

HARD SURFACING INFORMATION MEETING Q & A – August 15, 2026

Q1: Can driveways be done at the same time?

Yes, this would be arranged between the contractor and property owner directly.

Q2: Are there any grants?

Nothing specifically for hard surfacing. The CCBF (Canada Community Building Fund = formerly gas tax) can be used for any infrastructure projects. Our current allocation (until 2028) was already used for the water install at the Industrial Subdivision.

Q3: Why no individual levy?

All of the Villages' money is ratepayer money so the ratepayers technically pay for village share too. Not all residents can afford an upfront amount. This is a simpler way of spreading the cost.

Q4: Why pave Elevator Road?

It is being used as the truck route. We will consider the use and may go with chip seal.

Q5: Will waste & cement trucks have to stay out of town, more like a central location to save on wear and tear of streets?

No. There will be 3" of asphalt over a good base. This can handle 10,000 kg per axle – overloaded trucks should not be in town anyway & heavy trucks should be using the truck route. We can work with our waste provider & residents on this – put the bins further away from road edges and all on one side of the street to save driving down the same street twice where possible.

Q6: How to keep safety in mind?

We have lowered the overall speed limit within the village (except the highways portion) to 30 km/h. We will use speed bumps where necessary.

Q7: Why wouldn't we use an engineer?

The path forward is to apply established engineering best practices in conjunction with the appropriate engineering specifications. Engineering is still performed internally by the contractor; however, for projects of this nature, it is increasingly common that a third-party independent engineering group is not engaged.

Q8: What we have for a sweeper – is that good enough?

Yes, what we have now (sweeper attachment for skid steer) is adequate for our current purposes but we will monitor that. Larger street sweepers are used to move debris from streets to help keep storm drains from plugging & we don't have storm drains.

Q9: How much budgeting for ongoing maintenance?

This will be calculated within the upcoming budget.

Q10: How long will tax increase be?

Every 4 years, SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) revalues properties, not the village. During budget deliberations, Council considers inflation and changing assessment values, however, the current council can only set their budget amounts for 1 year at a time, so what happens beyond their term (Fall 2028), is not of their control.

Q11: Has council considered a plebiscite vote?

Ratepayers cannot vote on a tax levy increase. A plebiscite would be a way to gauge ratepayer feedback, but we plan to host more of these meetings which are much less expensive and more informal, while just as informative.

Q12: Is this a done deal?

Until we know what's happening with the lagoon, we won't proceed. Once tendered, will re-evaluate at that time if there are significant differences in our previously planned costs.

Q13: Prior to future meeting, can we get the presentation first so we can come with informed questions?

We will do our best to achieve this.

Q14: What about investing in sidewalks for a safe place to walk for pedestrians?

We will plan to complete the Saskatchewan Street Project. Many other streets do not have sidewalks. Where pedestrian traffic warrants a sidewalk, it will be considered.

Q15: Water & sewer installation for building a new house – may need to dig up? What cost?

It is unlikely that the driving portion of the roadway would have to be dug up to install water/sewer.

The current bylaw references only Saskatchewan Street paving/sidewalk replacement when water/sewer is dug up, so this bylaw would be revisited for paving/sidewalks in other areas.

Q16: How long is the 5.5% tax increase for?

2026 and 2027 budget years and then re-evaluate village financial needs thereafter. Should at least expect tax increases at the rate of inflation.

COMMENTS

- The Village has applied to the SGI Traffic Safety Grant for a digital speed sign for Elevator Road.
- The Village will monitor original water mains & look into replacement options. For the sewer mains, we camera several lines each fall and have already undertaken a relining program.
- It was noted that an engineer should be used. The Village will follow up with the Saskatchewan Municipal Board to find out the details around using an engineer.
- The Village will finance the entire cost of the hard surfacing project with no additional, separate contribution from ratepayers. Borrowing plans must be communicated to the ratepayers at an open meeting of council.