

2023 TAXES

Invoices for 2023 Savona Improvement District tax were mailed out at the end of May. Just a reminder to get your payments in **before July 4th** to avoid any late penalties.

You can make payments by:

1. Mailing a cheque to PO Box 113
2. Coming into the office to pay by cash or cheque
3. Dropping off payment in the mailbox outside the office
4. Sending an e-transfer
 - savonadistrict@telus.net

After July 4th, 5% interest will be placed on unpaid taxes and then in March 2024 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 will be added.

As of March 2023, the interest rate set is 9.70%. (The next rate setting by the Province will be July 1, 2023)

SID AGM RESULTS

On May 16th, the Savona Improvement District had their AGM at the Community Hall.

There were 5 Savona landowners who attended along with the SID Board of Trustees, KPMG representative – Lindsay Holmes and SID staff.

The meeting reviewed:

- The minutes from 2022 AGM
- 2022 audited financials presented by KPMG partner – Lindsay Holmes
- Fire Department's Annual Report
- 2022/2023 Works & Projects
- Trustee Election

The 2023 / 2024 SID Board of Trustees

Jamie Drozda
Nicole Edmondson
Adrienne Teague
Barb Gale
Dave Carr

Thank you to all who attended the AGM! Your community engagement with the trustees is valuable!



The "Savona Rose" response from the March newsletter regarding the color of the rose was quite interesting! The answer is that the rose is yellow. The original rose plant was planted in the late 1880s at the CP Station house residence where the station master and family lived – it apparently had the most beautiful garden in Savona.

As the years passed and station masters no longer needed, the building became vacant and garden untended. Some residents went to the garden and split some of the plants – and one of them was the yellow "Savona Rose." It is a rose with 5 petals and can be seen in some present-day Savona yards. The picture of the Savona Rose was taken from Bob and Ev Ellis' yard as they were one of the residents who transplanted the "Savona Rose" to their yard. It is commonly known as the dog rose (Rosa Canina).

The Savona Fire & Rescue Bursary

was created in 2022 and the information forwarded to South Kamloops Secondary School for local high school graduates to apply for. The Savona Fire

Department is pleased to announce that the recipient of the bursary for the 2022/2023 academic year is **Boston Lamberton**. Congratulations Boston and good luck in the fall with your enrollment at TRU!!



On April 3rd the TNRD had a community meeting in Savona. It was attended by approximately 70 residents. The TNRD staff consisted of representatives from bylaw enforcement, planning services, building inspection, utilities, the general manager of operations, the TNRD CAO and Area J representative.



The TNRD came with a presentation of their operations and took questions from residents.

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Last weekend of April was busy with a couple of our annual community events coming back after COVID19. On Saturday, April 29th was the OAPO Annual Pancake Breakfast where they served approximately 90 breakfasts and raised \$1200 for the organization. And Sunday, April 30th was the Heritage Daffodil Tea – an annual fundraiser for the Heritage Museum. The ladies at the Heritage hosted 50 people at the museum for their tea and raised \$500. Both OAPO and Heritage Museum thank everyone that attended their events – Savona has awesome community support! The OAPO would like to remind the community that their next fundraiser will be in the fall – their Spagetti dinner!



PUBLIC TRANSIT TO KAMLOOPS

Did you know that BC Transit provides a bus to Kamloops every Tuesday & Thursday?



The service is operated by Yellowhead Community Services Society.

Health Connections is a transit service providing communities with transportation options to access non-emergency medical appointments. Although medical appointments have priority, everyone is eligible to use this service if space is available.

You must call **1-855-359-3935** to book a seat on this bus **2 business days in advance**. And since Savona is a flag stop – you must call for the bus to stop in Savona.

The fare is \$5 one way and must be paid by cash. Exact cash fare must be paid as the driver does not carry change.

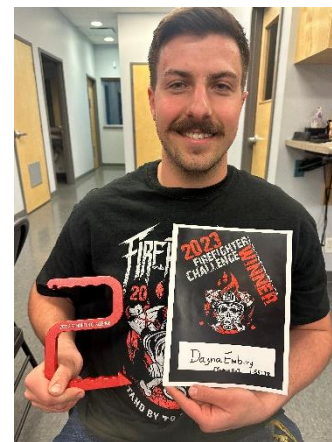
The pick up point is at the Super Save Gas Station and stops at approximately 9:55am on Tuesdays and 10:50am on Thursdays.

For a detailed bus schedule please drop by the SID office.

4 members of the Savona Volunteer Fire Department went to Oliver for the 2023 BC Volunteer Firefighter Spring Seminar held May 5-7, 2023. It was an opportunity to



participate in training scenarios and information classes. With 26 stations running simultaneously, each person got a chance to attend 7 of them. Some of the training stations were live-fire scenarios, interior search, forcible entry, vehicle fires, natural gas fires, auto extrication and water rescue. 350 registered volunteer firefighters from



80 different fire departments from BC, Alberta and Washington State were in attendance. Dayna Embury took first place in the 2023 Firefighter Challenge where he had to go through an obstacle course in full fire gear. With a time of 1 minute, 55 seconds, Dayna was the 2023 winner in Oliver, BC. WTG Dayna!!



HERITAGE MOMENT:

In May of 1885 a brewery was in operation in Savona. It was located a mile east of the Savona bridge on the south side of the lake. The brewery burned down in 1887. *Fun Fact from the Savona Heritage Museum*



Next newsletter will be out in September. If you have anything to share – let Yoriko know by the end of August. You can email her at savonadistrict@telus.net or call the office (250-373-2513).

The SID office will be closed on Thursday, July 27 and August 10. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause to residents.