

# Elbow Village Office News

## December 2020

**New Council** – congratulations to our new Council that was elected on November 9, 2020. Colleen Hoppenreys – mayor was re-elected. Joanne Brochu was also re-elected and has been appointed Deputy Mayor. New to Council are Brian Ford, Trevor Dament, and Russ Stevenson. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Council members – Blake Dorward, Cody Gieni, and Heidi Soggie for all they contributed to Council and our community!

**October - December Council Meeting Highlights:** (Council Meeting minutes are posted on the Village website)

- October – December meetings were held in the Elbow Civic Centre due to COVID-19 restrictions
- Covenant Construction was contracted to apply hot oil on the crushed asphalt along Saskatchewan Street
- Council declared November 21 – 29, 2020 as Saskatchewan Multicultural Week
- Council signed a new planning district agreement with WaterWolf District Planning Commission
- New Council was sworn in at the November 16, 2020 meeting and held a round table discussion on their visions and ideas for the Village
- Application has been made to Celebrate Canada for a grant towards our 2021 Canada Day activities
- Entered into an agreement with DataSafe to prepare a regional EMO plan with the Villages of Hawarden, Strongfield, Loreburn, the RM of Loreburn, the Resort Village of Mistusinne, and Douglas and Danielson Provincial Parks
- Application has been made to TreeCanada under their Edible Tree Grant program

**New Website is LIVE** Because of a domain name issue and not being able to get it released, we have gone with a new domain name – **villageofelbow.com** It will continue to be a work in progress, but it will be a site we can update ourselves.

**Snowmobile Bylaw** – A reminder about the Snowmobile Bylaw which is in effect within the Village of Elbow limits:

Under this Bylaw:

- A snowmobile MAY be operated between the hours of 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.;
- A snowmobile MAY be operated within the Village limits on streets, roadways, and alley ways from the place of unloading and/or place of residence to the shortest most direct route permitted to the boundary of the Village;
- A snowmobile shall NOT be operated in a manner that would cause an undue annoyance;
- A snowmobile shall NOT be operated at an unsafe speed;
- A snowmobile shall NOT be operated on any Village owned property;
- A snowmobile shall ONLY be operated on streets for the sole purpose of transportation to the boundary of the Village by the shortest permitted route.

The following Acts should be consulted in regards to registration, operator licenses, and safety courses: *The Snowmobile Act*, *The Snowmobile Regulations 1998*, and *The Traffic Safety Act*.

Snowmobiles are NOT allowed in the Community Park/Orchard or on the Elbow Trail.

### **Village Office Hours:**

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

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC  
on Wednesdays**

Payments can be made online (through PCCU or etransfer), dropped in the drop slot on the ramp side of the building, or by regular mail.

**E-transfers** – quick and secure, it's another option for making your utility or tax payment. It's very easy to set up through your financial institution – set up the Village of Elbow as a recipient using [elbow2@sasktel.net](mailto:elbow2@sasktel.net) as our email address. Just remember to let us know the answer to your security question in a separate email!

As part of our EMO planning process, we are looking for individual(s) interested in taking on a roll with our emergency response team. If you are interested, or would like more information, please call the Village Office.

**We encourage everyone to stay up to date with all things COVID-19 related through the Government of Saskatchewan website: [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca)**

**Ice Thickness Guidelines** – Typically, ice must be at least four inches (10 cm) thick to withstand human weight. However, water does not freeze at a uniform thickness and ice near the shore is often much thicker and safer. Always be cautious when going on the ice this winter!

Please remember these are guidelines only. Ice conditions often change rapidly and can present serious safety risks. For more information on fishing safety, search Anglers' Extras on saskatchewan.ca

**Ice thickness guidelines**

Any activity on ice comes with a risk. Test the ice thickness and follow these guidelines to determine if it is safe to proceed. Visit [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](http://saskatchewan.ca/fishing).

heavy truck	12" (30 cm)	8" (20 cm)	4" (10 cm)
saskatchewan.ca	automobile, 2 tonnes	snowmobile	1 person

**New Build** – Council has had a few questions in regards to their ICIP grant application for a new multi-use facility and providing real numbers of ongoing maintenance and utility costs. As the New Build design is FAR from its final stages of design, it is impossible to project these numbers at this time. We do know that all recreational facilities in all communities come at a cost, just like the existing facilities we operate now. We have gathered information from other communities to try and come up with some estimates as stated in the Ratepayers Q & A Form (found on our website at [https://villageofelbow.com/our\\_village/public\\_notices.html](https://villageofelbow.com/our_village/public_notices.html)). Based on these communities, maintenance and utility costs are at the top end, around \$40,000/year. A Line 19 New Build Committee has been formed and Council plans to continue working with this group to not only raise funds towards the cost of the building and the whole design process, but to also plan for the ongoing operations.

**Thank you's:**

- to Troy Bramble who helped Joe hang up the Christmas lights on main street
- to Don Maxwell who repaired and reinforced a hand rail in the Civic Centre
- to the organizers of the Flip the Switch event on December 5<sup>th</sup> – what a GREAT kick off to the Christmas season!
- to all those who have helped clear snow – driveways, sidewalks, alleys, streets, etc. It is greatly appreciated by everyone! (check out our Facebook page for a huge list of "snow angels" who have helped out and give them a thank you next time you see them!)
- to those that dropped off Christmas gifts for staff; they were much appreciated!
- to all our volunteers who contributed in any way in 2020!

The Village of Elbow Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Yvonne Jess, effective Feb 26, 2021. We would like to extend a "Thank You" to Yvonne for all the time and effort she put into the job as our Village Administrator. Words aren't enough to express our gratefulness and appreciation of the level of work experience she has brought to our team for over 19 years. It is not easy saying goodbye to someone who has been such a valued team member. We will miss all of her expertise and knowledge.

Wishing Yvonne happiness and success in all her future endeavors.

The Village of Elbow Council

The Village is accepting written expressions of interested on the operation of the **Tuft's Bay Campground** and/or the **Tuft's Bay Recreation Central rental facility (Bayshore)**.  
 Deadline for written submissions: February 5, 2021.  
 For more info, please contact the Village Office.



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year** – With every wish for a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years – Mayor Colleen Hoppenreys, Councillors Joanne Brochu, Brian Ford, Trevor Dament, Russ Stevenson, Chief Administrative Officer Yvonne Jess, Maintenance Foreman Joe Gumulcak, and Administrative Assistant Claudia Diederich.



**Village of Elbow on FACEBOOK** – we've joined the social media age and have created a Village of Elbow Facebook page! Check us out, give us a "like" and share our page! We will be using this tool to provide timely communication to our residents and visitors, as well as community events, news and activities.

