

Elbow Village Office News

September 2020

July - September Council Meeting Highlights: (Council Meeting minutes are posted on the Village website)

- July and August Council meetings were held electronically over Zoom due to the COVID-19 situation and government restrictions; September's regular meeting was held at the Elbow Civic Centre. Currently, plans are to hold the October meeting in the Elbow Civic Centre as well.
- The supply and delivery of gravel was tendered out – Bert & Troy Bramble were awarded the tender
- The 'Sewer Clean Out Policy' was repealed. Property owners are now responsible for all blockages that may occur in their sewer line from their house to the sewer main
- AirScapes was hired for a custom aerial photo shoot of the Village
- The Mail-In Ballot Bylaw was updated to allow for a Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public to sign the voter's registration forms (in addition to election officials), making it easier for electors to complete the forms if they are not in Elbow
- Council made a motion to purchase a floor scrubber for the rink; with a donation request that will be going out to groups that use the rink
- Council authorized an application for a 'Speed Awareness Project' through SGI's Traffic Safety Fund Grant Program
- Council updated the Motor Homes/Trailers Bylaw allowing a maximum of 2 RV's to be used on a residential property that has a house is currently connected to water/sewer, for up to 21 days
- Council approved a paving and reclaimed asphalt project that will complete the middle and west blocks of main street this fall.
- The new directional sign for the end of main street (Saskatchewan Street), and the new highway sign is scheduled to be installed in October.

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 e-transfer), dropped in the drop slot on the ramp side of the building, or by regular mail.

REMEMBER: early payment municipal tax discount of 5% is available until October 31st, and 2.5% in November. Check the bottom of your tax notice for the discounted amounts. Payments must be RECEIVED by the end of the month to receive the corresponding discount.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program update: The Government of Saskatchewan announced that it has recommended more than 120 infrastructure projects to the Federal Government for final approval. The Line 19 Multi-Purpose Facility to be built in Elbow is on the list for final approval. Government Relations Minister Lori Carr said, "Once completed, the legacy of these projects will improve quality of life and make our great province an even better place to call home. The provincial government encourages its federal counterparts to work as quickly as possible and approve these projects."

Demand around Line 19 is increasing for a year-round facility that will feature meeting rooms, recreation space, library, kitchen, change rooms, exercise room, and large gathering space. This center will be utilized for hosting community events, meetings, weddings, reunions, pickleball, floor shuffleboard, seniors association events, bingos, wellness clinics, sporting activities for all ages, library and trade shows. Creating a public space for seniors, children, youth, families and tourism, this modern-day facility will serve the needs of our region for the next 50 to 60 years. A new facility, available year-round, will allow for more gatherings, festivals and community driven events. Such events bring tourist dollars to our region through increasing traffic that supports our local businesses and will attract new businesses. Fostering inclusion within our region to attract and encourage users of all ages and backgrounds, this new building will enhance the health and well-being of the community as a whole.

Approval at the Provincial level and being recommended to Canada for final approval under the ICIP grant brings about lots of excitement. Council would like to thank everyone who has provided time and input to date. We look forward to the future and wait with anticipation for final approval.

We encourage everyone to stay up to date with all things COVID-19 related through the Government of Saskatchewan website: www.saskatchewan.ca

2020 Municipal Election: Nominations opened up for mayor and four councillor positions on September 17, 2020. Nomination deadline is 4 p.m. on October 7, 2020. Another important deadline is the mail-in ballot registration deadline of October 9, 2020. If you missed seeing the email that went out, the Facebook post, or the website post regarding this, please contact the Village Office as soon as possible.

Once the nomination period is over, and if an election is needed, we will be compiling a newsletter for all things election related; including information from each candidate.

The Advance Poll has been set for Friday, October 30, 2020 from 4 – 8 p.m. and Election Day is Monday, November 9, 2020 from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Both polls will be held at the Elbow Civic Centre in order to comply with Public Health requirements in regards to the COVID-19 situation. You will be required to use hand sanitizer (provided) when you enter, you'll be encouraged to bring your own pen to use to register and mark your ballot, and you'll be asked to social distance during your time in the building. You may choose to wear a mask to protect yourself and/or those around you, but currently it is not mandatory. Election staff may or may not choose to wear masks and gloves. If you have a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, or shortness of breath; have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days, or are a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19, please self-isolate and refrain from coming to vote. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Annual Ratepayers Meeting . . . different, but similar! Due to the current Saskatchewan Health parameters around the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to hold what has become our Annual Fall Ratepayer's Meeting this year. BUT – Council would still like to give you the opportunity for a Q & A session similar to what was held during our ratepayer meetings. This will give you the opportunity to submit any questions you may have been planning to ask.

Submit your questions by mail, email, or drop them off at the Village Office. Council will answer these questions through a presentation which will be shared with ratepayers. The plan right now is to share this presentation through email, posting to the Village of Elbow Facebook page, and possibly also on our new (almost ready) website.

ALL questions must have your name, as well as your phone number or email address (in case we need some clarification). Anonymous questions will NOT be answered.

Submit your question(s) to:
Village of Elbow, PO Box 8, Elbow, SK S0H 1J0
or, email: elbow@sasktel.net

DEADLINE: Monday, October 12, 2020

Seasonal Residents:

- Please make seasonal water disconnect and garbage/recycle cart pick up arrangements through the Village Office.
- Please ensure your recycle and garbage carts are EMPTY in order for staff to pick them up
- You will be invoiced every quarter for the garbage/recycle base rate fee, fixed water rate, water and sewer infrastructure charges (\$199.20/quarter).
- We look forward to seeing you return in the spring!

Fall Garden Waste Pick-up – is scheduled for the week of October 19th – 23rd. If you are wanting the Village to pick up your garden waste, it MUST be placed in bags in your back alley BY Sunday, October 18th so you are not missed; if you don't have a back alley – place in your front yard. This service will be provided for this week only. After October 23rd you will need to haul your waste to the transfer site.

PLEASE remember that this pick-up is ONLY intended for fall garden clean up (dead garden material, plants, small trimmings), and NOT for large pruning's, or other tree removal, and NO GARBAGE! In the past there has been garbage hidden in with the garden waste. Continuing to do this puts this service the Village provides in jeopardy!

New Website . . . coming!! After much struggle with the domain registration/ownership of our existing domain name, our new website is almost ready. Because of the domain issue and not being able to get it released, we have gone with a new domain name – villageofelbow.com It will be a work in progress, but it will be a site we can update ourselves. Watch for this coming very soon!

Transfer Site Hours:

Mondays from 4 – 7 p.m., and
Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(including stat holidays)

The Transfer Site continues to be open for the month of October. Weather permitting, the last day is scheduled to be October 31st.