



March 2020 Edition

# NEWSLETTER

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**Vision Statement:** *The vision for the RM of Elton is to provide a desirable and safe community for residents and businesses by enhancing amenities, growing the population, using sustainable practices and being fiscally responsible.*

## Municipal Minutes

**Regular Meeting March 3rd, 2020:** Councillors Mitchell, Campbell, Paterson, Bollman, Hales, Bromley and Reeve Farley attended. Clearing of sightlines at CP Rail Crossing (Mile 120.5) was awarded to Eye Level Services in the amount of \$4,900.00. Conditional Use File No. CU-01-20-E on Pt. SE ¼ 21-11-18 WPM (Nicol) was approved. Council committed to become a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Partners for Climate Projection (PCP) program and committed to reducing municipal operations greenhouse gas emissions to 10% lower than 2015 levels within 10 years and 6% lower than the 2015 levels within the community. Financial statement for the year ended on December 31, 2019 as prepared on a PSAB basis was accepted and filed. Financial statement for the month ended January 31, 2020 was accepted and filed. Council agreed to upgrade all meter heads on the Elton Utility to cellular meter heads at an approximate cost of \$150,000.00 including installation. Purchase of Carbide Tips from DionCo was approved at a cost of \$2,700.00 plus taxes. Overtime for the month ended February 2020 was approved. The decision to hire a seasonal operator to start April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 was ratified. Farley, Bromley and EMO Coordinator Anita Goertzen were approved to attend 2020 Flood Seminar on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Council and CAO Steele were authorized to attend AMM Western District Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Accounts were approved in the amount of \$107,668.95 as per list of accounts circulated to Council. Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Special Meeting March 17th, 2020:** Councillors Mitchell, Campbell, Paterson, Bollman (by video), Hales, Bromley (by telephone) and Reeve Farley attended. Financial Statements for year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (revised), month ended January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (revised) and February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were accepted and filed. Technical and financial assistance from Manitoba Water Services Board for replacement of Forrest Waterlines at an estimated cost of \$300,000.00 with a corresponding grant of \$90,000.00 was requested. Draft 2020 Financial Plan for presentation at Financial Plan Hearing tentatively scheduled for April 7, 2020 with a proposed mill rate increase of 3.257% (\$36,572.35) was approved. Terms of Reference for Joint Planning with Brandon & Cornwallis was approved. Draft Policy No. 74-2020 (Construction & Demolition Tipping) was approved as revised for presentation at Financial Plan Hearing/Annual Ratepayers Meeting. Policies No. 73-2020 (Water Meter Inspections) & No. 75-2020 (Record Retention) were approved as circulated. A letter of support was approved for Bell MTS application to improve broadband services within Elton. COVID-19 Action Plan for Elton was approved as circulated. Council directed that the Elton Community Centre, Douglas Rink & Hall, and Justice Hall were to be closed to the public immediately due to COVID-19 protocols. Meeting was adjourned.

## PUBLIC NOTICE 2020 Financial Plan Hearing

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Elton (Elton) intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2020 at a public hearing scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020  
Time: 1:30 PM  
Place: **To Be Determined**

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided. Copies of the Financial Plan may be obtained by contacting the municipal office during regular office hours.

**Registration for the Financial Plan Hearing/Annual Ratepayers Meeting is required.** Please register the name and phone number of each party attending not later than Friday, April 3, 2020 by 12:00 pm noon (204-728-7834 or [info@elton.ca](mailto:info@elton.ca)). All registered parties will be notified pending further updates from Provincial and Federal Governments. Elton is following social distancing protocols.

Municipal updates will be posted on our website, Facebook and sent out to our email newsletter distribution list. If you wish to be added to our email list, please email [info@elton.ca](mailto:info@elton.ca).

The Annual Ratepayers Meeting will take place in conjunction with the Financial Plan Hearing.

Kathleen E. I. Steele, CMMA  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Rural Municipality of Elton  
Forrest, Manitoba  
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### **CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION TIPPAGE CHARGE DRAFT POLICY**

**A proposed policy for construction and demolition tippage will be presented at the Financial Plan Hearing tentatively scheduled for April 7th, 2020. To view the proposed policy, please visit [www.elton.ca](http://www.elton.ca) or contact 204-728-7834 or [info@elton.ca](mailto:info@elton.ca) to obtain a copy.**

# MUNICIPAL NEWS

## Burning

### Please call before controlled burns.

Please be sure to call the appropriate fire department before & after burning to ensure no unnecessary response fees are charged to Elton.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE AREAS AS OF JAN 1, 2020 see map at [www.elton.ca](http://www.elton.ca) > Government > Protective Services.**

**Brandon Fire Dep't Area** (204) 729-2400 or (204) 729-2413  
(All other lands not listed in CFB Shilo, Rapid City, & Rivers/Daly areas below)

**CFB Shilo Fire Dep't Area** (204) 765-3845  
(Douglas & lands south of No. 1 Highway (Secs 1, 2, 3-11-17)

**Rapid City Fire Dep't Area** (204) 826-2589  
(Sec 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32-12-18 & Secs 24 to 31-12-19)

**Rivers/Daly Fire Dep't Area** (204) 328-7930  
(Sec 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18-12-18 & Secs 1 to 18-12-19)

## Controlled Burns

**Just a friendly reminder to contact the fire department in your area (before and after) if you plan on doing a controlled burn. This ensures that the fire department doesn't respond unnecessarily during the controlled burn.**

## Evergreen Environmental Technologies

Location Intersection Road 97 West & 80 North  
Phone: 204-867-7161 [www.evergreentech.ca](http://www.evergreentech.ca)

### Hours of Operation:

**Monday – Friday (Winter)**

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Saturday** 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Thursday (May 18 – August 31)** 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

## Farmland School Tax Rebate

The deadline to apply for the school farm tax rebate is legislated as March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following tax year. MASCS has not been advised by the Province of any changes in light of COVID-19. Applications must be received by the end of day Tuesday, **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**

## Help Next Door MB

Help Next Door MB is a network of helpers coming together as a community. If you are a volunteer ready to provide support or someone who needs a helping hand through these difficult times this platform can connect you. [www.helpnextdoormb.ca](http://www.helpnextdoormb.ca)

## Planning

The RM of Cornwallis and the RM of Elton will be going through a transitioning stage from the Brandon and Area Planning District to the Keystone Planning District which is expected to be complete in the first half of 2020.

Effective January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, administration of all planning functions including building permits for the RM of Elton and RM of Cornwallis will be received and available at the RM of Cornwallis office located at 107191 Unit C Veterans Way.

Also, effective January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

- Building permit inquiries may be made to Brad Bell at (204) 901-3307,
- Planning inquiries may be made to Shawna Paulsen at (204) 725-2001, and
- Subdivision questions should be directed to Lori Main at (204) 726-6273.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Church News

Forrest United Church has cancelled all gatherings, including services for the time being due to COVID-19 guidelines.

Rev. Barb Jardine is preparing "Worship-At-Home" services on a weekly basis which can be sent by email to anyone that wants them. If you would like to receive a copy please let Barb know by email [bjardine@mymts.net](mailto:bjardine@mymts.net). Join us in virtual worship.

The church continues to provide a local food bank for people in need. Contact Kathy Cameron at 204-728-0764 if you are in need or if you have donations to give to the food bank to keep it functional.

Financial donations are still being welcomed to Forrest United Church while we are not worshipping together. They can be mailed to Forrest United Church, Box 48, Forrest, MB R0K 0W0. Our treasurer is Collen Bootsman and she can be reached at 204-727-3494.

## Elton Community Centre

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all activity at the Elton Community Center and grounds will be cancelled until further notice! We would like to thank all of our coaches, managers, parents and volunteers for a tremendous 2019/20 hockey season. Please stay up to date by visiting our website @ [eltoncommunitycenter.com](http://eltoncommunitycenter.com) and/or "Like Us" on Facebook. Stay safe everyone!

***The RM of Elton will provide information, in an accessible format on request, or with communication supports that consider a person's specific needs.***