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Park addition creates new public waterfront connections in Shawnigan Lake

DUNCAN, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) has completed work on new waterfront parkland near the Shawnigan Lake Village.

The acquisition of a high-value waterfront property has enabled the CVRD to expand the publicly accessible waterfront for Shawnigan Lake residents and visitors to enjoy. The property includes dedicated parking for Masons Beach Park, a popular family-friendly waterfront beach park at the north end of the lake within the Village area. It also creates a safe access point for the Shawnigan Lake Rail Trail, a multi-purpose trail currently between Shawnigan Wharf Park and Masons Beach Park, with planned extension south to Old Mill Park.

“With limited public access along Shawnigan Lake, this parkland acquisition means our community now owns a significant stretch of waterfront and better connection to important public spaces,” said Sierra Acton, Director of Area B – Shawnigan Lake. “This is such an incredible new asset for our community, and I’m thrilled we’re opening it just in time for summer and the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.”

The park addition supports the recently completed Think Shawnigan – Shawnigan Lake Village Plan strategy to strengthen village connections to the waterfront and increase public waterfront and waterfront activities. It also supports the protection of a small water tributary entering Shawnigan Lake.

The new park addition will be maintained through the Electoral Area B – Shawnigan Lake Community Parks function.

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