

# Village of Elbow News

## March 2021

**COVID-19** – It has been one heck of a year! We appreciate the patience and commitment from all our rate payers. Social distancing and mask wearing are very important to continue to use even if you have been vaccinated. The Village of Elbow continually monitors updates given and recommended by the province and we will adjust as needed. In light of the regulations and recommendations from the province, Council has taken the following preventative measures to protect the health and safety of our community.

### **Village Office:**

- Currently open to the public, but anyone entering the office must wear a mask and sanitize their hands before entering the office. Please stay behind any partitions and do not enter offices without proper authorization. We still encourage rate payers to perform business by email or phone during regular business hours. Maintenance staff continue to work, but will be limiting contact with the public.

### **Payments can be made multiple ways:**

- Online through PCCU
- **E-Transfer to [elbow2@sasktel.net](mailto:elbow2@sasktel.net)**
- Dropped off in the drop slot on the ramp side of Village of Elbow building
- Regular Mail

The Village of Elbow Council and staff understand that things are still very uncertain in our world right now and appreciate your patience in these rapidly changing situations.

Please continue reaching out to your friends and neighbours by phone to see if they are okay, need any assistance, or just to catch up! In these uncertain times, it is important to remember that family, friends, and neighbours are here to support. If you are in self-isolation, immune compromised, or just need a helping hand, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Office and we will do what we can to assist.

**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)**

### **January – March Council Meeting Highlights:**

- The Village Council would like to say "FAREWELL" to CAO Yvonne Jess, Administrative Assistant Claudia Diederich and Village Foreman Joe Gumulcak. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.
- With the resignation of the previous staff, Village Council would like to welcome Acting Administrator, Andrea Mundrean and Administrative Assistant Ranae Payne. The Village Foreman will be announced once a decision has been made.
- Council members would like to remind everyone that all concerns pertaining to Village matters are to be forwarded to the Village Office staff. Council will continue to welcome your Hello's and friendly discussions but please be mindful and considerate of their personal and professional duties outside of Council Commitments
- The Official Community Plan and updated Zoning Bylaw along with WaterWolf municipalities is in full swing of being completed in the upcoming months.
- "Welcome to Elbow" Committee will be updating and compiling 12 new Welcome Bags. Please contact Meryl Joel 306-774-2245 or Donna Riggall 306-860-8773 by May 1, 2021. If you have updates for the directory or have contributions for Welcome Bags.
- Village of Elbow would like to welcome the Tuft's Bay Campground Management Team of Lori and Joey Mizu. Please direct all questions or reservation needs for Tuft's Bay to Lori 306-294-7073 and Joey 306-860-8664.
- Village of Elbow's ICIP application for the 'Line 19 Multi-Purpose Facility' has been accepted by the Provincial Government, but a decision by the Federal Government has not been provided as of March 31, 2021. Please stay tuned!

**Water Rate Increases** – The Village of Elbow passed a three year utility rate bylaw on February 25, 2020 to go along with SaskWater's increase. Effective April 1, 2021 the utility rates are:

- Fixed water rate: \$35.88 per month (up from 29.90)
- Variable water rate: \$8.94 per 1,000 gallons (up from \$7.45 per 1,000 gallons).
- No change to the Lagoon, Water and Sewer Infrastructure rates
- Further fixed and variable water rate increases will occur again in April 2022.

### **Village Office Hours**

Monday	9:00-12:00	1:00-5:00
Tuesday	9:00-12:00	1:00-5:00
Wednesday	CLOSED to the public	
Thursday	9:00-12:00	1:00-5:00
Friday	9:00-12:00	1:00-5:00

The Office will be closed on weekends and all statutory holidays.

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

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### **Pet Owners – Please take note!**

The Village Office has received complaints regarding dogs and cats in the Village. Please be a responsible pet owner.

- Cat owners – not everyone appreciates your cat in their yard and flowerbeds, on their doorsteps/deck, and wanting in their house. Please take measures to keep your cat from roaming.
- Dog owners – please be aware that the Village of Elbow does have a dog bylaw. It is your responsibility to ensure that when your dog is off your property that it is on a leash, and that you pick up after your dog.

**Urgent Messages** – the fastest way to get urgent messages out to our community is through social media. The Village of Elbow has a Facebook page; if you haven't "liked" it yet, please do! We also post emergencies, such as drinking water advisories, through the SaskAlert system; so download that app if you don't already have it on your phone. For those of you that see these messages, consider reaching out to your family/neighbors who maybe won't see them. We do recognize that not everyone in our community is on Facebook so we would like to collect a list of phone numbers and/or email addresses from you. With so many without landlines we often don't have the numbers we need, and people change their email addresses without letting us know. Please call Ranae at 306-854-2277 or email her [elbow2@sasktel.net](mailto:elbow2@sasktel.net) to make sure we have your up-to-date information on file. As you can imagine, making 300+ phone calls to alert people would take a very long time; utilizing social media and SaskAlert gets the message out to the community so much faster!

**Elbow Housing Authority** – Welcome our newest members of the Elbow Housing Authority Committee Nordis Wankel, Wendy Cafferata, and Nick Paulsen. The Village Council and staff would like to take this time to thank all of our board members who will be donating their time and efforts for seamless transition.

**Donor's Choice** – COMING SOON to your Mailbox!!! 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 campaign goes to the charity(s) 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!

**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 an application **BEFORE** beginning any construction or renovation project!

**REMINDER** – items such as disposable wipes, paper towels, napkins and tissues should be thrown in the garbage; not the sewer! Even disposable wipes labelled as "flushable" should be thrown in the garbage as they do not sufficiently break down in wastewater and can cause serious plumbing issues.

The Village is operating **The Bayshore Building** for the 2021 season. If you are interested in booking the facility (Making sure to follow COVID-19 protocols set out by the Government of Saskatchewan) please contact the Village Office for more information. Information will be posted on our Facebook page and website soon.

### **Summer Maintenance Positions:**

The Village is accepting applications for two summer maintenance positions. Please watch for postings on the Village website, Facebook and bulletin board outside the office. Application deadline – April 14