

Elbow Village Office News

September 2016

6th Annual Citizen of the Year – time is running out to get your nominations in for Elbow's Citizen of the Year! It's an opportunity 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. Nomination forms are available on the Village website and at the Village Office. DEADLINE is Wednesday, October 5th.

Please provide the Village Office with your email address. This is a quick way to get in touch with people for a variety of reasons: drinking water advisories, updates between quarterly newsletters, reminders, etc. AND if you change your email address – make sure to let us know as well!

Voting will take place at the Village Office during office hours, or by email (elbow2@sasktel.net), from Thursday, October 6th to Wednesday, October 12th. Voting will also take place at the Ratepayer's Meeting on Wednesday, October 12th starting at 7 p.m. (meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.). The winner will be announced at the Ratepayers Meeting.

Annual Ratepayers Meeting – The Annual Ratepayer's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Centre. There will also be a candidate's forum for those running for Council.

2016 Municipal Election – nomination day closed on September 21st with one candidate running for Mayor and 7 candidates running for 4 Councillor positions. Congratulations to Rob Hundebly on being acclaimed Mayor. For the Councillor positions, Election Day is Wednesday, October 26th from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. There will also be an Advance Poll held Thursday, October 13th from 4 – 7 p.m. All polls will be held at the Village Office.

The 7 candidates running for Council are: Joanne Brochu, Blake Dorward, Gary Dunn, Betty Hatzel, Colleen Hoppenreys, Nick Paulsen, and Heidi Soggie.

REMEMBER: ID IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO VOTE!

Your driver's license is the easiest option.

Fall Yard/Garden Waste Pick-up – is scheduled for the week following Thanksgiving (October 11-14). If you are wanting the Village to pick up your yard and garden waste, it MUST be placed in bags or manageable piles in your back alley BY Tuesday, October 11th so you are not missed. PLEASE remember that this pick-up 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, and NO 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.

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
- You will be invoiced every quarter for the water and sewer infrastructure charges (\$22.50 and \$30 respectively) and the Loraas charges.
- We look forward to seeing you return in the spring!

False Alarm Fire Calls Bylaw – as more people are purchasing home security systems we have noticed the number of false alarm fire calls increasing. A cost to the Village (and you as ratepayers) does occur every time the Fire Department responds to a fire call – even false alarm calls. In an effort to reduce the number of false incidents which fire crews respond to, Council passed a 'False Alarm Fire Calls Bylaw' at their September 6, 2016 meeting. In this bylaw, fees for false alarms will be assessed based on the number of occurrences within any 12 month period. To view a copy of this bylaw, please stop by the Village Office or access it via the Village of Elbow website (under municipal services, bylaws).

July – September Council Meeting Highlights:

- SaskWater's Non-Potable Pipeline has been on the agenda in regards to route approvals, easement agreements, right of way, rate/grant proposals
- Council contracted an architect to design a picnic shelter for the Community Park; Council chose the rectangular/octagon design
- Following the Facilities Committee's survey regarding the gym renovation project, the consensus was that Council would wait to hear on our Canada 150 grant application before making any decisions on this project.
- Finished up the building permit deficiencies on the Tuft's Bay Washroom project
- Approval of the 2015 Waterworks Rate Policy and Capital Investment Strategy Policy (available at the Village Office or on the Village of Elbow website; under municipal services, utilities & services)
- Council approved the expenditure for the Orchard Committee to build a footbridge to the Community Park/Orchard from Aaro Avenue
- Continued work with P. Machibroda and SAL Engineering, along with the Infrastructure Committee, in regards to the roads and drainage in Sarah's Cove
- Council authorized the tendering of some concrete work and new basement doors at the Library
- First read on a zoning bylaw amendment which could allow for accessory buildings to be built to the same height as the principal building, as well as setting out parameters for accessory use approval prior to the construction of the principal building. This bylaw also increases the building height maximums for single detached dwellings in the RA – Residential Acreage District to 10m. The public hearing will be held October 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Village Office at the beginning of the Council Meeting.
- Council re-confirmed the policy on table and chair rentals from the Rink (they are not available for use outside of the Rink or Civic Centre facilities)
- Council authorized an application through the Community Places & Spaces program for lighting upgrades and re-shingling the west side of the Civic Centre
- Council engaged AMEC Foster Wheeler to conduct the rail crossing assessment that we are required to do by the end of November 2016.
- Council committed a donation of \$2,500 to the Elbow Trail, payable in January 2017

Transfer Site Hours:

Mondays from 4 – 7 p.m.
Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(this includes stat holidays)

The Transfer Station continues to be open for the month of October. Weather depending, the last day is scheduled to be October 31st.

Keys for the Transfer Site are **NOT** given out. If you cannot wait until Monday or Saturday, contact the Village Office and we will try to make other arrangements with you.

