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Welcome to Shawnigan Lake : Electoral Area B

Shawnigan Lake is located in Electoral Area B and your Director is Sonia Furstenau.

The CVRD is governed by a Board comprised of appointed directors from four municipalities and an elected director from each of the nine electoral areas.

The regional district provides a broad range of services to its residents. While a small number of these services are mandated by the Province (solid waste, emergency planning, land use planning), the majority of services provided by the CVRD are determined by the Board. However, services can only be provided with the approval of the electors who will receive them.

Funds required to operate the various regional district services are generated through property taxes, fees and charges. Unlike municipalities, regional districts are required to match the costs and benefits of its services to the residents that benefit from them; this means residents pay for the services they receive.

Do you want to know what is happening in the CVRD? Register for Notify Me to receive regular updates.

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From the Director

As the Electoral Area Director for Area B, I welcome you to Shawnigan Lake and I am delighted you have chosen to join our wonderful community.

This welcome letter is to provide you with an overview of some key services provided by the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) and answer some frequently asked questions.

The CVRD provides a broad range of services to its residents, including solid waste management, 911 and emergency planning, environmental services, and much more.

Key Contacts

CVRD Office	250.746.2500
Animal Issues (SPCA)	250.746.4646
Building & Development	250.746.2620
Bylaw Enforcement	250.746.2500
Garbage & Recycling	250.746.2530
Water & Sewer	250.746.2530



Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sonia Furstenau

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Building & Development

There are a number of land use regulations and a BC Building Code in place aimed at protecting the environment and ensuring the health and safety of residents. Before starting a project, it is the owner's responsibility to find out what is permitted.

Development Services staff are available to assist residents with understanding requirements for their specific project and particular location. Building permits may be required for new structures over 10 square metres (108 square feet) or major renovations to existing structures.

If you are planning any work on your property involving the following, please check FIRST and contact the CVRD:

- Steep Slopes
- Land Adjacent to Water Bodies (creeks, lakes, rivers, wetlands, ocean)
- Land Clearing
- Tree Cutting or Topping
- Building Construction

Roads

Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is responsible for roads. To report maintenance issues call Mainroad South Island Contracting at 1.877.391.7310.

Water and Sewer

The CVRD operates 35 water and sewer systems in its electoral areas. Please check with the CVRD to determine if your property is serviced by one of these systems.



Dog Licencing

All dogs four months and older must be licenced by January 31 annually. The \$25 dog licences and tags are available at:

Shawnigan Lake Community Centre,
2804 Shawnigan Lake Road

Cobble Hill Market,
1494 Fisher Road

CVRD Office,
175 Ingram Street, Duncan

Fireworks

The use of fireworks is limited to public special events or festivals where the person or organization has a fire safety plan and holds a valid Fireworks Discharge Permit. These permits will only be issued for events held on January 1, July 1 and October 31.

Outdoor Burning

The backyard burning bylaw is aimed at improving local air quality and addressing health impacts linked to smoke pollution. Open burning is only permitted from March 15 through April 15 and from October 15 through November 15 when the BC Venting Index is rated as "good." www.cvrld.bc.ca/1463/Know-the-Rules

Parks & Trails

There are a variety of parks including a boat launch, wharf and numerous trails in Shawnigan Lake. For a complete listing visit: www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks.

Recreation

There are two recreation centres serving Shawnigan Lake: Shawnigan Lake Community Centre, 2804 Shawnigan Lake Road and Kerry Park Recreation Centre, 1035 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road, Mill Bay. They provide a wide range of exercise and recreation programs such as yoga, pickleball and baseball with ice sports held at Kerry Park. For a complete listing of programs visit www.cvrld.bc.ca/parks-recreation.

Recycling

The CVRD provides curbside recycling pickup for your area every two weeks. Recycling/garbage depots are also located at Bings Creek, Meade Creek and Peerless Road recycling centres. Collection schedules, depot locations, and information on what can be put in the blue tote are available at www.cvrld.bc.ca/recycling.

Taxes

Unlike municipalities, the CVRD does not directly bill residents for property taxes. Tax notices are sent to electoral area residents from the Surveyor of Taxes, a division of the Province of BC.

Transit

The CVRD, in partnership with BC Transit, operates the regional transit system which offers three services in your area. These include local, commuter and handyDART transit services. For more information visit www.cvrld.bc.ca/transit.