

Elbow Village Office News

December 2016

New Council – congratulations to our new Council that was elected on October 26th. Rob Hundebly – mayor, was re-elected (by acclamation). Colleen Hoppenreys was also re-elected and has been appointed Deputy Mayor. New to Elbow Council are Blake Dorward, Joanne Brochu and Heidi Soggie. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Council members – Gary Dunn, Nick Paulsen, and Betty Hatzel for all they contributed to Council and our community.

2016 Citizen of the Year – Congratulations to Anne Wilson who was presented with the Citizen of the Year award for 2016 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; Sylvia Harms – 2014, and Norma Johnson – 2015. It's been 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!

October – December Council Meeting Highlights:

- Council passed a zoning bylaw amendment that has two parts to it. First off it deals with accessory uses (in all zoning districts): they may be built to the same height as the principal building, and a development permit MAY be approved prior to the construction of the principal building under certain conditions. The second part of the bylaw amended the building height maximum in the Residential Acreage district to 10m.
- The site prep and concrete work for the Community Park Picnic Shelter was completed this fall; the call for tenders is now out for the construction of the picnic shelter
- Five new signs (directional and attraction) were purchased for the Joe Fafard Peace Tower, which will be installed in the spring
- The Library had a new cement pad poured and two new basement doors installed
- The new Council was sworn in November 14th, when they took their Oath of Office
- Easement agreements were signed in relation to the water line extension to Kurtis Nunweiler's farm
- We received word that we will be awarded a \$11,500 grant through the Community Initiatives Fund (matching grant) towards the Civic Centre relighting and roofing project.
- The Village made application to 'Celebrate Canada' for a grant towards our 2017 Canada Day activities (watch for more information on the special events planned to celebrate Canada 150th Birthday!)
- Council passed a Code of Ethics Bylaw as per government legislation/regulation
- Council passed a motion that we encourage SaskWater to apply for a grant through the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund Infrastructure Funding for the water intake project, on behalf of the regional users. SaskWater has since indicated that they will make application.

Thank you to the Elbow Bingo group for their \$800 donation towards new lighting at the Civic Centre, **and** to GDT Ag Services for a \$3,000 donation towards the Civic Centre!

Village of Elbow website – please remember that all Council Meeting minutes, and quarterly newsletters 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

Skating Ice – a group of people have been busy flooding the rink in hopes to have it ready over the holiday season. **Thank you** to Joanne Brochu, Scott Fiske, Paul Ganes, Albert Straightnose, and Geraime Brochu! Thank you also to the Brochu family who saw that the rink was open over the holiday season for all of our families and visitors to use.

Skating Fees:
Drop in fee - \$5/skate
Single Season Pass - \$20
Family Season Pass - \$40
Fees are payable at the Village Office

2016 Light Up the Village – once again a great event organized and put on by the Elbow Service Club! The day included a special visit by Santa and his elves who arrived by sleigh. There were sleigh rides, hot dogs & hot chocolate, Christmas carolers, and pictures with Santa. Thank you to the Elbow Service Club & friends, Line 19 Community Choir, Ev & Marlo Kearley, the Brochu family, and Santa and his elves who all contributed to the day!

Thank you to Lynden Lepage who helped Scott with the Christmas lights at the Civic Centre and the street lights on main street

Snow Removal Priorities – Winter hasn't been too bad so far, but we're sure we won't be this lucky all winter! We appreciate your patience with clearing the streets after a major snow fall. Snow removal priorities will 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 passible 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 or 1-888-335-7623.

Snowmobile Bylaw – Just a reminder about the Snowmobile Bylaw which is 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, operator licenses, and safety courses: *The Snowmobile Act*, *The Snowmobile Regulations 1998*, and *The Traffic Safety Act*.



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, Blake Dorward, Joanne Brochu, Heidi Soggie, Chief Administrative Officer Yvonne Jess, Maintenance Foreman Scott Scrimbitt, and Administrative Assistant Claudia Diederich.