

VILLAGE OF ELBOW

NEWSLETTER

March 2023

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Thank you to our Public Works Foreman, James Llewellyn and Troy Bramble (Bramble Trucking) for cleaning up and hauling away all that snow we had this year. Drainage in the village is also being monitored.

Thank you as well to Maureen Ector for her monitoring/cleaning of the public washroom we had on Saskatchewan St last summer.

SOME ITEMS TO REMEMBER:

- When your garbage and/or recycling carts have been emptied, move them back on to your property and away from the road. The grader or tractor need to maintain the roads and if your cart is on the road, Village Staff do not have time to move carts back to your property. Maintaining the roads in the village is the priority so there is a very good chance that your cart will be knocked over and could be damaged. Then you would have to replace your cart at your cost.
- ❖ Don't feed the deer!
- ❖ The **TRANSFER STATION** will be open May 1st - weather permitting!

SHOWCASE ELBOW

This evening event will take place on Friday, June 2nd at the Harbor Golf Community Center located at #1 Lakeside Road. This event will feature local businesses, community groups and the Village of Elbow spreading awareness of everything that the community and surrounding area has to offer! Watch for details from the Committee.

DONORS CHOICE

The Elbow & District Donor's Choice application forms are available on the Village of Elbow website - www.villageofelbow.com Go to Public Notices and click the link for the form or drop by the office. **Deadline is April 30, 2023.**

BUSINESS LICENCE

Those businesses that are wishing to temporarily/seasonally set up in the Village (not at the Farmer's Market) are asked to purchase a \$100 annual business licence with the Village. You are required to get permission to setup from the property owner as well.

RECREATION in ELBOW

HARBOR GOLF COMMUNITY CENTER

- ❖ March 30-April 6 the HGCC lobby has a ceiling crack that is being repaired. The work is being done around any planned events but please be aware!
- ❖ April 30th to May 30th (approximately), the gymnasium floor is being repaired. This area will be completely off-limits until the repairs are completed, so all programming has been halted until that time. Large & Small Meeting rooms/Kitchen are still available for rent/use. This will not affect the operation of the Library and Fitness Centre.
- ❖ ESE programming until that time continues for the same price if you already paid, and for \$15 for the month of April if you are new.
- ❖ This January we rolled out our Elbow Sanctioned Events Pilot Membership and our Fun and Fitness Membership. Both have been a hit! Both memberships give individuals or families access to everything in the Village of Elbow Calendar labeled "ESE". Every week, this includes volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, family times, as well as 14 hours of pickleball! Remember to check the calendar for other happenings - we keep it updated with community fundraisers, events, and programs. If you have anything to add, please email it to recreationelbow@gmail.com.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming Lessons are making a comeback in Elbow! We are planning for 2 weeks of lessons at Tufts Bay in July. In order to gauge interest, we ask that you contact the office to let us know when works best for you and the # of kids/ages. This way we can plan appropriately. *Pass it on!*

ELBOW ARENA

Thank you to volunteers for putting in the ice and maintaining for the season. We receive a grant of \$2500 from SPRA CRAG to pay for the utilities. We are happy to know many families used the ice this year.

SASK LOTTERIES APPLICATIONS

The Elbow Parks & Recreation Board are accepting submissions for the Sask Lotteries Grant 2022/2023 year. Did your group offer a Sport, Culture or Recreation program? Expenses have to be incurred between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023 to be eligible. Projects MUST be completed by March 31, 2023 and your application with receipts must be received by April 6, 2023 at the Village Office. Please drop off in a sealed envelope marked "Sask Lotteries Grant". Applicants who are unsuccessful this time, get your thinking hats on, because we will be accepting applications for this grant again in October 2023.

Our Recreation and Community Development Manager is expecting! Jocelyn Martens last day is March 30th. We thank her for her time and commitment and wish her well in the future! We are advertising for a replacement. In the meantime, please contact the office for all your recreation needs ie: fitness memberships, booking facilities, etc.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Our Recreation Committee has applied for grant funding for summer programming options to support our growing youth population as well as after school programming. More details will come once we know if we have funding. Makes more use of our new facility!

FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Friday April 14th, 2023

Loreburn 19er's Hockey Club is hosting a youth floor hockey fun evening!

Saturday April 15th, 2023

Adult Floor Hockey Tournament hosted by the 19'ers/Line 19 Multiplex Committee
Both events take place in the Harbor Golf Community Center

For more information and team entry **contact:**

Tyler Pisiak - 306-860-8077

ELBOW LIBRARY

Children's Programming

Puzzle & Snack ~ Fridays in April (except Good Friday) 4 - 5 pm.

FRIENDS OF THE TRAIL SPRING RUN OFF

Kick up your heels and celebrate spring on the shores of beautiful Lake Diefenbaker for the 7th Annual Spring Run Off on Saturday May 13th, 2023. This year's event will once again be a Night 5Km Run with a start time of 8pm and evening social at the Club House. Register today at FRIENDS OF ELBOW TRAIL on Facebook. There are only 100 entries up for grabs. Your \$80 entry will also include a running t-shirt with neon logo, 2 of 1 golf passes and a post-run social event with appys and beer at the Club House. Proceeds from the run will go to the Friends of the Elbow Trail, a non-profit organization mandated to maintain the Elbow Recreational Trail.

LINE 19 ALS 5K CHALLENGE

Bethel United Church is hosting a Line 19 5K Challenge on Saturday, June 17th at 9 am. The day will start and end at the Bethel United Church. Refreshments will be served afterward. Stay tuned for more details!

TUFT'S BAY CAMPGROUND

This season at Tuft's Bay, we welcome back Lucy Figuerido and Tim Brown. We wish them the best with the upcoming season. To book your camping reservation in Tuft's Bay or your special event at the Bayshore, contact:

Tuft's Bay **CAMPGROUND**

Phone: 306-850-8688
Email: lloperationsinc@gmail.com
Website: tuftsbaycampground.com
 You can follow them on *Facebook* too!

If you didn't make it into the Lottery Draw, regular seasonal site booking begins March 28th, sites for one month or longer begins April 15th and all other camping bookings will be taken starting May 1st!

ELBOW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Elbow Fire Department has purchased a new-to-them grassland truck. The department is busy getting it outfitted and ready for use. REMEMBER: if you are planning a controlled burn, PLEASE call it in: 1-866-404-4911 and let the Fire Department know too!

POST OFFICE BOXES

The Post Office boxes currently located at the Elbow Civic Centre are being relocated by Canada Post in early July 2023. They will be located between the PCCU Insurance and the Jelly Bean. Details will be sent out closer to the day!

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Attention: Business/Organizations! Our Welcoming Committee is compiling 15 new welcome bags in the next month for distribution to those new to Elbow. What a great way to welcome people to our great community! If you have items to contribute, please contact Meryl at 306-774-2245 or Donna at 306-854-4445. Our FREE directory will also be updated. Please inform them of any changes. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Assessment Notices will be sent on April 6, 2023. You will only receive a notice if your assessment values changed since last year or if you are a new property owner. This notice does not tell you what your taxes will be for 2023. As noted in the previous newsletter, the garbage/recycling monthly charges are being added to the taxes for 2023. This tax increase will not affect Commercial properties. You will continue to pay for your garbage/recycling roll out carts on your monthly utility bill.

WATER RATE INCREASES

The Village of Elbow passed a two-year utility rate bylaw on Nov.8, 2022, to go along with SaskWater's increase.

Effective April 1, 2023, the utility rates will be:

- Fixed water rate \$43.92 (up from \$43.06) per month
- Variable water rate \$10.94 (up from \$10.73) per 1,000 gallons
- Water Infrastructure \$13.00 per month
- Sewer Infrastructure \$13.00 per month
- Lagoon \$12.00 per month *unchanged.

WATER METER RECONNECTIONS

Returning Summer Residents: When you need to have your water meter reconnected, please contact Karen at the Village Office to set up a time. We require 48hrs notice for reconnections and please remember that someone living at the property (or a trusted individual of your choice) must be present at the time of reconnection to ensure that there are no leaks. Water meters will not be reconnected on weekends.

We are embarking on a water meter replacement plan the next few years. If you are on this year's list, we will contact you to have your meter replaced. We plan to replace approximately 30 meters this year so that all of our meters read in cubic meters and replace any that are quite old. At the end of this program, we will have all meters changed/upgraded so that our public works only need to drive by your house to read the meters!

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

If you need garbage/recycling roll-out carts contact Karen at the Village Office. Carts may not be able to be dropped off on the day you call in and they will not be dropped off on weekends, so please plan ahead. There is no longer the option for residents to turn these back in for storage while away. If you are away for an extended period of time, please store in a safe place on your property.

TELMATIK

This past fall we were able to get Telmatik up and running. This service provides messaging to our residents through landline phones, cell phone, text message and e-mail message. We have sent a TEST message in the past as well as notifying everyone of the upcoming Nomination Day. We are looking for feedback. Did you get the message? Are you happy with the way that you received the message? Please let us know.

This will be used for Emergency Notices ie: Precautionary Drinking Water Advisories, Fire Bans, etc. but we would like to use for other necessary notices we believe residents should also receive.

CIVIC CENTRE & LIBRARY OPEN HOUSES

Remax/Shoreline Realty has planned open houses for both the Civic Centre & former Library for Saturday April 15th and Saturday, April 29th from 12-1:30 pm (Library) & 2-3:30 pm (Civic Centre). Sale details are on website/facebook.

CLEAN OUT NIGHT AT THE CIVIC CENTRE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH 6-8 PM. RANDOM ITEMS AVAILABLE - NO APPLIANCES - BRING A BOX!

CANADA DAY

Elbow is hosting Canada Day festivities on Saturday, July 1st! Pancake Breakfast, Fish Fry, Street Dance, Beer Gardens, Fireworks and more! Watch for more details closer to the day.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payments for transfer site invoices, construction bin rentals, seecan charges, mowing charges, utility bills and taxes can be made the following ways: Cash, Cheque, Online Banking (PCCU only so far) and by E-Transfer.

IMPORTANT - if you are making a payment by e-transfer use the email address elbow2@sasktel.net and please put in the message section what you are paying for and/or if it needs to be split for various bills.

