

Elbow Village Office News

June 2016

Canada Post Delays – our paper bills may be late getting to you if there's a postal lockout or strike this summer. **It's important to remember you're still required to pay your bills on time, even if you don't get a paper bill in the mail.** Also, please don't send payments through the mail during this time – choose one of our other convenient payment options: through PCCU (in branch or online), e-transfer, stop by the office during regular hours or use the drop slot on the ramp side of the building after hours.

E-transfers – This is a **GREAT** option if the Canada Post strike happens. It's 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 as our email address. Just remember to let us know the answer to your security question!

April - June Council Meeting Highlights:

- Council is proceeding with "Phase 2" of the Industrial Subdivision
- Council participated with the Dimestore Fishing show on a filming package to promote the Village
- A donation of \$2,500 was made towards the Elbow Hiking Trail
- Entered into a three-year crack seal maintenance program with Provincial Pothole & Paving for Saskatchewan Street
- Engaged Machibroda for some geotechnical work on our roads and to source clay
- Traded in our Champion grader for a Volvo G940
- Hired Cassidy Ebenal and Clinton Ruuth for our summer maintenance positions
- Completed the concrete work at the Tuft's Bay Washroom building
- Dust Suppressant was purchased and applied
- 2016 Capital and Operating Budget was approved; with no change in the mill rate (4.22 mills)
- Application was made to the Canada 150 Infrastructure Grant for the Fitness Centre renovation/expansion proposed project
- Continuing discussions with SaskWater in regards to their proposed water intake project

Water Rate Increase – As reported in the March 2015 Newsletter and again in the March 2016 Newsletter, SaskWater served notice that their water rates were increasing in 2015 and 2016 by 9% each year. Effective April 1, 2016 our rates increased to \$13.84 per 1,000 gallons (an increase \$1.14 per 1,000 gallons). There are no changes to the water or sewer infrastructure fees.

New Faces – Please join us in welcoming back our summer maintenance student Cassidy Ebenal who will be working with us once again, from May – August. Kass will be heading back to the U of R in the fall to finish up his Education Degree. Another new face is our new seasonal employee Clinton Ruuth. You'll find working tirelessly in the Orchard/Community Park as well as out at the Transfer Site.

The Transfer Site will open for the season starting Monday, May 2nd

Transfer Site Hours:

Mondays from 4 – 7 p.m.

Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(this includes stat holidays)

Thank you's:

- Denise Ganes – for continuing to purchase and plant the flowers at the end of Saskatchewan Street
- Joe & Isabella Parent – for their continued work and care of the cemetery flowerbeds
- Harbor Bar & Grill (meals), Back Home Bakery (meals), Elbow Wildlife (meals), Kevin & Joy Peddle (campsites), Rob Hundebly (camper), Scott Fiske (boat & operator), and Dan Hoppenreys (guide) – for assisting Council with the Dimestore Fishing promo

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 to 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 it is evaluated on a case by case basis, based on the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan).

Swimming Lessons at Tuft's Bay – Postponed.

Due to extremely low water levels, the swimming lessons July 4-8 and July 11-15 will be postponed. Watch for new dates on the Village's website!

Use of Quad's/ATV's in the Village

– as per the Highway Traffic Board, the Village has a Bylaw in place where ATV's can be operated on any Village street or alley with the sole purpose of transportation to another location outside of the Village via the shortest permitted route EXCEPT on: a provincial highway, Saskatchewan Street, Railway Avenue from Saskatchewan Street to Princess Street; and on South Elbow Drive. AS WELL, ATV's shall NOT be operated between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., at a speed greater than 40km/hr on any street or 20 km/hr in any alley; in a manner as to create a nuisance or danger to the health or property of others; and without the operator or passengers wearing a CSA approved helmet.

To view any Village Bylaw in its entirety, please contact the Village Office.

Any questions regarding quad/ATV, or golf cart use may be directed to the Village Office or the RCMP.

Golf Cars in the Village – as per the Highway

Traffic Board, the Village has a Bylaw in place where golf carts CAN be operated in the Village – but only for the sole purpose of transportation to and from the golf course by the direct shortest distance between the golf course and where the golf cart is stored. The golf cart is to carry a slow-moving warning device at the rear. No one shall operate a golf cart without a valid driver's license. All personal and public liability is the responsibility of the operator of the golf cart.

Many residents and visitors to Elbow may not know the Elbow Harbour Recreation Site is actually part of the Provincial Parks System, and is administered by Douglas Provincial Park. While the commercial operations of the rec-site are leased out to private operators, Harbor Golf and Lakeside Marina, the area as a whole follows Provincial Park Policy and Rules. This includes:

- *The use of quads, ATV's, and snowmobiles, are NOT allowed in Provincial Parks with the exception of Moose Mountain and Meadow Lake on designated trails. With construction of our new walking trail set to begin this summer, Park staff is working with the Village Council to address concerns of ATV use in the area. We will be installing the familiar "Park Boundary" and "No ATV" signs along the border of the rec site. The rec site begins at the south end of Tufts Bay and INCLUDES all the shoreline to the south encompassing the marina.*
- *The point at the Marina is a very popular place for weddings & events. We would like to remind you that this is a public area, and that your function must not interfere with the business operation of the marina or the park infrastructure. Kindly contact Lakeside Marina and Douglas Prov Park to let us know about your event.*
- *FIREWORKS... Fireworks are only allowed in Provincial Parks for a public celebration with a permit. Permits may be issued to a Park Sponsored event, and they must be lit by a licensed fireworks provider.*

*If you have any questions please contact our office at 306.854.6266,
Douglas Provincial Park Office*