

Elbow Village Office News

March 2016

Spring has sprung and the snow birds are returning! Welcome back to all of our residents who winter in warmer locations. Remember to call the office when you're ready to have your garbage and recycle carts returned to you.

January – March Council Meeting Highlights:

- Council contracted Tom Wilson to develop and design a Village of Elbow brochure. The design is now complete and is off to the printers.
- Council adopted a new Council Procedure Bylaw to be in compliance with *The Municipal Conflict of Interest Amendment Act*.
- Memberships were renewed with the Central Area Transportation Planning Committee, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, and Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan.
- Fire Service Agreements were renewed with the RM of Loreburn, RM of Willner, RM of Huron, RM of Maple Bush, Resort Village of Mistusinne, and Douglas Provincial Park.
- The Village signed up with the SaskAlert program and will have two authorized users to the Saskatchewan Public Alerting System.
- Council made a \$1,000 donation to the Loreburn Central School Community Council's fundraising campaign for an upgraded gym floor.
- The Village will pay for the additional insurance cost to cover the complete locally-owned collection of material at the Elbow Library.
- Council set out the parameters for a request to extend the waterline to a farm north of the Village.
- Members of Council have met with both the ArenaPlex Committee and the Facilities Committee in discussions around a gym renovation.
- The 2016 Education Mill Rates have been set by the province; no change from 2015.

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!

Water Rate Increase – As reported in the March 2015 Newsletter, SaskWater served notice that their water rates were increasing in 2015 and 2016 by 9% each year. Effective April 1, 2016 our rates will be \$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.

Spring Yard/Garden Waste Cleanup – is scheduled for the week following the May long weekend. Please have your yard and garden waste placed in bags or manageable piles in your back alley by Tuesday, May 24th so you are not missed. PLEASE remember that this pickup is ONLY intended for spring yard/garden clean up (dead garden material, plants, small trimmings), and NOT for large pruning's or other tree removal. This is also NOT for garbage. In the past there has been garbage hidden in with the yard waste. Continuing to do this puts this service the Village provides in jeopardy.

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)

This service will be provided for **ONE WEEK ONLY**. After May 30th you will need to make arrangements to have your waste hauled to the transfer site. Transfer site hours of operation will be: Mondays from 4- 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. including statutory holidays.

New Village Aerial Photo – a new aerial photo of the Village was taken in June 2015. Stop by the Village Office and take a look and order a copy for yourself!

Employment Opportunity - Summer Community Park/Maintenance Assistant - with the option of additional hours as Transfer Site Attendant.

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. Primary focus will be work in the Village's Community Park and Playground areas but may be required to assist in general maintenance tasks throughout the Village.

This position does not need to be filled by a student. The position will run for 15 weeks; 24 hours per week. Start date: mid May Wage: \$14/hour 24 hrs/week

Optional: Transfer Site Attendant consisting of 7 additional hours per week (Monday's from 4 – 7 p.m., and Saturday's from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.), which would increase the total hours to 31 hours per week. The Transfer Site is typically open from the beginning of May until the end of October, so employment could extend for an additional 10 weeks at 7 hrs/week.

Submit a complete resume with references and relevant experience, by April 11, 2016

Village of Elbow

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Are you interested in mowing this summer? The Village Office is compiling a list of people (including students) that are interested in doing some mowing for other property owners this summer. We supply this list to property owners who are not permanent residents in case they need some help keeping their property maintained throughout the summer. Give us a call if you want on this list!

Thank you's:

- 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 a part of a community that helps each other out!

FYI – in 2015 the Rink generated a small surplus of \$918.69

Rentals (skating fees, pickle ball fees, rink rentals, and 75% share of gym fees) - \$7,513.87

Grants (RM of Loreburn \$1,000, Community Rink Affordability Grant \$2,500) - \$3,500

Expenses (janitor, repairs, power/natural gas, water/sewer/garbage, supplies) - \$10,095.18

Insurance premiums are NOT included



FYI – in 2015 the Civic Centre ran a deficit of \$11,767.66

Rentals (Civic Centre rentals, pickle ball, walk & talk, fitness classes) - \$8,930.00

Expenses (janitor, repairs, power/natural gas, water/sewer/garbage, supplies) - \$20,697.66

* repairs included shingling one side of the Civic Centre at a cost of \$8,640.64

Insurance premiums are NOT included

FYI – in 2015, the Village approved 23 building permits for a total construction value of \$1,660,970