

VILLAGE OF ELBOW

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

WELCOME FALL

Thank you to our residents. It was an incredible summer in Elbow and the village experienced very few issues and we are grateful to all that care about Elbow as much as we do! Thank you to our regular staff and summer staff we had this year and wish them the best as they return to school.

COUNCIL NOTES

Highlights from the July, August and September Council Meetings

- The following bylaws were passed & are available for viewing on website:
 - Building Bylaw - goes to Ministry of Government Relations for final approval
 - Traffic Bylaw
 - Lagoon Use Bylaw and Agreements
 - Municipal Fee Bylaw - in relation to development & building permits
- Council adopted the 2023 Waterworks Rate Policy and Strategy
- Adopted a 30 km/hr. speed on Elevator Road - signs on order
- The alley at Saskatchewan St and mini golf was closed temporarily due to traffic safety concerns - a solution is being investigated
- Sport lines will be repainted in the auditorium this fall
- Industrial Subdivision lots will be listed for sale with a realtor
- Trees are being planted at the Harbor Golf Community Center (east side)
- Signed another 4-year agreement with the Federal/Provincial governments for the Canada Community Building Fund (formerly gas tax) - funds can be used for municipal infrastructure only

RECREATION in ELBOW

HARBOR GOLF COMMUNITY CENTER

Within the Harbor Golf Community Center, we offer the following:

- ✓ Beautiful entryway with plant wall & John/Anne Wilson Coatroom
- ✓ Large meeting room with a patio area (seating for 46) & outdoor furniture/bbq incl 2 TV's/WIFI
- ✓ JGL Cookhouse state of the art kitchen with Andy/May Wong Servery
- ✓ Ector Family Farms boardroom (seating for 8) with TV/WIFI
- ✓ Letts Family Auditorium (seating for 400) with PCCU Stage ***NEW court rental**
- ✓ Backyard grass & trees/fenced area
- ✓ Separate access to:
 - Elbow Palliser Library
 - Schikowski Farms Fitness Centre

These rooms (except fitness center) can be rented - find the details on our website at www.villageofelbow.com and follow the drop-down menus. You can also find us on Facebook at Harbor Golf Community Center. Email recreationelbow@gmail.com for more information or to book your next event!

HGCC EVENTS

Head over to the **Calendar** on the Village of Elbow website:

https://villageofelbow.com/recreation_attractions/calendar_of_events.html to see all the goings on.

We have regular *OPEN GYM* times, weekly volleyball, shuffleboard, pickleball and walking in the Letts Family Auditorium, available for use with a *Fun & Fitness Pass*.



Follow **Harbor Golf Community Center** on Facebook to see rec office hours, programs, schedule, events and changes to those.

WELLNESS CLINIC is held in the Ector Family Farms Boardroom. Schedule is posted at Elbow Library and on the Village calendar.

S.T.E.A.M. AFTER SCHOOL KIDS PROGRAM

Thanks to the **CIF (Community Grant Funding)** program we are pleased to offer the kids after program again. The program will be October 8th to November 26th, every Tuesday 3:30 to 5pm. To register/pay please email/e-transfer: recreationelbow@gmail.com. \$96 for eight weeks, \$15 drop-in fee. Ages 5+. Register by Sept.30th!

LINE 19 KIDS LEGO CLUB

This **FREE** after school kids LEGO program runs from September 18th to June 4, 2025 on Wednesdays. Runs from 3:30-5 pm. No cost. 5+, snack provided, email recreationelbow@gmail.com to register your child so we know numbers!

LINE DANCING

Starts Tuesday September 10th - \$20 for 4 weeks (Tuesdays 10:30 -11:30 am) in the Letts Family Auditorium. Call Donna Riggall to register at 306-860-8773 Open to all.

POST HARVEST CELEBRATION

Get your tickets to the 2nd Annual Post Harvest Celebration raising funds for the Harbor Golf Community Center and Iver Main Place in Central Butte. Friday, October 18th at 5 pm - supper and entertainment - tickets at postharvestcelebration.com

SCHIKOWSKI FARMS FITNESS CENTER

We welcome long and short-term users to the center! All information regarding fees and online application forms can be found on the Village of Elbow website at www.villageofelbow.com. Need 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.

ELBOW LIBRARY

NEW Hours Sept 25th: Wednesdays 12:30-5:30, Thurs 2-7 pm & Fridays 2-7 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RATEPAYERS MEETING

This evening event is Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7 pm. Held at the Harbor Golf Community Center located at #1 Lakeside Road. Please come out and talk to your Council. We would love to hear from you - we are adding a new format for resident feedback so please be sure to attend. Coffee and cookies provided by the Jelly Bean. Open to all. Agenda attached.

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 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

Please contact your insurance provider to ensure you have adequate insurance in case of fire. Always better safe than sorry. Remember to contact the department if you plan a controlled burn & call it in!

MUNICIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

POWER OUTAGES IN ELBOW

Every time there is a power outage in Elbow, it negatively affects our municipal services, specifically the water treatment plant and the wastewater lift stations. Currently, we are using our natural gas back up pump to restore water service but it is nearing the end of its useful life. In the early summer, we were able to install a natural gas backup generator at the water plant - we are just waiting on SaskPower to certify all of the work done so it can be put into service - this is expected late September. **In the meantime**, if we cannot get the pump running and the water on shortly after a power outage, please expect a Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory. We will do our best to update residents/businesses through our website, Facebook page and the Telmatik notice system (text/phone/email).

WATER REPORTING

The Waterworks Rate Policy and Strategy for 2023 is available on our website.

WATER METER DISCONNECTIONS

Seasonal Residents: When you need to have your water meter disconnected, please contact Karen at the Village Office to set up a time. We require 48hrs notice for disconnections and please remember that someone living at the property (or a trusted individual) must be present at the time of disconnection to ensure that there are no issues. Water meters will not be disconnected 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 all meter reads will automatically be sent directly to the office. No more in person meter reads!

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.

The **TRANSFER STATION** is open until Oct 31 weather dependant. Hours are: Tuesdays 4-7 & Saturdays 10-2 pm

YARD WASTE CLEANUP DAYS are October 2, 3, 4 - poster with details attached.

VILLAGE MESSAGING SYSTEM

In order to receive notices from the village office, please whitelist (below) in your email accounts through your browser **not** your desktop or phone.

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 on your web browser, click settings, then spam and add to trusted senders. Will be similar for other email accounts.

Whitelist = 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

TAX NOTICES

Tax Notices were sent out in May. Please contact the office if you did not receive a notice. Taxes are due in full Dec.31, 2024.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payments for transfer site invoices, construction bin rentals, seacan 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.

GENERAL ELECTION

Nomination Day for the Village of Elbow General Election is October 9, 2024.

This election will be for Mayor and 4 Councillors. *If necessary*, the election will be held on Wednesday, November 13th.

If you wish to register for a mail-in ballot package, you **MUST** register no later than 30 days before the election, which is Friday, October 11, 2024.

You can register before this date - please contact the office for procedures or go to website - Public Notices - Election section.





**2024 Ratepayer's Meeting
Harbor Golf Community Center
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order

Glen Gardner, Mayor

2. Welcome/Mayor's Address

Glen Gardner, Mayor

3. Elbow Volunteer Fire Department Update

4. Interactive Intermission

NEW for 2024

Community Engagement Focus On:

Roads/Trails

Parks/Recreation Services

Village Services

Community Safety

Healthcare

5. General Municipal Election

6. Discussion and Questions from the Floor

Community Groups report handout will be available.

Coffee and Cookies provided.

Village Fall Yard Pickup

Oct 2, 3, 4, 2024

WHAT WILL BE PICKED UP:

Small Branches

- cut into 2-4 ft lengths; NO bigger than 6 inches in diameter

Leaves, Grass Clippings

- bagged in OPEN CLEAR plastic or paper bags

Please note.....Waste will NOT be picked up if:

- Branches are NOT in an orderly pile
- Branches are placed in garbage bags
- Branches are longer than 4ft or wider than 6" in diameter
- Household waste is found in your yard waste
- Animal waste is found in your yard waste
- Leaves and/or grass clippings are NOT placed in an OPEN CLEAR garbage or PAPER bag
- The bag or collection containers are heavier than 25 lbs

We DO NOT pick up the following:

- Treated or Painted Wood
- Landscape Timbers or Railway Ties
- Flowerpots or Yard Decorations
- Mulch
- Dirt or Gravel

PLACEMENT

- place items in back alley making sure they do not obstruct traffic
- if you don't have a back alley, place in front yard