

How can you help to protect our water?

Help us to raise awareness:

- post a sign
- follow us on Facebook, share articles and updates, like us for regular updates
- follow the #saveshawniganwater group and direct tweets to @SRA_INFO
- write to your elected officials

Help us to keep-up the fight:

- participate in fund-raising efforts
- purchase a \$20 membership
- make a donation (towards our legal fund)
- obtain a Save Shawnigan water pin or t-shirt
- post a Save Shawnigan water sign
- become a SRA board member

Why become a SRA member?

Memberships are important because it:

demonstrates to government, and to public and private bodies that influence decisions that impact our community that we are united and have a strong voice which allows our issues to be heard.

There is strength in numbers.

Your membership will ensure that the Shawnigan community is adequately represented when meeting and negotiating with governing bodies.

Together we can make a difference with your help!

How to become a member?

Please provide the information below and mail it in along with the \$20 membership fee to the SRA or register online at www.thesra.ca.

Help the SRA to make your voice heard, become a member today. Let government know we are united together.



I WOULD LIKE TO HELP BY ...	
I/we pledge a total amount of \$ _____ to be paid ___ now ___ monthly ___ quarterly ___ annually.	
I/we would like to make this contribution in the form of: ___ cash ___ cheque ___ credit card ___ other.	
Credit Card Type:	___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex
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Expiration date:	
Name on card:	
Signature:	
Acknowledge donation: Yes ___ No ___	
I/we would like a membership of \$20.	
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What is the SRA Mission Statement?

To actively represent community and member interests in matters of the environment, governance and land use that support the residents vision for the future of the community of Shawnigan Lake.

Our current priorities:

1. To take a lead position in supporting governance that pro-actively and effectively manages our community and the watershed.
2. To safeguard and improve the water quality in the lake and watershed.

Who is the Shawnigan Residents Association?

A non-profit community-based organization striving to represent the interests of residents in current and emerging issues that impact the quality of life in and around Shawnigan Lake with a focus on matters concerning development, environment, governance, local economy, and watershed protection.

Who is the SRA Board?

The SRA volunteer board is elected each year by membership comprising of part-time or full-time residents. It is our goal to:

- represent all issues in a transparent, non-partisan manner that foster open and respectful dialogue
- treat all stakeholders fairly, while recognizing the diversity of: members' abilities; land and water use activities; ownership needs; economic viability, and the need for ecological sustainability
- deal with long-term population growth policies and development that is consistent with the need for ecological sustainability
- cooperatively work with other organizations with similar goals and objectives

Governance

For some time, the SRA board has felt that living in a watershed presents a set of issues over which the residents of the watershed should have complete control. Incorporation of the Shawnigan Lake watershed area separate from Cobble Hill and Mill Bay is the best option for governance of the Shawnigan Lake area. **Living in a watershed presents a set of issues over which we, the residents of the watershed, should have complete control.**

Local Economy

Recent years have seen significant increases to Shawnigan Lake **property taxes**, i.e. Area B in the CVRD which **have risen 260%** from \$1.9M in 2003, to over \$4.9M in 2015 significantly exceeding the cost of living over the same period. The biggest item in the CVRD budget is staff salaries, which are perceived by many as exceeding local comparisons. The SRA tries to focus on various elements of the CVRD budget from the perspectives of: are they still needed; can they be cut back; are they value for money; can they be contracted out etc. This also includes monitoring the CVRD use of the AAP process.

Watershed Protection

In partnership with the CVRD and community groups, the SRA is committed to protecting the Shawnigan Lake watershed through:

- regular water testing
- liquid waste management
- development input within the watershed
- creek clean out
- water protection (legal fund)
- weir inspection
- protection of the well being of fish and fish habitat
- monitoring of:
 - recreational use of the lake and area
 - contaminants and heavy metal levels
 - toxic dumping

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The logo features a blue heart shape with a white outline, containing a stylized globe and the text 'SAVE SHAWNIGAN WATER'. To the right, the text 'SAVE OUR SHAWNIGAN WATER' is written in large, bold, black letters, with 'SAVE' in red. Below this, the words 'LEARN | ACT | DONATE' are written in smaller black letters, followed by the website 'www.thesra.ca' and social media icons for Twitter and Facebook.