

Elbow Village Office News

Summer 2016

2016 Tax Notices – At their May 9, 2016 meeting, Council accepted the 2016 Operating and Capital Budget, setting the municipal mill rate at 4.22 mills (which has remained the same since 2013). The base tax also 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 (again, unchanged since 2013).

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!

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, 2016. 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.

Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory Information (PDWA) – please note that when the Village is issued a PDWA, public notice will appear on the Village website, on posters throughout the Village, via email to those that have provided the office with their email address, and on the 'Strongfield, Loreburn, Elbow events and small ads' Facebook page.

Please keep in mind that if the power is out for more than an hour, we are likely to be issued a PDWA; as was the case earlier this month when the power was off for approximately 5 hours overnight. If in doubt, call the Village Office.

ALSO – please provide the Village Office with your email address – that is the quickest method of reaching the most people at once.

Swimming Lessons at Tuft's Bay – Rescheduled.

Swimming lessons have been rescheduled for August 22 – 26. Contact Michelle Babiarez by email: m.babiarez@live.com or call 306-867-4471 to register

Canada Day 2017 – Council is putting a call out for volunteers interested in planning Canada Day 2017, celebrating Canada's 150 anniversary. We would like to make a full day of activities which MAY expand on the traditional Canada Day pancake breakfast, fish fry, street dance and fireworks, to include events such as: a parade, picnic in the park, street performers, etc. We would like to gather a group of people together to brainstorm and plan a big anniversary party in Elbow! Please contact the Village Office if you are interested in joining a planning committee – 306-854-2277, email: elbow@sasktel.net

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 to 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.

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 it is evaluated on a case by case basis, based on the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan).

Use of Quad's/ATV's in the Village – as per the Highway Traffic Board, the Village has a Bylaw in place where ATV's can be operated on any Village street or alley with the sole purpose of transportation to another location outside of the Village via the shortest permitted route EXCEPT on: a provincial

highway, Saskatchewan Street, Railway Avenue from Saskatchewan Street to Princess Street; and on South Elbow Drive. AS WELL, ATV's shall NOT be operated between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., at a speed greater than 40km/hr on any street or 20 km/hr in any alley; in a manner as to create a nuisance or danger to the health or property of others; and without the operator or passengers wearing a CSA approved helmet.

Golf Carts in the Village – as per the Highway Traffic Board, the Village has a Bylaw in place where golf carts CAN be operated in the Village – but only for the sole purpose of transportation to and from the golf course by the direct shortest distance between the golf course and where the golf cart is stored. The golf cart is to carry a slow-moving warning device at the rear. No one shall operate a golf cart without a valid driver's license. All personal and public liability is the responsibility of the operator of the golf cart.

To view any Village Bylaw in its entirety, please contact the Village Office.

Any questions regarding quad/ATV, or golf cart use may be directed to the Village Office or the RCMP.

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)

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, 2015 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

Transfer Site Hours:

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

Thank you's:

- To all the committees and their helpers that contributed to a great Canada Day weekend in Elbow – Museum Committee, Wildlife Committee, Service Club, Library Board, and all those individuals, municipalities, and businesses that contributed towards the fireworks – what a show! The fireworks were also funded in part by the Government of Canada.
- To the Elbow Hotel who supplied accommodations for the band for the Canada Day street dance, and who also provided a meal when the Dimestore Fishing group was in town.

Many residents and visitors to Elbow may not know the Elbow Harbour Recreation Site is actually part of the Provincial Parks System, and is administered by Douglas Provincial Park. While the commercial operations of the rec-site are leased out to private operators, Harbor Golf and Lakeside Marina, the area as a whole follows Provincial Park Policy and Rules. This includes:

- *The use of quads, ATV's, and snowmobiles, are NOT allowed in Provincial Parks with the exception of Moose Mountain and Meadow Lake on designated trails. With construction of our new walking trail set to begin this summer, Park staff is working with the Village Council to address concerns of ATV use in the area. We will be installing the familiar "Park Boundary" and "No ATV" signs along the border of the rec site. The rec site begins at the south end of Tufts Bay and INCLUDES all the shoreline to the south encompassing the marina.*
- *The point at the Marina is a very popular place for weddings & events. We would like to remind you that this is a public area, and that your function must not interfere with the business operation of the marina or the park infrastructure. Kindly contact Lakeside Marina and Douglas Prov Park to let us know about your event.*
- *FIREWORKS... Fireworks are only allowed in Provincial Parks for a public celebration with a permit. Permits may be issued to a Park Sponsored event, and they must be lit by a licensed fireworks provider.*

*If you have any questions please contact our office at 306.854.6266,
Douglas Provincial Park Office*