

Elbow Village Office News

March 2017

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 awarded the picnic shelter tender to Jeff Archibald and work on it has begun. This will be a great asset to our Community Park. The Village received a \$25,000 grant towards this project!
- The Bayshore Centre operation agreement was awarded to Kevin Peddle for one season
- Council signed the 2017 service agreement with Loraas with a \$0.30/month increase in fees. Council did not increase the fee charged out for garbage/recycle carts on the utility bills.
- Council formed a "Planning Committee" with all members of Council as well as five community members (Braden Fast, Joel Perry, Stacey Gifford, Hollis Scheller, and Nick Paulsen) and have been actively meeting to discuss short and long term planning for the Village.
- To commemorate Canada's 150th, the Village has ordered 10 park benches, with sponsorship opportunities, that will be placed around main street, the museum, and Civic Centre areas.
- Elbow took part in the "Go Out & Play Challenge" in hopes of winning some money for an outdoor cement pad. We were unsuccessful in the prize, but very successful in getting our community (and friends) active! Thanks for all your support!
- Council amended their "SeaCan Policy" making a discretionary allowance for the containers to be used on a TEMPORARY basis in residential areas. Please contact the Village Office for details. Council approval is needed prior to bringing one into town.
- Council has appointed Gord Krismer & Associates as our Board of Revision, and set appeal fees at \$250/property. Assessment notices will be coming out in the next couple weeks.
- The Village is making application through the FCC AgriSpirit grant for an outdoor cement pad in the Community Park
- Council has begun their 2017 operating and capital budget deliberations
- Council awarded the Civic Centre re-shingling tender to Lepage Contracting and the re-lighting tender to AIM Electric. The Village received a grant through the Community Initiatives Fund, Places & Spaces Program for \$11,500 (1/2 of the project) towards these upgrades

Water Rate Increase –SaskWater served notice that their water rates are increasing by 9% and our operation and maintenance agreement by 2.5% Council has just received approval from the Local Government Committee, Saskatchewan Municipal Board, to increase our water rates effective April 1, 2017. Our rates will be \$15.08 per 1,000 gallons (an increase of 9%; which results in an increase of 1.24 per 1,000 gallons). There are no changes to the water or sewer infrastructure fees.

Village Council is hosting an **Elbow Community Info Night** on Wednesday, April 12th at 7 p.m. at the Elbow Civic Centre.

Council updates and new vision/planning
Everyone welcome!

The **Elbow Housing Authority** is looking for board members. If you're interested in serving your community in this capacity, please contact either Rob Hundebly (306-260-8338) or Linda Reiss (306-854-4421), nominating committee members.



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!



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 the Village Office a call if you want on this list!

Village Committees – any successful, progressive and energetic community has at its very heart, the beat of a great group of volunteers connected to a common cause. Do you share this similar cause for improved quality of life and our surrounding environment?

We are challenging you to share your ideas, dreams and passion for life with the rest of our great team of volunteers. Take the first step and contact one or more of our volunteer groups that seem to make the best fit for you. Give us a test drive, you may like it!

Facilities Committee – chair Braden Fast, 306-854-4610

Bingo Committee – organizers Deb Stevenson – 306-867-4670, Donna Riggall – 306-854-4445

Elbow Service Club & Rec Board – Tracy Amor – 306-854-4817

Friends of the Orchard – Joe and Isabella Parent – 306-854-2112

Elbow Library Board – Librarian Lori Ann Bandura – 306-854-2220

Elbow First Responders – Janet Hundebly – 306-854-2167

Elbow Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Chief Glen Amor – 306-854-4817

Elbow & District Museum & Historical Society – Anne Wilson – 306-854-4645

Donor’s Choice – the annual Donor’s Choice campaign will be coming to your mail box soon. For those that do not know what this is – it is an annual appeal for various charities. 100% of the money that comes in through this appeal, goes out to the charities of your choice. The Village donates the cost of postage, photocopying, administration and annual filing. It’s a great way to make all of your charitable donations for the year at once!

Council Appointments – Council members are involved in many committees, both locally and as part of a greater area. Council representatives have been appointed for the following committees 2017:

- Tuft’s Bay – Rob Hundebly, Colleen Hoppenreys
- Maintenance – Rob Hundebly, Blake Dorward
- Elbow Library Board/Palliser Regional Library Rep – Colleen Hoppenreys
- Facilities Committee – Joanne Brochu
- WaterWolf – Joanne Brochu (board member)
- Douglas/Danielson Park Advisory Group – Colleen Hoppenreys
- Central Area Transportation Planning Committee – Rob Hundebly, Heidi Soggie
- South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards – Blake Dorward
- EMO – Heidi Soggie, Colleen Hoppenreys
- Museum Board – Joanne Brochu, Blake Dorward
- Infrastructure Committee – Rob Hundebly, Blake Dorward

Thank you’s:

- To all those that helped out by clearing blocked/frozen culverts and ditches, and doing a little trenching to assist with the spring thaw – it was much appreciated!
- To Bert and Troy Bramble for taking down the Christmas lights on main street