## Council Meeting Highlights Jan 26, 2025

Council approved the minutes of the December 8, 2024 council meeting.

The next meeting of council will be February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Centre

Our Foreman informed council that repairs were required to our snow removal equipment. This has been completed and business is once again business as usual.

The annual rate payer survey has been completed. Thank you to everyone who participated. We really appreciate the feedback! There were some really great suggestions that council and administration will look into. The results of the survey will be posted online in the next couple of weeks. We will post under "What's New" once available. A couple of key highlights stick out early in the process:

<u>Swim Platform Ladders</u> – Council had an in-depth discussion and there will be new ladders provided this summer. The planning stage has begun!

**Disc Golf** - A very popular request. Council has requested some assistance with this project from a very knowledgeable Rate Payer, and administration is applying for funding!

<u>Golf Course</u> – Irrigating the golf course is the number one request. The biggest problem being that we have a very affordable course now and that feat would be expensive, which would then require us to up the fees. No one wants that. Council is looking into options regarding grass on the course and will provide an update closer to spring.

<u>Garbage</u> – 67% of residents are satisfied with garbage services in Mistusinne. This is a vast improvement over the previous year. In 2024 we went on a regular pick up schedule instead of "as-needed" and feel this has made the difference. We hope to improve on this number in 2025.

<u>Clean Up Days!</u> - Lots of request for an open bin weekend to get ready of anything and everything you no longer need. If council did this, we would not be facilitating a relationship with the Elbow Transfer Station. We would host one (1) free dumping weekend a year, and there would be no access to the Elbow Transfer Station. Would you be in favor of this? If so, which weekend. We were thinking July 11 & 12 – this is the weekend after Elbow Garage Sale days (would have to confirm no change this year). Email kelly at administrator@mistusinne.com to provide your input.

<u>Calendar of Events</u> – With the new Gathering Place ready to rock we will be adding a calendar of events to our website. You will be able to see which dates the Gathering Place is available and which dates are spoken for. You will also find upcoming events here as well!

The Elbow Fire Rates Agreement is due for renewal. Members of the Elbow council have been invited to join Mistusinne council for discussions in Feb.

Council has applied to have the annual water rate for use of the Irrigation System from \$60.00 to \$100.00 a year. The Saskatchewan Municipal Board will provide their decision in Feb.

The administration bond and Workers Compensations rates for the year 2025 were presented to council.

There will be no golf lessons in 2025.

We applied for summer student funding in November. We will find out in March if we have received funding. Year end processing is under way now. Mistusinne morning planning has also begun! This will be held the Saturday morning of May long so save the date!

We were awarded funding under the SGI Safety Grant Program. Keep your eyes posted for Flashing "this is your speed signs". Slow down. It just takes a second for everything to change.

The office is once again working on Civic Addressing. If your residence doesn't have its civic address displayed it is time to consider doing so.

Our system does not allow long versions of Payables. If you wish to browse pop in to the office during office hours and have a look.

Council is working on August long entertainment options. They are also working on a birthday celebration for Mistusinne on August long. Councilor Moffat is planning a cookbook. If you would like to provide recipes she would love to have them. I will post where to send those recipes once I have that information.

Preparation for the 2025 season is under way. If you are interested in adopting a smile the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Friendly reminder that when a meeting is postponed due to weather most likely we will not post on the door or the bulletin board please check the council page of our website. You may need to clear you cache to see the changes.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Kelly Dodd Administrator