

Shawnigan Watershed Citizen Action July 16, 2015

The message about the threat that the SIA site poses to the Shawnigan watershed has been widely communicated. Since March 20th, there have been over 120 letters to the editor published, dozens of newspaper articles in various papers, including the Times-Colonist, the Vancouver Sun, the Citizen, the Shawnigan Focus, the South Cowichan Echo, and Victoria's Focus magazine.

We need to continue to communicate our message that we will never accept the risk that this site poses to our community. How to do this?

- Direct attention to the water testing evidence of Andrew Weaver at the link below.
- Question and evaluate the standards of the Ministry of Environment related to water protection, the professional reliance model, and the current statutory processes for permits.
- Question and evaluate the actions of the applicant in the permit and EAB processes, and importing soil and other materials as fill (without a permit).

Important Links for today's meeting:

- <http://www.andrewweavermla.ca/2015/07/16/soils-shawnigan-lake-watershed-questions/>
- <http://www.thesra.ca/about-the-sra/water-protection-legal-action/legal-action-archive>

Social Media

Twitter -- If you don't have a twitter account, sign up for one and start to tweet about Shawnigan:

- Follow the #saveshawniganwater group
- Direct tweets to: @maryforbc
@kootenaybill @christyclarkbc
- Also tweet to our allies: @Raffi_RC
@ElizabethMay

Facebook:

- Share articles and updates on Facebook – like the following pages for regular updates:
Sonia Furstenuau for Shawnigan
- Shawnigan Residents Association
- Shawnigan Lake Events, News, Links, Community Forum

Letters to the Media

This story is back in the news, and this provides many opportunities for us to write letters to the editor. Watch the local and provincial papers and send in your letters. We need to keep reinforcing the message that we remain steadfastly opposed to this.

Copy your letters to:
shawniganwatershed@gmail.com

Letters to Government

Keep writing letters to government officials:

- Mary Polak, Minister of Environment
- Bill Bennett, Minister of Mines
- Premier Christy Clark
- Suzanne Anton, Attorney General
- Office of the Ombudsman

Copy your letters to:

- John Horgan, Leader of the Opposition
- Bill Routley, MLA for Cowichan Valley
- Andrew Weaver, MLA for Oak Bay/Gordon Head
- shawniganwatershed@gmail.com

Continue to Monitor

- soniafurstenuau.ca
- thesra.ca
- saveshawniganwater.org