



The evening of June 30, 2024, brought flooding to Savona during a short but torrential rainstorm. The rainstorm brought flooding so powerful that it moved concrete barriers on the highway and brought mud and debris into homes and yards. Skeetchestn Indian Band was in the community distributing sand and sandbags, ARGO came with machinery to take care of the highway, and many, many residents with machines were out in the subdivision trying to divert water and debris coming down the mountain overflowing the culvert at the end of Vista as well as folks on Buie Street trying to uncover a culvert cap to get mud and water out to the lake.

The heavy rainfall and flooding shut down the Trans-Canada Highway and the CPKC Railway for a short time. There were over 70 properties affected. The evening of June 30th, SID office was in contact with TNRD, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and ARGO to discuss an action plan.

July 1st brought a horrendous reality to many in the community as we soon realized the scope of what clean up would entail. Planned Canada Day events were cancelled and SID hosted tours around the community with the TNRD Emergency Services and MLA Lorne Doerkson. SID requested a meeting on July 2nd with ARGO and the MOTI to point out to areas of concern.

Skeetchestn Indian Band came to the community with volunteers and machinery to help with clean up. They told SID that “people in Savona are our family” “We went to school with each other. You are our brothers and sisters.” And that is why they came – to help family.

Team Rubicon reached out to SID to bring in veterans to help with clean up. A small but mighty team of 6 came over the weekend of July 6th to help. They are a veteran-led disaster response humanitarian group who deploy to many disasters across the country.

But what was very noticeable during this trying time was the resilience of the Savona people. Nose to the ground, let's get the clean-up done. Let's help our neighbors. Let's get'er done. And that is what everyone did. Neighbors helping neighbors ... friends helping friends ... people supporting each other.



RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS SIGNS

With the recent rainstorm and flooding in our community, what was noticeable was that some residential addresses were NOT visible.

The Savona Fire Department would like to remind residents to ensure that your address is visible (even at night) for emergency services. **Please review your signs to ensure that they are clear and visible.**

DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Following the June 30th rainstorm and flooding, Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) was authorized by the Province of BC.

Application forms and detailed information are available at www.gov.bc.ca/DisasterFinancialAssistance

Applications for the Savona DFA event must be submitted to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) within 90 calendar days of the event declaration. **The deadline to submit applications for Savona DFA is October 14, 2024.**

TEAM RUBICON



6 members of Team Rubicon were deployed to Savona for the weekend of July 6th to help residents clean up after the flooding.

Team Rubicon

Canada is a veteran-led disaster response organization founded in 2016 after the fire in Fort McMurray and have about 3,400 volunteers across the country and is mainly funded through corporate donations. (Enbridge is one of their proud sponsors.)

After they were in Savona, Team Rubicon Canada mobilized veterans to Venables Valley and Jasper to assist after fire destroyed these communities. They said that they are having a busy summer but are happy to be able to serve impacted communities.

FORTIS BC GRANT



The Savona Volunteer Fire Department received a cheque from FortisBC at the end of July to go towards the ongoing training of its members. The fire department received a cheque for \$2,500 from FortisBC. Thank you FortisBC for your generous donation to our local fire department!

AUTUMN BURNING PERMITS



**Autumn burning season is from
October 1, 2024 to November 31, 2024**

If you would like to burn yard waste in your yard, you will need a burning permit as per SID Bylaw #184.

Burning permits are FREE and are good for 2 weeks. Please contact the SID office in October to get your burning permit.

SAVONA SENIORS GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Savona Seniors Center (OAPO #129) celebrated their **50th anniversary** with food, fun and dancing on June 10, 2024, during an afternoon BBQ at the Seniors Center. Great fun was had by all who attended. It

was an afternoon full of live music and dancing, laughter and stories as well as good company and food.

Ev Ellis and Adolf Halbauer were asked to cut the celebration cake as they are the longest standing members of the Seniors Center.

If you would like to join, drop by the Seniors Center for more info!





The SID Board of Trustees would like to express their gratitude to the Skeetchestn Indian Band for their machinery and manpower during the community's flood clean up.

We would like to recognize the Skeetchestn Indian Band volunteers and their departments:

Public Works Staff:

Rochelle Porter	Jason Murray
Steve Mann	Victor Zettergreen
Jack Taylor	Hayden William
Johnny William	Glenda Bird

Skeetchestn Natural Resources Corporation Staff:

Darrell Peters	Darvey Hewitt
Jay Peters	Tyler Hewitt
Tristin Hewitt	Kody Bennett
Brandon Redmond	Bob Hewitt

Painted Rock Staff:

Saul Rubinson

Non-Employees:

Ryder Bird
Scott Munro – BC Hydro
Dustin Reid – SIB Volunteer Fire Department

Kukwstsetsemc to Skeetchestn Indian Band!!



HERITAGE MOMENT:

James Buie Leighton came to BC from Scotland as a boy and worked as a storekeeper, telegraph operator and express agent. In 1881, Leighton won

the contract to carry mail from Cache Creek to Kamloops and the Okanagan. He established a home and a large ranch in the Savona district and initiated a major irrigation and water supply project in the area. Leighton Lake is named after him as well as Buie Street in Savona. James Leighton's great grandchild and great-great grandchildren still reside in Savona.

LOCAL WATERSKI CHAMPION

High school student, Amelia Jones has had successful results in her waterskiing competitions this summer!

Amelia is 17 years old and has been a member of the BC Waterski Team for the past 3 years and this summer has medaled at both the BC Summer Games and the BC Waterski Provincials.



The BC Summer Games were held in Maple Ridge from July 17 – 21st. Towed Water Sports events were held at Albert Dyck Memorial Park in Abbotsford where Amelia represented Zone 2 (Thompson-Okanagan) in the U17 Girls events. Amelia competed in two divisions – Slalom and Tricks. She placed 1st in her Slalom division and 3rd place in her Tricks division contributing to Zone 2's medal count at the Summer Games.



She then competed at the BC Waterski Provincials held on July 26 – 28th at Shumway Lake (Kamloops). Amelia competed in the U17 Girls Slalom and Trick divisions where she placed 1st in Trick and 2nd in Slalom.

Amelia's mother, Cristina, also competed at the Provincials in the 45-55 years Women's Slalom division where she was on the podium placing 2nd. Congratulations to both Amelia and Cristina!

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

School will be back in session on **September 3 (Tues.)**. Please be mindful of the children walking to bus stops.

High school students will be making their way to their bus stops between 7:00am – 7:20am.

Elementary school students will be making their way to their bus stops between 8:00am – 8:20am.

NATIONAL MOTOCROSS PODIUM FINISH

Kaylie Kayer participated in both 2024 Western AND Eastern Triple Crown Series in the THOR WMX Class. The Canadian National Triple Crown Series is the premier motocross competition in Canada. It brings together the best riders nationwide to compete in races that test their skill, speed and endurance.



This year Kaylie started on June 2nd, when she stood on the podium in Calgary, placing 3rd in Round 1 of the Western Series. She then traveled to Lethbridge the following weekend for Round 2 and 3 where she placed 3rd in both races. For Round 4 of the Series, Kaylie was in Pilot Mound, MB where she again finished on the podium in 3rd place. Her consistent effort had Kaylie place 3rd overall in the Canadian Western Triple Crown WMX!!



Kaylie continued traveling eastward and competed in the Eastern Triple Crown Series where she travelled to Gopher Dunes and Ottawa, ON, Moncton, NB and Deschambault, QC. Kaylie rode hard and placed 3rd in both races in Ontario and 2nd place in Moncton! Quebec was a difficult track, but she was able to place 6th with her overall standing for the

Eastern Series having her stand on the podium to accept the 3rd place trophy. Her hard work and riding have earned her a national placement of 3rd best rider in the THOR WMX Class. Congratulations Kaylie!



Next quarterly newsletter will be out in December. If you have anything to share, let the office know by mid-November. You can email savonadistrict@telus.net or call the office (250-373-2513).

THE 24th ANNUAL SPANK-IT

The Annual Spank-It Tournament was held on August 16 – 18 and saw 16 teams and many supporters convene at the beach volleyball courts. Great team costumes were on display as well as entertaining volleyball. It is a wonderful local event that is like a family reunion as many teams and players have been playing in this event for many years.



The beer garden was run again by the Savona Elem. School PAC and was well supported as they had to purchase extra alcohol! And this year the concession was



run by Angel's Animal Rescue. Thank you to the many people and companies who donated toward the many prizes AND a huge shout out to the organizers **Kasey Christian & Jennine Neu!**

SAVE THE DATE

The community has some events coming up
Mark them down on your calendar!

- **3rd Annual SCA Harvest Festival & Craft Market** on Sept. 8 (Sun.) from 10am to 2pm at the Boat Launch / Park.
- **2024 Provincial Election** on October 19
- **OAPO Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** will be in October – keep an eye out for posters
- **SCA Halloween Dance** at the hall on October 26 (Sat.) from 8:30pm to 12:30am
- **Annual SCA Christmas Bazaar** at the hall on November 17 (Sun.) from 10am to 2pm