

# VILLAGE OF ELBOW NEWSLETTER

**March 2022**

## **LINE 19 MULTIPLEX UPDATE**

### **Short Progress Report**

Construction of the Line 19 Multiplex is going well. The timeline and budget for the project are on track, and although there are many variables in the supply chain, we're cautiously optimistic that the building will be open before the end of 2022. The exterior of the building is closed in and subtrades are currently working on in-floor rough-ins prior to the concrete pads being poured in the coming weeks.

*-Jocelyn Veikle, Line 19 Multiplex Project Manager*



**SOD TURNING CEREMONY - OCTOBER 16, 2022**



## **WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

### **Line 19 Multiplex Naming Rights**

A special meeting of the Village of Elbow Council took place on March 22, 2022, so that the Line 19 Multiplex Naming Rights Committee could share its recommendation to accept a proposal from a local business as the successful proponent to name the region's newest community facility. Village Council has gratefully accepted the proposal and we await the final decision on the official name.

A separate RFP was issued by the Village of Elbow for the naming rights of individual rooms within the Multiplex and has yielded more positive results for the community. Four rooms have been officially sponsored, keep up to date stay up to date with information by visiting the Line 19 Multiplex Facebook page!

*-Line 19 Multiplex Naming Rights Committee*

## **TUFT'S BAY LOTTO**

The Tuft's Bay Campground Lottery was held at the Village of Elbow Office to welcome in our 2022 camping season! The numbers were drawn on Friday, March 25th, 2022. With the winners getting to pick a campsite of their choice on Monday, May 28, 2022, for the rest of the 2022 camping season! Congratulations, to those who have won!

This season at Tuft's Bay we also welcome the new management team of Lucy and Tim Brown. We wish them the best with the upcoming season! To book your camping reservation in Tuft's Bay or your special event at the Bayshore, contact:

***Tuft's Bay* CAMPGROUND**

**Phone:** 306-850-8688

**Email:** [lloperationsinc@gmail.com](mailto:lloperationsinc@gmail.com)

**Website:** [tuftsbaycampground.com](http://tuftsbaycampground.com)

## **SPLASH! SPLASH! BOUNCE!**

### **Aquatic Park Returning to Elbow this Summer!**

Even though it came late in the season, the Aquatic Adventures Water Based Park was a huge hit in the 2021 summer, we are happy to announce it is returning in our 2022 season! It will again be set up in Tuft's Bay, so make sure to watch out for further announcements regarding opening dates! For more information contact them directly at: [info@saskaquaticadventures.com](mailto:info@saskaquaticadventures.com)



## **RECREATION**

- **Elbow Family Fitness (GYM)** **Effective immediately**, all questions, general information, fees and memberships will be directed to their new email address: [elbowfitness@sasktel.net](mailto:elbowfitness@sasktel.net)  
Fees will no longer be accepted at the Village Office.
- **Pickleball** **Effective January 1, 2022**...all drop-in fees and membership fees will be payable to the Pickleball Club directly...fees will no longer be accepted at the Village Office.
- **Shuffleboard** **Effective January 1, 2022**...all drop-in fees and membership fees will be payable directly to the Shuffleboard Club directly...fees will no longer be accepted at the Village Office.

## **COMMISSIONAIRES**

### **Bylaw Control and Education**

The Commissionaires of South Saskatchewan will be attending the April 11 meeting of the Village of Elbow Council. Council has received a proposal from the Commissionaires to provide Bylaw Control services to the village during the busy summer months. Council commits to enforcing the Village of Elbow's bylaws, including things such as: ATV bylaws, unsightly properties, dilapidated buildings, pets running at large, dogs barking, etc.

Bylaw Enforcement Officers will arrive in Elbow in a highly visible decaled vehicle and will be in full uniform. They are fully trained and are equipped with high visibility vests and jackets and wear audio recording equipment. Each vehicle is equipped with a dash cam.

The Bylaw Enforcement Officers will stop in and check with the Administrator for any complaints that may have come in since the last visit. They will deal with those first and then carry on with a patrol of the community to see if there are other violations of Elbow's Bylaws.

The Officers first course of action will be education. In speaking with the resident, the resident may be unaware that they are breaking a bylaw and when informed, they take the steps to remedy. If that is unsuccessful the Officers will escalate through warning tickets, tickets, and Orders to Remedy. They will follow up on each step of the process as there are appeal processes that are available to residents.

A report after each visit will be e-mailed to the Administrator to share with council. Commissionaire's plan is to provide meaningful employment that meets the needs of veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, their families, and others who wish to contribute to the security and well-being of Canadians so please be kind and respectful when dealing with the Officers.

## **CHIEF AMOR HANGS UP THE HELMET**

Glen Amor was the Chief for the Elbow Fire Department for over a decade. He went out of his way to help keep our Village and surrounding areas out of harm's way, and we wanted to thank him for his dedication and hard work.

**Chief Amor Hangs Up the Helmet continued..**

The Village of Elbow Council would like to thank you greatly for your 12 years of service to our Village and your fire crew.



**CHIEF GIFFORD TO TAKE OVER REINS**

Chief Amor's retirement meant that the Village of Elbow had to recruit a new Chief. Assistant Fire Chief Rick Ector declined the position of Chief feeling that some young blood might be just what the Village needed.

That being the case, a consensus was achieved, and an ideal candidate surfaced in Tyler Gifford. Village of Elbow Council was agreeable for the recommendation and formally appointed Tyler Gifford as Fire Chief for the Village of Elbow. The appointment has literally been the proverbial "Baptism by Fire" for Chief Gifford who has already been thrown into multiple meetings with Village Officials, Council, and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Association (SPSA).

Individuals interested in joining the Village of Elbow Fire Department are encouraged to contact the Village Office.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCKERS**



A huge thank you to Ryan Boyle for his generation donation of new lockers for our Fire Department. They look amazing and they are greatly appreciated.

## **SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION**

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Association (SPSA) met with Village of Elbow staff and Fire Chief Gifford on February 16, 2022, to review current legislation and best practices. The meeting will result in some changes both operationally and legislatively. Training is a focus for the village's new chief and volunteers as the entire department has commenced a comprehensive training program including STAR's Landing Zone Training. Additionally, the entire department has embarked on Carlton Trail College's Volunteer Firefighter Online Training that covers everything from fire extinguishers, hose and ladders, safe driving, position pumping apparatus, aerial devices or how to respond to potential HAZMAT or WMD incidents.

The SPSA provided the village with information on Standard Operating Procedures and recommended that the village pass a Local Assistant Bylaw which will be tabled at an upcoming meeting of council.

## **COMMANDEERED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

The Village of Elbow is compiling a list of Commandeered Equipment and Resources. Commandeered Equipment and Resources refers to equipment that would be made available to the village in the event of an emergency. Water tankers, dozers, and other equipment may be needed for fire fighting, flood, or other such disasters with preservation of life and property as the goal.

Commandeered equipment utilized in the case of an emergency is insured through the municipality. The owner will be reimbursed at rates established by Council. If you have equipment, water supply (ie dugout), or anything that you believe may be valuable in cases of emergency and are willing to make this available for use by the Village of Elbow, please contact the Village office at [elbow@sasktel.net](mailto:elbow@sasktel.net) We appreciate your assistance!

## **I AM RESPONDING APP**

Village of Elbow Council approved a new emergency response app to improve response times and service for the Elbow Fire Department. Fire Chief Tyler Gifford researched the service and made the recommendation to council. There are myriad benefits to the new phone-based app which provides dispatch notifications direct to the Volunteer Firefighters' individual mobile devices simultaneously. The new system allows Chief Gifford to know who is responding to each emergency notifications thereby eliminating any waiting for members who are not on their way or leaving the station as others are coming around the corner. Chief Gifford and the Village of Elbow Council are confident that the new system will improve response times and safety for the public and the volunteers themselves.

## **CHANGING OF THE GUARD**

Effective May 1, 2022, Brandy Losie will take over as the Administrator for the Village of Elbow. Brandy will be replacing Jason Minvielle as Administrator. Jason has decided to pursue an opportunity in the Yukon where his son lives. Jason will remain in the position until the end of April when Brandy takes over on a permanent basis. We want to thank Jason for everything he has done for the

**Changing of the Guard continued...**

Village since he started last November. He will be missed but we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Council would also like to remind the Village that all concerns pertaining to Village of Elbow matters are to be forwarded to the Village Office staff. Council members would like to continue to welcome your Hello's and friendly discussions but to remain being courteous of their personal and professional duties outside of Village of Elbow Council Commitments.

**SNOW! SNOW! SNOW! AND MORE SNOW!****Public Works Report**

- Well...it has been another Winter for the record books! We received a generous handful snow, and it has given our Public Works Foreman A LOT of training opportunities on the Grader, Tractor and Snow Blower!
- When your garbage and/or recycling carts have been emptied, move them back on to your property and away from the road. The grader or tractor need to maintain the roads and if your cart is on the road, Village Staff do not have time to move carts back to your property. Maintaining the roads in the village is the priority so, there is a very good chance that your cart(s) will be knocked over and they could be damaged. Then you would have to replace your cart(s) at your cost.
- Public Works Foreman, James Llewellyn has been working on a pest control initiative for the Village of Elbow at the cemetery. It was reported to Village staff in November that a badger had been causing damage in the cemetery. The Village has been working to discourage the badger's presence ever since by eliminating its source of food, Richardson Ground Squirrels, at the cemetery.
- James has also received his Pesticide Landscape Applicator Course and has been appointed by Village of Elbow Council to use a pellet gun for pest control if required.
- All culverts in the Village have been cleared and with the very much appreciated help of Bramble's, snow removal away from the Village has taken place to help with the Spring melting.

**SASKPOWER OUTAGE ALERTS**

The Village of Elbow now subscribes to the SaskPower Outage Alert system. The subscription came because of complaints within the village that SaskPower and a private contractor had cut power to village homes during a particularly cold spell for several hours causing much discomfort especially to some elderly residents. The village intends to publicize any planned outages ahead of time so that affected residents can make appropriate arrangements.



## **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, 2022**, the utility rates will be:

- Fixed water rate                   \$43.06 (up from \$35.88) per month
- Variable water rate               \$10.73 (up from \$8.94) per 1,000 gallons

No change to the following rates:

- Water Infrastructure               \$12.00 per month
- Sewer Infrastructure               \$12.00 per month
- Lagoon                               \$12.00 per month

## **WATER METER RECONNECTIONS**

This is a very busy and hectic time of year for our public works/maintenance department so if you need to have your water meter reconnected, please contact Ranae at the Village Office to set up a time. Please do not contact James or any maintenance staff about getting a water meter reconnection. We have schedule that needs to be followed, we require 48hrs notice for reconnections and please remember that someone living at the property (or a trusted individual of your choosing) must be present at the time of reconnection to ensure that there are no sudden leaks. Water meters will not be reconnected on weekends so ensure that you a time booked and confirmed with the Village Office.

## **GARBAGE & RECYCLING RATE INCREASES**

This increase reflects new rates being charged by Loraas Disposal to the Village of Elbow. If your cart(s) have been damaged or need replacing contact the Village Office and they can arrange a replacement. Please do not contact the public works/maintenance staff, all information for garbage & recycling is kept in the Village Office and they will direct you to contact the Village Office.

**Effective April 1, 2022**, residential and commercial garbage & recycling carts will be increasing 10% from:

- ***\$24.92/month to \$27.41/month***
- ***\$74.76/quarter to \$82.23/quarter***

**Effective April 1, 2022**, there is no longer a pricing difference for garbage and recycling carts. There will be one rate charged to the property owner regardless of whether they occupy the premises on a permanent or seasonal basis.

**When you require your garbage and recycling carts contact Ranae at the Village Office and she will let the public works/maintenance staff know that there has been a request for a drop off.** 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.

## **GARBAGE & RECYCLING NEW STORAGE BYLAW**

**Effective April 1, 2022**, all residential and most commercial properties within the Village of Elbow will receive a minimum of one garbage cart and one recycling cart. The garbage and recycling carts will remain on your property year-round. The Village of Elbow staff will no longer be picking up garbage & recycling carts and storing them in our compound yard. It is up to the property owner to store these carts if they are away for any amount of time. A serial number for garbage & recycling carts will be assigned to the property and it will up to the property owner/renter to store and care for the carts. If Loraas Disposal deems that a cart is too damaged to pick up or if your cart(s) get lost/stolen, it will cost \$100.00 per cart to replace at the property owner's expense.

## **CONSTRUCTION BINS**

**Effective April 1, 2022**, the following will take effect for renting/use of a 6yd construction bin from the Village of Elbow.

- The cost of renting a 6yd construction bin will increase from \$25.00 per use to \$75.00 per use.
- The cost to empty the construction bin each time will increase from \$106.00 to \$115.00.
- The cost for the fuel surcharge will range from \$10.00 to \$15.00. This will depend on how many other construction bins are being emptied at the same time.
- **All 6 yd construction bin rentals/emptying must be booked through the Village of Elbow Office.**
- There will now be a contract that individuals will be required to sign before a construction bin is placed on their property.
- There will also be an allotted amount days that a construction bin is allowed to be placed on a property. Construction bins will only be allowed to remain on a property for one (1) month. If the bin will be required for an additional amount of time, then the individual renting the construction bin must sign another one (1) month contract.

**IMPORTANT NOTE** - If the bin is being used to dispose of shingles, then you are only permitted to fill the construction bin ½ full. Anything more than that will be too heavy for the Loraas truck to lift, and it will be at the construction bin renters' time and cost to fix the matter.



## **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Payments for transfer site invoices, construction bin rentals, mowing charges, utility bills and taxes can be made the following ways: Cash, Cheque, Online Banking (PCCU only) and by E-Transfer.

**IMPORTANT** - if you are making a payment by e-transfer use the email address [elbow2@sasktel.net](mailto: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.

## **STAYED TUNED...**

Please continue watch our Facebook page, Website and Community Notice Board for upcoming events such as:

- Council Meeting Dates
- Transfer Site Opening Date
- Mowing List
- Yard Waste Pick Up
- Lakeshore Rodeo
- Canada Day
- Line 19 Multiplex Updates
- And many more...

