final business

school project into one of Canada's first Internet cafés, earning a nomination as one of BC's Young Entrepreneurs of the Year. I later partnered with Community Futures and local school districts, helping young people turn their ideas into successful small businesses. Helping others succeed has always been one of the most rewarding parts of my career.

For the past decade, I've worked as a project manager helping investors create attainable housing in the Cowichan Valley. Throughout my career, one principle has remained constant: the best solutions come from listening first and working collaboratively with people from all backgrounds and perspectives.

Working with engineers, planners, environmental professionals, utility providers, Island Health, provincial ministries, contractors, local governments, business owners, and residents has given me firsthand experience in how communities are planned, infrastructure is delivered, and public dollars are invested. I've also seen how aging infrastructure, unnecessary bureaucracy, and lengthy approval processes have contributed to today's affordability challenges.

As we enter a period of economic uncertainty, we need fiscally responsible leadership that invests wisely in infrastructure, supports local businesses, creates good jobs, and ensures every public dollar

is spent responsibly.

I'm running because I believe we can restore common sense, strengthen transparency, and build a future where young families, seniors, businesses, and our rural communities can thrive.

jerry@jerryanderson.ca or call (250) 858-1320.

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Look for Jerry in your Mill Bay neighbourhood, stop for a glass of lemonade, and let's talk about the issues that matter most to you.

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Shawnigan Focus Weather — July 2026

Stats courtesy of [UVic Weather Network](#) and [Weather Underground](#)
Reported by Grant Treloar

	July	Cigarmaker's Bay		Butler Road		Beach Estates		Museum		Shawnigan Average	
	Normal	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
Average High	23.3	25.7	28.6	25.0	26.9	25.3	26.7	25.2	28.2	25.3	27.6
Average Low	12.0	12.9	15.8	10.6	10.8	13.3	13.1	13.5	14.3	12.6	13.5
Extreme High	37.2	35.4	34.4	34.1	32.3	35.5	32.5	34.8	34.4	35.0	33.4
Extreme Low	3.9	8.8	10.3	5.9	7.5	8.5	9.8	9.8	11.8	8.3	9.9
Precipitation	23.2	19.8	0.0	13.5	0.0	14.5	0.0	16.6	0.0	16.1	0.0
Days w precip	6	6	0	6	0	6	0	5	0	6	0
Year Precip	654.9	706.3	629.7	555.8	513.6	528.2	476.2	459.4	434.0	562.4	513.4

2026 Rank since 1914: 14th warmest, 52nd driest

Lake Readings	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Temperature	22°	21°	22°	23°
Temperature 2025	23°	25°	24°	24°
Surface Elevation	116.16m	116.13m	116.10m	116.08m
Elevation 2025	116.11m	116.09m	116.05m	116.01m

Comments

Following the pattern of the previous two months, July was warmer than normal.

The warmest day was July 21st with temps near 35°. The daytime temperature reached 30° or higher on 7 days. The coolest night was Jul 13, under clear skies with temps bottoming out near 8°

Precipitation totals were below average with a normal 6 days with measureable rain. There was a 12 day dry spell from the 3rd to the 15th.

The region is now in Stage 3 Restrictions:

- *Watering of lawns and all use of sprinklers and conventional irrigation is prohibited.*
- *Outdoor water use is limited to microdrip irrigation or hand watering of food and ornamental gardens.*
- *Watering must be done before 9am*

During August the sunset time will shorten by almost an hour from 8:51 PM to 7:58 PM by the end of the month.

Interested in Running in the 2026 General Local Election?

Attend a Free Candidate Information Session

Residents interested in serving their community as an elected official are invited to attend an online Candidate Information Session for the 2026 General Local Election on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 12 p.m. or 6 p.m. The sessions are open to anyone considering running for office in a municipality or electoral area in the Cowichan Valley.

The sessions will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of elected officials, the nomination process, and resources available to prospective candidates. Participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what it means to serve in local government. To accommodate varying schedules, two virtual candidate information sessions will be offered:

- Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2026, from 12 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m.
- Join the 12 p.m. session online at: [ow.ly/RwnQ50Zs7mR](#)
- Join the 6 p.m. session online at: [ow.ly/Gljz50Zs7mQ](#)

A recording of one of the sessions will be made available afterward on the websites of the City of Duncan, Municipality of North Cowichan, Town of Ladysmith, Town of Lake Cowichan and Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Questions?

For more information about

the 2026 General Local Election, visit your local government website, contact your area's Chief Election Officer or Elections BC. Please direct questions to the appropriate election office or organization:

If you have questions about:

- Voting and ballots
Contact: Chief Election Officer in your area
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Contact: Chief Election Officer in your area
- Advertising rules
Contact: Elections BC
- Campaign financing and disclosure rules
Contact: Elections BC
- Registration of elector organizations
Contact: Elections BC
- Elections BC: [https://elections.bc.ca/](#)
- Cowichan Valley Regional District: [cvrd.ca/election2026](#)
- City of Duncan: [www.duncan.ca/election](#)
- Town of Ladysmith: [ladysmith.ca/city-hall/election2026](#)
- Town of Lake Cowichan: [lakecowichan.ca/elections2026.php](#)

Municipality of North Cowichan: [northcowichan.ca/election](#)

For media inquiries, please contact: Lisa Moilanen Manager, Communications & Engagement Cowichan Valley Regional District

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When people think about elections, they often focus on provincial or federal politics. Yet the decisions that have the greatest impact on our daily lives are often made close to home.

Are concerned how your local your local government will decide on any one of the following:

- how community grows, economic development
- how tax dollars are spent
- where housing is built
- how infrastructure and water systems are managed
- what parks + recreational facilities are developed
- future preparation
- housing affordability
- transportation
- taxation
- environmental stewardship
- public safety, or
- protecting rural character

These decisions affect every resident and business owner in the Cowichan Valley.

Unfortunately, local elections also receive the lowest voter participation. Think about that for a moment...

... a very small percentage of residents ultimately decided who would represent thousands of people and make decisions that shape our communities for the next four years!

Every election brings an opportunity to help shape the future.

The upcoming municipal election this October is an important one for the Cowichan Valley.

One vote may seem insignificant, but when voter turnout is below twenty percent, every single ballot carries tremendous weight.

Before election day, take the time to learn about the candidates. Attend an all-candidates meeting. Ask questions. Read their platforms. Speak with your neighbours. Then make an informed decision.

This October, don't assume someone else will decide the future for you.

Get informed.

Get involved.

Most importantly—vote.

Together, we can build a stronger and accountable Cowichan Valley for each other and for the next generation. Get informed. **Vote October 17, 2026.**

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All Three Area Directors Agree: South Cowichan Needs Better Tools! Vote YES! *Referendum Question to Create a New Service (Line Item)*

Sierra Acton
Area B CVRD Director

South Cowichan (Mill Bay, Shawnigan Lake and Cobble Hill) has changed dramatically. More families, new neighbourhoods, and growing businesses have made our communities stronger but they have also increased the demand for infrastructure, planning, and local services.

The South Cowichan Community Issues Assessment confirms what many residents already know: our current governance model is struggling to keep pace with growth. The Regional District was designed for very rural areas, and too often it lacks the tools and funding flexibility

needed to respond to local priorities.

A YES vote is not about changing the governance structure. It is about giving South Cowichan (Areas A, B and C) better tools to plan ahead, coordinate infrastructure, and access future funding opportunities. Creating this service establishes a dedicated funding mechanism that can help attract provincial and federal grants while allowing our communities to prepare for future needs instead of constantly reacting to them.

Read the South Cowichan Community Issues Assessment: <https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/south-cowichan-community-issues-assessment>

This is why all three South Cowichan Area Directors support a YES vote. We know firsthand the challenges our communities face, and we agree that residents deserve better tools and greater local capacity.

A YES vote is a vote for stronger planning, smarter investment, and a South Cowichan that is ready for the future.

Did You Know?

- Area B (Shawnigan Lake) represents approximately 26% of the Electoral Area population, yet has only 1 vote out of 9 on Electoral Area Committee matters and 1 vote out of 16 on the full Regional District Board.
- Areas A, B, and C (Mill Bay, Shawnigan Lake,

and Cobble Hill) together account for approximately 50% of the Electoral Area population, but collectively hold only 3 of the 9 Electoral Area votes.

This imbalance means that South Cowichan's priorities can be overshadowed by other parts of the region, making it more difficult to secure the investments and services needed for our rapidly growing communities. Establishing a South Cowichan service would give local directors greater capacity to focus on local priorities, strengthen collaboration on shared issues, and ensure the needs of South Cowichan receive the attention they deserve.

As you consider the candidates in this election, ask whether they support providing future Area Directors with the tools needed to advocate effectively for South Cowichan. Opposing this service means opposing a practical tool that can save tax dollars, strengthen our ability to secure grant funding, and better serve our growing communities without other areas denying us the opportunity.

I invite anyone interested in running as an Area Director in any area if they would like any information on the role, regional district or campaigning to reach out to me.

As always, I'm available Shawnigan Lake, do connect, Sierra Acton.

Stage 3 Water Restrictions

As of July 3, 2026, all Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) water systems have moved to Stage 3 water restrictions in an effort to conserve water in anticipation of continuing drought conditions, even though currently we are experiencing cooler temperatures and possible precipitation.

Shellwood and Dogwood water systems are moving to Stage 4 water restrictions.

In Stage 3:

- Watering of lawns and all use of sprinklers and conventional irrigation is prohibited.
- Outdoor water use is limited to micro/drip irrigation or hand watering of food and ornamental gardens.
- Watering must be done before



9am or after 7pm; watering in the morning or evening reduces water lost to evaporation.

Visit the Cowichan Adapts website to learn more about water conservation, what is allowed during water restrictions, including a Water Restrictions Map where you can type in your address to find the current stage of restrictions on each water system in the region: <https://cowichanadapts.ca/watering>

For more information, please contact:

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KYLE CHEVELDAYOFF

Prospective Candidate
CVRD Area B – Shawnigan Lake

I'm not waiting until October 17, I've already started!

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"My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world."

Jack Layton

The Shawnigan Lake motorboat paper route 1967 to 1981

Ross Carter
Shawnigan Lake

In the days before the internet and social media, most people learned what was going on in the world by listening to the radio, watching TV or reading the newspaper. However, the newspaper gave the most in-depth information regarding current news, both local and international, and stories about new movies, restaurants and music. Therefore, there was great desire to read the newspaper even while on vacation at the Lake.

Our summer Shawnigan Lake paper route helped satisfy that thirst for knowledge but was unique as the newspaper was delivered by motorboat.

Around 3pm each day, a truck dropped bundles of the evening Victoria Daily Times newspaper at the railway tracks by the Government wharf. After picking them up and depositing them in the boat, we would then proceed to circling the Lake delivering to the roughly 90 to 120 regular summer customers who had signed up for July and August.

These cottagers didn't want to leave their summer homes and welcomed the paper being brought directly to their dock each day. Extra papers were also sold to people who would flag down the boat for a paper.

From 1967 to 1981 this summer paper route operated in an unbroken string of paperboys and

- papergirls:
- 1967 - 1968: Greg Kendall - Northern half; Keith Kilgour - Southern half 1969
 - 1971: Art Kendall (Bruce Carter assisting) - Full Lake
 - 1972 - 1975: Bruce Carter (1973: John Carter 3 weeks) - Full Lake; 1976
 - 1977: Ross Carter - Full Lake;
 - 1978 - 1979: Kathy de Macedo (Tricia de Macedo assisting) - Southern half
 - 1980 - 1981: Tricia de Macedo (1980 - 1981) - Southern half
 - Late 1970s: William McGee - Northern half.

Each year, the route was restarted in late June and Tricia said it always seemed to rain on July 1st. One year she remembered hitting a rock and their motor having to be repaired. Ross also hit a rock, near Memory Island, at the start of his second summer when the rain turned to hail and his vision was obscured.

Lacking good sense, even though the propellor and bottom fin had been damaged, Ross continued to use the boat and deliver the paper over the next few days ignoring the issue.

When his brother Bruce came up to the Lake the next weekend wanting to use the boat, and discovered the damage, he grabbed Ross by the shirt and almost punched him. While the boat was

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being repaired, some girls Ross had met on the Lake let him use their boat to deliver the paper.

Greg and Art Kendall delivered the paper in their 12 ft Springbok with a 10 hp Johnson. Art said that boat went "pretty quick and cornered wickedly and we really loved the play time in that boat."

In the three years when Bruce Carter was assisting Art, sometimes they needed the Carter's 12 ft aluminum boat with a 6 hp Viking as a backup. In the four years afterwards Bruce, on his own, then later Ross, delivered the paper in the Carter's Hourston Glascraft with a 65 hp Johnson.

Ross remembers feeling like the King of the Lake roaring around delivering papers. The engine was a little large for the boat and when you floored it the boat would almost stand on its end as it leaped forward. His cousin Don Demens or other lake friends, like Dwight Barry, often came with him. Bruce became quite the boat handler. He said "our 65 hp boat

had cable steering which meant I could really crank the wheel over and pull into tight places like by the diving board or near children and hand the customer the paper at the dock."

Lastly, Kathy and Tricia de Macedo used a 12 ft aluminum boat with a 6.5 hp Evinrude. There were two big gaudy flowers decals on their boat. It was their Mom's idea so people could recognize it was the paper route boat.

Sometimes, after completing the route that day, Art would treat Bruce to Jacquie Prenevost's fresh baked pies or cakes with ice cream at the Galley coffee shop. Later, when Bruce was doing the route on his own, and followed the established tradition, he treated Jane, Bruce Hutchison's granddaughter, who had accompanied him sometimes on the route, to cake and ice cream there as well.

Art said he and Bruce knew everyone on the Lake and knew every party and pretty girl to be found there.

Both Bruce and Tricia remembered a yellow Labrador dog that came down the dock and picked up the paper. It was the Rumsby's dog named Truce. Tricia remembered Truce even being sent down to the dock with ice cream, in a bag, in exchange for the paper.

Truce was much loved and when Margery Rumsby died, in 2023, her obituary mentioned him. One paper route memory seared into Ross's brain was finding a dead body in the water, just below the surface, in front of the Shawnigan Beach Hotel. The left arm was outstretched, the hand pointed upwards,

waterlogged skin sagging off the bones of the fingers.

For Tricia, the Wednesday July 29, 1981 newspaper, announcing the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana, was popular on the Lake.

However, the biggest moment and biggest newspaper (148 pages) in the history of this paper route came ten years earlier on Tuesday, July 20th, 1971.

That day was the 100th anniversary of BC joining Canada as the 6th Province. The BC Centennial Paper was dropped off at the Government wharf and each issue had a bonus 112 page insert to mark the occasion. Art said it damn near sunk his boat they were so heavy. The issue was so large Art and Bruce needed both of their boats to carry them.

The selling skills of Art and Bruce, honed over the past three summers, were apparent that day. While the advertised price of 10 cents hadn't changed for that issue, they sold some of the extra papers for 25 cents with little dispute.

However, when they tried selling the paper for \$1, some potential customers pushed back saying they should pay the unchanged advertised price of 10 cents. Art or Bruce would answer back that that was the price if they wanted it but, if not, they would just sell it at the next dock. Other times they replied to the customer that if they didn't want to pay \$1 then the customer could go to Masons and see if they had any copies left.

Their bargaining was successful as they sold all their extra papers. Art might have had to buy more than cake and ice cream for Bruce that day!

VICTORIA DAILY TIMES, TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1971



ROUNDS MUST BE MADE and for two Victoria youths the only way they can make deliveries of the Daily Times is by motorboat. Here, Bruce Carter, 12, 905 Deal St., assists Art Kendall, 16, 188 Obed St., on his daily route to more than 100 cottages on Shawnigan Lake during July and August. Art has been doing the route for three years. (Donna Clements photo.)

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- **Area B Parks Advisory and Area B Advisory Planning Commission**
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- **CVRD Public Input to the whole Board**
LegislativeServices@cprd.bc.ca
- **Shawnigan Improvement District**
2nd Monday of each month 7 pm at #1 Fire Hall
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- **Shawnigan Lake Community Association (SLCA)**
Contact: bburr@shaw.ca
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Contact: 250-929-7222(web): southcowichancommunitypolicing.ca
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- **Cowichan South Arts Guild (CSAG)**
Contact: hello@cowichansouthartsguild.com
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