

2026 TAXES

Invoices for 2026 Savona Improvement District tax were mailed out at the end of May. Just a reminder to get your payments in **before July 2nd** 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 2nd 5% interest will be placed on unpaid taxes and then in March 2027 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.

SID AGM RESULTS

On April 21st, the Savona Improvement District had their AGM at the Community Hall.

There were 14 Savona landowners who attended along with the SID Board of Trustees and staff as well as KPMG representative, Amanda Potter, who joined via MStTeams.

The meeting reviewed:

- The minutes from 2025 AGM
- 2025 audited financials presented by KPMG auditor – Amanda Potter
- Fire Department's Annual Report
- 2025/2026 Works & Projects
- Trustee Election

The 2026 / 2027 SID Board of Trustees

Chair - Jamie Drozda
Adrienne Teague
Shane Spitman
Henry Pejril
Erin Embury

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

ACTIVE FIRE HOSE

At the end of April, the volunteer firefighters were called to a fire and during this call the team had vehicles drive over an active fire hose.

The fire department would like to remind residents that **driving over an unprotected active fire hose is illegal and unsafe.**

Driving or parking within 150 meters of a fire apparatus that has stopped in answer to a fire is also illegal.

During the initial attack at a fire scene, firefighters are focused on the fire. They do not have the time or the manpower to monitor drivers at the scene.

The law makes it simple for drivers.
DON'T GO THERE, period.

The BC Motor Vehicle Act Section 199 and Savona Improvement District Fire Regulation Bylaw 200 Section 10 both state that no person shall drive or run over any fire hose with any vehicle.

Please do not risk interrupting water supply to firefighters or causing the hose to burst. Please find an alternate route.



Next newsletter will be out in September. If you have anything to share – let the office know by the middle of August. Email: savonadistrict@telus.net or call 250-373-2513.

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DINNER

The evening of April 18, 2026, brought together a full house at the community hall with people who came to honor the volunteers of the fire department.

The Savona Improvement District prepared an evening to recognize and appreciate our local volunteer fire department and extend their heartfelt gratitude to their years of service.

9 members with 10+ years of service were awarded with service medals from the Canadian Volunteer Firefighters Association and 3 of the 9 with 35+ years also received service medals from the BC Fire Commissioners office.

The evening had Senator Kim Pate doing a live video call to speak to the members as well as a prerecorded video message from Minister Terry Yung – both voicing appreciation to the members for their volunteer service and years of dedication and commitment.

MLA Lorne Doerkson was in attendance and thanked the firefighters as well as presenting them with a Legislative Assembly of BC Challenger Coin.

A delicious dinner was served with the help of the Savona Seniors, and a cash bar was tended by the Savona Community Association.

There was a 50/50 draw totaling \$620 with one of the firefighters winning the pot of \$310. Congratulations to Lieutenant Bill Williams! The rest of the winning was divided and given to the Savona Seniors and the Savona Community Association.



Many fabulous door prizes were drawn during the evening, making it a fun evening for all.

The Firefighter Appreciation Dinner Prize Donors were:

A&W
Aberdeen Mall
ARGO Road Maintenance
B. Munden
Brogan Fire & Safety
Canadian Tire
D. Embury
Denny's
Full Spec Equipment
GoodLife Meats
Hair by Michele
Hanson's Auto Repair
Inland Kenworth
Kam Lake-View Meats
Little Caesars
M&M Food Market
Matt Edmondson Contracting
Miller's Crossing
Moxies
Nails by Stephanie
Nature's Fare
Nutech Phoenix
Panago
Petro-Canada
Portfolio Interiors
Purity Feed
QED Technical Services
Quesnel Bros.
Red Pine Contracting
Rivers Workwear
Sandman Hotel Group
Savona Early Learning Center
Savona Enterprises Ltd.
Savona Karate Club
Snap-On
Sportsman Light Truck & Off Road
SuperSave Gas
Travel Best Bets – Connected Agent
Windsor Plywood

The SID Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone – the door prize donors, the attendees, Savona Seniors and the Savona Community Association – for making the Firefighter Appreciation Dinner a special night for all!

The Heritage Museum had their Spring Tea on April 26th that served a variety of sandwiches, mini quiches, tea and other goodies for lunch.

"The Spring Tea at the Museum was a grand event. We generated \$1000 revenue and had a large number of former residents attend. Many previous residents came to socialize and catch up."

~Heritage Committee

through a series of events designed to test the physical and mental endurance of firefighters, simulating the demands of real-life firefighting scenarios. Savona members placed second and third in the male and female 35 years and under category:

Under 35 years (Male)

First place time was 1 minute, 25 seconds

2nd = Samson Hawley at 1:36:27

3rd = Akira Susanj at 1:40:45

Under 35 years (Female)

First place time was 2 minutes, 21 seconds

2nd = Sara Green at 2:39:17

3rd = Stephanie Mosley at 2:39:80

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION OF BC SPRING SEMINAR



6 members of the Savona Fire Department, Samson Hawley, Stephanie Mosley, Sara Green, Marie Williams, Joe Williams and Akira Susanj, went to Logan Lake for the 2026 Volunteer Firefighters' Association of BC Spring Seminar held May 1st – 3rd.

The Logan Lake Fire Department hosted the Seminar at the recreation center, Maggs Park and at their firehall. They welcomed over 250 firefighters representing 60 volunteer fire departments and rescue groups to their community.

It was an opportunity to participate in many training scenarios. Logan Lake hosted 23 hands-on training stations which ran simultaneously; each firefighter got a chance to attend 7 stations over the course of two days. Some of the training stations included were live-fire scenarios, interior search, forcible entry, vehicle fires, and rope rescue, ventilation, and gas fires just to name a few.

One of the stations was the "Firefighter Challenge" where participants donned in full gear had to run



L-R: Stephanie Mosley, Marie Williams, Samson Hawley, Akira Susanj, Joe Williams, Sara Green

The Savona and Area Seniors Society had their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on May 9th (Sat.). With a total of 83 tickets being sold, it made for a wonderful fundraiser for the Society. With ticket sales and a raffle at breakfast, the Seniors Society was able to raise \$1571!! Thank you for supporting the Seniors Society!

"Our Seniors are getting ready to have a summer break after our BBQ the 2nd Tuesday in June. Most of the user groups will continue for the summer but at a slower pace. We are always glad to see the house being used and anyone interested in what we do can stop by and talk to our members. Enjoy the summer everyone."

~ Ronaye Elliot, President

BURSARY RECIPIENT

The Savona Fire Department is pleased to announce that the successful recipient of their educational bursary for the 2026/2027 academic year is **Hailey Jollymour**.

Hailey has been on academic honor roll every semester since Grade 8. She also volunteered as part of the Link Crew to help introduce new Grade 8s to the school and as a teacher assistant in the Grade 9/10 Foods class. She hopes to pursue her interest in early childhood education after graduation.



Fire Chief Embury, Hailey Jollymour & Captain Parker

WATER USE & RESTRICTIONS

Seasonal watering restrictions have been in effect since May 1 in the TNRD Community Water Systems. Please take note of the following:

May 1 – September 15:

- Even-numbered properties can water on even-numbered days
- Odd-numbered properties can water on odd-numbered days
- NO watering between 11am to 6pm daily

The Savona Elementary School PAC would like to remind the community to support their beer garden on **August 15 & 16** during the 26th Annual Spank It Beach Volleyball tournament. Come down and support the school with your beverage purchase while watching some entertaining volleyball! And don't forget to mark it on your calendar!!



KARATE SEASON RESULTS

The local karate club had another successful year of students training & competing this 2025 / 2026 season. Though the club is currently very small, the students who represent Savona at tournaments do very well.

This season Neil, LittleFawn & Sunshine McKenzie-Deneault, Atticus Eggen, Nova Robinson and Akira Susanj made up the competitive team. The students competed at the Sato Cup in Burnaby in November 2025 and the Invitational Steveston tournament in March 2026 – each time with 3-4 students returning with medals in either kata (formal exercise) or kumite (sparring) with a couple of students medaling in both.

Nova Robinson got her very first medal at the Steveston tournament where she placed 3rd in her kata division (Novice, 8–9-year-old girls). All students continue to do well and proudly represent the community.



Nova Robinson



HERITAGE MOMENT:

Did you know that the entire townsite of Savona was owned by one man in 1878? Mr. William Dodd had 200 acres Crown granted to him on December 11, 1878. When the first CP Rail surveyors appeared on his property in 1880, he met them outside his house standing behind the front sight of a double barrell shotgun and told them, "No railroad goes through here till I see your buckskins!"

Fun Fact from the Savona Heritage Museum