

Mistusinne Newsletter - Fall 2017

Council Updates:

- * Three very successful events – Canada Family Fun Day/Canada 150 Park Opening and Charity Golf Tournament/Community Potluck Supper were held this summer. See reports below.
- * Council will be exploring ways to enhance the boat launch and swimming areas for next summer. A few people have put their names forward for the Beach Committee and they welcome more. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping out next spring.
- * Council is looking at new equipment for the playground to replace the older wooden structures and smaller children swings. If you are interested in helping with the playground committee please contact the Office.
- * A new “hot shot” communication system has been added to the irrigation set up and has resulted in no more system failures.
- * Council approved and purchased a new tractor for summer and winter maintenance.

Council Reminders:

Irrigation System: The lines of the Village irrigation system will be blown out after October 9, 2017. Please ensure that you have all of your personal attachments disconnected from the Village standpipe by October 10, 2017. Pipes running from the standpipe onto your property are your responsibility.

Septic Pump Outs: Septic tanks will be measured by maintenance and pump outs done by Peddle’s Septic Service after October 9, 2017. Please label your card “final pump out” if you are requesting it before this date. Also, please make sure that access to your septic tank is not blocked.

Cutting & Pruning of Village Trees & Shrubs: is not allowed unless you gain permission from Maintenance or the Office.

Unfortunately, a few residents have taken it upon themselves to prune or remove trees & shrubs on Village property. This should be approved by the Village first and is usually done by Maintenance if it is deemed necessary i.e. the tree poses a danger or is totally dead.

* Please **do not** use the Loraas containers for deer remains. It attracts coyotes into the Village. Remember, Loraas containers are for bagged household garbage only. For other items or construction waste arrangements must be made with Maintenance.

* Remember, snowmobiles are not allowed on the green spaces, in the ditches or on the golf course.

* **The fire ban has been lifted** but please be very careful with campfires. It is still very dry out there. Keep them manageable, always have water nearby and make sure they are out when you are done. Remember, fireworks are only allowed on the beach and require a permit from the Office.

* Many cabin owners have helped the Village by watering trees behind and beside their lots. The drought this year was still very hard on the Village trees and cabin owners are encouraged to continue this practice or to adopt new areas to water next year. Canada 150 committee members have diligently kept the new trees in the new forest watered as well as other Village trees. A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers in the Village for your watering efforts.

* Please use the boat launch for trucks accessing the lake for ice fishing.

* At the September 9, 2017 Council meeting, Council discussed **the abuse of the green spaces by motorized vehicles**. They decided that at this point they would try to educate cabin owners instead of putting up new barriers to deter use. Cabin owners who have not obtained permits for occasional use or who have items stored on the green space will be receiving letters asking them to abstain from these practices and to repair the damage that has been done. It has been particularly hard on the ground during this drought season. Please remember that the Village does not have back alleys and access to the back of your lot is for occasional use only. As well, golf carts and quads are reminded to use the roadways to travel, not the green spaces between loops. **Please store your boat, trailers, vehicles, etc. on your own property and not on the green space.**

Canada's 150th Birthday: A Family Fun Day Report:

Highlights included:

- *A parade led by a Mountie in red serge, a piper, a miniature pony, dozens of cleverly decorated bikes, quads, and golf carts (even one made to look like a giant beaver!).
- *Face-painting, tattoos, decorating cupcakes, kid-made birthday cards mailed to the Prime Minister, lots of races including sack races, 3-legged races and marshmallow and spoon races.
- *Serving 488 lunches of burgers or hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream.
- *A program with fiddle music by the Kirchgessner grandchildren, plus a bilingual children's choir.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this event from planning to cooking burgers. If you are interested in helping out with next year's event please contact Carol Dorward at cdorward@sasktel.net.

Canada 150 Park Report:

The official opening of the park took place at the Family Fun Day on July 1st with the Mayor cutting the ribbon, children passing out the birthday cake and the dedication of the park to Mistusinne volunteers, past and present. Committee members have worked hard to create a natural forest of trees, shrubs and grasses. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to plan, plant, water and create the park.

Charity Golf Tournament & Community Potluck Supper Report:

Once again the tournament was a huge success. We had a smaller turn out with 56 enthusiastic golfers. The potluck was well attended with all in attendance participating in the fund raising events. Prizes this year were very generous from communities all around. The organizers this year were Dick Huynink and Bill Gibson who did a fine job. While the totals have not been finalized yet, we once again raised in excess of \$4000 for the Elbow Fire Department, Elbow First Responders and Stars Air Ambulance. Another near record amount.

Thanks to all for their generosity and their help with this event.

A SINCERE GOODBYE:

After 11 very productive years, Keith Lonsdale, the Village Greenskeeper has decided to spend more time golfing instead of working on the Village golf course. He has submitted his resignation effective the end of the current year. Keith is very proud of the Mistusinne Golf Course and it has shown in the care and attention that he has put into it since he began working for the Village. He has battled voles and dandelions and irrigation problems. Keith has also been involved with the maintenance department throughout this time. Council and Staff wish him the best, but know we will still see him around and visit with him in the years to come.

Council will be looking to fill Keith's position over the winter months. If you are interested in more information please contact the Office. The official job posting will be on the website and bulletin boards.

Office & Recycle Hours:

OFFICE HOURS: Regular fall/winter hours are Fridays from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

RECYCLING HOURS Fall/Winter:

Second and Fourth Saturdays from 9 a.m. – noon:

September 23
October 14, 28
November 11, 25
December 9, 23

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January 13, 27
February 10, 24
March 10, 24
April 14, 28

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Many community events are listed on the Village of Elbow's website – www.elbowsask.com

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