

Elbow Village News - August 2013

Tax Payments - early payment discounts are no longer available on the education tax portion due to provincial legislation changes. In order to receive the municipal discount, please remember that your payment **MUST** arrive by the end of the month. We do accept post-dated cheques, so mail your cheques in a little early, post-date them if you wish, to ensure you do not miss out on the discount. Also, please remember that we are only set up to accept cash or cheque payments. Payments received after December 31st will be subject to a 1% penalty January 1st - so again, mail your payment in a little early and if you wish, post-date it to December 31st.

Recycling – Loraas Disposal has informed us that there are many items that are being put in the recycling carts which are **NOT** allowed.

The following are **NOT** accepted:

- waxed, plasticized or food contaminated paper, cardboard, cups or plastic plates
- soiled tissues, napkins and paper towels (including diapers)
- Confetti shredded paper (unless bagged in clear plastic bags)
- Heavily dyed or colored construction paper
- Styrofoam or other foam packing materials
- Household garbage, organics (grass, tree branches, leaves, flowers), hazardous or regulated waste
- Hazardous chemical containers (e.g. motor oil containers, paint cans)
- Auto parts, batteries
- Any scrap metals other than household tin and aluminum cans
- Propane tanks, gasoline or any type of fuel containers
- Wire or plastic clothes hangers
- Clear plastic clam shell containers without the recycling arrows
- Plastic toys or Tupperware
- Plastic pipe
- Outdoor lawn furniture
- Wood

Loraas Disposal is also asking that you do not bag your recyclables; it is a “one cart - no sort” service. Recycling carts that contain items that are **NOT ALLOWED** will be tagged by Loraas Disposal as contaminated and will not be tipped. “All Green Recycling” pamphlets for residential curbside recycling are available at the Village office which explain allowable & unaccepted materials; general guidelines & information about recycling.

Speed Monitor – well, the speed monitor was finally fixed and a day later was vandalized again! Please call the RCMP if you have any information on the damage that was done over the July 1st long weekend. Plans are underway to make some modifications to the sign and repair the damages yet again.

Dust Suppressant – after waiting for the streets to dry, gravel to arrive, we then got hung up on the waiting list for dust suppressant. We had originally booked it for the week of June 17th. We’re thankful to those members of the Volunteer Fire Department that hosed down Aiktow Avenue during the rodeo weekend to try to help settle the dust a little.

Saskatchewan Street (main street) Repairs – the Village had been provided with a cost estimate from the Department of Highways to repair potholes and cracks on Saskatchewan Street and then do a seal coat. Council budgeted to have this work done in 2013, and then received word that Highways would not be able to do it for us this year. We have been trying to find another company to do this work, but we are having some difficulties. At the very least, we hope to be able to get the potholes and cracks filled.

Village Maps – we now have updated Village maps at the office for sale, \$25.

Abusive/Aggressive Behavior – due to recent events, Council has posted the following notice in the Village Office and Town Shop: “Abusive or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. If you display such behavior you will be asked to leave.” Council is also drafting a policy for staff to deal with these issues when they arise. Please remember that staff are only carrying out the directions, policies, and procedures that Council has set, or things mandated by the government.

By-Election

Mayor Bill Nike handed in his resignation which was effective July 31, 2013. A special meeting of Council was called on July 25, 2013 at which Council was presented with the details behind his resignation. At this meeting Council set a date for a by-election for mayor. Important dates to keep in mind:

Nomination Day: Wednesday, August 21, 2013 (deadline 4 p.m.)

Mail In Ballot Registration Deadline: Monday, August 26, 2013 (must register in person at the Village Office; ID will be required just like it is at the election polls)

Advance Poll: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 from 4 – 7 p.m.

Election Day: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Nomination forms are available at the Village Office or on the Village of Elbow website (elbowsask.com).

The advance poll and regular poll will be held at the Village Office (201 Saskatchewan Street). The Village Office will only be open for election purposes from 4 – 7 p.m. on September 17th, and all day on September 25th. Only those entitled to be in the polling area will be allowed in the Village Office.

Candidate's Qualifications

- on the day of the election is at least 18 years of age.
- at the time he or she submits the nomination paper, is a Canadian citizen and has resided¹:
 - in the Village of Elbow for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which nominations papers are submitted; **and**
 - in Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which nomination papers are submitted.

Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, you must complete a voter's registration form at the election poll, declaring that you:

- Are a Canadian citizen;
- Are at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- Have resided in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election;
- and one of the following:
 - a resident of the Village of Elbow for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election; or
 - an owner of assessable land in Elbow for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election.

There is some property in the Village that is owned by a business name, numbered company, or incorporated as a Ltd. or Inc. To be eligible to vote your personal name must be on the title or you must be a resident of Elbow for three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election. There is no provision in *The Local Government Election Act* for an elector to "represent" a corporate owner.

Mail-in-Ballot Provision – in effect for the 2012 general election, the Provincial Government implemented the provision for Council's to pass a bylaw for mail-in ballot voting. We had this available for the general election last fall and a few ratepayers took advantage of this option. We would like to encourage those ratepayers who are eligible to vote, but that won't be able to make it out for either the advance poll or election day, to stop by the Village Office by August 26th to register for the upcoming by-election mail-in-ballot. You will be required to fill out a voter's declaration form, and provide proof of ID (driver's license is best).

Voter ID – Provincial legislation states that ALL voters are required to provide identification when they come to vote – similar to the federal and provincial elections. Photo ID is the best option (valid driver's license with your name and address on it). Non-photo ID options (2 are needed) would include: health card, utility bills, tax notices, etc. One of those non-photo pieces must contain your address.

¹ Residency impacts a person's ability to vote or to run for office. Residency generally refers to a person's home. A person has only **one** residence. – Saskatchewan Ministry of Municipal Affairs.