

# Elbow Village Office News

## December 2014

### **October – December Council Meeting Highlights:**

- Council signed a new three year agreement with Kevin Peddle to operate and maintain the Tuft's Bay Campground and Bayshore Centre
- Council provided a tax reduction to the ten remaining Harbour Inn Condominium units leaving only the taxes on the land assessment, due to the units being unusable for the full year
- Jeff Archibald was awarded the tender to construct the new Tuft's Bay Washroom building to lock up stage
- Council contributed \$2,000 towards the purchase of proper commercial grade rubber gym flooring for the Family Fitness Centre
- Council signed the Loraas Service Agreement for 2015 which has rates increasing by 5.3%
- Council has initiated discussion with the three Elbow Churches in regards to the possibility of setting up a Food Bank or assisting those people in need. A meeting has been called to extend the discussion to all communities and churches along Highway 19 in January 2015
- Council made application to SaskPower for an electrical upgrade to the Tuft's Bay Campground
- Council has made arrangements with the R.M. of Loreburn for the RM to have a Loraas bin at Elbow's Transfer Site for their use
- Council contracted Concept Plus Architecture and Engineering to do a preliminary building inspection on the Rink. That report came to Council at their December meeting and Council will be further reviewing that information in January.

**Garbage & Recycle Rate Increases for 2015** – effective January 1, 2015 the garbage and recycle fees will increase to \$23.50 per month which is a cost recovery increase based on the new rates from Loraas. For those billed quarterly, you will see this increase on your March 2015 billing. The 2015 garbage/recycle schedule is included with this mail out and is also available on our website.

**Provincial Disaster Assistance Program** – As reported in our 'summer' and September newsletters, the Village made application to the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program. We were surprised to hear that we were NOT accepted. In the opinion of the PDAP and according to the Government of Canada's daily climate data, Elbow did not receive a "heavy rain event" within a "short period of time". They do not take into account the high water table or that our ground has been continually saturated with heavy snow melt and rainfall over the last few years. If anyone has photos of the damages to their basement, we can continue to try to fight this battle with the PDAP people. Please call the office and discuss this with Yvonne if you think you may have any information that could help.

PDAP provides financial assistance to claimants for uninsurable essential property damaged as a result of natural disasters. PDAP only covers property damage that isn't covered by private insurance. Assistance is provided to pre-disaster condition only.

**Village of Elbow website** – please remember that all council meeting minutes, and quarterly newsletter are posted on the website. You will also find a listing of community news and events, classified ads, etc. If you are putting on a community event, please let us know and we'll add it to the website (no charge) [www.elbowsask.com](http://www.elbowsask.com)

**Infrastructure Committee** – the Infrastructure Committee, Council and staff were busy this fall implementing some drainage improvements in the Rink and Library areas, as well as a little work along Putters Lane. We look forward to seeing how these improvements work in the spring. The committee will continue its work in assisting and making recommendations to Council on infrastructure matters in the new year.

**E-transfers** – quick and secure, it's another option for making your utility or tax payment. It's very easy to set up through your financial institution - set up the Village of Elbow as a recipient using [elbow@sasktel.net](mailto:elbow@sasktel.net) as our email address. Just remember to let us know the answer to your security question!

**Snow Removal Priorities** – We have been lucky so far with very little snow accumulation, but that likely won't last! Snow removal priorities remain the same as in previous years. The first priority following a heavy snowfall would be Saskatchewan Street (main street) and to the RCMP Detachment. Second priority would then be to clear Railway Avenue, Putters Lane, Sarah Drive South and Aaro Avenue, with the goal to have all other streets cleared within 48 hours. Please remember that if the streets are not passable within the Village, it may not be safe to travel on the highways. Always check the highway hotline before travelling – [www.highways.gov.sk.ca/road-conditions](http://www.highways.gov.sk.ca/road-conditions) or 1-888-335-7623.

**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*.

**Thank you's:**

- to Lynden Lepage for his assistance in putting up Christmas lights on the tree beside the Village Office
- to Bert and Troy Bramble for putting up the Christmas decorations on main street
- to the Elbow Service Club who once again put on a successful "Light up the Village" event on December 6<sup>th</sup>, this time with beautiful weather! Many showed up for sleigh rides, and for hotdogs and hot chocolate at the Civic Centre. Thanks to Kevin Luchia and Ev & Marlo Kearley for the sleigh rides. Santa even made an appearance!
- to Tom Wilson and June Evans for letting the Village tap into their power to light the gazebo and tree beside the museum
- and thank you also to everyone that dropped off treats, cards, and Christmas wishes with staff over the holiday season – it was greatly appreciated!

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!** – With every wish for a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years – Mayor Rob Hundebly, Councillors Colleen Hoppenreys, Gary Dunn, Betty Hatzel, Nick Paulsen, Chief Administrative Officer Yvonne Jess, Maintenance Foreman Scott Scrimbitt, and Administrative Assistant Claudia Diederich.