

# Elbow Village Office News

## June 2019

### **By-elections:**

The Village had a by-election in May to fill the Mayor vacancy. Congratulations to Colleen Hoppenreys who was elected by acclamation. With this, we now had a Councillor position vacant, so another by-election was held in June, with Cody Gieni being elected by acclamation. Cody will be sworn in at our July Council Meeting. Congratulations to you both!

### **April – June Council Meeting Highlights:**

- The tender for the sidewalk removal portion of the Saskatchewan Street project was awarded to Bert and Troy Bramble
- The tender for the Civic Centre air conditioning project was awarded to Craik Hardware. Special thanks to the Elbow Farmer's Market group and the Bingo Committee for contributing towards this project.
- Council passed a new Emergency Measures Bylaw. Council is planning to be a part of a regional EMO group with our Line 19 neighbours. If anyone is interested in being a part of this committee, please contact the Village Office for more information.
- Provincial Pothole and Paving have been contracted to seal the asphalt cracks on Saskatchewan Street later this year
- The 2019 Capital and Operating budget was approved, leaving the base tax unchanged from last year, and the uniform mill rate remains unchanged as well at 4.75 mills
- A new back door for the Elbow Rink was purchased and installed
- Cemetery Administration software was purchased for record keeping for the Elbow Cemetery
- The tender for 1300 yards of gravel was awarded to Bert and Troy Bramble
- The Village of Elbow purchased/participated in the CJWW "Elbow Salute" between June 24 – 30<sup>th</sup>
- Arrangements are being made to paint the Stanley Street playground equipment (playground near the rink and rodeo grounds)
- Heidi Soggie was designated as the Deputy Mayor
- Arrangements are being made to purchase a new door for the Civic Centre
- Council adopted a policy in regards to dust suppression; please see details on this below

### **Village Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
9 a.m. – 12 noon, and 1 – 5 p.m.

There is a drop slot in the door on the ramp side of the building if you wish to drop anything off outside of office hours.

We are currently experiencing problems with the Village website and the ability to upload documents (our site is outdated!). Please remember that you can stop in the Village Office anytime to view copies of the minutes or bylaws.

**Volunteer/Community Appreciation BBQ** – Unfortunately Council had to postpone the BBQ which was scheduled for June. They have decided to hold it in conjunction with our fall ratepayer's meeting. Stay tuned for information on that.

**Fire Ban** – thank goodness for the recent rains, our fire ban was lifted . . . and the July 1<sup>st</sup> fireworks will happen! In the event a Fire Ban is implemented in the future, notices will be posted on the Village of Elbow website, on the Village of Elbow Facebook page, as well as signs up in Town.

**Saskatchewan Street Project** – as much as we would have loved a rain earlier this spring, the dry spell really helped our Saskatchewan Street sidewalk and light project move along. Maybe not as quickly as some of us would have liked, but for the most part there were no delays. And then the rain hit! Three inches of rain can make a mess at the best of times, but throw in some fresh electrical trenches and grooming that hadn't happened yet – we had quite the disaster zone for a few days. It looks like the project is back on track and fingers crossed it's all complete and the lights come on for our July 1<sup>st</sup> festivities! THANK YOU so much for your patience and cooperation during this construction period. We are certain the short term pains will be worth it!

**Dust Suppression Policy** – the following resolution was passed by Council at their June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting: "That we adopt a policy in regards to dust suppression that a property owner may make application to the Village Council to have dust suppression applied to the street in front of their property, at their cost, provided it is applied by a licensed applicator with an approved product, and that the owner be made aware that the Village will not schedule graveling or grading around who has applied dust suppression to the street and all costs and liability are that of the property owner who has contracted or paid for the dust suppression service." If you have any questions, or would like an application form, please contact the Village Office.

**Curbstop Marking** – you will notice over the month of July, stakes painted orange being placed around town marking Village infrastructure, such as curbstops (which will be our main focus). The Village has received a grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for an asset management project where we will be GIS marking as much of our infrastructure as possible. This will be a great assistance to us when tracking and locating infrastructure for repairs or replacement, and will provide us with digital maps. We would appreciate you leaving those markers where they are. We ask that if you must remove them to mow, please replace them back in the same location immediately; or simply mow around them. We will come around and collect them all once the GIS coordinates and information are gathered. You will see a student from the University of Saskatchewan doing the data collection at the end of July/beginning of August.

**Community Events** – did you know that there is a community event listing on our website? Check that out to see what's going on, as well as our Facebook page. Upcoming events include the weekly Farmer's Market every Saturday during the summer from 9 a.m. – noon; the Elbow Library Community Garage Sale July 6<sup>th</sup>; the Lakeshore Stampede KCRA Rodeo July 19-21; the Elbow Library Hobby & Trade Show July 20<sup>th</sup>; the Stenson's for STARS event July 27<sup>th</sup>; as well as our weekly events: Bingo every Tuesday evening at the Civic Centre; Lakeview Friendship Club every Thursday afternoon at the Civic Centre; Floor Shuffleboard every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening at the Civic Centre; and Pickleball every evening at the Rink.

**House Numbering** – We urge everyone to display their house numbers. This is especially important when it comes to emergency services responding – we are long past the days of directing emergency response personnel to "joe blow's" house. The Village is also participating in the Provincial Emergency Communications Centre's program where we need to register ALL residences with a street address. Please make sure your house number is visible from the street. If you don't know what your house/street address is, please call the Village Office.

**Motorhomes & Trailers** – the Village has a bylaw regulating the use of motorhomes, and trailers. The owner of a house MAY permit the use of a motorhome or trailer on their property for overnight accommodation of guests provided it is NOT for commercial use (rent), and does NOT exceed a period of 7 days. There are provisions to obtain permission from Council to use a motorhome or trailer while you are constructing a home on the property, for a period not exceeding 1 year. As with any bylaw, if you have questions please give the Village Office a call.

**Building Permits – Why do we have to apply for a Building Permit?** The answer to this question is covered under *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*, Section 4 states: "4(1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, each local authority shall administer and enforce this Act, the regulations and order and decisions of the appeal board pursuant to sections 12 & 18." "Appropriate local authority" means the local authority that has jurisdiction over the geographical area in which a building is or is to be situated. If you are building in the Village of Elbow, the Village of Elbow is the local authority.

Section 7(1) states that: "the owner of each building in Saskatchewan shall ensure that the building is designed, constructed, erected, placed, altered, repaired, renovated, demolished, relocated, removed, used or occupied in accordance with the building standards."

Section 14 allows the local authority to make bylaws with respect to the regulations. These bylaws must be approved by the "Minister" so the bylaws are strictly enforced by the province in how they are written. The permit supplied by the local authority does not authorize any person to construct a building that does not comply with the provision of any other Act or law.

Please contact the Village Office and make application BEFORE beginning any construction or renovation project!



The Lake Diefenbaker Task Force would like to thank everyone for cooperating with our Volunteer Inspection Station. Please remember to spread the word and Clean, Drain, Dry.