

Elbow Village Office News

June 2017

Canada 150 – Canada Day 2017 – wasn't that a party! What a great celebration of our country, and our community! Thank you to the Canada Day Committee who took over organizing and expanding the celebrations to commemorate Canada's 150th. And thank you to everyone that stepped up to volunteer at the pancake breakfast, the beer gardens, the fish fry supper, serving cupcakes, face painting, and all of the parade participants. Everyone came together to put on an amazing day, once again proving just how great our community spirit is!

April – June Council Meeting Highlights:

- Council purchased 8 new flag poles, 8 new self-watering planters, 7 new garbage containers, along with 10 new park benches that were in part sponsored by a few local businesses and families.
- Epicjib was contracted to take aerial and ground video, and produce a video of the Village on July 1st.
- The Village Office received a face lift with a exterior paint job.
- Council passed a motion that, at this time, they are not interested in pursuing the expansion of, or major renovation of, the Elbow Fitness Centre.
- Due to the deterioration and breakup of the docks in Tuft's Bay, Council contracted out the removal of them. Most of them have been removed, with the rest to be dealt with at a later date.
- Mayor Hundebly, on behalf of the Village of Elbow, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the FSIN to eliminate racism through our Ancestral Lands/Province.
- Council has been working on a "Saskatchewan Street Project" which may see some more paving and some sidewalk work.
- Council provided a letter of support for the Lakeview Friendship Club for their application to the New Horizons for Senior Program
- Purchased new buoys and swim platform for Tuft's Bay
- Check out our website for copies of the Council Meeting Minutes

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2017 Operating and Capital Budget – Council completed the 2017 Operating and Capital Budget process, setting the mill rate at 4.22 mills (same mill rate as 2016), with the base tax and mill rate factors remaining unchanged. Some of the budget highlights include:

- Re-shingling the west side of the Civic Centre and new lighting inside (\$11,500 grant)
- Picnic Shelter in the Community Park (\$25,000 grant)
- Aerial & ground video by Epicjib
- Canada Day activities, entertainment, and fireworks (sponsored in part by local businesses and municipalities, donations, and Celebrate Canada grant)
- Painting exterior of Village Office
- Saskatchewan Street Project – sidewalks, paving, flag poles, planters, benches, garbage cans
- Increased gravel and culvert/drainage budget to build up and deal with some problem areas
- Tuft's Bay work – beach/docks, new buoys, swim platform
- New globes for the lights in the Community Park, and ongoing maintenance to the park
- Sewage Lift Station repairs
- Sewer main flushing
- Signage
- Looking into the purchase of a used skid steer
- Industrial Subdivision survey

2017 Donor's Choice Campaign
brought in \$4,561 for 28 different
charities!

New & Returning Faces – please join us in welcoming back our summer maintenance help, Kassidy Ebenal, and our Community Park/Transfer Site worker, Clinton Ruuth. We also welcome Stacey Dorward as our new Janitor for the Rink and Civic Centre facilities. Thank you to Deb Stevenson for her years of service as our janitor.

Outdoor Fires – It is now the season for campfires, and 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 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.

Garbage – the red Loraas bins (commercial and construction) are NOT for public use. These bins are paid for by the business or contractor – who shouldn't have to pay for YOUR garbage. This also pertains to the roll out garbage/recycle carts that are at some smaller businesses and Village facilities. These are NOT for public use! Also – please remove your roll out garbage/recycle carts from the street after they've been emptied on Tuesdays. They cannot be stored on the streets.

Back Alley's and Sidewalk Areas – please remember that it is your responsibility to trim back any of your trees/shrubs that are encroaching onto the sidewalk areas or back alleys. There are a few alleys that it is nearly impossible to pass through with a truck, not to mention the tractor or grader.

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
- Brian Siemens – for all of his help and work with the globes for the lights in the Community Park
- All those volunteers that show up for work bees in the Community Park and memorial garden – the park is looking great!
- Lakeshore Stampede Committee – for the use of their BBQ for our Community Appreciation Supper



Village of Elbow on FACEBOOK – we've joined the social media age and have created a Village of Elbow Facebook page! Check us out, give us a "like" and share our page! We will be using this tool to provide timely communication to our residents, visitors, as well as highlighting activities and businesses. Don't miss out – follow us!



Transfer Site Hours:
Mondays from 4 – 7 p.m., and
Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(including stat holidays)