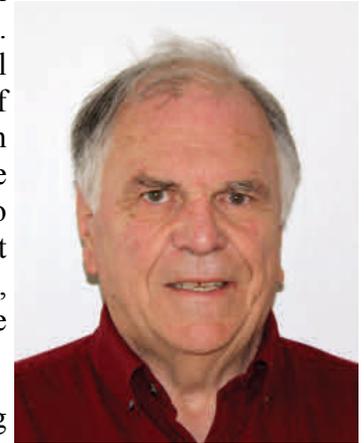


# Spring Newsletter

## Message From Mike Isaac, Mayor

Thank you for your patience over the past several years while the trailer park issues have been resolved. As with most contentious matters, the resolution will not be completely satisfactory to everyone because of the huge contribution of time, money and emotion that has been expended. Let's keep in mind that we are dealing with good people, on both sides, and do our best to move forward and concentrate on our most important issues. These are: taxes, the road, the lake, sewage and the continuing quality of life at Baptiste Lake.



We have an active program planned for the coming year. I have been informed by Ed Tomaszuk that we will have sufficient grant money to upgrade and resurface a large part of our main road and resurface the area rebuilt last summer.

We will concentrate on traffic issues. We are looking at upgrading signage and have several options for speed control including speed bumps, radar speed detection units or commercial policing on busy week-ends. Council will address this issue before the busy summer driving season.

Sewage is a continuing issue. We will retain the services of a qualified professional to do a survey of current sewage installations within the Summer Village. Hopefully, this can be done early this summer to allow us to formulate plans to bring the Summer Village up to acceptable standards. We will look at any possible options that might assist residents to finance upgrades (this type of financing may or may not be available).

Ed Tomaszuk has informed that he expects property taxes to be basically stable for the next year in spite of the fact that the lawsuit was a significant drain on our finances. We are fortunate that we currently have access to government grant support to offset our very large road costs.

Lake issues continue to be of some concern. We will continue to monitor current developments but it seems that the desire to expend significant funds to improve lake quality has diminished. The reason for this is perhaps due to the fact that the high water of last summer has demonstrated the overpowering force of nature lessening the impact we can have on the lake. We need, however, to improve our understanding of the environment and continue our efforts to have significant impact on lake issues. (Continued on Page 2)

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Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to Ed Tomaszuk for his continuing, highly professional efforts and dedication to maintaining the Summer Village's business. He has served us particularly well during the past two years, devoting many additional hours due to a number of Summer Village issues having high priority.

I also wish to thank my fellow Council members and the residents of South Baptiste for the support that was given during this difficult time. And now, let's look forward to a good summer at Baptiste Lake!

Mike Isaac, Mayor

### Annual Open House

The Annual Open House will be held at the Baptiste Firehall and Recreation Center on Saturday, July 21, 2012, beginning at 10:00 AM. The Firehall is located at 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste.

#### Website

The Summer Village of South Baptiste Website is located at <http://www.southbaptiste.com/>

**To promote FireSmart, we are happy to announce the during the May long weekend, fees for disposing yard debris including grass, leaves and wood, will be waived at the Whispering Hills Transfer Station.**

**Saturday and Sunday**

**10 AM to 6 PM**

### Are you Moving?

Please inform the Municipal Administration if you change your address. If we cannot find you, not only do you miss out on the Village News, but Tax Notices and other information will be mailed to your last known address. There are penalties for late payment of taxes and the fact that you forgot to tell us you moved is not acceptable justification.

### The Summer Village of South Baptiste Municipal Office is Located:

2.6 Km North of the County Beach along Baptiste Drive with an old Threshing Machine next to the Driveway.

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