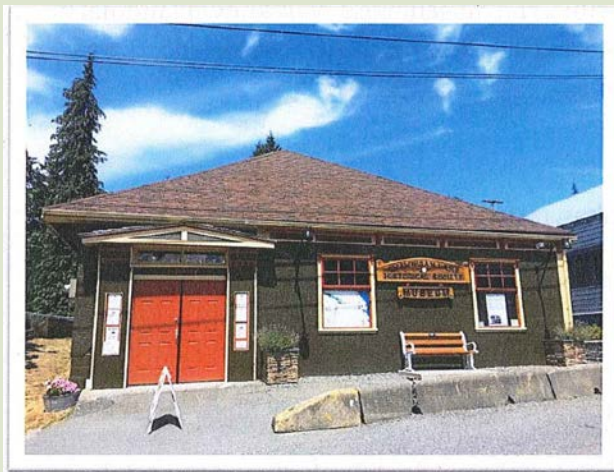


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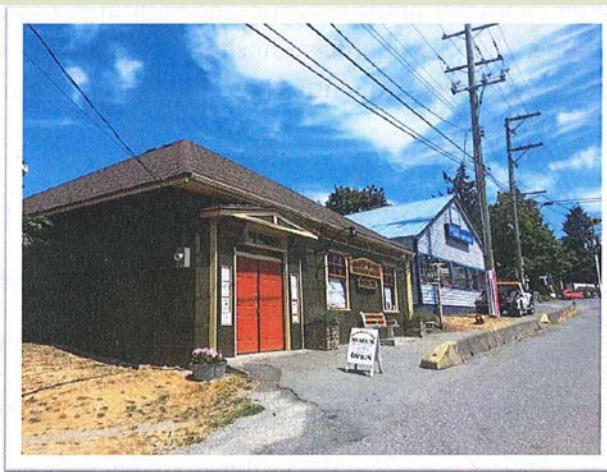
Location: 1775 Shawnigan – Mill Bay Road, Shawnigan Lake, BC

Other Names: Shawnigan Lake Fire Hall

Construction Dates: 1950



Front View of the Shawnigan Lake Museum



Side View of the Shawnigan Lake Museum

Statement of Significance for Shawnigan Lake Museum

Description of Historic Place

The Shawnigan Lake Museum is a small one-storey wood-framed building with a hipped roof. This building is green with red and cream painted framing, and has a protruding entryway topped with a small hipped roof. This historic place is limited to the building footprint and is located on a small park in Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia.

Heritage Value

The Shawnigan Lake Museum's heritage value can be found in its historic, aesthetic, and cultural qualities.

The Shawnigan Lake Museum was built as a fire hall in 1950 by the Shawnigan Lake Improvement District and the first firemen of the community. The fire hall provided important public services to the community from 1950-1983. As the first fire hall in the community, this building has significant historic value to Shawnigan Lake and to the present-day Shawnigan Lake firemen.

In 1983, the fire hall building became the Shawnigan Lake Museum. Filled with original artifacts from old houses, schools, and industrial areas, the Shawnigan Lake Museum provides a unique look into the early

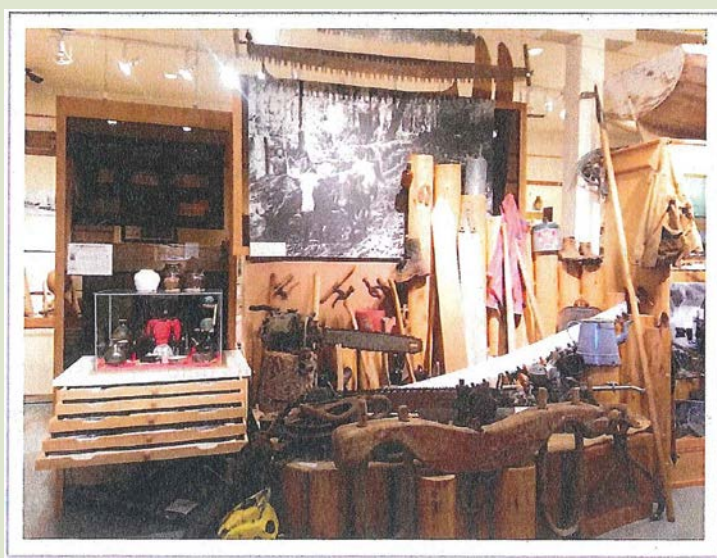
days of the Shawnigan Lake community. This museum has been in continuous use since its opening and greatly enhances the cultural and historical qualities of Shawnigan Lake. As Shawnigan Lake is a small community, the historical education the museum can contribute cannot be found elsewhere, making this a rare resource. Heritage value can be found in the educational tool the Shawnigan Lake Museum has given to the community, as well as in the original Shawnigan Lake artifacts found throughout the museum.

Located in the core of the Shawnigan Lake village, the Shawnigan Lake Museum fits perfectly in with the quaint character of the surrounding buildings. Easily visible, the museum is a well-known landmark building. There is significant heritage value in the long-term contribution that the Shawnigan Lake Museum's aesthetic qualities have made to the community's village character.

Character-Defining Elements

Key elements that define the heritage character of the Shawnigan Lake Museum include:

- Its long-term use as a museum, which provides an educational tool to the community
- The buildings position on its original location
- The clear visibility of the Shawnigan Lake Museum throughout the village of Shawnigan Lake
- The character of the building, which preserves some of the original fire hall qualities while contributing to the overall quaint character of the Shawnigan Lake village.



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