

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

April 7, 2020 Financial Plan Hearing:

Councillors Campbell, Bollman, Hales, Reeve Farley attended in person, Councillors Mitchell, Paterson, Bromley attended by digital means. It was noted that due to Covid-19 Protocols and distancing requirements, other parties were not permitted to attend the meeting in person. To allow for public interaction and questions, the meeting was livestreamed via Facebook Live. The 2019 Financial Statement and 2020 Financial Plan were reviewed in public hearing which was then recessed to discuss other matters and give the opportunity to the viewers watching the livestream to ask questions or voice any concerns. Policy No. 74-2020 for construction and demolition tippage charges was approved as circulated. Reeve Farley noted that the Annual Ratepayers Meeting was cancelled at this time and council may consider re-scheduling once restrictions have been lifted. While reassembled in public hearing, Reeve Farley asked if there was any opposition to the 2020 Financial Plan and no opposition was registered. The 2020 Financial Plan and five-year Capital Plan for the years 2021-2025 was adopted as presented. 1st reading to By-Law No. 1627 (2020 Mill Rates) was given.

Regular Meeting April 14th, 2020:

Councillors Campbell, Bollman, Hales, Reeve Farley attended in person, Councillors Mitchell, Paterson, Bromley attended by digital means. To allow the Municipality to operate in a fair, objective and transparent manner, the meeting was livestreamed via Facebook Live.

The Financial Statement for the month ended March 31, 2020 was accepted and filed. 2nd & 3rd readings to BL 1627 (2020 Mill Rates) were given and considered passed. Approval for Covid-19 Protocols for public works was approved as circulated. Additional fibre optic lines by RFNow Inc. were approved as per the conditions outlined in the Agreement dated October 11, 2019 between the RM of Elton and RFNow Inc. 2020 MAMEC membership was approved for Anita Goertzen (EMO Coordinator). 2020 Grounds Maintenance was awarded to Bluebird Yard and Garden Service as per proposal dated March 27, 2020. Payment was approved to H. Paterson as per the Road Upgrade agreement entered into on October 11, 2016 in the amount of \$5,000.00 (R. Paterson declared Conflict and was removed from the Zoom Meeting). Staff overtime to March 31, 2020 was approved. Staff wages for the 2020 year were approved as per recommendation from Personnel Committee dated April 9, 2020. Agreement with MWSB dated April 7, 2020 for Forrest Watermain Renewal was approved. Accounts were approved in the amount of \$151,892.98 as per list of accounts circulated to Council. Meeting was adjourned to meet again on May 12, 2020 at 9:00 am or at the call of the Reeve.

Dust Control

Policy No. 35-2013

Be it resolved that Council of the RM of Elton (Elton) amend the dust control policy on municipal roads **effective May 8, 2018** as follows:

- Residents/ratepayers will be responsible to arrange for application of dust control at their property.
- Residents/ratepayers must apply to the Elton Municipal Office for approval to apply dust control on the roadway by their property a minimum of **5 working days in writing** prior to product being applied to allow for prepping the site each year;
- Approved dust control products are Calcium Chloride and Magnesium Chloride. A request for approval of any other dust control suppressant must be approved by Council at a Council meeting each year;
- Application site must be identified by stakes by the resident/ratepayer at the time of request;
- The resident/ratepayer is responsible for all costs for dust control product/application;
- Approval for application of dust control may be delayed beyond the 1-week (5 working days) notice period if Elton cannot access materials to properly prepare the site to ensure road safety;

The municipality reserves the right to grade all dust control sites to maintain safe road surfaces throughout the year.

DUST CONTROL:

The RM of Elton will not be arranging dust control for residents. Residents are responsible to arrange dust control at their own property. Approved products are Calcium Chloride and Magnesium Chloride. A minimum of 5 days notice to the RM of Elton is required before product is applied to allow prepping of the site. For more information please read Policy No. 35-2013.



MUNICIPAL NEWS

Burning

Please call before controlled burns.

Please be sure to call the appropriate fire department & Elton 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 > 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) 826-2515
(Sec 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32-12-18 & Secs 24 to 31-12-19)

Rivers/Daly Fire Dep't Area (204) 328-5300
(Sec 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18-12-18 & Secs 1 to 18-12-19)

Controlled Burns

Elton Municipal Council requests that, prior to doing any controlled burn, Elton taxpayers consider that resources for Fire Response may be limited due to the Covid-19 protocols we are all operating under. While Elton has not currently implemented a Burning Ban, conditions are being monitored including response ability for staffing for medical responses as well as weather conditions relating to fire. **Elton would appreciate that all parties consider alternate methods than burning prior to proceeding. If any residents have a water tanker that they are willing to provide for firefighting purposes in case of a reduced response from our fire departments, please contact the Elton office at info@elton.ca or 204-728-7834 and provide your name and contact phone number.**

Evergreen Environmental Technologies

Location Intersection Road 97 West & 80 North
Phone: 204-867-7161 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

Planning

The RM of Cornwallis and the RM of Elton are in a transitioning stage from the Brandon and Area Planning District to the Keystone Planning District (KPD), and are awaiting for legislation to officially create KPD.

Effective January 2nd, 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 2nd, 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.

The RM of Elton Council and Staff would like to thank everyone for their patience, cooperation and support given to all departments within the Municipality during this unprecedented time.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Church News

Forrest United Church building is closed indefinitely due to COVID 19, but **the church is still very much alive!** Worship-at-home resources are being sent each week to the members of the congregation and we have a mid-week newsletter. If anyone is interested in receiving worship by email or regular mail, please contact Rev. Barb Jardine: bjardine@mymts.net or call 204-354-2248. If you need someone to talk with, please call our chair of pastoral care: Anne Brolund at 204-728-9958. If you are in need of supplies from the Food Cupboard in the church, please contact Kathy Cameron at 204-728-0764. Prayer requests can be made known to Rev. Barb.

As we continue to find our way through this pandemic, let me echo what we have heard across our country: *we are all in this together and we are here for each other.* Don't be afraid to reach out to others.... virtually is not the same as being together physically, but it's not that bad either! While we are not at worship, we continue to pray daily, holding our community in the Light of God's love. Peace be with you!

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