

# Elbow Village Office News

## June 2015

**Canada Day In Elbow** – as always, Elbow was THE place to be on Canada Day. The day started off with the Museum Board serving a pancake breakfast to over 200 people, the Wildlife group serving supper to over 700 people with the always popular Fish Fry. There were lots of people milling around downtown shops, and then enjoying the FREE street dance with the band 'One Cent Melons', sponsored by the Village of Elbow and the Elbow Service Club. The day culminated with the fabulous fireworks display by Dale Norrish and crew! Hope you all enjoyed your Canada Day! We are all just a little exhausted today, but a huge thank you to goes out to all those volunteers that make Canada Day in Elbow such a wonderful day. It was estimated that 2000+ people were out in the evening enjoying all of the festivities! Also thank you to all those that supported the fireworks display with their donations – check out the bulletin board and website for a listing of all of the sponsors! Remember, they continuously support events in the community; shop local and support them! Thank you also to Tammy Lemcke and Melanie Book for their assistance in canvassing for donations!

**New Faces** – Please join us in welcoming back our part time summer employee Nikolas MacLean who you will find busy in the Community Park/Orchard and helping our maintenance staff as well as operating the Transfer Site. A new face behind our equipment this summer is Kass Ebenal who is our summer maintenance student working with us from May – August. Kass is a U of R student who will be returning to school in the fall. Kaycee Lutz will also be joining us in July for some training in the Village Office and she will assist us in the future when needed to cover holidays, etc.

### **Thank you to:**

- ✓ Denise Ganes for once again purchasing and planting the flowers at the end of Saskatchewan Street
- ✓ Joe and Isabella Parent for rejuvenating the flower beds at the Cemetery
- ✓ Kevin Peddle, Terry Hjelsing, Troy Bramble, Ryan Cafferata, Darryl Stone, Shawn Griffin, Noah Ganes, and Tim Martin for helping out with the installation of our new community bulletin board. Thanks also to Bert & Evelyn Bramble for their donation of the crushed rock around the sign area!
- ✓ Meryl Joel and Donna Riggall for all their work putting together "Welcome Wagon" packages, and delivering them to our new residents
- ✓ Nick & Anne Paulsen, Dan & Colleen Hoppenreys, Bob Nunweiler, and Joel Perry for their work in sprucing up our Elbow Welcome Sign
- ✓ Council – for preparing and putting on a Volunteer Appreciation supper in May. They served approximately 120 community volunteers!

### **April – June Council Meeting Highlights:**

- The Tuft's Bay Washrooms are 99% complete! The wheelchair access unit have a few finishing touches left to do.
- The Village Office and boardroom will be getting some new cabinets.
- Loraas construction bin rental rates increased to \$25/month effective May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Village Office chimney has been repaired/parged and the east side of the Civic Centre will be resingled this summer
- Council purchased five MicroSoft tablets to make the transition to paperless meetings

**FYI** – the Village website ([www.elbowsask.com](http://www.elbowsask.com)) contains all Council Meeting minutes; newsletters, community events, and a "what's new" section. There is no charge to list your community event – send us your information!

- Village Office staff conducted the annual Donor's Choice campaign. A total of \$2,965 was raised for various charities
- Pickle ball is underway at the Rink; seasonal fee is \$25/person; \$50/family.
- Council spent numerous meetings working on the 2015 Capital and Operational Budget; setting the mill rate at 4.22 mills (no change from 2014). Tax notices will come out in late July
- Council approved a skateboard/BMX park proposal from Brennan and Shawn Graham, on a one year trial basis. This will be developed over the summer on the asphalt pad between Commutron and the Rink.
- Council hired AirScapes to do another aerial photo shoot of the Village
- Council is working with Community Planning to approve a single residential acreage subdivision
- The CAO made application to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for a picnic shelter in the Community Park
- Council met with members of the Facilities Committee to discuss options for the old curling rink area
- Council approved six building permits (2 houses, 3 deck, 1 commercial expansion)

**Use of RV Trailers and Motor Homes within the Village** – the Village has a Bylaw that deals with the use of RV trailers and motor homes:

- If there is a house on the property, the homeowners may permit overnight accommodations (non-commercial) for up to 7 days. So you can have family or guests come for a visit and use their RV or yours, for up to 7 days on the same lot as your house is on. You can't charge a fee to someone "camping" on your property.
- With Council's permission (and you need to write Council asking for this allowance), a property owner may use an RV during the construction of their home on that property. You must be 'actively' under construction. This allowance is not available if you are building a garage.

The Village is NOT a campground; residential lots cannot be used for camping unless it's under one of the above mentioned situations. RV parks are only permitted in the UH – Urban Holding District as a discretionary use (application needs to be made to Council and is evaluated on a case by case basis based on the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan).

**Transfer Site Hours:**  
 Mondays from 4 – 7 p.m.  
 Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
 (this includes stat holidays)

**Budget Highlights:**

- Completion of the Tuft's Bay Campground Washroom (A \$5,000 Community Initiatives Fund, Community Vitality Program grant was received for this project).
- Flower pots along main street, beautification of the "Welcome Sign" area, community bulletin board
- Move to paperless Council Meetings – purchase of 5 tablets
- Cabinets for the Village Office and Board Room
- Repairs to the Village Office – chimney, and exterior
- Culverts – to deal with some drainage issues
- Water System Assessment – engineering report required every five years on our water distribution system. SaskWater also is required to have one completed for the intake and water plant
- Community Park/part-time Maintenance Position – 24 hours/week
- Shingling the east side of the Civic Centre
- Basement work at the Library
- Lights for the Community Park, signage, flowers, tree moving
- Fire hydrant and water curb stop replacements