

# Elbow Village Office News

## March 2019

**Spring Ratepayer's Meeting: Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Elbow Civic Centre**

**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We are currently experiencing problems with the Village website and the ability to upload documents (our site is outdated!).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.

**January – March Council Meeting Highlights:**

- Council member committee appointments were made, and the 2019 rate review accepted
- Council signed contract documents for the Saskatchewan Street Sidewalk Replacement Project, and ordered the street lights
- Council renewed membership with SUMA, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, WaterWolf District Planning Commission, Central Area Transportation Planning Committee, and contributed to the Lake Diefenbaker Task Force against Aquatic Invasive Mussels
- Council is sponsoring the band for Canada Day once again
- Council signed a consulting service agreement for our Asset Management Initiative project, which will see various capital assets (or components of them) GIS mapped such as hydrants, curbstops, culverts, etc. The Village received a grant covering 80% of this project from FCM
- Council began their 2019 Operating & Capital Budget deliberations; with plans to finalize in April
- Council accepted the resignation of Mayor Hundebly, effective April 16, 2019.
- Renovations/upgrades will be done to the Bayshore Centre in April
- 2018 Audit is complete, and audited financial statements approved
- Grant applications were made to the Canada Summer Jobs program for a summer employee, and Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund for a new fire truck
- Council passed a Driveway and Culvert Installation Bylaw
- Council passed a Discretionary Use Development Permit for a food truck to be located on Saskatchewan Street
- After much discussion and debate Council has decided to maintain the garbage/recycle rate structures as presented in the December 2018 newsletter with one change to the seasonal "off-season" rate. See below.

**Garbage & Recycle Rates** – Just like water and sewer, garbage removal is a service that the Village is obliged to have in place for all ratepayers. In order for our community to be able to continue to offer this service, it is a cost all ratepayers must pay for. Council did consider other options such as: everyone paying the full cost of garbage service year round, garbage service becoming a part of the property taxes, and thirdly the option that they decided to go with, which was originally announced in the December 2018 newsletter.

Garbage and recycle rates change as of April 1, 2019. Due to the 3% increase from Loraas, the Village monthly rates will change as well. Garbage will be \$15.53 per month and recycle will be \$9.39 per month (total of \$24.92/month). Recognizing the seasonal nature of some of our ratepayers, Council has implemented a garbage/recycle base rate fee of \$12.50 per month (1/2 price of regular rate) for seasonal users in the "off season" who turn their garbage & recycle carts in. This base rate fee will also apply to those who have decided to NOT have garbage and recycle carts.

**Water Rate Increases** – The Village of Elbow implemented a two year utility rate bylaw when the new water supply agreement with SaskWater was signed in 2018. As announced at that time, the water rates will see an increase effective April 1, 2019 to go along with SaskWater's increase:

- Fixed water rate: 24.92 per month;
- Variable water rate: \$6.21 per 1,000 gallons.

**Elbow Housing Authority** – there are currently board vacancies with the Elbow Housing Authority Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for ensuring the efficient and fair delivery of housing programs and administration of the housing units in Elbow. The clients of these programs are households with low or moderate incomes, including families, seniors, and people with disabilities. If you would like more information, please contact the Village Office or existing board members (Kathy Korbo, Todd Ector, Keith Lonsdale, Marc Roussel). Consider serving your community in this volunteer position!

**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.

**Donor’s Choice** – the annual Donor’s Choice campaign will be coming to your mail box soon. For those that do not know what this is – it is an annual appeal for various charities. 100% of the money that comes in through this appeal goes out to the charities of your choice. The Village donates the cost of postage, photocopying, administration and annual charitable organization filing. It is a great way to make all of your charitable donations for the year at once!

**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!



**By-Election** – due to the resignation of our Mayor, Council has set June 12, 2019 as the date for the by-election. The official “Call for Nominations” will go out April 18<sup>th</sup> with Nomination Day being May 8<sup>th</sup> (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.). The Advance Poll is scheduled for Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 – 7 p.m. Of course, if only one nomination is submitted by the close of nomination day, the advance poll and election day poll will not be needed. For anyone who thinks they may not be able to make either the advance poll or election day, there is the option for a mail-in ballot. Please make arrangements to come into the Village Office as soon as possible to register for this. The deadline for mail-in ballot registrations is May 13, 2019. Watch our website for all election related notices under “What’s New”. ID is required in order to register to vote!

**FYI** – in 2018 the Rink ran a deficit of \$9,865.64  
 Rentals (user fees, pickle ball fees, rink rentals, and 75% share of gym fees) - \$10,018.36  
 Grants - RM of Loreburn \$1,000,  
 Expenses (janitor, repairs, reno’s, power/natural gas, water/sewer/garbage, supplies, insurance) - \$20,884  
 \*reno’s include the fitness centre temporary expansion area \$8,714

**FYI** – in 2018 the Civic Centre ran a deficit of \$15,926  
 Rentals (Civic Centre rentals, pickle ball, shuffleboard) - \$9,064  
 Expenses (janitor, repairs, power/natural gas, water/sewer/garbage, supplies, repairs/reno’s, insurance) - \$24,990  
 \*includes painting of main floor and basement \$7,500