

Elbow Village Office News

Summer 2015

2015 Tax Notices – At their May 11, 2015 meeting, Council accepted the 2015 Operating and Capital Budget, setting the municipal mill rate at 4.22 mills (no change from 2013 or 2014). The base tax stayed the same at \$670. The mill rate factor of 2.25 remains in place for all commercial property. The province set the school mill rate for residential properties at 5.03 mills; the same as in 2013 & 2014.

The discounted amounts are listed at the bottom of your tax notice. If you're paying your taxes before December, ensure you pay the correct discounted amount.

Please remember that payments must **REACH** the Village Office by the end of the month in order to receive the respective discount. Also, in order to avoid any penalty charges, payments must **REACH** the Village Office by December 31, 2015. You may want to consider sending in a post-dated cheque in advance of the deadline in order to ensure you receive your discount or avoid penalty charges.

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 receiptee using elbow@sasktel.net as our email address. Just remember to let us know the answer to your security question!

Annual Notice to Consumers – As per Section 44 of *The Water Regulations, 2002*, the Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Report for January 1 – December 31, 2014 is now available to Village ratepayers, at no charge, at the Village Office. A copy is also posted on the Village website (http://elbowsask.com/municipal_services/utilities).

Village of Elbow website – all council meeting minutes, and quarterly newsletters, and some bylaws are posted on the website. You will also find a listing of community news and events, 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

Use of RV Trailers and Motor Homes within the Village – the Village has a Bylaw that deals with the use of RV trailers and motor homes:

- If there is a house on the property, the homeowners may permit overnight accommodations (non-commercial) for up to 7 days. So you can have family or guests come for a visit and use their RV or yours, for up to 7 days on the same lot as your house is on. You can't charge a fee to someone "camping" on your property.
- With Council's permission (and you need to write Council asking for this allowance), a property owner may use an RV during the construction of their home on that property. You must be 'actively' under construction. This allowance is not available if you are building a garage.

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

The Village is NOT a campground; residential lots cannot be used for camping unless it's under one of the above mentioned situations. RV parks are only permitted in the UH – Urban Holding District as a discretionary use (application needs to be made to Council and is evaluated on a case by case basis based on the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan).

Building Permits – all new construction that is 100 sq ft or larger (house, deck, garage, addition, etc.), including basement development, requires a building permit. As well, any renovations involving structural changes, including re-building a deck, will require a permit. Permit forms are available at the Village Office, or on our website (http://elbowsask.com/municipal_services/building_and_development_permits)

Thank you's:

- Joanne Brochu for working up around the playground equipment by the rodeo grounds
- Brian Siemens for helping with the elevator at the Civic Centre

We hope you are having a great summer!