

556 Boleskine Road

1913

Trustees of Municipality of Saanich School District

For a number of years Harold J. Rous Cullin was the appointed architect for the Saanich School Board. As a prominent member of the British Columbia Society of Architects, he was on the Grand Council of the provincial body and on the Executive Council of the Victoria Chapter. He was also a member of the Island Arts and Crafts Club, conductor of the Saanich Choral Society and choirmaster of St. Luke's Church (see 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road). He was an officer in the 88th Regiment Victoria Fusiliers, and according to the 1917 city directory was on active duty. After the First World War, no further information is available.

Luney Brothers were the contractors of this handsome, symmetrical, eclectic structure, which now houses the head offices of School Board 61. The frame construction is faced with red Clayburn brick and terra cotta trimmings. The interior floors are of "raocolith" and the lavatories are tiled. The main floor and basement level windows of the central portion have segmental arches, while the upper floor windows are plain. The balcony over the main entrance porch is supported on paired square columns. The basement level is faced in terracotta and the upper two levels in brick. There is a terracotta frieze without brackets. The cornice and parapet are segmentally arched over the two end wings.

*Middle: Architect's sketch for 556 Boleskine Road. First draft. H.J. Rous Cullin, Architect, 1913. (Legislative Library)*

