

Elbow Village Office News

March 2015

January – March Council Meeting Highlights:

- Work has continued on the Tuft's Bay Washroom project throughout the winter. They will be fully functional come camping season!
- Mayor Hundebly, Councillor Hatzel, and CAO Jess attended the SUMA Convention February 1-4, 2015 in Saskatoon
- Council authorized the purchase of six globe covers for the lights in the Community Park/Orchard
- A new Lagoon Usage Bylaw was passed by Council with agreements with the RM of Loreburn, RV of Mistusinne, Harbor Golf, and Lakeside Marina. Fees set for other "outside" users of the lagoon at \$0.10/gallon
- A new Water & Sewer Rate Bylaw was passed by Council – further details in the newsletter below
- A new Building Bylaw was passed by Council in regards to building permit fees
- Deb Schlivert was appointed the Emergency Coordinator for the Village
- Council approved the purchase of a new community bulletin board for outside the Village Office

Water Rate Increases - SaskWater served notice that they are increasing their water rates by 9% in 2015 and again in 2016 as well as increasing the rates for our Operation & Maintenance Agreement. Council has just received approval from the Local Government Committee of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board to adjust our utility rates. Effective April 1st our rates will be as follows:

Water Rates – April 1, 2015.....\$12.70 per 1,000 gallons (up from 11.65/1,000 gal)
April 1, 2016\$13.84 per 1,000 gallons

Water Infrastructure Fee – April 1, 2015 – increases to 7.50 per month (up from \$5.50/month). The last increase was done in 2012 despite ongoing operational cost increases.

Garbage & Recycle Rate Increases for 2015 – as was reported in the December 2014 newsletter, garbage and recycle rates increased to \$23.50 per month effective January 1, 2015. This is a cost recovery increase based on the new rates from Loraas. For those billed quarterly, you will see this increase on your enclosed March 2015 billing. The seasonal garbage and recycle charges remain at \$2/month/cart (Loraas' policy – not ours!)

2015 Assessment Roll – the Village has just received 2015's assessment figures. Those with assessment changes from 2014 will receive a notice in the mail within the next couple weeks. As always, if anyone has questions in regards to your assessment, call the Village Office to see your 'Assessment Profile' which outlines what

you have been assessed for, or you can log onto SAMAView's website (www.sama.sk.ca) where that same information is available. Keep an eye open for a notice on the bulletin board and on Elbow's website for information on when the assessment roll is open, which is the period in which appeals may be filed.

E-transfers – 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!

Employment Opportunities – the Village has a few employment opportunities open.

- **Transfer Site Operator** – the Transfer Site is open seasonally (typically towards the end of April until the end of October – weather dependant) Mondays from 4 – 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – noon. The Transfer Site Operator is responsible for opening the gate and monitoring usage during those times, as well as collecting fees as per Council’s rate schedule. If interested, or for more information, please contact the Village Office. Application deadline – April 13, 2015, or until a suitable candidate is found.
- **Summer Maintenance Assistant** – applicants must have a valid driver’s license, be physically able and willing to learn and work at a wide variety of tasks. Experience with equipment an asset. Start date: May 4, 2015. Wage: \$14-15/hour; 40 hours per week (Monday-Friday). Please submit a complete resume with references and a cover letter indicating if applicant is attending secondary or post-secondary education in the fall. Application deadline – 5 p.m., April 13, 2015
- **Casual Office Clerk** – the Village is looking for a casual office clerk that would be available to assist in the Village Office on a casual basis, covering some office staff holiday time and assisting when work volumes require. Office experience would be an asset. On the job training will be provided. Application deadline – April 13, 2015, or until a suitable candidate is found.

If interested, or for more information, please contact the Village Office. Applications can be made to:

Village of Elbow
PO Box 8, 201 Saskatchewan Street
Elbow, SK S0H 1J0
Fax: 306-854-2229 or email: elbow@sasktel.net
Application deadline for all positions is Monday, April 13, 2015

Thank you – to all the snow angels this winter that helped clear snow from sidewalks and assisted their neighbours with snow removal. It’s great to be part of a community that helps each other out!

REMINDER – put your garbage and recycle carts out Monday night to ensure they get picked up Tuesday morning. Sometimes the truck is here REALLY early!

FYI – in 2014 the Rink ran a small deficit of \$1,374.15

Rentals (skating fees, rink rentals, and 75% share of gym fees) - \$5,650.46

Grants (RM of Loreburn \$1000, Community Rink Affordability Grant \$2,500) - \$3,500

Expenses (janitor, repairs, power/natural gas, water/sewer/garbage, supplies) - \$10,524.61

Insurance premiums are NOT included

FYI – in 2014 the Civic Centre ran a deficit of \$10,596.17

Rentals - \$8,022.73

Grants (Bingo – 2 new stoves and painting) - \$2,916.83

Expenses (janitor, repairs, power/natural gas, water/sewer/garbage, supplies) - \$21,535.81

Insurance premiums are NOT included

FYI – in 2014, the Village approved 16 building permits for a total construction value of \$4,516,530