

# Elbow Council News - December 2012

## **Thank You!**

- Thank you to Rick Diederich who helped us out at the Civic Centre the night before the November Library Craft Sale when there was no heat.
- Thank you to Bob Therens who helped us out at the Library in December when it was discovered the furnace wasn't working.
- Thank you to all the snow angels around town; those that help their neighbours and those in need. Remember to thank your snow angel!! The Village is especially grateful for Pete Nasewich, Ken South, Bob Therens, and Joe Sitavanc who help keep our downtown sidewalks clear!
- Thank you to the Elbow First Responder Group who have purchased two automated external defibrillators (AED's) for our community. One will be placed in Elbow, the other in Mistusinne. An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.
- Thank you to Enbridge! The Elbow Fire Department received a \$7,500 grant through Enbridge's Safe Community Program. This will aid with the purchase of a thermal imaging camera, grass fire overalls, and goggles.
- Thank you to the Elbow/Loreburn Legion for their donation of two 100 cup perks for the Civic Centre.

**New Council** – At the General Election, October 24<sup>th</sup>, ratepayers elected the following to serve as Council for the next four years: Mayor – William (Bill) Nike, Councillors – Colleen Hoppenreys, Lynden Lepage, Gary Dunn, and Betty Hatzel. A special thank you to all those that were willing to let their name stand and run for a position on Council, and to the 170 people that cast their ballots!

The new Council has been busy learning the role of being on Council, being brought up to speed on current projects and issues, and getting involved with committees. The new members of Council will be attending a 'Municipal Leaders' Roles & Responsibilities' workshop in February, one of the modules put on by the Municipal Leadership Development Program.

**Facilities Committee Survey** – enclosed with this mail out is a survey put out by the Facilities Committee on a possible renovation project for the curling rink. Please take a few minutes to jot down your comments. Surveys are due in at the Village Office by January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Skating Rink** – The ice is now in and ready for skating. Skating fees remain the same as in past years: single season pass - \$30; family season pass - \$75; drop in fee \$5/person. There is a drop box at the rink or payment can be made at the Village Office. Keys are given out when payment is made.

**Garbage/Recycle Schedule** – the 2013 garbage and recycle schedule is enclosed with this mail out. This information is also available on the Village's website.

**Transfer Site** – the Elbow Transfer Site (landfill) was closed for the season at the end of October. If you need access during the winter months, arrangements can be made through the Village Office.

**Commercial Loraas bins (red)**  
Please remember that the red bins are **NOT for public use**. They are paid for by the various businesses or construction projects.

**Elbow's Website [www.elbowsask.com](http://www.elbowsask.com)** – remember to check the Village's website for upcoming events, and news items. Council meeting minutes are posted once they've been approved at the following meeting. This is YOUR website and will only be as good as the content you provide us with.

**Snowmobile Bylaw** – Just a reminder about the Snowmobile Bylaw in effect within the Village of Elbow limits:

Under this Bylaw:

- a snowmobile MAY be operated between the hours of 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.,
- a snowmobile MAY be operated within the Village limits on streets, roadways and alley ways from the place of unloading and/or place of residence to the shortest most direct route permitted to the boundary of the Village,
- a snowmobile shall NOT be operated in a manner that would cause an undue annoyance,
- a snowmobile shall NOT be operated at an unsafe speed,
- a snowmobile shall NOT be operated on any Village owned property,
- a snowmobile shall ONLY be operated on streets for the sole purpose of transportation to the boundary of the Village by the shortest permitted route.

The following Acts should be consulted in regards to registration, and operator licenses and safety courses – *The Snowmobile Act, The Snowmobile Regulations 1998, and The Traffic Safety Act.*

**School Division Tax Incentives (discounts)** – effective January 1, 2013 tax incentives (discounts and rebates) set by municipalities will no longer apply to education property tax. What this means, is that the Village is still able to offer the early payment tax discount amounts to the Village's portion of your property tax bill, but NOT on the school division's portion.

All payments made up to August 31<sup>st</sup> will qualify for the 5% discount on the Village's portion only. For those that have pre-paid a portion of their 2013 taxes, an adjustment will be made to the school division portion.

**October – December Council meeting highlights:**

- Policy manual continues to be developed
- Tuft's Bay Recreation Centre (Bayshore) agreement signed with Kevin Peddle
- Industrial Subdivision lot sales open up; \$5,000 for an unserviced lot with the purchaser required to pay their share of the road build costs
- That the Village retain full ownership of the new 'Wildland' Fire/Emergency Response Vehicle and equipment.
- Plans are being made to establish a tree nursery to serve the long term replacement of trees throughout the Village
- Council agrees to participate in the feasibility process of a regional lagoon, with the understanding that our contribution would be the existing lagoon infrastructure and land

The Toilet Replacement Rebate Program ended December 31, 2012. In total, the Village provided \$3,950 in rebates since 2009 when the program started. That's 79 toilets low volume replacements!

**Village Office Closures** – due to staff holidays, the Village Office will be closed some in January and early February. The following are dates that the office will be closed:

Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Lake Diefenbaker Tourism Board Mtg and AGM  
Tuesday, January, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Assessment Revaluation & Property Tax Policy Workshop  
Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> through to Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – SUMA Convention

As well, starting January 9<sup>th</sup>, the office will be closed to walk-in traffic from 2 – 5 p.m.

Remember that if you are dropping off a payment when the office is closed, you can always use the drop slot on the ramp side of the building.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

With every wish for a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years - Mayor Bill Nike, Councillors Colleen Hoppenreys, Lynden Lepage, Gary Dunn, Betty Hatzel, Chief Administrative Officer Yvonne Jess, Maintenance Foreman Bob Kozak, and Administrative Assistant Claudia Diederich