

VILLAGE NEWS

Village of Sedley Newsletter

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Your Village Council



(Left to Right: Leandra Strass, Rick Milewicz, Chris Stevens, Kelsey Morrison, Krissy Hofer. Missing: Bryan Leier)

What is your new Village Council up to?

Right now, Council and Administration are working hard on Strategic Planning and the annual budgeting process.

A Town Hall meeting is being planned for May (stay tuned for details soon!) so that we can update you on everything that we are planning and budgeting for AND get some feedback from you!



Reminder – Regular Council Meetings are open to the public for observation. If you wish to bring something forward to council and discuss it with them, simply contact the office at least one week prior to the meeting to be added to the Agenda.

Who are we?

Mayor Christopher (Chris) Stevens

My name is Chris Stevens and it is my honour to serve as your Mayor and part of the team that makes up the village council this term.

My wife, Cherisse, and I, and our now four boys moved to Sedley in 2011 as we wanted to have the small town experience to raise our family in. That year we also started a residential construction company that we continue to own and operate. Once settled in Sedley, I joined the Fire Department, and in 2016 took over as the Fire Chief. I have served in that role until now taking on the Mayoral position.

It is through my experience as a business owner and serving on the boards of numerous non-profits that I have learned the importance of good governance, building a team, and a shared vision that people can get involved in. My hope is to put these skills to work in helping our council be open and transparent, with clear communication. Also, by collectively creating a compelling vision of the future, where community involvement and buy-in is the natural response, we can continue to create a vibrant community for generations to come.

I want to express my gratitude to the previous Mayor and council for all their work in making sure the vital infrastructure of the village was kept in good working order. I greatly appreciate this opportunity and look forward to getting to know you all better as we work together to make Sedley the best place to call home.

Deputy Mayor/Councillor Richard (Rick) Milewicz

My wife, Kiana, and I decided to call Sedley our new home in late 2015. Since then, we have welcomed our two boys, Greyson (4) and Gavin (2).

My experience in construction as a Journeyman Pressure Welder, Certified Welding Inspector and small business owner will allow me to contribute significantly to the management of our community's infrastructure. I also hope to put my values, experience and skills to work in improving engagement and communication between our Village Office and Council and our residents.

Thank you for electing me to represent our community and I look forward to all of the great things to come in the years ahead.

Councillor Kelsey Morrison

Kelsey moved to Sedley five years ago with her partner, Dylan. They've since welcomed their now two year old daughter, Grace! Kelsey is originally from a small town west of Moose Jaw (Mortlach) and is happy to be back in a lively rural community to raise her family. Kelsey's education and professional background is diverse with experience in conflict management, non-profit work, policy and research and now government relations.

Kelsey spends much of her down time with family, enjoying the outdoors, or volunteering at various events and organizations that she is involved in. Kelsey is the Chairperson of The Prairie Playhouse ELC (new daycare under construction) and sits on the Sedley Community Preschool Board.

Councillor Kristina (Krissy) Hofer

I moved to Sedley with my husband Joe six years ago from Regina. At that time, we had our two sons, Henry (10) and Lukas (8). Soon after the move we welcomed our daughter Macie (5).

I worked as a Human Resource Manager for a Non- Profit Organization prior to deciding to stay home with our kids. I've been involved with many volunteer boards, SCC, Prairie Playhouse, Sedley Preschool and Sedley Library. I love to help with Community Events as they are important to me to bring our community together. I also have a passion for informing the Village of community events/happenings to ensure that no one misses out.

I look forward to continuing to bring the community together and also enticing our curb appeal of the Village so we can continue to grow and flourish. Not only do I want to bring people to the community, I want to keep them here and have them call Sedley their home for years to come and ensure that while doing this, we keep our "small town spark" alive!

I very much look forward to working with our wonderful Admin and amazing council in the four years ahead!

Councillor Leandra Strass

Leandra, her husband Kyle, and their one-year-old son moved to Sedley in 2014. They now have 4 active boys; Everett (11), Theodore (9), Deacon (4), and Royce (2). She grew up down the road in Odessa before settling in Sedley to raise their family. Leandra has recently accepted the Director position at the soon to open Prairie Playhouse Early Learning Centre.

If you have spent any time at the rink or ball diamonds, you likely know the Strass family well. Leandra is the chair person of the Sedley Parks and Rec board, and has been involved in many

various boards, including Minor Ball, Preschool, and Spray Park to name a few. Leandra is a very active member of the community and is very excited to continue her career here in Sedley. Her wealth of knowledge and can-do attitude will no doubt be an asset to council.

Councillor Bryan Leier

Bryan grew up on a mixed farm between Sedley and Francis, graduating from Sedley high school in 1974. While attending the U of R, he became quite interested in the collision repair business and worked at a body shop in the summer. In 1979, he opened Sedley Autobody and spent the next 23 years taking care of the vehicle collision customers around Sedley and the surrounding area. Selling the business in 2002, he moved into a management role at Bennett Dunlop Ford for 21 years, retiring in 2024. Bryan now works as a collision consultant to the industry.

As a Sedley resident and business owner, he was involved in many local community activities such as the Fire department, Gym Hall and Parks and Recreation to name a few. He was one of the key principals of buying and keeping the local store. He has also previously served on village council as councilor and mayor for 32 years.

He has held many board positions at a Provincial and Canadian level over the years - Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for 9 years (Finance committee Chair), Conexus Arts Center board member and board Chair for 14 years, Health Insurance Reciprocal of Canada board member and Board Chair for 11 years. He is currently Board chair of the Saskatchewan Apprentice and Trade Certification Commission as well as a board member of the Saskatchewan Polytechnic and many Saskatchewan collision industry associations and committees.

Bryan has always been an advocate for community growth by involving the stakeholders, making sure we are applying good governance and oversight for the best outcomes for our village and province. He is married to Rose and has 2 daughters and a son as well as 4 grandchildren. His hobbies are politics, renovating, coins/antiques and the occasional sky dive.

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To Flush or NOT to Flush?

In the past couple of months, the Village has had to spend a considerable amount of time and money having objects that should NEVER enter our sewer system removed from our Sewage Lift Station pumps. Please be mindful of what is going down your drains and toilets!!



**IGNORE THE HYPE:
DON'T FLUSH A WIPE!**



