



## **2019 Spring – Member Update**

### **Peter Pellatt, ASVA President retires**

Spring is just around the corner and as the season changes there are changes at the ASVA. President Peter Pellatt has decided that it is time to step down from his position. During his time as President, Peter was instrumental in resolving a number of key issues for Summer Villages and was able to elevate the status of the ASVA so that we are recognized as the third municipal association right behind the AUMA and RMA.

### **Mike Pashak, new ASVA President**

Mike is a third-generation property owner on Sylvan Lake and is in his first term on Council for the Summer Village of Half Moon Bay. He is a seasoned executive-level business professional with 30 years of experience in the electric utility industry. During his career, he worked collaboratively on business and government relations initiatives on topics that ranged from operational and customer issues to regulatory matters.

### **ASVA Priorities**

Under Mike's guidance and with the support of the ASVA Board of Directors, we will continue advocate on your behalf to ensure that the Government of Alberta and the other Municipal Associations recognize that Summer Villages are sustainable municipalities that are a well-respected, recognized level of government and stewards of our lake and river environments.

We will continue to educate the Government of Alberta on our top priorities, which are:

Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) - to revise the current and future MSI funding formula so that Summer Villages receive a fair and equitable share that is consistent with all other municipalities in Alberta. Summer Villages have the same infrastructure needs as all other municipalities and currently receive only half of the base level funding that others receive.

Provincial Disturbance Standards (Boat Mooring & Dock Placement) – The Government of Alberta is responsible for the majority of lakes and lake shore. That responsibility should be delegated to the Summer Villages and other municipalities that are adjacent to a lake. We are closer to the issues and better positioned to manage them. We have proven ourselves to be lake stewards. Having that responsibility can promote harmony in a community through community based decisions.

Safe Communities – There is a need for improved policing and bylaw enforcement that meets the needs of all Summer Villages. Rural crime has increased and there is a need for an updated approach to policing and enforcement.