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Shawnigan Creek Spill Update

Duncan, BC – A spill reported at approximately 12:30 p.m. at the Shawnigan Creek Bridge on Sooke Lake Road received a swift response from several local organizations including the Malahat Volunteer Fire Department. The B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change alerted the Cowichan Valley Regional District to the spill, which involved a vehicle hanging over the Shawnigan Creek Bridge and dripping oil and radiator and transmission fluids into the water below.

While the vehicle was safely removed just after 1:00 p.m., a small amount of fluids spilled into the stream channel. Malahat fire personnel deployed absorbent booms in an attempt to contain the spill.

The Ministry of Environment has notified both Island Health and the First Nations Health Authority of the incident so they can investigate further with regard to drinking water safety and other concerns.

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