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June 21st, 2022

Minutes from the regular meeting of council held May 17th are available under the Governance tab at www.villageofsedley.com

Delegations representing the greenhouse cooperative attended the meeting to discuss the future of the space. Given new information, previously unknown to council, it has been decided to hold off selling the property to investigate other options.

A resident had requested council review the use of golf carts in Sedley. As it is an unlicensable vehicle, it is not permitted on public roads. SGI will work with those municipalities with bylaws to permit golf carts, however there are several conditions which need to be met before SGI will approve the bylaw. The first condition being the golf cart can be used for transport only to and from a golf course. As this condition cannot be met, golf carts are not permitted as a mode of transport in Sedley.

Council also discussed the weed inspector appointed for Sedley. Bob Baker has been appointed as the weed inspector for Sedley. His responsibility is to mitigate the spread of noxious weeds (dandelions and scented camomile are a couple of examples) in Sedley and the RM of Francis. He is only responsible for weeds which are deemed out of control. Provided yards are regularly maintained, weeds shouldn't be an issue.

A bylaw to extend the deadline to submit the audited financial statement to the Ministry of Government Relations was passed. Legislation requires financial statements to be submitted to the Ministry by July 1st. As a new auditor was assigned our file, there has been a delay.

We discussed spray park hours as the office and councillors had a number of comments from residents. There is a misconception that spray park hours were reduced last year simply because of the drought situation. This is not the case. We always see an increase in water usage in the summer regardless of weather. For example, at the beginning of June our water usage was 22,800 gallons per day. Water usage has increased to 53,200 gallons per day. Our total water capacity is 126,000 gallons. By have a 'rest' day after the spray park is open, our water system is able to catch up on the water used by the spray park. This ensures we have enough water for residents to use in their homes as well as ensuring we have adequate water in the event of a fire.

Options for the ditch sculpting initiative for Broadway Street were reviewed. These options will be presented to the contractor to ensure this project can be completed within the time and budget allowed. We anticipate this project to begin in the next 2-3 weeks.

A letter from the Shadow Minister for Rural Economic Development and Rural Broadband Strategy requesting input on the top 3 economic development challenges Sedley faces. These barriers to economic development include, but are not limited to: the availability of grant



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money from other levels of government, the difficulty in obtaining approval of project submitted to other levels of government, small project scale to attract contractors, our proximity to Regina, connectivity issues and the price of fuel. A response letter will be sent.

A letter will also be sent to SaskTel requesting it to expand Sedley's infrastructure to be faster and have more 'lines' available for new residents.

In the original budget passed earlier this year, we had decided to replace 2 fire hydrants. Given the increased cost for parts and installation, it was decided only one will be replaced in 2022 and the other in 2023. The hydrant near New Horizon's Community Centre will be replaced this construction season.

Sedley is very excited to be a recipient of \$3,000 from Affinity Credit Union's Community Development Fund! This money will be used to purchase 2 benches for around the splash pad.

The next meeting of council will be July 19th at 7:00 PM at the Village Office.

Committee Updates

Sedley Fire Department – You may have noticed a couple wrecked vehicles parked by the Fire Hall. The fire team is planning to conduct vehicle extrication and other training exercises this summer.

Sedley Rink – The rink has received \$7,000 from Affinity Credit Union's Community Development Fund. 18 arch supports have been purchased and will be installed this fall.

Sedley Gym Hall – The Board is working hard planning fundraising events for this year. Stay tuned for more details. The wheelchair ramp will be constructed this summer.

Sedley Parks & Rec – No report

Prairie Lily – No report

New Horizon's – No report

Sedley Library – The library has received \$1,500 from Affinity Credit Union's Community Development Fund. There is also a book sale going on! Books are \$1 or \$5 for a bag of books!