

Elbow Council News - June 2013

Canada Day in Elbow – it's become quite a tradition to throw a great party in Elbow on Canada Day, and this year was no exception. From the Museum's Pancake Breakfast and special demonstrations at the Museum & Sod House in the afternoon, to the fabulous Fish Fry put on by the Wildlife group, to the Brad Johner & the Johner Boys Concert sponsored by the Friends of the Orchard Committee, to the spectacular Fireworks display arranged and choreographed by Dale Norrish and crew. It was quite a day! Special thanks go out to all those that sponsored the fireworks display (a list of sponsors will appear on the bulletin board), and to Bryan Cafferata and his staff (Tammy & Mel) for their assistance in rounding up the many donations that make this show possible.

Summer Student – please join us in welcoming our summer maintenance student, Dylan Boyle. Dylan started work mid-May and will work until returning to University in the fall. Give him a wave as you see him out and about on the mower!

Nuisance Abatement Bylaw - with all the moisture we've received, and continue to receive, we would like to remind all of our property owners of the need for continual maintenance of their property. The Village's Nuisance Abatement Bylaw specifically addresses overgrown grass and weeds, "all property owners and occupants of land within the Village limits shall not cause or permit the land to be overgrown with grass or weeds". Overgrown is defined in the bylaw as being in excess of .2 meters (6") in height.

The Nuisance Abatement Bylaw also deals with dilapidated buildings, untidy or unsightly property, and junked vehicles (vehicles in a rusted, wrecked, partly wrecked, dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition, or vehicles without valid license plates).

We also ask that you take a look at your trees and shrubs that may have grown and encroached over the sidewalks and back alleys. Please trim these back so that people are able to use the sidewalks and alleys.

Outdoor Fires – it is now the season for campfires. We'd like to remind everyone that there are regulations in place setting minimum standards for outdoor fire pits. The burning of rubbish (garbage), treated/painted/stained wood, garden refuse or leaves IS PROHIBITED. No material or fuel other than seasoned wood, manufactured fire logs, propane, or natural gas may be burned in a fire pit, indoor wood burner, chiminea or portable fireplace. Open air fires must be reasonably supervised so as to prevent their spread and be adequately ventilated to ensure proper combustion and to prevent an unreasonable accumulation of smoke. Fires must be attended to at all times with a water source available. Thank you for also being considerate of your neighbours as you enjoy your campfire.

Did you know that SaskPower has a Refrigerator Recycling Program where they will come and pick up and dispose your old fridge or freezer that is still in working order? You can book an appointment by calling 1-877-SK RECYCLE (1-877-757-3292)

Rink Re-lighting and Electrical Upgrades – if you've been in the rink for any of the Canada Day festivities you will have noticed a significant improvement in the lighting over the ice surface. With the assistance from Western Economic Diversification, the Village of Elbow received a grant through the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund which covered 43% of the project to replace the lights with new energy efficient lights as well as the installation of more electrical outlets around the ice surface.



A big bouquet goes out to:

Denise Ganes who purchased, planted and is looking after the flowers at the end of main street (Saskatchewan Street) again this summer!

AND

The Elbow Business Group for arranging for the flower pots up and down main street and at the Civic Centre, and for lining up individuals to care for them throughout the summer!

Thank you!

Transfer Station Hours:
Mondays from 4 – 7 p.m.
Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon

2013 Operating and Capital Budget – At their June 24th meeting, Council accepted the 2013 Operating and Capital Budget, setting the municipal mill rate at 4.22 mills. The base tax remains the same at \$625 for improved property. A mill rate factor of 2.25 will be in place for all commercial property.

Some of the budget highlights include:

- Fire hall reno's so that our Wildland Truck can be stored inside
- Repairs to three blocks of Saskatchewan Street (our portion)
- Grader purchase
- Dust suppressant
- Speed monitor fix
- Rink relighting/electrical project
- Drainage study
- Contracted snow removal was at an all time high (\$15,500 – what a winter!)
- Transfer site fencing
- Bulletin Board outside of the Village Office; Blinds and coat racks for the Civic Centre
- Tuft's Bay improvements – new signs, picnic tables, dock system
- Sump pump to deal with the "pond" in the Community Park
- Fire hydrant replacements
- Significant upgrades to the Sarah's Cove Lift Station
- Water/sewer main line extensions
- Road building (industrial subdivision)
- Transfers to Capital Trust from the industrial subdivision land sales
- A \$13,500 commitment over three years (\$4,500/year) to the Five Hills Health Region for the new Regional Hospital in Moose Jaw

Dog Poop! – please remember to clean up after your pet and be considerate of other property owners. No one likes to see it (or step in it!) along sidewalks or public areas, or in their yards when they don't even have a pet.

Swimming Lessons will be held at Tuft's Bay in Elbow from August 12 - 23. Please register with Michelle Babiarz at 867-4471.

Tuft's Bay Campground – the Village applied for a grant under the Community Vitality Program, Community Initiatives Fund April 2013 intake for upgrades and renovations to the Tuft's Bay Washroom/Shower building, but were unsuccessful. Council intends to re-vamp it's plans and make another application in the next intake.

SaskTel Internet – the Village received notification at the end of May that SaskTel is expanding its High Speed Internet (DSL) service to the Village of Elbow by the end of 2013. What this means is that SaskTel's high speed internet service will be available to the residents of Elbow through the existing phone line system. We are aware that "Xplornet" has been making calls to residents of a promotion to switch over to them because SaskTel's service will no longer be available in 2014. This does not appear to be the case, and SaskTel is working with Xplornet to correct this mis-information.

Friends of the Orchard Committee – work is continuing in the Orchard, maintaining the trees and trail areas. Joe & Isabella Parent and Larry & Donna Riggall continue to head up this committee and would welcome any volunteers. As always, many hands make light work – new faces are always welcome! Even if you are only available on occasion, please pass on your name to one of the committee members.

Lost and found:

- a pair of skates were left at the rink (CCM externo E, size 4, with the initials M.C. marked on one the skates)
- a lime green ladies spring jacket (XL) was left behind after the Community Park Build Day last May
- a Mastercraft 18V battery and charger unit was also left behind after the Build Day.

To claim any of these items, please stop by the Village Office