

# Elbow Village Office News

## December 2015

**2015 Citizen of the Year** – Congratulations to Norma Johnson who was presented with the Citizen of the Year award for 2015 at the Annual Ratepayer's Meeting in October. This award has been presented annually since 2011 in recognition and appreciation of outstanding contributions to the community. Past recipients include: Andy & May Wong – 2011; Sarah Wilm – 2012; Isabella Parent – 2013; and Sylvia Harms – 2014. It's an honor to recognize not only the award recipients but also all those that have been nominated by their fellow community members. It is people like you that truly make Elbow the wonderful place it is!

Village of Elbow aerial photos are for sale. There are two different views to choose from and a variety of sizes. Stop by the Village Office and take a look!

8 x 10 - \$20

11 x 14 - \$30

16 x 20 - \$50

20 x 30 - \$75

**Snow Removal Priorities** – We have been lucky so far with very little snow accumulation, but that likely won't last! We appreciate your patience with clearing the streets after our only major snow fall to date; the trunnion bearing went on the grader which led to the axel breaking. We were patiently (or impatiently – depending on who you talk to) waiting on Redhead to come out and repair it – it was finally repaired December 30th. 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.

**House Numbering** – if you don't already have your house number on your house or business, please do so as soon as possible. Not only is it vital in emergency situations (EMS, fire, etc.), but it's also used by Loraas, couriers, and even Canada Post will now deliver some parcels right to your door. If your property is still under construction, consider posting your house number on a large piece of paper or cardboard and place it in a street facing window.

### **Message from Loraas**

- Collection equipment requires clear, safe access to your container on collection day to ensure service;
- Place your cart at least 4 ft from parked cars, buildings, vehicles, other carts or obstacles to ensure the collection trucks have enough room to empty your carts.
- Containers with inappropriate materials, overweight or overheight will be bypassed by collection personnel
- Garbage/recycle collection will resume following any disruption due to inclement weather
- All garbage and recycle carts are numbered, inventoried, and assigned to a specific civic address/property. Please make sure that when you put your carts out for pickup or relocate them to another property for temporary use, that you return the right carts back to the right property.
- Property owners are responsible for any damages to their carts
- Please see the enclosed garbage/recycle schedule for 2016

**Skating ice** – the weather is now cooperating and flooding of the skating ice will be starting shortly. Watch the Village website and for posters when the ice is ready for skating.

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

- The Library basement was drywalled, and the floor painted, with some trim work happening in the very near future – completing the repairs to the basement following the flooding that happened in 2014.
- Council implemented a 'SeaCan Policy'
- Council proclaimed the last week in September 2016 as "Culture Days 2016" and we look forward to the plans of the Museum Committee to once again celebrate our culture
- A donation of a framed Village aerial photo was made to the Loreburn Rink Fundraising Auction; it raised \$550 for the fundraising event
- Due to the great response in 2015, the Village will once again sponsor the live band for a street dance for Canada Day 2016
- The Official Community Plan was amended in regards to council's consideration of the location for future residential acreages
- In an effort to clean up a few properties in the Village, Council has sent out letters asking for property owner's cooperation in addressing items they're concerned with. Council has passed motions issuing an 'Order To Remedy' for a few properties
- Due to changes in legislation, Council has implemented an "Employee Code of Conduct", a "Public Disclosure Statement for Council Members", and early in the new year will pass a new "Council Procedures Bylaw" and "Code of Ethics" along with a new "Oath of Office". All of this stems from legislative changes to provide clearer direction and guidance for elected officials to prevent conflicts of interests and improve the ability for government to address situations of municipal conflict of interest.

**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). Businesses are also welcome to advertise their events for a nominal fee. Next time you have something for sale, consider advertising on the Elbow website; inquire with the Village Office for rates. Check us out at [www.elbowsask.com](http://www.elbowsask.com)

**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!

### **Thank you's:**

- to Lynden Lepage, Joel Perry and Trevor Dament for their assistance in putting up Christmas lights on the trees beside the Civic Centre
- to Bert and Troy Bramble for putting up the Christmas decorations on main street
- to the Elbow Service Club & helpers who once again put on a successful "Light up the Village" event on December 5<sup>th</sup>, Many showed up for sleigh rides, 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 all those helping with flooding the skating ice
- and thank you also to everyone that dropped off treats, cards, and Christmas wishes with staff & Council over the holiday season – it truly was appreciated!

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

