

VILLAGE OF ELBOW

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

SPRING WAS IN THE AIR..

Thank you to our Public Works Foreman, James Llewellyn for keeping up with the snow we keep having this year.

LAKEVIEW FRIENDSHIP CLUB LUNCHESES

Thanks to the Elbow Rec Board & the SaskEnergy Share the Warmth Grant, the Lakeview Friendship Club was able to host 2 (so far) FREE lunches open to the community and area in January and February at the Harbor Golf Community Center. Both were highly attended. Thank you for sharing with your community!

FAMILY DAY WEEKEND/FISH DERBY/WINTER FUN DAY

We want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the planning committee & the many volunteers and participants. Thank you to the following for their support/donations: PCCU, Back Home Bakery, Loreburn SCC, Ryan C, Douglas/Danielson Prov Parks, Elbow & District Wildlife, R&J Lakeside, Elbow Hotel, PCCU Insurance, Brad/Jackie Caldwell, The Fishing Hole, Daisy Lane and Grey Street Pottery, Harbor Golf, Tammy/Greg Lemcke and Paul/Denise Ganes. We had OVER 65 participants to try the many winter activities & to take part in the Photo Scavenger Hunt, with another 75 registered to fish! First prize went to Carrie Dutkiewicz of Loreburn.

The Village of Elbow was successful in their application to the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant to install 4 streetlights along South Elbow Drive (south) going to the Harbor Golf Community Center. Work for this will begin in late May to early June 2024.

SHOWCASE ELBOW

This evening event is being planned and the date is TBD! Held 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 to book your table.

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 LICENCES

Those businesses that are wishing to temporarily/seasonally set up in the Village (not at the Farmer's Market or on their own commercial property) 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

GAMES NIGHTS

Next is Friday March 15 from 7-10 pm at Harbor Golf Community Centre. Come down & join others for an evening of fun and games. Feel free to bring a game.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming Lessons are set for July 15-19 & July 22-26, 2024 at Tufts Bay. \$55 for both weeks and \$30 for one. Contact recreationelbow@gmail.com to register. *Any August dates will be announced once they are secured.* We welcome back Jasmin Hundebay as our instructor!

CROSS COUNTRY TRAILS

Cross country ski trails are open at Douglas Park and Harbor Golf Course too! Stop by the rec office for a map of the trails.

HGCC EVENTS

Head over to the Calendar on the Village of Elbow website www.villageofelbow.com to see all the goings on. We have regular *OPEN GYM* times, weekly volleyball, shuffleboard, pickleball and walking.

WELLNESS CLINIC is held in the Ector Family Farms Boardroom - contact Margo Maxwell for the schedule or it is posted at Elbow Library.

DONALD PHYSIOTHERAPY is hosting a Strengthening Class March 6th to March 27th in the Letts Family Auditorium. The physiotherapist is leading the class. Spots are limited. Contact for details/to register: megan@donaldphysiotherapy.com

SCHIKOWSKI FARMS FITNESS CENTER

Needing a gym membership or just to renew? Drop by the rec office, send a text to 306-860-8023 or email Marnie at recreationelbow@gmail.com. All forms are on website!

SASK LOTTERIES APPLICATIONS

The Elbow Parks & Recreation Board are accepting submissions for the Sask Lotteries Grant 2023/2024 year. Did your group offer a Sport, Culture or Recreation program? Expenses have to be incurred between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024 to be eligible. Projects MUST be completed by March 31, 2024 and your application with receipts must be received by April 6, 2024 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 for projects that run April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

FRIENDS OF THE TRAIL SPRING RUN OFF

Kick up your heels and celebrate spring on the shores of beautiful Lake Diefenbaker for the 8th Annual Spring Run Off on Saturday May 11th, 2024 at 11 am. Register today at FRIENDS OF ELBOW TRAIL on Facebook. There are only 100 entries up for grabs. Proceeds from the run will go to the Friends of the Elbow Trail, a non-profit organization mandated to maintain the Elbow Recreational Trail.

ALS WALK

Bethel United Church is hosting the 2nd Annual ALS Walk, Sunday, June 9th. Stay tuned for more details!

RIVER AND RAIL ART VENTURE

Coming to the following venues in Elbow on June 22/23: Art Society (upstairs @ Village Office), Elbow Library & Harbor Golf Community Centre, Carmen Heinrichs Art Studio, Daisy Anne Pottery, Georgia Horsely Pottery, "Just Mud" Creations by Lorna and the Front Porch Gallery/Tom Wilson Fine Art Photography.

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.

TUFT' S BAY CAMPGROUND

The Lottery Draw for sites is Monday, March 25th. Details are on the Elbow website (www.villageofelbow.com), Recreation/Tufts Bay Campground or below:



Phone: 306-850-8688
Email: lloperationsinc@gmail.com
Website: tuftsbaycampground.com

ELBOW LIBRARY

Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays 12:30-5:30, Thurs 2-7 pm
 Please follow Elbow Palliser Library on Facebook.

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

Attention: Business/Organizations! Our Welcoming Committee is compiling new welcome bags 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.

ELBOW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Elbow Fire Department has been regularly training and looking to recruit new members. Contact Tyler Gifford/Jesse Peddle for details.
 If you are planning a **controlled burn**, PLEASE call it in: 1-866-404-4911 and let the Fire Department know too!

MUNICIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

BY-ELECTION FOR MAYOR

On our website, under Residents/Public Notices, you will find the relevant information for the May 1 By-Election for Mayor. Contact Brandy at elbow@sasktel.net if you have questions. Nomination Day (which is the last day to receive nominations for the position of Mayor) is Wednesday March 27 until 4 pm. (the office will be open to the public that day)

ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Assessment Notices will be sent on April 8, 2024. 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 2024. The roll is open for 30 days (April 8 to May 10). This is the only time you can appeal your assessment - details are on your notice. Contact the office if you have questions. If you didn't get a notice and want to see your values, contact the office. You can also contact **SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency)** as they set the assessed values for all properties in Elbow.

WE ARE HIRING!

The Village is hiring 3 positions: 1 full time public works summer student, 1 part time recreation summer student and 1 full time seasonal public works labourer. All resumes are due March 8th to elbow@sasktel.net. Details are on our facebook page under Public Notices.

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, 2024, the utility rates will be:

- Fixed water rate \$44.80 (up from \$43.92) per month
- Variable water rate \$11.16 (up from \$10.94) per 1,000 gallons
- Water Infrastructure \$13.00 per month
- Sewer Infrastructure \$13.00 per month
- Lagoon \$12.00 per month

WATER METER RECONNECTIONS

Returning Seasonal 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.

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.

The **TRANSFER STATION** will be open May 1st - weather permitting

VILLAGE MESSAGING SYSTEM

In order to receive notices from the village office, please whitelist (below) in your email accounts.

Every email carrier is different so we cannot provide instructions for each but it is usually found in settings.

In Sasktel.net email addresses, for example: go to your SaskTel email, click settings, then spam and add to trusted senders. Will be similar for other email accounts.

Add the following to trusted senders:

Telmatik.com (this is where the automated messages for boiled water etc. comes from)

elbow@sasktel.net

elbow2@sasktel.net

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.

