

# VILLAGE NEWS

Village of Sedley Newsletter

October 2020

## We are going to the polls!

Advance Poll October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Election Day November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

We will be electing 5 councillors. The new mayor of Sedley by acclamation is Alan Currie.

### Mayor by Acclamation

*Alan Currie, Operations Manager, NOC, SaskTel*

Alan has been on council for 8 years. He grew up near the town of Penzance where his family farmed, but eventually moved to Regina. His family moved to Bangladesh for 2 years, after which they returned to Regina. Alan completed high school in Regina and then attended the University of Regina majoring in Chemistry. Alan works as Operations Manager for SaskTel's National Operations Centre. He is Deputy Fire Chief of the Sedley Fire Department. He's married to Amanda and they have two children.

## A Little Bit about the Candidates:

### Councillor Candidates

*Dion Baker, Business Owner, Self Employed*

My name is Dion Baker and I am running for Sedley Village Council. I have grown up in the Village of Sedley and throughout my life I have been an active member involved in many events and boards past and present. I have reached a point in my life now where I want the opportunity to be involved at the council level to preserve what our village has to offer and explore new future opportunities for growth.

I am an owner/operator of Baker & Sons Trucking providing grain and fertilizer services for the Prairie Provinces. My wife Kim of 24 years and I have raised our two sons Carter and Andrew in Sedley. Our family has been involved in volunteering within our community and surrounding areas. In the past I was a member of the Gym Hall Board, coached ball and hockey and presently I am an active member of our First Responders and Fire Department.

I have volunteered on many teams and activities in which our boys were involved in; including coaching hockey in Sedley and surrounding area for 10 years and youth T-Ball & baseball teams. I lead the Sedley Slo Pitch team for 15 years, not only for our adults to have some fun, but to help build and preserve our ball diamonds. I led our team into two years of profitable ball tournaments which purchased and the erected the home run fence you see today.

I am a deeply committed member of our community and you would often see me cutting the diamonds in the early mornings after working a night shift knowing a ball game was scheduled for later that evening.

Although I have stepped away from the ball team almost two years ago now, my commitment remains the same to help wherever I can.

I became a member of the Gym Hall Board when it was in dire need of maintenance and volunteered to complete the tasks. I was an active and participating member during the success of the dessert theatre.

Currently I am a long-standing member of our Sedley Fire Department. I took on the role as Fire Chief for 5 of my 25 years. In that time, I led the team into numerous fundraising activities, updated training on fire safety, training days and other courses as made available to update our knowledge and maintain a level of safety and procedures which were outdated. During my time as Chief, our department was also able to purchase new turnout gear for each member, pay off a newly purchased fire truck which replaced one which was past its prime and had a surplus in our bank account.

Also serving our community I have been an active member on our First Responder team for the last 15 years.

My history involvement proves my deep commitment for our village.

A vote for Dion Baker is a vote for change.

### ***Ashli Brick***



My name is Ashli Brick and I moved from Regina to Sedley in 2003 with my parents and 2 younger siblings. I graduated grade 12 from Sedley School in 2005. My husband, Curtis farms in the area and together we have 2 beautiful children who are attending Sedley School. I am currently working as an Educational Assistant at Sedley School.

I love being involved in the community and am a member of the following volunteer boards: Sedley Library, Spray Park Committee, School Community Council and chair the Sedley Community Cultural Society (Gym Hall).

I have coached and managed soccer in Vibank over the past few years and my husband coaches hockey for QTMHA. I believe community involvement is the key to building strong families and strong communities. I am running for council because I feel there is a need for new voices and ideas to help build a more vibrant community. As our Village continues to grow, your ideas and participation in its development needs to be heard and I would like the opportunity to take those ideas to council for you.

*Donald Baker, Business Owner*



Donnie is born and raised in Sedley and has been a councillor for 7 years. He is an active member of Sedley rink 8+ years and Sedley Gym Hall for 6+ years. Winter time you can usually find him at a rink in southern Saskatchewan coaching kids hockey. Summer time is usually spent camping and chasing a golf ball. I have and will continue to bring valuable knowledge to the council meetings.

*Krissy Hofer, Self Employed/Homemaker*



How exciting that we are going to an election! I feel it is so important for the taxpayers to have a choice when it comes to who is on their council.

My name is Krissy Hofer and I'm hoping for your vote!

I moved to Sedley from Regina, where I lived all my life. I attended the U of R and was on the Cheer team and also volunteered my time to coaching Cheer at the high school level. I spent many years volunteering with the YMCA of Regina and Camp Ta-Wa-Si. I also was a very active member and volunteer of the Regina Austrian Society for pretty much my entire life.

I believe that it is so important to give back to your community. Within the first year of being in Sedley I joined and am still currently on the Preschool and Library boards. Although I have wanted to join more boards I know the importance of quality over quantity and want to ensure that I can give my 100% commitment to what I'm focusing on.

I love supporting those that have home based businesses in town and absolutely adore a good fundraiser!!! My community involvement has been far from lacking in the time I have been here. Sedley villagers is the Facebook group that I created and is a place where we can bring the community together virtually and has shown it's worth with local fundraisers, village notices, finding volunteers for community events and of course the lost and found cats of Sedley.

My previous employment in management and working for a non-profit has given me strong skills in organization, professionalism, communication and planning. All which I feel will be a strong asset for me to bring to the table.

Currently I am self-employed and at home with my three kids that are 5, 3, 1. Being at home allows me to be readily available in the community at any time of the day when needed.

Politics has always been an interest of mine and I have been a member and helped with the campaign for a political party in the last federal election.

My decision to run for council is purely my own. I was not sought out, or asked to run by current council members or Village staff. I am running because I feel like we can do better for our children of Sedley. As a parent with three very young children, I'm hoping to see more kid friendly things to keep them occupied in the summer and winter months in addition to ensuring the park and spray park are always in great condition for them to use. These children are the up and coming of Sedley and deserve to be a priority.

I would love to see a welcome package put together for those that have chosen Sedley as their new home. I have taken it upon myself to do this, I buy a gift card to the bar, write a welcome to Sedley card and let them know what a great community they have chosen!

I also hope to bring great communication between the village and the people. I know as a taxpayer it is nice to know what is happening around town ahead of time, such as upkeep and big town projects rather than only notified when a job has a bump in the road.

Covid aside, I would love to plan community events to keep the small town Saskatchewan feeling alive and to bring us together as a community, such things as parades, Sedley annual birthday party, cook offs, the list and ideas are endless!

If you'd like to chat or have any questions for me please don't hesitate to reach out. I would love the opportunity to speak with you and hear what YOUR vision for the future of Sedley is! Call! Text or message me on Facebook!

Krissy Hofer  
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*Deanne Makellky, Part-time Admin Assistant, Stay at Home Mom & Homeschooling Parent*



My name is Deanne Makellky. I live at 109 Sedley Street with my husband Justin and our four kids: Vincent (9), Theo (6), Charlotte (4), and Eva (1). I am a stay-at-home, homeschooling mom and part time administrative assistant for an online school.

We moved to Sedley from Regina in May 2012. After having our first child we wanted to buy a house in a community where we could feel safe letting our kids play in the yard and ride their bikes to the park without constantly having to watch or worry about them. We knew a couple of people who already lived here and when we started looking at houses we fell in love with Sedley. After living here for a little while I really wanted to get involved in the community and when I heard the Spray Park Committee was looking for members I was very excited and joined right away. I have been the secretary ever since it started. I want to run for council because I have seen Sedley change from being a quaint and peaceful village to a vibrant place full of activity and incredible sense of community and I want to take a more active part in continuing this momentum.

I want to see Sedley become a place where a lot of different minded individuals can join together in unity for a common goal. I want to see our community thrive and support each other even more than we do right now. I want to see our community continue to come alive through our parks, playgrounds, schools, community centers, and village wide events where everybody and their dog can come out and support each other because this is my favourite place in the whole world.

*Gerard Parent, Self Employed Business Owner*



I'm Gerard Parent and I have owned and operated my metal roofing and siding company since 1985.

I am running for council to carry on the leadership, progressive policies and good governance that we have implemented over the last 14 years while I have been on council.

My vision for the future is to continue rebuilding our aging infrastructure, preparing for future expansion and keeping our community a clean, friendly and safe environment to live in.

Along with you, the citizens and volunteers of the Village of Sedley, we can continue to move forward to a bright and exciting future for decades to come.

*Joel Schaeffer, Equipment Operator*



Joel Schaeffer has been a resident of Sedley since 2012. He was raised on a farm north of Sedley and is looking for your vote this election day. Joel is a Machine operator at the Rural Municipality of Lajord #128 where he has worked since 2003. Joel also has worked seasonally in Lake Louise Alberta for both the ski resort and Parks Canada; Joel loves both the mountains and the prairies. Joel is an avid skier and motorcycle enthusiast who truly enjoys the outdoors. Joel enjoys

playing organized ball playing on several ball teams in the summer, including our local slow pitch team.

Joel is a skilled volunteer firefighter for Kronau Fire/Rescue, covering the majority of the RM of Lajord along with highway 33 from Sedley to Regina, for rescue operations including motor vehicle accidents. Joel has a big heart and would always lend a hand during a time of need.

For these reasons Joel has brought his name forward in the hopes to do his part for the community of Sedley. His near 2 decades experience working for a municipality, he would be an asset to our council. Joel has a strong voice to bring the table and wants to represent his community. Joel is very easy to speak with and open minded to the concerns you may have, he looks forward to meeting everyone and encourages you to reach out with any concerns you have with our village.

***Lisa Selenski, Daycare Provider***



My name is Lisa Selenski, I'm married to Jeff and have 2 boys, age 7 and 9 who attend school here in Sedley. I have lived in Sedley for 12 years and have operated a home day care for 7 years.

I'm running for Village council because I want to see Sedley grow with more residences, which in turn, could bring forth more programs and opportunities for our community.

I want to bring sound and reasonable decision making to the village of Sedley to ensure it continues to be a great place to raise a family.

I am the Vice Chair for the Sedley spray park committee. I volunteered my time to the helping with fundraising and holding events to get the spray park built. Pre-covid, I enjoyed coaching the kids soccer for the last three years.

You will be electing 5 councillors. Please note, while you must choose at least one councillor, you are not required to choose 5.

The polling station will be at Sedley Gym Hall for both the Advance Poll and Election Day. Due to covid, the following will be in effect:

- Use the hand sanitizer provided and a mask is recommended, but not required
- There will only be 30 people permitted in the Gym at one time
- Please stand at least 6' apart

Upon entering, you will be required to complete the Voter's Registration Form and provide government issued ID which displays your address.

Once you've put your ballot in the ballot box, please exit the building promptly. Please keep visiting inside the building at a minimum.

Election results will be posted in the Village Office on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.