

2022 TAXES

Notices for 2022 Savona Improvement Districts tax were mailed out at the end of May. Just a reminder to get your payments in **before July 1st** to avoid any late penalties.

You can make payments by:

1. Mailing a cheque to PO Box 113
2. Coming into the office in person during office hours
 - In-Person office payments are cheque or cash only
3. Dropping off payment in the mailbox outside the office
 - Please ensure your name accompanies the payment
4. Sending an e-transfer
 - savonadistrict@telus.net

After July 1st, 5% interest will be placed on unpaid taxes and then in March 2023 if anything remains unpaid then under the Province of BC's Section 11(3) of the Taxation (Rural Area) Act an interest rate set by the Province of BC will be added.

As of April 2022, the interest rate set is 5.45%. (The next rate setting by the province will occur on July 1, 2022)



ARGO did work along the highway between Watson Drive East and Tobiano on March 2nd ... they did some ditching to clear out some overgrowth. There were minor highway traffic delays during the day, but work was done by 4pm.



what a difference it is compared to what we had before!

In mid-April, a resident stopped by the SID office to voice his concerns about the potholes along the Access Road. A couple potholes big and deep enough to be a safety concern for pedestrians and animals. The office reached out to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure about resident concerns and two days later ARGO was in the community filling the holes. SID recognizes that this is a band-aid solution and has started advocating for resurfacing of roads in the community.

On April 30th the Savona Seniors Branch #129 had their Pancake Breakfast which was sponsored by **Enbridge**. After an absence of fundraising events due to COVID19, and the depletion of their coffers, the Savona Seniors

In mid-March, SID maintenance truck got a small facelift. We were finally able to get the SID logo on the truck and

were happy to have a successful event serving just over 100 breakfasts! Donations to the event were also made by Pennarosa Farms, T. Maynard and G & D Baitz. A raffle and door prize was done with the raffle winner M. Frederickson and door prize winner R. Elliot. Their next fundraiser is in the fall – Spaghetti Dinner!!

On May 1st the Savona Community Association

had their annual beach clean-up.

There were about 40-50 volunteers that helped with the clean-up, 10 of those people included employees from **Enbridge**, who also sponsored the BBQ that followed the clean-up. Not only did Enbridge provide manpower and sponsor the BBQ, but they also provided two wonderful door prizes that went to Al Cook and Sharon Haight... Thank you to Enbridge for your support in the community and to all who came out to help with the beach clean-up!



With the weather warming up it is important to keep our yards maintained and free of long, dry grass or dead trees.

The Savona Volunteer Fire Department requests that residents take every precaution to protect our community from fire. Please keep your lawns mowed, weeds clipped, and remove anything around your house that may be a fire hazard.

Did you know that Aspen Planers Group owns an energy plant in Merritt?



It is called Nicola Clean Power and Savona Specialty Plywood transports their scrap wood there to get it converted into energy. Residents have noticed the scrap wood pile at SSP get larger and larger, but please know that all that scrap wood is destined for the generation of green electricity



HERITAGE MOMENT:

In 1885, when the railway was built on the south side of the lake, they thought

they should name Savona's Ferry – Port Van Horne – in honor of the superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway. But when he found out what a small, insignificant place Savona's Ferry was, he declined to have it named after him. There are some old maps with Port Van Horne townsite written on them.

On June 12 (Sun.) the Heritage Museum is going to have a garage sale fundraiser! They will also be selling hot dogs and drinks! Come out and support the Heritage Museum!

Boat Launch Passes are now available at Miller's Crossing for \$60.



Next newsletter will be out in September. If you have anything to share, let Yoriko know by the end of August.



**You are invited to the
Savona Improvement District AGM!!**

**JUNE 7TH at the Community Hall
@ 7pm**

Posters and signage have been up in the community regarding the AGM for a couple of weeks now.

There will be **two vacancies** for the Board of Trustee positions. Both vacancies are for a full-term of 3 years.

The time commitment for a trustee is 1-2 hours, once a month for monthly meetings and the occasional email from the administrative officer.

The SID Board consists of 5 trustees who are elected by the Savona landowners present at the AGM.

Trustees have several roles including that of community representative, steward of a public service, implementing policy and bylaw.

***If you are interested in becoming a trustee,
we hope to see you at the AGM!!***



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday 9:00am-12:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday 1:00pm-4:30pm

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