

VILLAGE OF ELBOW

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

HELLO WINTER

We hope you've all enjoyed the long Fall that we have had. Once the snow flies, please remember to move your waste/recycle bins back to your yard after pickup days so the grader can get around easily! Thank you to Paul Ganes for his commitment to clearing the sidewalk/steps at the Office and Prosperity Credit Union. Thank you to the Public Works, Brad & Shea for getting the snow fences up and preparing for the season.

COMING SOON TO ELBOW

Home support! A new service to help ease your physical and mental load. Home support will help manage those day-to-day tasks that may require an extra set of hands. A few of the services that will be offered but not limited to include: housekeeping, local transportation, social activities and more. For any questions or if there is something specific that you're needing help with, please reach out to **Sawvonah Boyle at (306) 580-8849**.

LINE 19 EMERGENCY CONTACT FRIDGE MAGNETS

Now available to pick up at all Line 19 village offices - RV Mistusinne, Elbow, Loreburn, Strongfield and the RM of Loreburn during regular business hours! Thanks to a suggestion from a community member and for the [Elbow Farmers Market](#) for funding this project, the Line 19 Healthcare Committee has developed an emergency contact fridge magnet that lists key phone #'s (911, 811, Healthline, RCMP, etc.) along with space to write in your own medical and contact information. These magnets are **FREE** to all Line 19 area residents.

MORNINGS WITH THE MAYOR

The next morning with the Mayor is Tuesday, November 25th, then in December on the 2nd and 16th. Takes place in the Village Office chambers from 10 am to 12 pm. Please stop in and bend his ear!

COUNCIL NOTES

Highlights from the September, October and November Council Meetings

- The following bylaws were passed:
 - o WaterWolf District Agreement
 - o Nuisance Bylaw
- Trees were moved/planted along the Railway Ave path - thank you to Natalie Letts, Denise Ganes, Glen Gardner, etc. for the work you do!
- Council discussed results of Ratepayers Meet & are planning public forums for 2026
- We are applying to the Community Housing Initiative Fund for grant funding to expand the Elbow lagoon.
- Plans for the mezzanine in the HGCC have been submitted.
- Storefront Enhancement Policy was introduced for January 1, 2026.
- Named Large Meet Room as the Elbow Room until Naming Rights are established.

- Council has committed to working on a plan for hard surfacing in the Village.
- We are applying for an Urban Forestry Grant with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
- The parking lot at HGCC was partially paved.
- Chip seal was applied on Railway Ave from King St to the Tufts Bay Road railway crossing.
- Purchased a 2004 Freightliner Fire Truck and will put old one up for tender.
- Point of sale terminals are being obtained for both the village and recreation offices.

SEE A COYOTE IN THE VILLAGE? Please contact Brad at 306-860-9044!

RECREATION in ELBOW

HARBOR GOLF COMMUNITY CENTER

Within the Harbor Golf Community Center, we offer the following:

- ✓ Beautiful entryway with plant wall & John/Anne Wilson Coatroom
- ✓ ELBOW room with a patio area (seating for 46) & outdoor furniture/bbq incl 2 TV's/WIFI
- ✓ JGL Cookhouse state of the art kitchen with Andy/May Wong Served
- ✓ Ector Family Farms boardroom (seating for 8) with TV/WIFI
- ✓ Letts Family Auditorium (seating for 400) with Prosperity Credit Union Stage
*court rental
- ✓ Backyard grass & trees/fenced area
- ✓ Separate access to:
 - o Elbow Palliser Library
 - o Schikowski Farms Fitness Centre

These rooms (except fitness center) can be rented - find the details on our website at www.villageofelbow.com and follow the drop-down menus.

You can also find us on Facebook at Harbor Golf Community Center. Email recreationelbow@gmail.com for more information or to book your next event!

HGCC EVENTS

Head over to the Calendar on the Village of Elbow website:

https://villageofelbow.com/recreation_attractions/calendar_of_events.html to see all the goings on.

We have regular OPEN GYM times, weekly volleyball, shuffleboard, pickleball and walking in the Letts Family Auditorium, available for use with a Fun & Fitness Pass.



Follow Harbor Golf Community Center on Facebook to see rec office hours, programs, schedule, events and changes to those.

WELLNESS CLINIC is held in the Ector Family Farms Boardroom. Schedule is posted at Elbow Library and on the Village calendar.

LINE 19 KIDS CLUB

This **FREE** after school kids program runs until May, 2026 on Wednesdays. Runs from 3:30-5 pm. No cost. 5+, snack provided, email recreationelbow@gmail.com to register your child.

WALKING/WEILBEING GROUP

In the Letts Family Auditorium from 8-10 am Mon-Fri. \$3 drop in or \$20 per month.

CLUB PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is played several times a week at HGCC! Dates/times are on the Village website calendar. Pay your fees directly to the Club (table on website). Contact President Kim Trew at ktrew7@gmail.com or 306-860-8143 to join/information.

YOGA

Continuing on Monday nights at HGCC in the Elbow Room until December 15th - 7:30-8:30 pm. \$12/drop in. All levels welcome!

DANCE CLASSES

Line Dancing is Mondays 10:30-11:30 am at HGCC in the Letts Family Auditorium. Social Dancing is Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 pm (same place). All classes are \$5 per person or \$20/5 classes or \$40/12 classes.

Community Dance Party

Friday, November 28th 8 pm to 12 am! Come out and show off your moves. Everyone welcome. Family friendly event. Evening lunch and snacks included. Kids 16 & under free. \$10 per person. Cash bar available.

BRIDGE PLAYERS

Tuesdays in the Elbow Room at HGCC 1-3 pm. Need more info? Call Meryl 306-774-2245

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Thursdays in the Elbow Room at HGCC 1-4 pm. Floor shuffle, coffee, treats and conversation! Contact Laurie Niska at 306-493-7178 for information.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Decorating is Nov 23-30th. Get your trees to HGCC! Voting begins 4 pm November 30th. Winners announced at the Bethel Church Carol Festival. 1st prize \$150 gift card, 2nd is \$100 gift card and 3rd is \$50 gift card. No fee to participate.

SCHIKOWSKI FARMS FITNESS CENTER

We welcome long and short-term users to the center. Fees and online application forms are on the Village of Elbow website at www.villageofelbow.com. Need a gym membership or just to renew? Drop by the rec office, send a text 306-860-8023 or email Marnie @ recreationelbow@gmail.com.

The Fitness Center is not available 12 pm (midnight) to 4 am each day. The fob will not let you in during this time. Ages 12 & under not permitted, ages 13-15 permitted with adult supervision (18+) and Ages 16 & up permitted with no supervision. Please be aware that the entire premises is camera monitored. We appreciate that you put away what you use! **Fitness Centre rates will be changing Jan 1st, 2026. Information will be posted and sent to members.**

ELBOW LIBRARY

Hours: Wednesdays 12:30-5:30, Thurs 12:30-5:30 pm & Fridays 3-8 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FLIP THE SWITCH

This evening event is Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 6 pm. Held at the Harbor Golf Course. Get your hot chocolate at the 'drive-thru' at the *Harbor Golf Course snack shack* and visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, be entered to win prizes, drive around and see all the lights and stop by the Hotel for fireworks at 8 pm!

CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL

Held at Bethel Church on November 14th at Bethel Church at 7 pm. Goodies and refreshments provided.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Held at Elbow United Church on November 30th from 7-8:30 pm. Singers welcome!

SKUDESNES LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Greatest Story Ever Told began at Christmas! Wed. Dec.10th at 6 pm beginning with supper. In Scandinavian countries it is tradition to exchange books on Christmas Eve, then they spend the rest of the night reading them and eating chocolate! For a fun GIFT EXCHANGE bring a wrapped book - new, previously enjoyed, fiction, non-fiction, cookbook, word games, poetry, coloring book, picture book, etc. All ladies welcome, not cost, just come and enjoy!

TUFTS BAY CAMPGROUND

The campsite lottery will be February 2026! Watch for posters!

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Attention: Business/Organizations! Our Welcoming Committee is compiling welcome bags for distribution to those new to Elbow. What a great way to welcome people to our great community! If you have items to contribute, please contact Donna at 306-854-4445. Our FREE directory will also be updated. Please inform Donna of any changes. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

ELBOW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are so thankful! For our Fire Department and our *Saskatchewan Roughriders*! The Fire Dept held a successful and fun filled Grey Cup on November 16th at HGCC. There the new 2004 Freightliner Fire Truck was introduced and will be a great addition to the department.

LOREBURN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pancake breakfast is every 2nd Saturday unless otherwise advertised. Next one is November 22nd, then December 6 and December 20th. 8:30 to 10 am. \$8 adults Held at the Loreburn Town & Country Center - 501 Main Street, Loreburn SK.

19ers HOCKEY CLUB

Come out and support your local senior hockey players at the Loreburn Ice Palace this winter. Schedule can be found on Facebook - 19ers Hockey Club. Next home game is Saturday, November 29th at 7 pm vs Kyle, then Friday, December 5th at 8 pm vs Davidson.

You can also support from the comfort of home with **LIVE BARN** - to subscribe to LIVE BARN - download the app and use the promo code **line-19er**.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

There is no longer the option for residents to turn these back in for storage while away. If you are away for an extended period of time, please store in a safe place on your property. We will send out the 2026 Loraas schedule once we have it.

The **TRANSFER STATION** is now closed for the season.

VILLAGE MESSAGING SYSTEM

In order to receive notices from the village office, please whitelist (below) in your email accounts through your browser **not** your desktop or phone.

Every email carrier is different so we cannot provide instructions for each but it is usually found in settings.

In Sasktel.net email addresses, for example: go to your SaskTel email on your web browser, click settings, then spam and add to trusted senders. Will be similar for other email accounts.

Whitelist = Add the following to trusted senders:

Telmatik.com (this is where the automated messages for boiled water etc. comes from)

elbow@sasktel.net

elbow2@sasktel.net

TAX NOTICES

Tax payments must be **RECEIVED** in the office by December 31, 2025 to avoid penalties. The office will be open to the public until **5 pm on Wednesday, December 31st**. After 5pm, you will have to leave in drop slot at side door. Items received by 9 am Jan.2 in side door, will be considered received on time.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

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

IMPORTANT - if you are making a payment by e-transfer, use 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.

DURING CHRISTMAS THE OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CLOSED DEC 25 & 26

OPEN MONDAY, DEC 29

OPEN TUESDAY, DEC 30

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WEDNESDAY, DEC 31 9 AM TO 12/1-5 PM

CLOSED THURSDAY, JAN 1

OPEN FRIDAY, JAN 2

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

911 - EMERGENCIES

(fire, ambulance, first responders, police)

988 - MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE

(available 24/7 via call or text)

811 - NON-EMERGENT HealthLine

(get free health advice from a registered nurse)

306-310-RCMP (310-7267)

(non-emergent; RCMP dispatch directory and reporting)

306-831-4034 - Proactive Pathways

(coordinator helps improve longevity via home, community, and medical assistance)

306-567-2350 - Davidson Primary Care Clinic

(book appointments, get more information)

HOUSEHOLD CONTACT INFORMATION:

ADDRESS: _____

NAME 1: _____ NAME 2: _____

HEALTH CARD #: _____ HEALTH CARD #: _____

PHONE #: _____ PHONE #: _____

ALLERGIES: _____ ALLERGIES: _____

MEDICAL HX: _____ MEDICAL HX: _____

MEDICATIONS: _____ MEDICATIONS: _____

NEXT OF KIN NAME/PHONE #: _____



Residential and cottage property crime prevention

Cottage break and enters, property damage and thefts are serious concerns impacting police, property owners, cottager's associations and insurance companies. Being an owner of a residence or cottage, you sometimes prefer and element of privacy. This element of privacy can be a wonderful feature; however, it may make your residence or cottage more vulnerable to crime. The primary deterrent to criminal activity in cottage country is "natural surveillance". Criminals will be reluctant to force their way into your property if neighbours are willing to report suspicious activity or vehicles.

Many people tend to think the act of break and enter is strictly a physical term, that is, illegal access to your home, items taken and/or items destroyed. However, a break and enter does not only create monetary loss but can have significant impact on a person's mental well-being. Property crime victims will often speak of a sense of violation. This can lead to feelings of fear, anger and emotional distress.

To protect your loved ones, your property and your home, we have designed this brochure to assist you in preventing property theft and break and enters. We encourage you to read the crime prevention tips and strategies contained within this document and take some time to improve the security around your home. Together we can help reduce the incidents of break and enters to your property and make an impact on property crimes that affect both seasonal and full-time residence through our communities.

If You Have Been the Victim of a Crime

Don't hesitate to call police because you think the incident is too insignificant or because your own carelessness may have contributed to your victimization. Calling the police is an important part of protecting yourself and of being a good neighbour. Informing the police about crimes that have occurred is one way of preventing future crimes.

What to do if your property has been broken into

If you discover that your property has been entered, a few important steps will minimize disruption and ease your aggravation. Do not enter the property, call police and follow their instructions to avoid personal risk and evidence contamination. Try to protect obvious footprints and tire tracks.

In All Emergencies call 9-1-1

To report a property crime, including theft, break and enter or mischief to your property, or for all non-emergencies, call your local police. For RCMP non-emergency call 310-RCMP(7267)

If you have information about a crime, please contact your nearest police service or RCMP or if you wish to remain anonymous; contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, or text TIP206 and your message to CRIMES (274637) or online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com. If your information leads to an arrest or a charge you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

SASKATCHEWAN
CRIME STOPPERS
1-800-222-8477



Residential and Cottage Property Crime Prevention Tips



Here are some helpful tips to help prevent you from being a victim of property crime.

- ✓ Mark your valuables. This may discourage theft of valuables and will provide a way to easily identify stolen property.
- ✓ Record the contents of your home by taking pictures of all your valuables or by video recording. Keep record of your items at a primary residence.
- ✓ Record all serial numbers of all items in your property. Property that cannot be identified by specific marks or serial numbers cannot be placed on police databases, making it difficult for police to prove the theft.
- ✓ Remove expensive articles from your property when you are away for extended periods of time. This includes small valuables, electronics, medications and alcohol.
- ✓ Consider installing an alarm system and identify a "local" key-holder or property rep. who can respond when alerted by the alarm company.
- ✓ Ensure your doors are made of solid wood or metal; install deadbolts with a 1-inch throw (the part that extends into the door frame) on all exterior doors; install a strike plate (the flat metal plate that fits into the

door frame) using 3-inch screws for maximum support.

- ✓ LOCK YOUR DOORS! Let's not make it that easy to gain access to your property.
- ✓ Place a metal bar or piece of wood into the frame of your sliding patio doors and windows; ensure the doors are locked.
- ✓ Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place such as under a rock, a door mat or in a flowerpot.
- ✓ Don't leave articles outside such as axes, tools, or ladders; this may assist thieves in breaking into your property.
- ✓ Record all serial numbers of your recreational items, including your snowmobiles, ATV's, bicycles, your boat and motor. Don't forget to record the Hull Identification Number (HIN) from your boat.
- ✓ Make sure your house number is visible during the day and night. In an emergency you want emergency personnel to find your property as soon as possible.
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubs so doors and windows are visible from the street.
- ✓ If away, make certain your home looks occupied; shoveled walkways, mail collected, and grass cut will all help.

- ✓ Don't advertise your recent purchase of valuables such as electronics outside; if they see an empty box for a television outside, they will assume that it is inside your property.
- ✓ Remove all belongings and valuables from inside your vehicle; if it is visible then it is something that can be stolen.
- ✓ Install motion detector lights or have your outside lights on at night; ensure all entrances are well lit.
- ✓ Get to know your neighbours; knowing who a stranger is and who belongs in your neighbourhood strengthens the sense of "community".
- ✓ Keep your vacation plans off social media networks like X or Facebook. It is easy to gain access to personal information once it is posted.
- ✓ If you will be away from your property for an extended period, consider the availability of a property rep to check on your property while you are away. This is beneficial if you have an alarm at your property, as a readily available rep could be contacted if an alarm is triggered.
- ✓ If you have a trailer, use a trailer lock.