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Beacon Community Services Announces Temporary Food Service Partnership at SHOAL Centre, Following Truffles Fire

Sidney, BC – July 14, 2026 - Beacon Community Services is pleased to announce a temporary six-month food service arrangement with Truffles Catering at the SHOAL Centre following approval by Sidney Council.

Under the arrangement, Truffles Catering will provide food services from the SHOAL Centre commercial kitchen while Beacon addresses current staffing challenges and evaluates long-term food service delivery options.

The SHOAL Centre kitchen supports food services for Assisted Living residents, visitors, and a range of community programs and activities. The temporary arrangement will ensure food services continue without interruption while Beacon reviews future operating models for the kitchen.

"The SHOAL kitchen is an important part of our operations and supports a wide range of services for residents and community members," said Tricia Sexton-Earl, Chief Executive Officer of Beacon Community Services. "This temporary arrangement provides stability while we address current staffing shortages and take the time needed to determine the most sustainable long-term approach for food service delivery."

Revenue generated through the arrangement will help offset food service operating costs and support the continued delivery of programs and services at the SHOAL Centre.

The six-month term will allow Beacon to assess staffing requirements, operational needs, and long-term food service options while maintaining service levels for residents, visitors and program participants.

Truffles Catering will operate from the SHOAL kitchen under the terms of the temporary agreement approved by the Town of Sidney Council. The arrangement follows a fire that damaged Truffles Catering's operating facility in Central Saanich earlier this summer. While the circumstances created an opportunity for the partnership, the purpose of the agreement is to support continuity of food service operations at the SHOAL Centre, while Beacon evaluates future service delivery options.

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Beacon Community Services was formed in 1974 by the Citizens Advisory Committee to help address social issues in the Saanich Peninsula communities. Today, with nearly 300 staff and 600 volunteers, Beacon serves Southern Vancouver Island and the outer Gulf Islands. A wide range of community programs and services continues to support people of all ages, while strengthening communities and transforming lives. Learn more at www.beaconcs.ca

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