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"Our Voice - Our Thoughts - Our Community"

A Watershed Moment for Shawnigan

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Five million tons of contaminated waste is destined for the Shawnigan watershed if South Island Aggregates (SIA) has its way. About 300 people attended an Open House on May 31 where SIA's plans were sketchily presented. The agenda did not include an opportunity for open debate and tension mounted until the issue was forced. Even then, no one from the company saw fit to speak and it was left to a beleaguered Ministry of Environment official to deliver an unprepared address and take a few questions. Calls for a proper Public Meeting were strongly voiced, so stay tuned for subsequent announcements

SIA Ltd. was founded in 2006 by Mike Kelly and Marty Block. Their 50-acre quarry located at 460 Stebbings Road is being proposed as an ideal site for the relocation of contaminated fill from brown-field sites in the Capital Regional District (CRD). Brownfields are contaminated properties where clean-up costs exceed the land value. SIA is proposing to dump 100,000 tons per year, for up to fifty years, which could add up to five million tons. **The site is at the headwaters of Shawnigan Creek which is the main supply stream to Shawnigan Lake, the source of drinking water for several thousand people.**

Profits from accepting fill will rival those from aggregate production. In 2007, prior to any mention of contaminated waste, Mike Kelly was quoted talking numbers. "We'll be able to accept \$32-million worth of fill and produce \$85-million worth of rock," he said. Being able to accept dirty dirt will significantly increase the fill estimate.

SIA does seem to be blessed by the current provincial government. They received their original permit in 45 days – the quickest a permit of that kind had been issued in 14 years. Last year the provincial allocation for road re-surfacing went towards the section of the South Shawnigan Road from the railway tracks to the Estates at Shawnigan Station development (another Mike Kelly project). This year it will be the remaining section, from the tracks to the Trans-Canada, completing the stretch used by dozens of SIA haul trucks each day.

The CVRD has no authority over the SIA application. Two provincial Ministries are involved. The Ministry of Energy and Mines apparently has no problem with amending the existing reclamation permit. The Ministry of Environment (MoE) also requires a permit. The Public Notification Regulation of the Environment Manage-



ment Act has the following provision:

A person who may be adversely affected by the granting of a permit, approval or operational certificate, or by the granting of an amendment to a permit, approval or operational certificate, may, within 30 days after the last date of posting, publishing, service or display required by this regulation, notify a director in writing stating how that person is affected.

Once the thirty days are up then the MoE permit may be granted. At this point it is unclear when the clock starts.

It is ironic that the Victoria Water Supply Area and the Shawnigan Watershed are adjacent and share a boundary not far from the SIA quarry. The CRD has stringent protective measures for their water supply and **it is inconceivable that Victoria residents would even consider the notion of a waste dump within their watershed.** It is doubtful that many would be happy knowing that CRD waste was planned for the Shawnigan Watershed either. There may even be a potential risk to Victoria water quality. The facility is intended to operate for 50 years. Sooke

Lake is about 160m lower than the proposed site. Surface water is separated by topography but who knows how groundwater mixes over time, especially after an earthquake? As a famous baird once said, "the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry".

Responsible waste management is a necessity and sites are needed for the relocation of contaminated material. No one welcomes these facilities in their back yard. Surely when a site of this scale is being proposed, the government should be directing the process and multiple options identified for public scrutiny and debate. You would not expect a watershed used for drinking water to be included in the list.

What Can You Do?

1) Learn about the issue:

For: http://www.sialtd.ca/~sialtd/application_home.html

Against: <http://www.shawnigancreekprotection.ca/>

2) Contact the MoE official acting as Director for this file: Hubert Bunce, Section Head, Business and Standards, Regional Operations Branch – West Coast Region, Ministry of Environment, 2080-A Labieux Rd. Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9 - 250-751-3254 Hubert.Bunce@gov.bc.ca

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JUNE 2012 - Shawnigan Lake Triathlon Success!



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If you build it, they will come. Well, congratulations Shawnigan! We built it, and they came in droves!

The May 26 & 27 Triathlon Weekend in Shawnigan was a huge success and had record numbers of athletes, volunteers and community members enjoying and participating.

It all started on Friday....a big day for local Rotarian and Race Committee Site Captain Alan Lolacher and his amazing volunteer set-up crew who all worked hard to transform West Shawnigan Provincial Park into Triathlon Headquarters. Although there was lots to do, the day was very special as it was a chance for the many community volunteers to connect with their neighbours and enjoy

some pre-race excitement, fun and fellowship. Friday volunteers also enjoyed some pre-pre-race festivities at the 1st Annual Set-up Volunteer BBQ, sponsored by Shawnigan Lake School. If you are a hands-on person and have always liked to play with Lego - don't miss this next year - it was fun!

On Saturday, the sun shone brightly and the Shawnigan Village was transformed into a thriving marketplace and festival, thanks to Rick Restell, our Community Spirit Captain. There was great support and involvement from our local businesses and community organizations. The streets were full of familiar faces and visiting athletes who all came together in downtown Shawnigan to celebrate. It was a true delight to behold - flags, tents, balloons and so much activity! Athletes poured into the Village core with their showy bikes and gear and picked up their race packets at the new Shawnigan Lake Business Centre and visited restaurants and businesses in the Village.

Just when you thought things couldn't get better, Darcy Kulai, Kids Run Captain, organized the best Kids Fun Run ever! There were hundreds

of spectators that turned out to watch 110 kids race in an intricately designed race course at Elsie Miles field that included three different routes and event lengths. All the kids had a great time and received a race package sponsored by Danone complete with race bibs, toys, yogurt, snacks and finishers' ribbons.

The Camp Pringle Pre-Race Pasta party was hosted by Camp Chef Bob and his many volunteer helpers who provided a delicious meal that was thoroughly enjoyed by athletes and community members. This dinner was a great fundraiser that will help send kids to Camp Pringle this summer. Thanks to Camp Pringle, Roy Davies and the Davies family for all of their work to organize this yummy feast!

Race day was phenomenal with optimum weather conditions which were very favourable for the athletes. The 2012 race participation was up 30% and the field of athletes ranged from beginner to elite with many new triathletes this year. It was great to see a number of Shawnigan Lake School students racing in their very first triathlon! The top overall finish times were: Half Iron-Adam O'Meara 4:05; Olympic-Byron Trajan 2:13; and Sprint-Carlos Lesser 58 minutes. The top women were Rachel Kiers 4:24; Anita Holam 2:21; and local triathlon favorite Maya Munzar in 1:08.

Spectators enjoyed the free Shuttle Bus sponsored by Cycle Therapy and got to enjoy some retail shopping with various sponsors who had products for sale - Saunders Subaru, K-Swiss, Blue Competition Cycles, Aqua Sphere, Columbia Ice and Power Bar. Others enjoyed



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<http://paultedrickphotography.zoomphoto.ca>

the delicious food from Country Grocer, Merridale Bakery, Level Ground Coffee and pancakes and lunch from Rotary. Site volunteers enjoyed coffee sponsored by local Brian Howe, Odlum Brown Investment Advisor and Bike Course marshals received coffee delivered to them by Café Crème.

The Shawnigan Volunteer Team was AWESOME and included over 250 locals and students from Dwight International and Shawnigan Lake Schools - all who were very conscientious, dedicated and reliable. A HUGE THANK YOU to each and every one of you! Shawnigan should be extremely PROUD of how well our entire volunteer Race Crew hosted these athletes and represented our community. So many of the athletes were extremely grateful and offered statements of thanks and compliments to our amazing volunteers.

Our volunteers had a lot of fun too - many happy, smiling faces, encouraging cheers and lots of costumes! These wonderful volunteers are going to enjoy a great Volunteer Appreciation party soon at

Merridale Cidery to celebrate their success. If you missed out volunteering this year but want to get more information on joining the 2013 Race Crew, send a quick email to ShawniganTri2013@shaw.ca and we will be sure to contact you closer to next year's race with more information.

A very special thanks to all of our local Race Committee Captains, who dedicated a great amount of leadership, time and effort into making the Triathlon huge success. These wonderful folks are: Margaret Symon, Buddy Bhandar, John Petersen, John Middleton, Al Brunet, Betsy Burr, Sarah Sinclair, Pam Nielsen, Megan Slee, Del Morgan, Alan Lolacher, Della Lawrence, Marian Davies, Kim Liddle, Darcy Kulai, Rick Restell, Lisa Large, Andrea MacDonald, Jim Kingstone, Blaine Castle, Jim Rose, Bob Wallace, Roy Davies, Rod MacIntosh, Grant Mottershead and Area B Director Bruce Fraser. A great deal of support also came from community leaders Cpl Jason Kerr of RCMP, Dan Fries, Fire Chief of SLFD and Kelly Musselwhite, Alternate Area B Director. See you next year!!



Children's Race in Shawnigan Lake Village - (G.Treloar)

The Shawnigan Lake Walk (From a Kayak)

Janet Neilsen

It was chilly and overcast the morning of Sunday, June 3rd, but luckily the rain held off for the 8th annual Shawnigan Lake Walk. The turnout was good, as always, for this meaningful fundraiser for the Cowichan Family Caregivers Support Society.

In addition to the several walk/run options, recent years have also encouraged paddling participants. This year the 12 km kayak course started at the Government Wharf and went around Memory Island before returning via

a dogleg to West Shawnigan Provincial Park.

You can supply your own kayak or use one provided by Cowichan Bay Kayaking, who sponsor and organize this category. There were more people kayaking this year and I hope it continues to catch on.

This was my 7th year as a participant and my most successful ever. Thanks to all my dear friends and family I was able to raise over \$600 for this most worthy cause.



WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEND US LETTERS...

The Focus will publish your thoughts on Shawnigan issues; bouquets you would like to offer to special people; things that strike you funny; challenges you want our civic leaders to consider; and/or ideas that would better our community. Letters to the Editor must be accompanied by the author's full name, address and phone number, but the contact information, other than the name, will not be published. Letters should be limited to 300 words and we reserve the right to edit for brevity or to refuse inappropriate or abusive language. Letters should attack issues - not individuals. Send letters to editor@shawniganfocus.ca

Please help to save her.

Dear Editor,

I have received much good fortune and opportunity in my life. I was brought into this world by two absolutely wonderful, generous and loving parents - Mom, a Saskatchewan girl and Dad, a northern Ontario boy. Their hearts were so big! Volunteering, and giving back to the community, was an important and essential part of their life.

I lost both of my parents while still in my teens. Too bad, you might think. Well, not so bad at all because they left me with all I needed to know in order to get me through the last thirty-some years of life.

Some of the things that they instilled in me were: to help the underdog; to stand up to a bully and walk away from a fool; to try to do good; and, Dad's favourite, look out for your fellow man. As a child, I was told that if I did something good every day, even if it was small or simple, that I would always sleep well at night.

I have a question for you: If, by chance you were walking or driving by and stumbled upon a situation where he, or she, was being abused, beaten, kicked, slapped and bullied; insulted; disrespected; humiliated; attacked and treated with complete disregard for life...Could you ignore what you were seeing? If, he, or she, was crying for help with their life in grave danger...could you just, just, just walk on by or turn the other cheek - not giving a second thought to the situation?

I see her being abused everyday! She is so beautiful - so kind, so generous. She is giving. She feeds me and quenches my thirst. She washes my dishes, my clothes, and occasionally my car. She waters my garden. She gives life, comfort and joy. She gives me peace and tranquility, pleasure and laughter, and, at times, she takes my breath away.

Do you really think that I can walk away from her and turn the other cheek?

She is absolutely remarkable. She is Shawnigan Lake - a

truly precious life.

Please help to save her. Think a minute. Then give an hour or two a month to attend a Director's meeting; a Watershed Round Table meeting; or a parks meeting. Anything!

Please give her some assistance because she is crying for help. Keep your eyes open and when you see her being abused or assaulted, make a phone call; talk to your neighbours; say something. Your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will thank you and respect you.

Hey, I am from Ontario so I know what a dead lake looks like. Believe me, it's not very appealing and real estate values plummet.

To all the bullies and abusers - I, and many other good people will stand up to you. We respect life and look out for our fellow man. We sleep well. Who raised you?

Sincerely yours,

Citizen of Mother Earth & your neighbour

SLA is not Butchart Gardens

Dear Editor,

The open house presentation of "South Island Aggregates" proposal to use the Stebbings Road site as a storage facility, was replete with glossy posters of Butchart Gardens, which as we all know was a cement quarry. The only difference being that it was filled with topsoil hauled in by horses, then filled with flowers. The Shawnigan site will be filled with a mountain of contaminated waste imported from other jurisdictions by convoys of dump trucks.

"Imported", being the operative word. This proposal should alarm not only the residents who rely upon the watershed for drinking water, but anyone who drives the Island corridor or cares about the natural environment of Vancouver Island.

Set aside the mental image of a "Gargantuan Zip-lock bag" with five million tons of poisoned soil suspended above our drinking water. Consider how this toxic waste will arrive at this site over the next FIFTY years. How many



trucks are required to haul a mountain of soil, that Victoria, and one can only guess who else, does not want?

Imagine convoys of huge dump trucks chugging through Goldstream, over the Malahat, and negotiating a hair-pin turn at the South end of Shawnigan. Trucks that will spew exhaust fumes, and track contaminated soil over the road-bed which will be washed by the pounding rain into road-side creeks. Let's not forget that the Malahat is at the top of the list as one of our province's most dangerous drives and serious traffic accidents are an almost weekly occurrence. It was about this time last year that a tanker truck crashed and spilled 42,000 litres of gasoline and 700 litres of diesel into a culvert that empties into the Goldstream River.

Assurances from this private company, who will be the only beneficiary from this ill-conceived plan, will mean nothing should things go seriously wrong. History in situations such as this predict that they will simply declare bankruptcy and leave the problem to those affected.

Concerned citizen

CVRD Spending Out of Control

Dear Sir,

Like most Cowichan Valley residents living in the regional district I received my property tax bill last week. My CVRD taxes are up a whopping 62% since 2005, a period of relatively low inflation and there has been no change or improvement in the few CVRD services provided during that period. Taxes are up this year alone by 7% when both the BC and Canada governments are cutting taxes and getting rid of waste and unnecessary spending.

Along with my tax bill the Board Chairman included a message supposedly explaining how our taxes are spent. Nothing was said about the staff pay and pension increases or the fact the Board gave themselves a pay increase, or that we now pay the head CVRD honcho as much as the BC Premier gets. He also forgot to mention the more than \$1.5 million dollars wasted on the failed South Cowichan EcoDepot over the past few years.

The highlights he focussed

on have little or no benefit to most valley residents don't relate at all to the vast majority of what they actually spent our money on. This irresponsible, unsustainable CVRD spending, in fact, turns off both potential employers and prospective new residents from considering the valley as a place to invest, live or retire in.

It would be nice to have this Board openly and honestly explain to taxpayers why they continue to pay the more than 200 CVRD employees way more than most other employers in the Valley and why they consistently fail to represent and protect the interests of taxpayers. We are now a high tax jurisdiction where there are clearly no attempts to control taxes or spending. Based on the behaviour of the CVRD board it's pretty evident they could care less about that.

Yours truly,

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"You must never talk about writing - you must do it." ~Ray Bradbury

What Have You Done for your Watershed Today?

By Brent Beach

At the South Island Aggregate (SIA) information meeting on May 31, the Ministry of the Environment (MoE) representative asked the people present to send the MoE any facts they had that disputed the SIA proposal. Many residents have taken up that challenge. They are examining the SIA proposal. They are looking for flaws.

While looking for flaws is important, it is not enough. Even if the proposal appears to be without flaws, the project still must not be allowed.

I recall a risky project started 25 years ago. That project included a number of measures to eliminate risk, all of which failed and an accident occurred. One measure was the use of an advanced ship board radar system. At the time of the accident, that radar had been broken for a year - management decided it was too expensive to fix. A second measure was a high level of staffing with experienced people. At the time of the accident, staffing levels had been cut in half, people

were working 12 to 14 hour shifts, and the only person on the bridge had almost no experience. A third measure was advanced ice berg tracking equipment, promised but not delivered. At the time of the accident, the ship had altered its route based on rumours of icebergs. A fourth measure was an elaborate accident response system. At the time of the accident, only one person was available. A fifth measure was a compensation plan for anyone adversely affect. Twenty-three years after the accident, many fishermen are still in court.

Prevent, remediate, compensate. All failed.

Murphy's Law - "If anything can go wrong, it will."

Exxon Valdez Law - "No matter how many measures are in place, any one of which will prevent an accident, at some point, all of those measures will fail at the same time."

A failure of the SIA waste

containment system and \$1.5 billion in real estate values in the Shawnigan Lake watershed would disappear, overnight. The way of life of 8,000 people would disappear, overnight.

When the cost of failure is so high, can we really take the chance? Can we really ask the residents of the area to analyze the SIA proposal? Will we really go ahead if the residents of the area can find no faults? The people living around Prince William Sound are living 23 years later with the failure of a fail-safe system.

Can we still trust our governments to watch out for us? To properly regulate this facility? Federally, decision making is moving from scientists to politicians: from the light of published fact into the dark of Cabinet Confidentiality. The once powerful Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans may have its mandate limited to economically important fish stocks. DFO would no longer be able to help with environmental issues

in Shawnigan Lake.

Provincially, the emphasis is moving to jobs first, environment second. Governmental regulation is being replaced by industry self-regulation.

We have left the golden age of environmental protection. We can no longer rely on higher levels of government to protect our watershed. We must take on that responsibility ourselves.

How can we do that? We can do it by deciding now is the time to start giving back to Shawnigan Lake. Instead of every day taking a little from the lake, every day we can give something back to the lake.

What can we give back now?

We all know that if any company brought such a plan to the Capital Regional District proposing to site the facility in the Sooke Lake (Victoria) watershed, we would have heard the laughter in Shawnigan Lake. The CRD watershed is untouchable!

Everyone knows that.

The Shawnigan Lake watershed is a dumping ground. Everyone knows that.

Why are the two treated so differently?

What we can give back now is our time and energy to give Shawnigan Lake the same level of environmental protection as Sooke Lake.

In the short term, we must stop this proposal. Get involved. Write to your MLA. Attend meetings. We don't care that the proposal insists there is no risk. We simply know that no one dumps waste into our watershed.

In the long term, we must work to have the Shawnigan Lake watershed receive the same level of environmental protection as the Sooke Lake (Victoria) watershed.

Find more information along with links to source material at Brentatthefocus.blogspot.com

The New Zoning Bylaw – Draft Released

As mentioned in the April Focus, a new South Cowichan zoning bylaw is in the works. The CVRD has now completed a draft document together with new zoning maps. This information has been provided to Area Directors

and members of the three Advisory Planning Commissions. The draft combines what were formerly three separate zoning bylaws into a single document.

The intent is to have the draft bylaw in review stage

through the summer, with revisions to be made in August, and presentation to the Electoral Area Services Committee for approval in early September. It is expected that Public Meetings will be scheduled after feedback from Area

Directors and APCs.

Shawnigan (Area B) Director Bruce Fraser has stated that he wants there to be a thorough opportunity for public review and he will be available at his Village Office and at monthly

Director Meetings to answer questions and address concerns. See his website www.fraserforshawnigan.ca for more information.

The Focus will also be covering this topic in more detail in upcoming issues.



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July 19
August 2
August 16

All are between 6:30PM and 9:30PM at the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.

“INSPIRE Shawnigan” Member Profile

Jennie Stevens
Woodruff Music School

The other day, I heard Shawnigan being described by a visitor as “a place which hides many talented, artistic people”, and I thought how timely it is that “INSPIRE-Shawnigan” has opened its doors to embrace and connect the many creative community members, and draw together those that appreciate the arts; hopefully our description will change from “hides” to “highlights” our talents. Come visit the INSPIRE space soon, and view the upcoming changes to our gallery - A comfortable, colourful place to sit awhile!

This month we profile a Mixed Metal artist, Mimi Roy, who uses recycled brass, silver and copper vintage serving platters, bowls & utensils to recreate one-of-

a-kind wearable art. “I am intrigued by the history, mystery and secrets locked in the blemished tarnished exteriors of these pieces, some dating back to the early 1900’s. Who knows what was served on them, and to whom. I love the challenge of taking this forgotten treasure and sawing into the metal, torching, filing, sanding, forming, polishing and finally designing and assembling it into a wearable piece of history... Art!” Mimi grew up in a creative environment with artisan parents, dabbling with many mediums, which led to studying creative arts in college. This gave her the foundation to create a number of home-based businesses during the years she has worked as a dental hygienist, a job which gives Mimi the

contact with people that is so important to her. It wasn’t till she moved to the Cowichan Valley, however, and joined a weekly silversmith class that she really stumbled onto her passion. She fell in love with the metal, stones and wire, and found her niche in breathing new life into discarded items. She feels that by upcycling the metals she discovers, she is doing her part in creating a thing of beauty, without interfering with the environment. Mimi happily creates in her “treehouse” studio nestled under the cedars on acreage which she shares with her husband in Cobble Hill.

Contact information for members of INSPIRE can be found in the Member Profile folder in the gallery.

Inspire! Shawnigan Art Space

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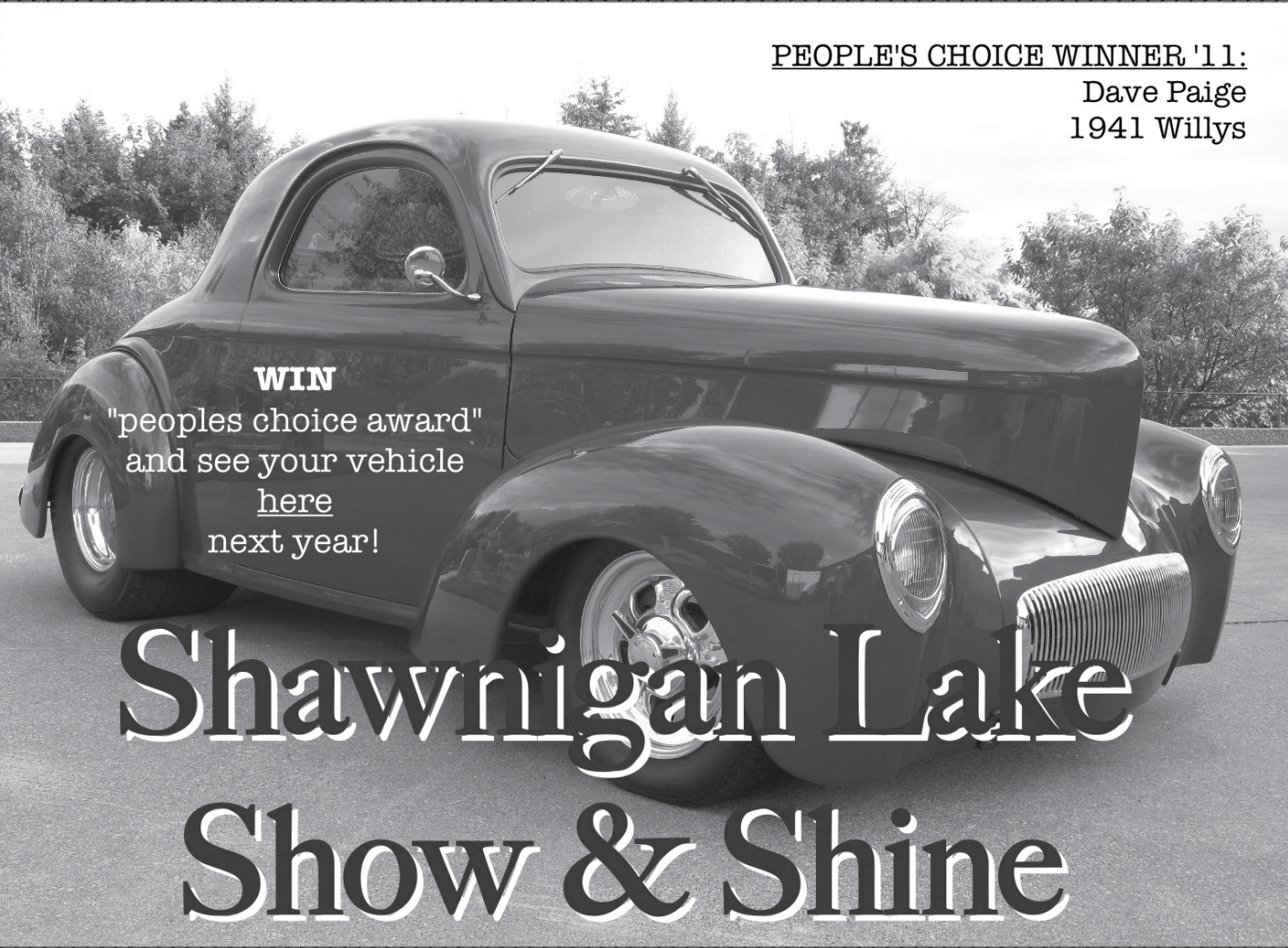
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gallery hours:
Monday 1:00pm - 6:30pm
Tuesday 11:00am - 3:00pm
Wednesday 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday 9:00am - 4:30pm
Friday 2:00pm - 3:30

Find our Area Director and/or Alternate (Bruce Fraser & Kelly Musslewhite) there on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 11:00am - 1:00pm.

The gallery is open thanks to our wonderful volunteer hosts! To volunteer or for more information:
InspireShawnigan@gmail.com.

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Shawnigan Lake (Area B) Parks Commission



Margaret Symon
Chair of Parks Commission

On a recent flight back from Quebec, as I peered out my airplane window at the vast expanse of Canada, my thoughts turned to the TransCanada Trail (TCT), the world's longest recreation pathway, which, when completed by weaving together hundreds of local trails across the country, will stretch 22,000 km and link 1,000 communities. The TransCanada Trail vision statement is for a national "greenways" trail system.

In April 2011, the TCT Foundation announced new guidelines promoting non-motorized use of the "greenways" trails for hiking, walking, cycling, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling. TCT officials made it clear TCT will no longer fund or promote trails that allow all-terrain vehicles. The move comes after contentious debate about All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) use on the national trail system. Many agencies and organizations contributing to the TransCanada Trail system feel that ATVs presented a safety hazard. Previously, while not outright banning ATVs, the TCT agreed that trail

organizations would make every effort to route the trail where ATVs were not permitted. Last year, TCT's national trails director, Tim Hoskin, stated, "shared use trails, as they're known, don't work...on shared use trails, there is considerable user conflict." Mr. Hoskin stated the new guidelines were based on concerns about how motorized vehicles (ATVs) affect other trail users (i.e., hikers, cyclists), as well as the greater cost of constructing and maintaining trails suitable for the motorized vehicles. "The user experience can be diminished," declared Mr. Hoskin, adding that, "if people are hiking or biking, they are out there for a different experience, perhaps a quiet experience."

Snowmobiling is endorsed by the TCT. Snowmobiles ride on a blanket of snow and do not degrade the trail surface. John Bellini, former head of the TCT Foundation, recognizes the tremendous amount of manpower, equipment, and money that snowmobile clubs and associations contribute to the upkeep of the trails. Snowmobile clubs have large memberships; in many rural areas, it makes sense to cooperate with them. And, by happy coincidence, in Quebec and other eastern provinces, the snowmobile season basically ends

when most other users want access to the trails.

Less convincing arguments can be made by dirt bike and quad users. A BC representative of the TCT Foundation recently stated, "There has been no successful utilization of trails by both ATVs, dirt bikes particularly, and self-powered travelers." A representative of BC's West Kootenay ATV Club countered by citing examples of "successful multi-use riding networks in Quebec," noting some trails in Quebec were duplicated to accommodate all users (including ATVs). On some sections of the TransCanada Trail in Manitoba, cross country skiers will find parallel trails for snowmobilers and warning signs where trails cross. Fort Smith, in the North West Territories, advertises its section of the TCT as "multi-purpose, used by hikers, cyclists, skiers, snowmobilers, and ATV and dirt bike drivers." Speaking on behalf of the TCT Foundation, the BC trails representative contended, "While many ATV members are responsible users, it is very hard, once multi-users are allowed, to manage trails for safety." He questioned, "How do you advertise ... a world class ... trail to draw people ... if visitors meet some yahoo on a dirt bike or a quad doing 50 km on the trail? What kind of

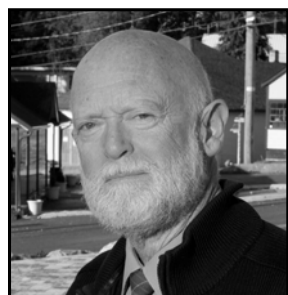
message does that give them?"

In Nova Scotia, where ATV use of the TransCanada Trail has been very popular, the Isle Royale ATV Club of Sydney stated that the new TCT guidelines "discriminate against ATV users." Another Nova Scotian group, Nova Scotians Promoting Active-Transportation or Community Trails, argues that "motorized vehicles, like ATVs, discourage people from using trails to walk, hike, or bicycle."

Over the last six years, as a volunteer on the run course for the Shawnigan Triathlon, I've encountered a significant increase in the number of motorized vehicles (ATVs and quads) on the TransCanada Trail. In addition, since the completion of the Kinsol Trestle, use of the TCT by hikers, cyclists, and horseback riders has skyrocketed. At one point during the Shawnigan Triathlon this year, elite triathletes ran past horseback riders on the Kinsol Trestle.

The CVRD Parks Department, which maintains the TransCanada Trail in our area, has posted signage stating motorized vehicles are not allowed on the TCT. The CVRD recently stated it intends to increase enforcement of the ruling.

Director's Report - June 2012



Dr. Bruce Fraser
Area Director

Shawnigan is reeling from pillar to post. The Subaru Triathlon was a howling success due to the efforts of Sarah Malerby and her large team of volunteers. The Triathlon team showed that

Shawnigan has the right stuff when the community pulls together. At the other end of the spectrum, we are raising our collective voices about the prospect of further dumping of contaminated soil in the headwaters of the main stream feeding our lake.

The Triathlon team, with Rick Restell's leadership, created a happy community event that pleased the many visiting athletes and gave the village a chance to shine for local people as well as the many who attended the event from far and wide. Meanwhile South

Island Aggregates suffered significant damage from an arsonist, dragging down our Shawnigan image in the eyes of Vancouver Islanders. The stunning contrast should not be lost on us.

On one hand, we have the potential of a very exciting social and economic future as we develop our village and our rural settlements into the event centres that repatriates our railway excursion past. We can make our waterfront village the envy of Vancouver Island. On the other hand, we could lose our reputation as a civil, friendly and easy

living rural community through bitter confrontation. We do have choices to make.

The CVRD is attempting to bring civility and fair due process to our current major controversy. There are those who would have us jump immediately to confrontation, savouring the prospect of angry exchanges amid public uproar. I believe that we should take a more measured approach. The South Island Aggregates proposal to fill their Stebbings Road Quarry with contaminated soil is both an engineering challenge and a social one. We are

looking at a very thorough reclamation plan working its way through provincial authorities and we are looking at undeniable risks to our water supply. We should be taking a very long, cool look at the balance of benefits and risks and making sure that we advocate a final decision that protects the interests of Shawnigan people over the long term.

To make that cool appraisal possible the CVRD is working towards holding a properly conducted public meeting to give all parties the voice that is required. We have developed a collaborative relationship with the Ministry of Environment through the intervention of Minister Terry Lake. We intend to use that relationship to manage the ongoing problem of contaminated soil dumping in the whole of the Region. What SIA is proposing for the Shawnigan drainage is only one of many existing and possible proposals in our region that demand our attention.

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10 calls in the month of May:

- Wednesday, May 2 - 1st Responder in the Beach Estates
- Saturday, May 5 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road
- Monday, May 7 - 1st Responder in the Village
- Wednesday, May 9 - Alarms Activated off Campbell Road
- Wednesday, May 16 - Bark Mulch Fire in the Village
- Saturday, May 19 - 1st Responder off West Shawnigan Lake Road
- Tuesday, May 22 - Public Assistance off Shawnigan Lake Road
- Sunday, May 27 - 1st Responder on Renfrew Road
- Wednesday, May 30 - Mutual Aid with Mill Bay Fire for Alarms Activated
- Thursday, May 31 - 1st Responder off Shawnigan Lake Road.

Department Officers attended 2 Burning Complaints in the Month of May

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For the ventilation index check the protection branch of Forests & range at www.For.Gov.Bc.Ca/protect/

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Shawnigan Lake
RCMP

Summer coming?

June leads us into our typically busiest time of year. Shawnigan Detachment members will do our best to be out on the roads, on the lakes and in parks through the summer months. We have scheduled patrols for the lakes with the addition of seasonal funding from Island District RCMP and the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “We may be in our boat, on ATV’s or bikes - you just never know where we may surprise you.”

Shawnigan Lake
RCMP have attended several

party complaints the past two weekends regarding High School students coming into our area from Victoria and partying near the Burnt Bridge area. We are presently working with transportation companies to have this practice stop.

Traffic complaints continue to come in especially regarding our main commuter roads such as East and West Shawnigan Lake, Cobble Hill, Shawnigan Mill Bay Road and the Malahat. We are in the process of adding an unmarked unit to our fleet

to help with enforcement and awareness efforts.

Summer always seems to increase calls of theft from vehicles and mischief complaints. RCMP encourage citizens to lock your vehicles, keep valuables out of sight, and continue to report suspicious activity or persons. We are hopeful everyone can have a safe and healthy summer.

Detachment Commander
Sgt. Rob WEBB
250-743-5514

Positive Tickets

The Shawnigan Lake RCMP launched the second Positive Tickets initiative in the South Cowichan Communities June 1.

Island Savings Credit Union, the Rotary Club of South Cowichan and the South Cowichan Community Policing Advisory Society, are providing financial assistance for this program. Local businesses in the South Cowichan area are supporting the program by donating prizes for recipients.

Positive tickets were issued last summer to youth displaying exemplary community involvement as well as a positive attitude and

good behaviour. Youth were rewarded for providing a good example to other youth by following rules such as wearing a helmet on a bike or by doing good deeds in the community. Last year, Interact Club students from Kelsey received tickets for participating in the Rotary Highway Cleanup project.

The program’s main goals are to engage youth, increase positive interaction with law enforcement and develop future community leaders.

Once a youth receives a ticket from an RCMP officer or Community Policing Volunteer, he/she can turn it in at the Community Policing

Office in Mill Bay and choose a reward. The rewards include passes for skating, movies and gift certificates from many local merchants from all South Cowichan communities.

At the end of September, names will be drawn from the recipients for larger prizes donated by local retailers.

The program’s coordinator, Cst. Mike Furlong, members of the Shawnigan Lake RCMP detachment and Community Policing Volunteers are looking forward to distributing the cards to deserving youth in our communities.

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Hector McIntosh Speech Contest



Kelly Koepp
Shawnigan School

In September, Shawnigan student Madeline Torrie would not have been the first student noticed for her public speaking prowess in the School's Model UN and Debate group.

"Although she's always had a strong public presence about her, Maddie typically hung back at our Model UN conferences over the fall," states debate coach and Shawnigan teacher Paul Klassen. In fact, at one conference it took Torrie a full two days of patient observing before she gathered the courage to make a statement before a group of delegates in her session.

What a difference a few months can make.

Only 5 months down the road, Torrie has garnered her first official recognition in the public-speaking department when she took home first place at the 2012 Hector McIntosh Speech Competition in Duncan.

This was Torrie's first ever entry in a speech competition and her first year participating in speech and debate. "At the end of grade ten

I realized that concert band was not for me when I got hiccups at the final concert while playing the flute. I thought it was time for a change. I have always enjoyed expressing my opinions, so I felt that I would enjoy debate and Model UN which is the activity at school which includes public speaking."

The grade 11 student was looking forward to gaining public speaking experience and went in with an open-mind. "I was thrilled to simply attend the finals. I was nervous to some extent but knew that I just had to stay calm and do my best."

For preparation, Torrie had only two weeks to work on and memorize her speech which consisted of 30 minutes writing, editing or memorizing each day leading up to the competition. Needless to say, the contest rookie was pleasantly surprised to take home the first place trophy. "I was extremely surprised. All of the other contestants were excellent speakers. Because I was the youngest in my category and this was my first competition I was happy just to be given the opportunity to participate in the finals let alone win!"



Photo credit: Stephen Lane - shows Maddie Torrie being congratulated by Shawnigan Headmaster, David Robertson, and her debate teacher, Paul Klassen.

The Hector McIntosh Contest has been running for 31 years. A former teacher at Shawnigan Lake School, McIntosh bequeathed his entire estate to the Rotary Club to promote a valuable activity for the youth in the valley. The idea of a speech competition for School District 79 including private schools was born. Although McIntosh's funds ran out

years ago, the Rotary Club thought the competition such a worthwhile program that they generated the funds to keep the contest alive.

Torrie fully intends to defend her title at next year's competition as well as continuing to develop her newfound talent. "I am looking forward to helping lead the Debate

and Model UN program at Shawnigan next year. I hope to participate in more debates, go to the Montreal Model UN Seminar with Shawnigan and represent my school as the Undersecretary at our own Shawnigan Model UN event next April. And, of course, I also hope to participate in the Hector Macintosh speech competition as a grade 12."



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You choose a door and the host
(who knows what is behind each door)
opens a second door, revealing a goat.

What do you do?


Stick with your original choice
or switch to the other unopened door?

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(Solution on Page 14)

Scarecrow Trail Thank You Poem

To all the builders of their incredible creations
You added fun and frolic to the Shawnigan nation.
To all the voters who took time to view and to vote
You made it as much fun as a roof with a goat.
To the Scarecrow Trail creators who took stories to the street
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The Style Centre, Dewar McCarthy & Company and Moziros
Your wonderful efforts made you all heroes.
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You showed us imagination and a few great tricks.
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You created some magic and gave us a thrill.
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Your amazing scarecrows were the top of the line.
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The fabulous scarecrows were enjoyed by all peoples.
The Shawnigan Service Centre, Epicure, Moondance and the Museum
You had all the people drive by just to see um.
The Captain of Black Swan and the Clean Water-99% Occupy Tent
We're wondering where the heck their scarecrows went!

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In the Canada Day Parade - bursting with pride.
And they will be back next year around the same time
With greater abundance and a better rhyme.



On behalf of Mason's winning scarecrow, a \$200 cheque will be donated to Heart & Stroke . From left to right are event coordinator Francoise Moulin, business participant Patty Oldfield (Village Chipperry), 1st place winner Jim Carey (Mason's store) and a staff member. Missing from the picture are Dewar McCarthy, Lynn Weaver and David Shortill.

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By Elijah Fraser

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"Age and Sex" characteristics from the 2011 census were released by Statistics Canada on the 29th of May. If you were the "median" resident, with half the population older and half younger, you would have been 41.9

years old in 2011. The largest segment of the population is between the ages of 45 to 55. We can take some comfort in the fact that we have found a way to slow down the aging process (at least as a population), having only aged 4.2 years over the last decade. The 2006 census indicated that the median had reached the big Four-O (40.2 to be exact), up from a remarkable 37.7 in 2001.

We do still have bragging rights as we are the youngest, and I take some liberties when I say, "best looking"

area in the CVRD. We are a full 12.6 years younger than our elders in Cobble Hill whose median age struck 54.5, and well below that of our next oldest sibling Cowichan Station/ Sahtlam/ Glenora who came in at 44.8.

If you ladies out there are starting to feel a bit outnumbered it may be because there were 195 more males than females as of 2011. You aren't helping to keep us young either, as the median age for the women was slightly higher at 42.5. But I guess someone has to keep us "better looking."

So when our neighbours in the valley ask what our secret is, what should we tell them? Is the lake a fountain of youth? Unfortunately, my suspicion is nothing to brag about. While Shawnigan is a great place for families, we lack assisted living and seniors housing. Many of our seniors are forced to move away to get the services they require. This may become more evident when Stats Canada releases housing information on the 19th of September. Census results can be found at: www.statcan.ca



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Fred Mohler had the first
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Where is it? What is it?
Contest. The picture is part
of the old cement tower
from the Shawnigan Lake
Lumber Company at the
entrance to Mill Park. Fred
wins two specialty coffees
from Moziro's.

Shawnigan Weather May 2012

(stats courtesy of UVic Weather Network)

compiled by Grant Treloar

	Shawnigan Normal	Cigarmaker's Bay	Discovery School	Shawnigan Museum	Kelsey School
Average High	16.9	17.4	16.6	17.4	17.1
Average Low	6.8	6.2	5.5	6.4	6.2
Extreme High	30.0	27.2	26.7	27.9	25.4
Extreme Low	-3.9	1.7	0.7	2.7	1.9
Precipitation	48.7	49.3	30.9	30.5	25.5
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“Two wrongs don’t make a right...”

Lori Treloar

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“We can learn from past mistakes; and, history is important so that we don’t make the same mistakes that were made in the past”. At least, these adages were what our parents and teachers advised as we were growing up.

In the community of Shawnigan Lake, we are at a critical point in decision making for our future - not just our immediate future, but also the future for the next several generations. Now is the perfect time to look to the past so that we can make sound decisions for our future. It is true that not all of the past decisions affecting our watershed have been good. Yes, we have some septic fields that flood some winters, we have destroyed some riparian areas, and we have allowed too many boats and inappropriate water vehicles to populate the lake. Unfortunately, these issues haven’t always been the direct choice of the community as much as a lack of jurisdiction and control. As the largest unincorporated area in B.C., few communities answer to as many jurisdictions as Shawnigan Lake. With the diminished resources in these governmental agencies, there has been a move towards industry self-regulation and/or a complaint driven system. This can result in chaos for

a community with as many issues as Shawnigan. It doesn’t mean that we should throw our hands up in the air and give up.

More than fifty years ago, Shawnigan had a dump in the village, which makes perfect sense. It was established as a service to the community. Prior to the dump, people got rid of their waste by burying it somewhere on their property or by dumping it in the lake. As horrible as it sounds, this was common practice in every community. Victoria’s inner harbor was a popular dumping spot. However, if we fast forward to 2012, we find that the potential development across from the Shawnigan Lake Community Centre, one that is eagerly anticipated by residents of Shawnigan Lake, has been stalled for several years because of this historic dump. The developers are proposing to build a commercial phase, a high-density residential phase and possibly a small accommodation (Inn) phase. However, the Ministry of Environment (MOE) has deemed the property “contaminated” as a result of the old village dump. Although the developers have spent much time, energy and money to remediate the property over the past several years, the MOE keeps changing the goal posts

and asks for something more whenever they get close to the green light.

Ironically, the same MOE does not seem to have a problem with the large scale dumping of contaminated soil in the south end of Shawnigan Lake. This probably seems like a perfect solution to a very real problem that all communities have. At this time, the proposed dumping ground is a quarry in a very rural area, away from heavily populated centres. Fast forward fifty years. What if, at that time, residential development in the area is needed/wanted to accommodate the population growth on Vancouver Island. Community development in South Shawnigan would put people close to Langford and Victoria by car and well placed to take advantage of the proposed commuter train. What could be better planning?

...except for the contaminated property? Would future development be prevented by the historic dumping or, worse yet, will history be ignored and the area be developed on top of a contaminated soil dump? For those of you who have always lived on the west coast, or are too young to remember, Google “Love Canal”. This tragedy, in Niagara Falls on the American side, started out with

the best of intentions. A canal was planned to create a power source and a model community was envisioned. Those dreams didn’t work out and only part of the canal was dug. The empty canal, like a quarry, provided a great place to dump garbage and industrial waste and for decades that is exactly what happened. In 1953, the dump site was covered with soil and sold to the city for a dollar. In the 1950s, a working class subdivision of approximately 100 homes was built there. It turned out to be a ticking time bomb that resulted in a tragedy of epic proportions. The “explosion” of the bomb occurred as a result of a record rainfall. The chemicals and toxins dumped for decades began to leach into the surrounding area affecting all of the residents in some way. Birth defects, high incidences of cancer, burns on skin from contact with the contaminated site and other health issues led to one of the biggest environmental disasters in American history. Eventually, everyone was evacuated from Love Canal and the entire community was razed.

Can we learn from past mistakes and make more informed decisions about our future? Yes! As your parents would say, “Do your homework!”

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Peaceful Propaganda

By Georgia Collins

I always thought it would be great to paint a picture of what was behind a billboard on a billboard so it appeared as if you were looking right through it. Erasing the canvas so that art becomes the background with which we perceive the world.

With art as our reference point we have this opportunity to look critically at the messages we receive and subsequently decide if they are working for us. So far we get the message, it is loud and clear. Same old hyper-consumerism pushed by big business. Exhausted disempowering cliches that leave us fragmented, distracted and wanting. Wanting what though?

Literally seconds ago, I overheard a conversation between my four year old daughter and her dad, which seemed to be ending with he telling her that “You don’t always get what you want,” to which she replied after a moment’s consideration, “Well, what do YOU want Dad?” He gave his stock answer “Infinite wealth, health and happiness” and

she immediately retorted, “Well, why don’t you get it then?”

The predominant messages out there are being passed mindlessly from generation to generation. Individually and collectively, what do we want? And why are we under the impression that we cannot achieve it? A likely candidate is mass media telling us that what we have is never enough. So, what if we had different messaging? What if all those billboards on the drive into Duncan were filled with messages empowering community and contribution, health and happiness, or all 26 of them fulfilled my personal fantasy and were painted to disappear into the background? And what if we began to accept these kind of messages as the norm?

I invite artists and community groups (in other words, anyone and everyone) to take on the world, get your voice heard, and believe that it will make a difference. Question the messages you have always accepted and start a new conversation.

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Details on Dirty Dirt

Dave Hutchinson
Shawnigan Focus

The provincial Contaminated Sites Regulation divides soil into several categories based on the level of dozens of substances. Take one form of cyanide for instance. Agricultural soil is permitted no more than 5 parts per million, compared to 50 for Residential, and 500 for Industrial. For higher levels there is a catch-all category called Waste which is used for all material exceeding Industrial but not specifically identified as exceedingly toxic hazardous-waste. The Waste category includes unrestricted levels of some very nasty ingredients including petroleum hydrocarbons, chlorinated benzenes and a host of other bad things you would

not expect to be relocated anywhere near a water supply area.

The web-site for South Island Aggregates (SIA) (www.sialtd.ca) claims that:

Currently, the SIA Quarry accepts Industrial Quality Soil as required backfill in accordance with their Mine Reclamation Plan. The Proposed Soil Management Facility would also accept Waste which would be encapsulated into an engineered “cell”.

This is inconsistent with a statement made by a senior official with the Ministry of Energy and Mines who claimed that the current SIA permit does not allow for any fill material above Residential.

Environmental Management Act					
CONTAMINATED SITES REGULATION					
[includes amendments up to B.C. Reg. 97/2011, May 31, 2011]					
Schedule 4					
[en. B.C. Reg. 324/2004, s. 68; am. B.C. Reg. 343/2008, s. 13.]					
Generic Numerical Soil Standards ¹					
COLUMN I Substance	COLUMN II Agricultural (AL)	COLUMN III Urban Park (PL)	COLUMN IV Residential (RL)	COLUMN V Commercial (CL)	COLUMN VI Industrial (IL)
Organic Substances Chlorinated Hydrocarbons					
<i>chlorinated aliphatics</i>					
chlorinated aliphatics ¹⁰ (each)	0.1	5	5	50	50
<i>chlorinated benzenes</i>					
chlorobenzenes ¹¹ (each)	0.05	2	2	10	10
dichlorobenzenes ¹² (each)	0.1	1	1	10	10
hexachlorobenzene	0.05	2	2	10	10
lindane	0.01				
monochlorobenzene	0.1	1	1	10	10

An excerpt from Schedule 4 of the Contaminated Sites Regulation.

NEWS RELEASE

Date: June 7, 2012
For Immediate Release

CVRD Calls for
a Moratorium on
Contaminated Soils
Relocation

The Cowichan Valley Regional District’s Soils Relocation Sub-Committee is calling for an immediate moratorium on any further consideration of the South Island Aggregate’s (SIA) application to treat contaminated soils in the Shawnigan Lake area.

This followed a meeting of the Sub-Committee that also recommended that the CVRD convene a public meeting about the SIA application “at its earliest convenience” in collaboration with the Minister of Environment. Representatives of SIA, the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry and Energy and Mines will also be invited to attend.

These recommendations to the full CVRD Board will be considered at its next regular meeting on June 13, 2012.

CVRD Chair Rob Hutchins, who is also part of the Soils Relocation Sub-Committee, said committee members were deeply concerned

that anxiety and fear about the SIA application in the community were running so high that it was time to push for a time-out.

“We would like to see the Ministry of Environment extend the public consultation period on the SIA application until the end of November,” Hutchins said. “Area residents right now are frustrated and don’t trust that their fears and concerns are being adequately heard. We, at the Regional District, want to help with this process – that is why we will be convening an open public meeting as soon as it can be reasonably put together.”

The CVRD is committed to keeping a detailed record at that public meeting of “the public questions asked, answers given and comments made be prepared and provided to the Statutory Decision Maker of the Ministry of Environment as part of the public submissions regarding the proposed quarry reclamation.”

Hutchins said: “We are going to ensure that people have a safe and respectful environment within which to ask their questions and express their concerns.”

The Sub-Committee is also asking the CVRD Board to endorse a call to “direct staff to monitor and pinpoint the siltation points of origin for Shawnigan Creek and once identified the results be forwarded to the appropriate Ministries for enforcement action.”

The CVRD formed the Soils Relocation Sub-Committee because of growing concerns over what could be indiscriminate dumping of soil on at least 11 sites in the South Cowichan area. The CVRD and the Ministry of Environment have started on a range of initiatives aimed at improving the regulatory processes governing soils movement and developing an atmosphere of assurance that ground water and watersheds are not being exposed to contamination.

“We want to continue this work with the Ministry of Environment that would ultimately give local government a stronger role in soil relocation issues,” Hutchins said.

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Take a Hike!



Robin Massey
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Shawnigan Focus

Baldy Mountain, she lovingly overlooks our quaint village protecting us like a doting mother over a child. She has been calling our group for a while now, so we obediently set off earlier this month to pay her a visit. Personally, my favourite trail is the 'scramble' up from the Easter Seal camp... but one thing I've learned over the years is that if you want to keep your friends hiking with you... well, you have to play nice.

Our trek originated from the yellow gate located almost at the end of Strathcona Heights/Hawking Rd off Baldy Mountain Rd. When driving you may notice the up climb but do not let that fool you by any means! This track still provides a plentiful steep incline to get the blood pumping, but instantly rewards you with stunning views of Shawnigan Lake. It just gets better and better as you climb.

As you approach the cell tower follow the small trail



View from the summit of Mount Baldy

up on the left, winding and climbing all the way to the 360 degree view at the top. From this eagle eye vantage point (who just so happened to be flying over our picnic) you get an amazing sight of the ocean and the lake all at the same time. Well worth every grunt and groan. On this day we were also blessed with some really cool rock balance art that a talented person before us created, so cool!

Going up this way is fun for sure... but if you have any knee issues or afraid of heights or falling, do yourself a favour - take the main logging road down instead of the reverse climb down. The road starts just under the flat top and about 40 minutes of

downwardness will spill back onto Strathcona Heights a couple blocks away from where you started.

The first half of the hike up to the cell tower is doable for all levels; the second half is more of a medium/moderate level due to the bit of scrambling you'll have to do. We recommend good grippy footwear, trekking poles if you got them and perhaps gloves if you like to keep your hands clean and pretty.

We hope this write-up entices you to explore our iconic mountain and if so be sure to let us know about your adventures!

Happy trails all!

Puzzle Solution

You should switch doors!

The solution shows the three possible arrangements of one car and two goats behind three doors and the result of switching or staying after initially picking Door 1 in each case:

A player who stays with the initial choice wins in only one out of three of these equally likely possibilities, while a player who switches wins in two out of three. The probability of winning by staying with the initial choice is therefore 1/3, while the probability of winning by switching is 2/3.

If the car is initially equally likely to be behind each door, a player who picks Door 1 and doesn't switch has a 1 in 3 chance of winning the car while a player who picks Door 1 and does switch has a 2 in 3 chance. The host has removed an incorrect option from the unchosen doors, so contestants who switch double their chances of winning the car.

The problem was originally posed in the American Statistician in 1975. Many people refused to believe that switching is beneficial. Even when given explanations, simulations, and formal mathematical proofs, many people still do not accept that switching is the best strategy.

Door 1	Door 2	Door 3	result if switching	result if staying
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Goat	Car	Goat	Car	Goat
Goat	Goat	Car	Car	Goat

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then, the church building has been expanded adding the Hall and Pastoral Centre being added which are used by many local organizations.

St. John's has always played an active part in the community of South Cowichan as a spiritual home and as a compassionate neighbour supporting many local agencies and those farther afield. Our annual September Festival is always eagerly anticipated.

We invite you to come and enjoy the fun of The Ole Time Country Fair on Saturday, June 23rd from 9.00am to 2.00pm on the church grounds at 3295 Cobble Hill Road. Free admission. For more information www.stjohncobblehill.ca or contact Pip Woodcock (pipwoodcock@gmail.com) or Church Office 250-743-3095



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Eat, Pray, Love with Janet Cundall 5-6pm @ Inspire! space	Shawnigan Lake Residents Association 7pm @ Dinter Garden House Shawnigan Lake School (members welcome)		Inspire! Board Meeting 9am @ Inspire! space In the Purple Building Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission 6:30pm @ SLCC		Shawnigan Watershed Roundtable Meeting 10:30am @ SLCC (carpooling to walking tour of the south end of watershed basin) Bag Lunches! Black Swan Bass Derby - \$25 entry	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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 Canada Day Activities Shawnigan Lake Community Association Pancake Breakfast 9-11am @ Malahat Legion Hall followed by parade (children decorate your bikes!). Free Family Picnic: Fun & games 11-3pm @ Elsie Miles grounds SLCC	Summer Camp & Out of School Care Programs begin @ Shawnigan Lake Community Centre Eat, Pray, Love with Janet Cundall 5-6pm @ Inspire! space	Shawnigan Lake Business Association 7pm @ Village Chippy (members welcome)	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Eaglearts Academy Summer Programs July 8th - July 22nd	Eat, Pray, Love with Janet Cundall 5-6pm @ Inspire! space Shawnigan Improvement District Meeting 7pm @ Fire Hall #1 Area B Director's Meeting 7pm @ SLCC		Shawnigan Advisory Planning Commission 6:30pm @ SLCC		Elkington Forest Tour 9:30am-12:00pm 250-386-6600 OUR EcoVillage Tour 10am-12pm	
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