

Village of Sedley
1st Annual Information Nite

Mayor Leier called the 1st Annual Information Nite to order at 7:35 PM.

Service Road / Pump House Update – Councillor Parent

You may have noticed signs have been posted on the service road indicating a maximum weight of 8,000 lbs. The intent of which is to protect the asset which now belongs to the municipality. Sask Highways re-surfaced the service road at a cost of \$ 146,668 and then turned the asset over the Sedley to maintain going forward.

A sign has been posted at the Pump House. Those who meet the weight restriction requirements of the service road will enter into an agreement with the Village indicating they will not violate the weight restrictions of the service road. Violators may have to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 and any costs incurred to repair the damage. If you see someone violating these weight restrictions please provide a license plate and if possible the trucking company name off the door of the truck to the Village Office IN WRITING. It is important you provide this information in writing and SIGN your name.

Community Response / Suggestions

Many of the farmers in the Sedley area attended the meeting to raise concerns over the strict weight restrictions on the Service Road. The weight restrictions have caused them to seek alternatives for providing water to their homes and farms.

The following suggestions were received from the community:

- Add signs on the highway so truckers see the weight restrictions before they've committed to turning into the village.
- Implement time restrictions for access to the service road
- Increase the weight restriction
- Implement fee based on truck size
- Move pump house
- Lift weight restriction in the winter
- Improve front of pump house
- Extend water line out Prairie Avenue to a water stand
- Extend back alley so trucks can pull in and drive through
- Entrance off highway to Pump House

Youth Centre / Committee Update – Shawn Forbes

As you may already know the Youth Centre provides a comfortable, supervised indoor meeting place for the youth in our community. We have snacks, games, music, computers, and a pool table that the children can use when they come to the centre. We also have outdoor equipment the kids can use at the park or the Tennis court. It has become a very popular place not only for the youth of our community but for Francis and the surrounding rural areas as well. The Center is seeing volumes of 10-15 kids on any given night. The youth center is open Friday nights from 6 to 9:00 pm.

With all successful non-profit groups comes a commitment from community volunteers. With that in mind the Youth Center has adopted a new policy: If your child or children visit the youth center once a month or more your name will be added to the supervision list. This is a fair way of ensuring the supervision is spread across the families using the Youth Center. If you do not have children who use the centre but you would like to support the centre...you can still be a volunteer supervisor or join the board. Contact Tammy Hollet and she will answer all your questions. Please remember the 2nd annual community garage sale, youth Centre bbq and bake sale on May 29 starting at 10:00 am.

There are many other local boards and Committees that would love to have your time and ideas if you are looking for somewhere else to volunteer your time.

Please contact the Village office and Sam or Lindy can direct you to the proper chairperson for each board. The following boards are currently active in Sedley:

Gym Hall	New Horizon's
Youth Center	
Rink	
Sedley 1 st Responders	
Volunteer Fire Dept	
Sedley Branch Library	
Daycare Task Force	

Recently you all received a Day Care Task Force Survey asking your thoughts on the development of a Day Care in Sedley. The Task Force is looking for a response from the community as a whole not just those with children, so please complete your survey and return to the Village Office.

Community Response / Suggestions

- Organize events for kids in the summer

Landfill – Mervyn Klein

There will be significant changes at the landfill in the coming months. To combat unlawful dumping a sturdier gate and lock have been purchased and will be installed once the ground dries up a bit. We are also looking at closing the dump to the public except for Saturday's from 9 – 12:00 noon. Details are still being worked out for this new initiative we will notify you once we have ironed out all the details. Keys will no longer be provided to residents to do their own dumping.

We will begin accepting your old tires for a cost. The cost is dependent on the type of tire you are wishing to dispose of. The tires will then be picked up by Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Association for recycling. See Sam at the Village Office to get information on pricing.

We are committed to keeping our landfill. The implementation of these strict guidelines is integral to us being able to operate a landfill in this province.

Community Response / Suggestions

- Extend the hours the dump is open
- Provide an afterhours contact number for those who need to haul outside landfill hours
- Have Ken pick up garden waste on regular garbage pick up days
- Post a list of those items prohibited from being placed in the landfill
- Organize a once a year pick up of oil and paint

ATVs / Quads / Snow machines – Graham Anderson

Despite signage, letters and newsletters the town office is still receiving a fair number of complaints from people within the community with regards to these vehicles. ATV's, Quads, Snowmobiles, Dirt and Mini Bikes are considered unlicensed vehicles and should not be driven within the community on village streets.

We have discussed the issue of charging a fee for all people and giving a plate with a number but our Insurance will not allow the village to do this. So with that if you are driving an ATV, Dirt or Mini Bike and the RCMP see you, you will get a ticket. Whether you are under the legal age or of legal age as per the Saskatchewan ATV/Provincial Legislation Chart you must have a Permit as well as have passed a approved safety training course. If you are under the age of 16 you can operate an ATV on Immediate family property. Also children 12-15 years old must have also passed a safety course and must be accompanied by an Adult who has held a Permit for 1 year and has passed an approved safety course. I have a copy of the legislation and if you would like to have a look.

If you are going to be using an ATV, dirt or mini bike you must follow the shortest path to the out skirts of the village at a reasonable speed. The exception is you cannot go through the school yard, parking lot , ball diamonds , parks etc.

The school is working on keeping up and expanding the project of having native grass and plants growing within the school property as well as several new trees. There is a lot of traffic in the school yard and this is damaging the area and causing a lot of extra work for the school. So please no more bikes or quads in the school yard. This winter there were a couple of snow machines that were driving around in the Park over by the Water Works building and they caused a lot of damage to the shrubs along the service road. This summer SSAY Green is installing new picnic tables, benches and garbage receptacles in this park, this park equipment will be cemented into place. As per the Snowmobile act. Permits are also required to operate the machines so Respectful driving at a reasonable speed and the shortest way out of town with no driving around town on the streets or in the school yard or parks. If the complaints keep coming in the RCMP will become more diligent and that could mean more patrols and tickets. Please follow the rules as per the ATV Legislation and Snowmobile act.

Community Response / Suggestions

- When reporting a ATV, RCMP seem to not respond – why are they not enforcing legislation?
- Kronau had the same problem a few years ago – they implemented a process whereby a letter with a fine was hand delivered to violators. This process worked quite well and they no longer have the problem to the same degree.

Strategic Planning – Bryan Leier

It has been the intention of Council to conduct a strategic planning session for a number of years. The shortage of qualified municipal strategic planning facilitators and the expense of such a session have put this initiative on the back burner. Funds have been allocated to conduct a strategic planning session beginning in 2010 and likely stretching into 2011. It is our intent to have significant public input to our strategic planning session by way of public forums and community surveys. As additional information becomes available it will be passed on to the community by way of newsletter and web site.

Community Response / Suggestions

None

Water Rate Increase – Bryan Leier

Upon review of our water / sewer revenues and expenses, it was determined water / sewer rates were not reflective of the actual costs associated with providing the service. In that light we have made the decision to increase water / sewer rates effective July 2010 quarterly billing.

The current residential water rate is \$56.46 / quarter or \$18.82 / month.

The current residential sewer rate is \$43.23 / quarter or \$14.41 / month.

To ensure we remain revenue neutral with our water / sewer rates the new rates are as follows:

The residential water rate will be \$75 / quarter or \$25 / month.
The residential sewer rate will be \$55 / quarter or \$18.33 / month.

Community Response / Suggestions

None

Mill Rate Increase – Bryan Leier

There will be a mill rate increase in 2010 from 18 mills to 19 mills. This increase is required in order to fund future infrastructure plans. As announced last year our water / sewer infrastructure requires \$2.2 million in improvements. In order to plan for these we need to start setting money aside for these improvements.

Community Response / Suggestions

None

Results of Community Polls

I support the removal of the stop sign at Martin Crescent and Regina Avenue.

Yes – 29

No – 16

No Response – 1

Non-Conclusive – 1 (simply said keep it)

Upgrade Playground or Dismantle Playground

Upgrade – 5

Dismantle – 22

No Response – 12

Non-Conclusive – 8 (response was No to upgrade AND No to dismantle)

Other Community Responses / Suggestions

- Speed bump on Martin Crescent: consider new house being moved in to the Village in the fall. Contractors are not going to want to drive over that speed bump.
- Move the stop sign from Martin Crescent & Regina Avenue and erect on Prairie Avenue by the school
- Dog excrement: ask dog owners to clean up after their pets
- Landfill: hire a summer student to man the dump over the weekend
- Fireworks: people have been setting off fireworks into the early hours of the morning: this is in violation of our Noise Bylaw. If you know who is setting off fireworks after 11 PM, contact the RCMP with their name and address.
- Dust control: rather than spending \$8,000 / year on dust control, purchase a water tank and trailer and have someone spray the roads with water twice a day
- Maybe we could put an outlet on the existing maintenance building for the people that need water for their house and that would make it so all could come in and get the water. We could charge them a monthly fee of \$10.00 plus a key fee or whatever would be fair to help pay for the outlet and the cost of the water.
- Remove pavement – change to usable gravel
- Why does the drinking water have such a strong bleach taste? I have to leave a pitcher sit for hours on the counter before drinking.
- Is there a cat bylaw? Too many cats in town.
- I suggest the money saved on playground be used to fund an access road to the water shed
- Are you going to keep the spraying of weeds?
- Use Pet Warnke's idea for the water station
- Is it possible to extend the fire hydrant system to accommodate those who require water?
- Could it be feasible to move any playground equipment to the proposed park behind the Rink?
- Would appreciate a more efficient way of having question period. Could barely hear what people were saying. Very frustrating.
- The playground equipment purchased with Pioneer grant join school's if permissible.
- If possible put water tap on grid road access if feasible up charge per gallon to recoup cost.
- Add stop signs to Main Street and school street if speed is an issue
- What about all the cats in town? People leave their cats out and they go and dig up the flower garden and leave a mess. People should pay a license fee like the dogs or have them on a leash.
- The service road is great. Makes the Village look good. It's just too bad it's in front of the Water House. The only thing I can see working is relocating where people load up. You can work with the engineer to see if it's possible to load behind Warnke's or Nikakht's.
- Install a water stand pipe
- Install water stand pipe for trucks over 8,000 lbs

- See what the school is doing with regard to their playground before upgrading or dismantling the playground
- Move good equipment to park by water works
- Move equipment from playground and move to another part of town
- Need a stop sign on Elgin and Assiniboia
- Need a toboggan hill
- Install a stop sign at Elgin and Assiniboia
- Install playground equipment at Centennial Park
- Install stop sign at Elgin & Assiniboia
- Toboggan hill needed
- Some equipment in the playground is still up to code and is fairly new and I don't want to see it going to waste. I feel the park should be maintained.
- Let SSAY Green put up a playground in the park
- How heavy is town tractor?
- Merv's gravel truck?
- Should we ask about the budget if they started thinking about putting money aside for a newer fire truck?
- Install new playground equipment at the park by water pump, Centennial Park
- Purchase water tank and trailer to be used for dust control instead of oil on the roads at huge expense
- Yes for day care as long as it does not cost the Village tax payer

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM.