

Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub - Structure and Scope - Fall 2022

...Notes on how we got our start and how we are working to fulfill our potential...

...We attract members who want to do hands-on & fun projects together that benefit our environment!

Our Vision:

"Together We GROW!" A New Kind of Rotary Club with An **Outdoors/Environment** Focus - Across 3 Pillars:

1. Service and Stewardship
2. Building Thriving Relationships
3. Growing and Sharing Knowledge

Our Progress:

Trello Board Visioning - A virtual sticky note wall that's useful for discussion (may ask you to join Trello for free, first) - [Our Dashboard](#)

[video] **What is an EcoClub?** (Environmental Cause-based Club Format) - Infographics Link https://youtu.be/Mjp0HQH5c_k

[video] **Our Story** - Presentation to ESRAG June 22nd (.pdf of slides available) - Recording Link https://youtu.be/_ip_ucNhqPk

Facilitators of **numerous community discussions** via Zoom recordings archived/shareable at our "Shawnigan Rotary" [YouTube channel](#)

[From our EcoClub Slideshow]



Shawnigan Lake Rotary EcoClub



We are . . .

*Ambassadors of **Outdoor Education and Recreation***

*Champions for **Preservation of Land** for Parks and Trails*

*Influencers for **"Leave No Trace" Use** of Parks and Trails*

*Cultivators of **Community Gardens***

*and **Beautification Efforts***

*Sponsors of **Innovative Gathering Spaces***

*Supporters of **Environmental Initiatives***

*Facilitators of **Zero Waste Events and Clean Ups***



We are... *Becoming*...

- **Ambassadors of Outdoor Education and Recreation**
 - CVRD Active Transportation Plan Project Champion panel participants
 - Culturally Committed (workshop series email .pdf available) / Respecting Indigenous Knowledge (Patreon supporters of [Jared Qwustenuxun Williams](#))
 - Sharing photos and stories via social media
 - Commissioning “Take Care of the Earth” artwork for our shirts and other opportunities to share these teachings, in collaboration with First Nations Artist Stuart Pagaduan

- **Champions for Preservation of Land for Parks and Trails**
 - Advocating for Block 228 parcel to be confirmed as parkland
 - Ongoing followup with Sonia Furstenau and other community leaders
 - Learning from Mosaic Forestry practices

- **Influencers for “Leave No Trace” Use of Parks and Trails (and Respectful Use of Lake and Natural Resources)**
 - Sharing knowledge via social media (see ORCBC webinar recording links in email .pdf attached)
 - Sharing photos and stories via social media
 - Proposed Club Wear (Shirts and Hats) with “Take Care of the Earth” design (tba)

- **Cultivators of Community Gardens and Beautification Efforts**
 - (Redo in Rainy Fall Weather!) Planting for Pollinators at Mason's this fall (lavender and other hardy perennials)
 - Watering Systems / Plant Purchasing through CVRD Grant in Aid in 2021
 - Proposed Club Logo signage for Village planters
 - Clean Ups and Groundskeeping at Discovery Elementary entrance and Disc Golf Course
 - Selected Canada Post community mailbox upkeep (members/neighbours)

- **Sponsors of Innovative Gathering Spaces**
 - Meeting in person at the Shawnigan Basin Society (can host hybrid Zoom recordings there)
 - Proposed Signage and Seating upgrade at Mason's (Collaboration with Landlord / BC Transit / SLS / Signology)

- School Gardens partnerships (FKSS, Discovery Elementary)
schools supply staff, structure and labour
- Invitation to participate in Evergreen School's ReWilding and Decolonizing Curriculum (email .pdf)
- Invitation to Tour O.U.R. EcoVillage this Fall

- **Supporters of Environmental Initiatives**

- Shawnigan Basin Society watershed stewardship collaborations
- World Environment Day Expo June 6th 2022 in Sidney (together with Sidney by the Sea Rotary)
- Net Zero house tour and followup with David Slade
- Invasives management with CVRD Parks
- Native Plant restoration with guidance from Cowichan Green Community
- Drawdown BC Climate Action [workshop series](#)
- Request from Richard to help with invasives/litter (email .pdf)

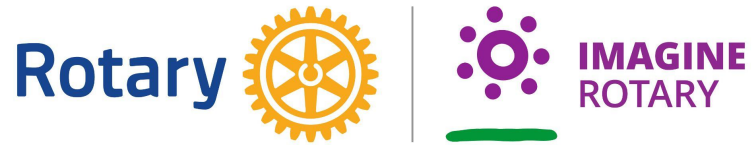
- **Facilitators of Zero Waste Events and Clean Ups**

- Coordinators for the Annual Shawnigan Community Clean Up in April for Earth Day/Week
- Sponsors of the [Shawnigan-SouthEnd LitterWatch FB group](#) (40 members)
- EcoFriendly Crafts together with CSAG (Cowichan South Arts Guild) for the inaugural CVRD July 2022 "Art in the Park"
- Supporting Annual Lower Cowichan River Clean Up (together with Duncan Rotary)
- "World Clean Up Day" Saturday, September 17th - Meet at SBS followed by Village/Wharf/Mason's "Walking Tour" LitterPick
- Supporting Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul / Cowichan River Day on September 25th from 10-3pm
- Help with Koksilah River / Burnt Bridge Clean Up organized by Albert of Morningstar Coffee (tba)
- CVRD Solid Waste Amendment 10yr Plan Implementation 2022-23 Panel (Kim)
- Helping with future community events to sort/reduce waste

Guest Speakers List (more contacts listed at our Trello Dashboard)

- Kyla (Gordie and Karen) - Garden Planning
- SLCA's Tobin and Sarah Smith - Community Engagement
- Genevieve Singleton - Biologist and Native Plant Identification
- Hannah Sophia - Cowichan Green Community
- Dale Marat - Bicycle Maintenance
- David Slade - Net Zero Energy
- Brandy Gallagher - O.U.R. EcoVillage Tour+Lunch
- ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group) - 6am Wednesday morning webinar series speakers offering to speak on a variety of topics
- ...etc (many more to be listed!)

This is an ever-evolving description of our Rotary EcoClub, infused with hope and endless possibilities!



This year's Rotary International Presidential theme is "IMAGINE... Rotary" and we certainly embrace the ways that a re-imagined Rotary club can benefit Shawnigan!

Prepared by:
Kim Barnard
EcoClub Story Gatherer
Secretary-President
September 2022

Yours in GROWING Community Service to Change Lives,



We invite you to explore our website and the links below!

ShawniganRotaryEcoClub.ca

Chartered June 2021 | Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Duncan

Selected Saturdays | Zooms + Meetups

Guests and New Members Welcome!

[Facebook](#) - [Twitter](#) - [Instagram](#) - [YouTube](#)

ShawniganRotaryEcoClub@gmail.com

We gratefully acknowledge the traditional custodians of Showe'luqun, the Hul'q'umi'num speaking peoples, who hunted and gathered in this area, respecting their caring connections to each other and the places where we live, work and play.