

BUSINESS

South Shore Cabinetry gets 12 awards nods

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One of the fastest growing businesses in Lake Cowichan is among the finalists for the 2016 Construction Achievements and Renovations of Excellence Awards of Vancouver Island, and its owner couldn't be more pleased.

South Shore Cabinetry, which has been in Lake Cowichan for three years, received 12 nominations for CARE awards in such categories as Best Traditional Kitchen, Best Contemporary Kitchen, Best Contemporary Bathroom, Best Residential Interior, Best Commercial Interior and Best Custom Millwork.

"It feels awesome. It's very rewarding," said owner and president Roy Sandsmark. The company has been nominated for CARE awards before but never so many.

"I personally feel very privileged to be in charge of such a highly skilled group of tradesmen. They're able to do their craft without having mass production as their main focus, so they're able to work on better projects and therefore I guess they have the opportunity to work on specialized projects."

South Shore Cabinetry was responsible for designing the Duncan Eye Care Centre, which is one of its gold award nominations. They have also worked on a number of high-end residential properties in Lake Cowichan and Victoria. Sandsmark explained that because the company also has a location in Victoria, the two



Roy Sandsmark, owner and president of South Shore Cabinetry, shows off a piece of finished cherry at the company's Lake Cowichan location. The business has received 12 CARE award nominations. (JAMES GOLDIE/GAZETTE)

shops can help each other out in terms of balancing the work load.

"If Victoria gets overwhelmed then Lake Cowichan will build products headed down to Victoria as well," he said.

Sandsmark's job is to come up with a design concept that intrigues a homeowner and offers "something different than every-

one else has got." One of his ideas — nominated in the Best Custom Millwork category — provided a unique way for one client to hide the family's television in the home's "great room" or living area.

"One of the biggest challenges is that people like to have their TVs in that area but they don't

necessarily want to see them all the time," he said, noting that one way around this is to have the television mounted on a lift that allows it be lowered into a cabinet out of sight. Instead of going this route, Sandsmark and his team created a piece of millwork that lowers down over a stationary TV screen.

"So [the television] doesn't have that issue of bending of wires and wearing out of connections," he said. This project was also featured on the front page of *Boulevard Magazine* earlier this year.

The staff at South Shore Cabinetry try to do as much of their work in the shop as possible, then take the product to the site to be installed.

Later this year, the company will be building and moving into a larger space next door to its current place on South Shore Road.

The company's Lake Cowichan location was started by Sandsmark and his wife when they bought a home in the area and retired. He said they wanted to find a way to give something back to the community they were now calling home.

"We needed a challenge and we wanted something to do rather than play golf all day long. So we thought let's just try this and see if it will work up in Lake Cowichan. And as it's turned out we've had massive success up here," he said. "The work up in this area has been so well received by the local community and we feel we're helping to make a difference in revitalizing the business community in Lake Cowichan."

The Lake Cowichan location employs 13 people and could be looking to hire more in the future.

"I can see this momentum's building and I can see this year coming up that we'll be looking to expand again," said Sandsmark.

The CARE Awards gala is Oct. 1 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria.



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the matter of the amendments to the "Town of Lake Cowichan Zoning Bylaw 935-2013" as described below at 6:00 p.m. on August 23rd, 2016:

ZONING AMENDMENTS BYLAW 979-2016

Bylaw 935-2013 is hereby amended through revisions to the zoning categories in Schedule "A" for the following properties:



Rezone from General Commercial (C-1) to Limited Commercial and Residential (C-1-B)



Rezone from General Commercial (C-1) To Urban Residential (R-1)

All persons who believe that their interests are affected by the proposed bylaw amendments referred to shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the bylaws at a PUBLIC HEARING to be held in Council Chambers, 39 South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan, British Columbia. All written input must be submitted by no later than 4:30 p.m., August 23rd, 2016 or you can make your views known to Council when the Mayor asks for comments from the public at the public hearing. Council members are not permitted to receive further submissions or hear either a proponent or opponent to an application once the Public Hearing has been concluded.

The proposed amending bylaw and related documents may be inspected at the Town Office, 39 South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan, British Columbia, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until August 23rd, 2016.

Dated at Lake Cowichan, British Columbia this 3rd day of August, 2016.

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Two chances to clean up river

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The eighth annual Cowichan River Cleanup is being held on two different weekends this year.

This is a chance for families to be involved in helping to look after the Cowichan, one of Canada's heritage rivers.

It all starts Saturday, Aug. 20 at Lake Cowichan with the upper river cleanup, which is run by the Cowichan Lake & River Stewardship Society. It goes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Register and get a free continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Central Park, beside the roundabout.

The second event, which



There's plenty to do during the river cleanup. (FILE PHOTO)

tackles the lower Cowichan River and is organized by the Cowichan Watershed Board, is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In this case, registration and free continental breakfast starts at 10 a.m. at Little Big House near the Siem Lelum Gym. Follow the signs to find the location.

There are always opportunities for helpers of all ages but children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Organizers ask that you bring your own gloves and be sure to wear appropriate footwear. There's all kinds of work to do both in an out of the water but if you are helping in the water, you'll need to bring water gear, flotation devices and dive or snorkel gear.

Small row boats are helpful so if you have one, you'll be welcomed.

Volunteers with trucks are also needed to haul material to the dump after it's removed from the river.

Crash victim was Spencer Gledhill

The BC Coroners Service has released the identity of a man who died last Wednesday following a motor vehicle incident in Lake Cowichan.

On Aug. 10, Spencer William Gledhill, 45, of Youbou was

traveling on Wellington Road in Lake Cowichan around 12:30 p.m. when his motorcycle left the road, jumped the curb and hit some boulders. He was taken by ambulance to Cowichan District Hospital but died of his injuries shortly after arriving.

The BC Coroners Service and

the RCMP continue to investigate this death.

Lake Cowichan RCMP confirmed there was only one vehicle involved in the accident.

The BC Coroners Service requested the family's privacy be respected at this time.

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