



WHONNOCK NEWS

Fall 2018

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

The Whonnock Community Association will be hosting an All Candidates Meeting at Whonnock Lake Centre, Thursday, Oct 11 at 7:00 pm. Because of the large number of candidates, 25 in total we felt that a standard format of a moderated debate would not work as it could take hours to get just a few questions answered. This will be a casual, open house type meeting where community members can greet and meet with the candidates, asking questions directly. We hope to see you there.

Following is a current list of candidates.

Mayor: BLAMEY, Douglas; DAYKIN, Ernie; MORDEN, Mike; SHIELDS, Mike; SPEIRS, Craig.

Councillor: BOSSLEY, Chris; CARR, Susan; DOZIE, Onyeka; DUECK, Judy; DUNCAN, Kiersten; HAYNER, Mike; HEGEDUS, Andrew; JOHAR, Bhupinder; JOSE, Lou; KENNEDY, Terry; KRONEBUSCH, Rysa; MEADUS, Chelsa; MITCHELL, Don; O'BRIAN, Chris; PENNYKID, Rick; POZSAR, Andrew; PRIEBE, Kevin; ROBBIE, Al; ROBSON, Gordy; SCHAFFRICK, Glenn; SVENDSEN, Ryan; TAM, Peter; TAYLOR, Elizabeth; TUZZI, Michael; YOUSEF, Ahmed.

School Trustee: BAILEY, Mark; DUMORE, Kim; HORNSEY, Robert; MCCALLUM, Gord; MURRAY, Mike; RUBENUIK, Brenda; SHAW, Pascale; TRUDEAU, Colette; YAMAMOTO, Elaine.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are always major players in smaller organizations and the Whonnock Community Association has just lost our VP, Phil Johnson. Since the planning stages of Whonnock Lake Centre in 1983 Phil always put the community association first, contributing and helping with all aspects of the association. His dedication to Whonnock and the WCA will be missed and is very hard to replace. Good luck in Princeton, Phil.

Tom Brent has also left us to move on to enjoy retirement on Texada Island. You will also be missed, Tom. Thank you for your hard work and participation. The Remembrance Day services were a cut above and we will do our best to continue your legacy.

As our core group diminishes, I am optimistic for new volunteers to sign on as we only meet 9 times a year and provide support for many groups in Whonnock. We hope your personal interests will draw you out to one of our meetings. Our largest function is the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, which was well attended this spring. We recognized Al and Fran Norman, longtime Whonnock residents, for all their work over the years, especially for the Thornhill Community Hall. We also awarded Fred and Helmi Braches a special award in thanks for their many years of volunteer work for the association which they continue to this day.

Whonnock Lake Centre is available to the WCA for New Year's Eve and we would support any group that would like to have a dance as a fundraiser or community get-together.

My family enjoyed the Picnic in the Park at Whonnock Lake this summer. For a first-time event we had a nice turnout and hopefully next summer we can double the participation. Thank you to Jean Davidson for organizing this event.

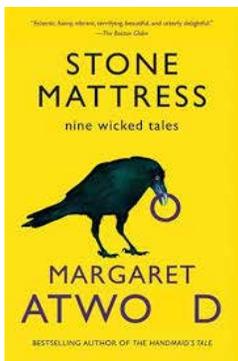
Coffee house events and musical performances are also being planned. Please check our website, whonnock.ca, for more information and of course our biannual newsletter *Whonnock News*.

Attend something in the area and meet your neighbours.

Brad Jennings

ONE BOOK WHONNOCK

Still time to sign up for our new reading project: *Stone Mattress* by Margaret Atwood – “a collection of nine acerbic, mischievous, gulpable stories” that you will enjoy. We are looking at a January 2019 date to discuss the book. For more information or to sign up please contact Helmi Braches at books@whonnock.ca or 604-462-8942).



WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE

Anyone interested in setting up and running a facebook page for The Whonnock Community Association?



We currently have a Web site and a blog and we are certainly not opposed to a Facebook page, we just do not have someone willing and able to take the job on.

If there is some eager Whonnockian out there who would like to try, we would love to hear from you.

WHONNOCK PUMP HOUSE SIGN

I am sure everyone has noticed the electronic sign on the pump house is sadly out of date and therefore irrelevant.

We are in need of a volunteer who would like to be in charge of the electronic sign board.

It is run by a controller you can operate from your car at the site of the pump house. Time commitment is minimal – one or two times a month with a couple of busier months.

Some electronic or techie leanings would be ideal.

Please contact Noreen at 604 992 8557 for more details.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❏ **All Candidates Meeting**, open format with community and candidates. Thursday, October 11, 7:00 pm at Whonnock Lake Centre.
- ❏ **WCA Monthly Meetings**. Third Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm at Whonnock Lake Centre.
- ❏ **Whonnock Elementary Winter Wonderland Hand Made Market** November 4, 2018. 10:00 – 3:00, Whonnock Elementary.
- ❏ **Remembrance Day Service** November 11, 2018, starts at 10:45 sharp, Whonnock Lake Centre.
- ❏ **Whonnock Weavers Annual Exhibit and Sale** Sunday, November 25, 10 – 4, Whonnock Lake Centre.

WHONNOCK FOUNDATION BYRNES BURSARY

The Whonnock Foundation's Byrnes Bursary program grants amounts of up to \$2,000 per four-month period to students from east Maple Ridge enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other post-secondary establishment with a proven record of good performance in post-secondary education.

For more about the Whonnock Foundation and the terms of reference of the Byrnes Bursary visit: <whonnock.ca> and select Whonnock Foundation.

Apply at any time. No deadline.

WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY



The Whonnock Community Association 2018, \$1,000 bursary recipient is Kieran Kelly, graduating from Garibaldi Secondary school. Congratulations, Kieran and good luck in your post-secondary journey.

To apply for the Whonnock Community Association bursary, please check with your school counselor during the fall semester.

For those students interested in applying for our Bursary we have the following criteria:

To qualify you have to have lived in the Whonnock area for at least 2 years.

- First, we look at a student's marks which must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university.
- Second, we assess financial need.
- Third, we look for a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy cause.

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For information about Whonnock Elementary and upcoming events please visit the school's Web site: <whonnockschool.sd42.ca>.

LAKESIDE PRESCHOOL

Located on beautiful Whonnock Lake in the Whonnock Lake Centre, this bright, well-equipped preschool offers a variety of experiences for 3-to-5-year-olds.

Our aim is to provide each child with exciting and stimulating experiences in a warm and relaxed atmosphere.

For ongoing registration phone Mrs. Kilsby at 604-462-0026 to reserve your child's space in one of our programs.

Web site: <lakesidepre-school.com>

E-mail: <lakesidepre-school@hotmail.com>

MONTESSORI CORNER

The Montessori Corner is a private educational organization. We offer preschool and daycare programs in two different locations, Websters Corners and Whonnock.

For more information visit <montessoricorner.ca>, E-mail <info@montessoricorner.ca>, or call Ms. Debora Vieira at 604-462-1400.



The **Whonnock Community Association** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 at Whonnock Lake Centre.

WHONNOCK TOPS LOCAL #4522

TOPS is a nonprofit organization that helps members to improve their health and well-being. We meet at the Wildwood Fellowship Church Mondays at 6:30 pm. Come and visit with us - we have fun and successful weight loss. Phone Carolyn, 604-462-1213, or Lori Button, 604-463-7355, for more info.

For information on other chapters in Maple Ridge phone Thelma at 604-467-5601.

WHONNOCK WALKERS

Join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Whonnock Lake Centre parking lot at 9:15 for a friendly one-hour walk. Call Brita at 604 462-9863 for more information.

FIRST WHONNOCK SCOUTS

Interested in outdoor adventures? If you are between grades 3 and 12, Scouts in Whonnock is looking for you to join them on hiking trips, camping trips, weekly meetings and earning badges!



There's still room in our programs to register! Ages 5 to 18, and we are always looking for volunteers!

If you have any bottles for pick-up please text Jocelyn at 604-802-7862. Happy scouting!

Please contact Jocelyn at <jmcintosh42@gmail.com> or 604-802 7862 for more program information.

RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

Information about RCKC and the club's programs visit Web site <rckc.ca>.



THE OTTER LLAMA 4-H CLUB

We have added poultry and Cloverbuds!

The 4-H motto is to "learn to do by going".

Come and learn about animals, meet new people, go to fairs and become a more confident young person all while having fun. We meet in Maple Ridge.

Cloverbuds (junior 4-H) ages 6-8 (as of January 1st) 4-H ages 9-19 (as of January 1st). For more information contact Al <tapdimer@gmail.com> or Pascale at <psshaw@telus.net>.



MAPLE RIDGE PARKS & LEISURE PROGRAMS

Details, dates, costs and times of the following programs held at Whonnock venues are published in the Parks Recreation & Culture Guide, Fall/Winter 2018. Pick up a printed copy of the program guide at City Hall or for a digital version go to Maple Ridge Parks Recreation & Culture website and click on the program guide.

Yoga Basics 16Y and up

This program provides an introduction to the building blocks of a yoga practice. Learn Yogic breathing, class etiquette, and classic poses that promote alignment, strength and flexibility. You will learn to release tension through meditation and relaxation techniques. A 'must do' course to ensure a safe yoga practice.

Hatha Yoga Age 16Y and up

This intermediate yoga class will provide active stretching, balancing, and sequences with a gentle flow. You will leave feeling balanced, gently stretched and at peace. Beginners are recommended to take Yoga Basics prior to registering in this course.

Prenatal Yoga

Our classes create a safe & supportive environment to help you, through mindful movement and breath, prepare for birth and motherhood. No previous yoga experience is required and it is also a great way to meet other expectant mothers.

Yoga - Morning Yoga

Start your day with yoga! In our busy modern world we are all coping with the effects of stress. Yoga creates positive life habits that move us towards balance, peace and happiness. This program provides an introduction to the building blocks of yoga practice.

Yoga - Yin Style Deep Stretch

Release tension with Yin Yoga. This is a slow practice of floor postures held for minutes at a time, yet a powerful tool to safely target the body's tissues, ligaments and joints.

Yoga Care

Rediscover a state of health, wholeness and happiness through this practice. You will be gently guided to learn meditation, relaxing breathing exercises, gentle body movements on the floor or in seated position.



MAPLE RIDGE PARKS & LEISURE PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

Whonnock Drop-In Gym Age: 10 - 14

A FREE Drop-In recreation session for those wanting to hang out with their friends and be active.

Sports, Games, Fitness and Fun for Youth Age: 9 - 16

Looking for ways to be active, have fun and learn how to play sports better? Join the Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club Coaches in this fun learn-to-move- fitness training program for youth.

You will experience a variety of active games and movement skills to develop coordination, balance, strength, flexibility and endurance. Open to all abilities.

Guided Meditation Age 19 and up

The guided meditation Coach creates a journey through the spoken word while relaxing music is played in the background. Guided meditation uses imagery-focused attention, mindfulness, and the practice of deep breathing to transition the body from a state of stress to one of relaxation, promoting better health and well-being. Beginners are welcome.

Pilates by the Lake – Intermediate Age 16 and up

Designed for those with a strong pilates base, to further improve posture, increase lung capacity, and sculpt strong, lean muscles. Work on your body and mind, soaking in the serenity of Whonnock Lake.

Volleyball - Whonnock Age 16 and up

Be active by enjoying a social game of Volleyball in partnership with the Whonnock Community Association.



THORNHILL AQUIFER PROTECTION STUDY

TAPS (Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study) members have completed their 13th year of water testing and well measurement record keeping.

Well measurements for drilled wells have been consistent in the first half of the year, but some shallow wells ran out of water much earlier than previous years. A licensed well on a spring that has serviced two residences, cattle and gardens ran down to a trickle after 45 years. They have had to drill a new well.

It is apparent that our climate is changing, with longer periods of no precipitation, higher and sustained summer temperatures, rain falling all at once without gentle drizzles. This does not allow the water to penetrate the ground gradually, but instead flow over the ground and away. This kind of precipitation does not recharge our groundwater as effectively.

More impervious areas are created with increased development and the rain is not being captured and restored into the ground.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations received permission from the City to drill a nested observation well in the late fall. It will be located in Whonnock. The nested well will capture water level information from both a shallow and deep well created from the same borehole.

The information gathered from this site will also form part of the public record that is available online. We are very pleased with this.

This is the second observation well on the Grant Hill Aquifer this year. TAPS requested the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to provide Tantalus's Water Consumption records.

Tantalus was to provide these records annually as one condition of their Conditional Water License. The Ministry informed us that Tantalus had not submitted their records and that they were six months overdue.

No one from the Ministry had kept track. A Compliance Officer did obtain the records, but we are told that the Ministry will not provide this information to us without a formal request through the Freedom of Information process.

The Ministry would not provide information regarding the breach of their license nor would they give any information regarding consequences for Tantalus regarding this breach.

The residents who share this aquifer with Tantalus have reason to be concerned about Tantalus's water consumption.

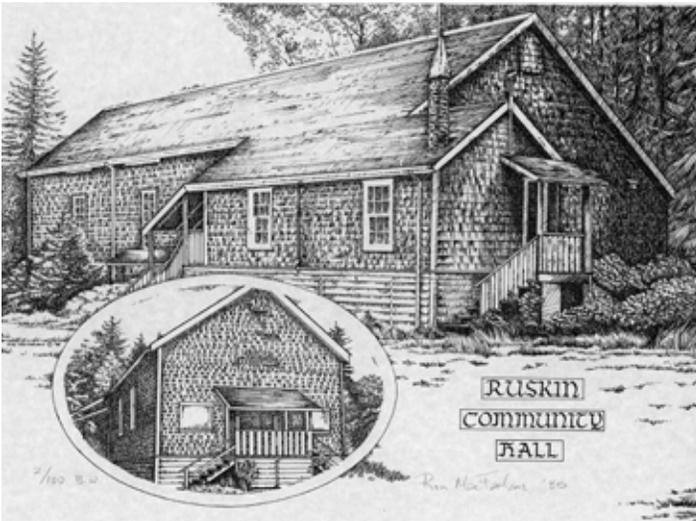
Tantalus's water requirements from this aquifer and the Ministry's lack of due diligence over this very important matter presents a problem for all of us who rely on it for our daily needs.

TAPS will make inquiries through the freedom of information process. We have also requested assistance to acquire this information through the Environmental Advisory Committee and Council.

We cannot stress enough that keeping water level records through the years is critical. The aquifer will benefit and reward us all if we practice a little of our own personal stewardship towards it.

Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg

TAPS (Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study)



RUSKIN COMMUNITY HALL

28395 96th Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC, V2W 1L3
 Phone: 604-462-9739 / <ruskinhall@yahoo.ca>
 Web: <ruskinhall.com> ~ Facebook: Ruskin Community Hall

The Ruskin Community Hall is located at the corner of 284th Street and 96th Avenue, less than a mile from Lougheed Highway. Hall meetings are the second Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August) at 7:30. Everyone is welcome!

The hall is available for rental at reasonable rates, either hourly or nightly. For more information call the hall at 604-462-9739 or go to our Facebook page - Ruskin Community Hall - and leave a message.

Kim Rondquist continues to teach Hatha Flow Yoga classes on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. The classes are open to all levels. For more information on registration or drop-in sessions contact Kim at 604-462-4284.

We have Mom and Tot Monday's from 11 am to 1 pm.

Ruskin Hall Crafting Hangout the first Thursday of every month.

Check out our new Web site <ruskinhall.com> for our upcoming events.



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THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Community Hall received a facelift this summer. The volunteers who support and manage the Hall put in a few long days cleaning and painting the interior of hall. All the walls and moulding were given a fresh coat of paint. We have a new Web site with the help of our web designer Pascal Bouchard and photographer Emi Uchida. You can view it at <thornhillhall.ca>.

Please take the time to view the website as it is full of valuable information for those who are thinking of renting one of the last 'real' Community Halls which is maintained and rented by volunteers in our community.

The Hall continues to enjoy steady rentals throughout the year. It has hosted birthday and anniversary parties, celebrations of life, meetings, dances, and fund-raisers. All the monies raised are used to maintain the hall.

We hope the community will continue to support this hall as it has been the place where many wonderful memories have been made.

To call for inquiries or bookings, please contact Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney @604-476-7794.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL GRANTS

Apply today for a Block Party or Matching Project Grant.

Block Party Grants - \$100 ~ Grants are available to individuals who wish to organize an activity to help neighbours get to know each other. Ideas include Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas caroling, movie nights, garden tours, barbecues, progressive dinners, ride sharing and talent shows.

Matching Grants - \$500 ~ The NSG program supports neighbourhood groups with projects that improve neighbourhood or public spaces that create connections and leave a beneficial legacy to the area. Ideas include creek clean-ups, community gardens, library boxes, buddy bench projects, tree planting and mural painting.

For information and to apply, visit <mapleridge.ca/1542> or contact Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation and Culture at 604-467-7325 (ext. 1)

THE WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS

The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners spent a wonderful spring and summer weaving, spinning, knitting, dyeing, felting, rug hooking, and making baskets. In the spring we held a basket making workshop and a spinning workshop.



Last spring we joined the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour and demonstrated at Vicuna Art Studios in Maple Ridge. We also demonstrated at Country Fest at the Albion Fairgrounds on July 28th&29th. We will be demonstrating at the Maple Ridge Library on September 29th as part of Culture Days.

Our guild is very proud to present a juried exhibit of fibre art at the ACT Art Gallery called "Out of the Woods". The show opened on September 8th with a wonderful reception. The show will be open until October 27th. We will be demonstrating at designated dates & times in the ACT gallery with spinning, weaving, basket making or anything that any of the members would like to bring and show how it is done.

We are now busy preparing for our 38th annual Open House exhibit and sale at the Whonnock Lake Centre on Sunday, November 25 from 10 am to 4 pm. We hope to see many of you there.

In the New Year we will be hosting spin-in Tuesday Lobby Nights at The ACT on the second Tuesdays of the month from January to June, 2019, from 7 to 9 pm.

Our meetings are held at the Whonnock Lake Centre on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM except when we will be at the ACT for Lobby Nights in the New Year. We usually try to have a short business meeting followed by a program.

We invite visitors and potential members to join us for a meeting. There is always lively discussion and often wonderful programs with opportunities to learn. Occasionally our meetings are moved to members' homes for special events so if you are interested in joining us, please contact Marie at 604-462-9059 for an update on meeting location. Our website can be found at <wwwsg.ca> and at <facebook.com/Whonnock-WeaversandSpinnersGuild>.

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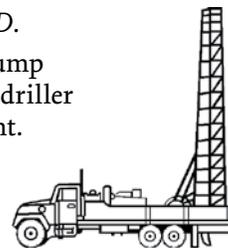


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JUNICHI TANAKA, born in Japan, established a ceramics studio at Whonnock in 1998.

His work has been widely accepted all over Canada.

Ceramics is not his only passion. He has climbed major mountains and he is a poet.

His Web site address is <ceramicsjunichi.com>



WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday Services are held at 10:30 am (10810 272nd St.)

In our world dominated by chaos and uncertainty, Jesus Christ remains the unchanging source of truth and peace. Part of our Church's purpose statement reads, "Our purpose is to know Christ and to make Him known. We make Christ known through caring acts, caring attitudes, and a care-filled message." If you're looking for a place to belong where you can discover and live out a relevant faith, then we invite you to experience the community of Wildwood Fellowship Church. We are a family-oriented, nondenominational Church. Our coffee times after the service give you opportunity to get to know others who would love to come alongside you in your faith journey.

You are welcome to join us for:

Sunday Services (Sunday School up to age 12 during the service)

Junior Youth Group (Grades 5 - 9) held alternate Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 pm

Ignite - Community monthly Worship nights for all ages - check out Ignite Maple Ridge on Facebook

Other special events - check out our Web site: wildwoodfellowship.com

Are you a single parent struggling to make ends meet?

Or perhaps a family going through a tight spot financially? We would love to give you some free Cobb's bread - you can pick it up at the church on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 6:30pm (except during school breaks) If you are unable to stop by, give us a call and we'll try to arrange to bring it to you.

More info: call Pastor Arnold Tracey (604) 287-6963



HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

27123 River Road in Whonnock

Holy Spirit Anglican Church (the brown church on your left as you start up the hill on 272nd) invites you to worship with them any Sunday at 10 am. You are encouraged and welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship afterwards in the adjoining hall.

Christmas Eve Service - Monday December 24 at 7:30 pm followed by goodies in the hall.

Blessing of Pets on October 14.

Plan to get some neighbours together and come to our pub night on Saturday, October 27.

As this newsletter goes to press, a concert was held at the church with the talented young church musicians. Stay tuned to the Whonnock website and Facebook page for other such opportunities to enjoy fine music and connect with our neighbourhood.

Watch our signboard in front of the church for coming events and inspirational quotes.

Church and Hall Rental Information: 604-462-7933

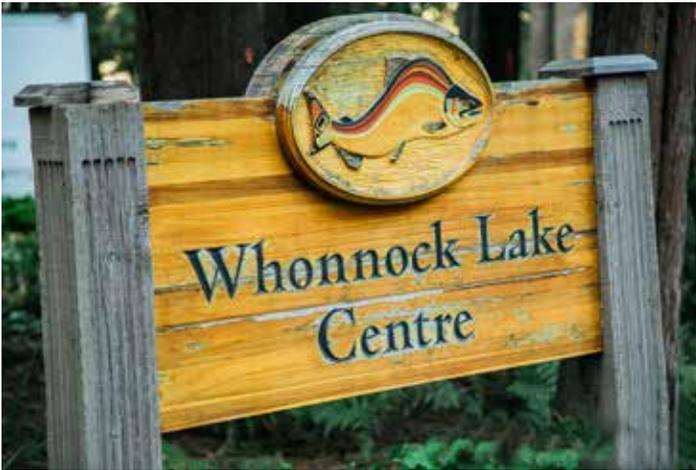
NEW PLACE OF WORSHIP IN WHONNOCK

The former United Church buildings and surrounding site have been purchased by the Jamia Riyadhul Jannah BC foundation (a non-profit organization).

This property will be converted into a mosque. This has been a long-sought-after goal for many years for the Muslim community of Maple Ridge and surrounding areas.

We are very pleased to be in the Whonnock neighbourhood and look forward to working with you.





WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

Whonnock Lake Centre has the capacity to hold 160 people. The centre features a large hall with kitchen, multipurpose room and two meeting rooms in a beautiful park setting.

For information visit: <whonnock.ca/whonnock/LakeCentre.htm>

For availability and bookings call Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture, 604 467 7357.

E-mail: <facilitybookings@mapleridge.ca>



CAMP WHONNOCK

27660 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge B.C. V2W 1Y9

The Camp includes a main lodge, seven cabins, fire circle and shelter, wooded tent sites with fire-pit, trails.

The main lodge includes a hall with fireplace, industrial kitchen, and a covered deck that runs the length of the building. There are several indoor folding tables and chairs (accommodates ~150 people), as well as outdoor tables and chairs on the covered deck.

For information and bookings contact Andrew Watson

E-mail: <awatson@scouts.ca> Phone: (604)462-7012.

<scoutdocs.ca/Camps/Camps.php?camp=whonnock>

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WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY

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