

# Elbow Village Office News

## September 2015

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizen of the Year** – Once again, it's time to acknowledge those people in our community who consistently go above and beyond in their efforts to make Elbow a vibrant, thriving and beautiful place to be. Please see the enclosed information sheet/nomination form for details.

**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](mailto:elbow@sasktel.net) as our email address. Just remember to let us know the answer to your security question!

**2015 Ratepayers Meeting** – The Annual Ratepayer's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Centre. Watch for posters and our website for further information.

**Red Loraas Bins – PLEASE** remember that the red bins are **NOT for public use.** They are paid for by the various business or personal construction projects.

### **July – September Council Meeting Highlights:**

- Council authorized the replacement/repair of the front steps, boxes and trim box corners on the Village Office
- Council purchased a street sweeper attachment for a skid steer
- SeaCan containers will be allowed for industrial use and businesses operating in the Commercial District, as well as churches, as a discretionary use based on approval by Council. Council will be developing a policy in regards to this in the near future.
- Council authorized the purchase of a new office computer
- Council provided a tax concession to the 10 Harbour Inn Condo units that were left standing from the 2013 fire, but were still unusable for a large portion of 2015
- Council supports the proposed 'Elbow Harbour Trail Project' that will see a trail developed between the golf course and lake in the near future
- The Village received a matching grant under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure program to build a picnic shelter/gazebo in the Community Park. Watch for more details on this in 2016
- Council acknowledges the concerns of the citizens that signed the petition in regards to Aaro Avenue and Putters Lane
- The Civic Centre should see increased use over the winter months as the pickle ball group, a walking group, and a fitness group have all expressed interest in booking time. Watch for further information on all three groups in the near future
- Council has written letters in support of increasing medical clinic hours and physician services in Central Butte

**Village of Elbow website** – all council meeting minutes, quarterly newsletters, and some bylaws are posted on the website. You will also find a listing of community news and events, Council Meeting dates, classified ads, etc. If you are putting on a community event, please let us know and we'll add it to the website (no charge) [www.elbowsask.com](http://www.elbowsask.com)

**Fall Yard/Garden Waste Cleanup** – is scheduled for the week following Thanksgiving. Please have your yard and garden waste placed in bags or manageable piles in your back alley by Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> so you are not missed. PLEASE remember that this pickup is ONLY intended for fall 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.

This service will be provided for **ONE WEEK ONLY**. After October 16<sup>th</sup> you will need to make arrangements to have your waste hauled to the transfer site. Transfer site hours of operation, until October 31<sup>st</sup> (depending on weather) are: 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. Later in October, copies of this picture will be available for sale. Stop by the Village Office and take a look!

**House Numbers** – please make sure that you identify your home with a house number. Not only will it help in emergency situations (EMS, Fire, Police), but Canada Post now delivers some parcels right to your door!

**Thank you's:**

- Brent Adams and Nick Paulsen for investigating and fixing some of the Rink roof leaks
- Elbow Wildlife Group for the purchase of 100 new chairs for the Civic Centre basement, and looking after moving chairs from the Civic Centre over to the Rink, and also for their work framing in the Library basement
- Mistusinne Charity Golf Tournament who donated \$1,600 to the Elbow First Responders, \$1,600 to the Elbow Volunteer Fire Department, in addition to making a donation to STARS
- Don MacTavish, Ken Crawford, and Joe Parent for helping our maintenance staff move trees in the Orchard
- The Elbow & District Museum Committee who put on a fabulously successful 'Mini Folk Fest'. Hopefully this will become an annual event!

**Seasonal Residents:**

- Please make seasonal water disconnect and garbage/recycle cart pickup arrangements through the Village Office.
- Please ensure your recycle and garbage carts are **empty** in order for staff to pick them up
- Loraas continues to charge us \$2/cart/month for seasonal garbage/recycle carts in storage
- You have the choice of being invoiced every quarter for the water (\$ 22.50) and sewer (\$ 30.00) infrastructure charges and the Loraas seasonal charges throughout the winter, **OR** have those back charges added to your first bill when you reconnect in the spring. Feel free to discuss your options when you call in to make arrangements this fall.
- We look forward to seeing you return in the spring!