



FREE COLOURING PAGE FOR THE KIDS—Drop off or mail into Elton with your name, age and contact information for a chance to win a prize. Entries accepted until July 31, 2023.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

Elton has recently engaged with GovFox to help guide Elton with their new Strategic Plan. A Strategic Plan is the shared vision our citizens, council and staff have for the future of the overall, long term vision of Elton. It helps guide the needs, values, strategy and helps Council to make decisions on allocating resources to achieve these goals.



### THE STRATEGIC PLAN WILL RELY ON A CONSULTATION PROCESS

**WITH YOU!** Watch in the next coming weeks for a survey that will be sent out. We encourage everyone to participate and share their vision. Your name will be entered into a draw for a prize once all the completed surveys are in. There will also be two public consultation meetings, one in Douglas and one in Forrest. Please watch out for more information on this.



## ANIMAL CONTROL

**Wendy Petersen @ (204) 724-2066**

Wendy Petersen our animal control officer will only deal with domestic animals (cats and dogs). Wild animals (skunks, badgers, deer, bears, moose, etc.) issues are to be dealt with by contacting Manitoba Conservation at 204-726-6441.

## PROPERTY STANDARDS

We want to remind citizens to please keep your yards maintained. The most common complaints of Property Standards By-Law 1512 by-law include:

- Not keeping property clear of rubbish, garbage and other debris
- Having objects or conditions and substances that constitute a nuisance and may degrade surrounding properties
- The growth of grass to a length that is unsightly
- The storage of motor vehicles that have been abandoned or are derelict.

A copy of the complete property standards bylaw can be obtained through the Municipal Office or by visiting the website at <https://elton.ca/p/policies>

# SAFETY ON RURAL ROADS

*Here are 5 things rural pedestrians can do to stay safe on rural roads*

## WALK FACING TRAFFIC

Since most rural roads don't have a designated space for walkers, walk facing traffic so you can see any vehicles that pass close to you coming from a distance.

## KEEP YOURSELF VISIBLE

Even in daylight, pedestrians can be hard to spot, especially on rural roads where they are rare and unexpected. Wear bright clothing and at night wear something reflective or have LED lights, or a flashlight to make you extra visible. Pause and move farther to the side of the road at night while vehicles are passing

## DON'T USE HEADPHONES

Walking on country roads can be a lovely leisurely activity, and that often means you'd like to listen to music or talk to friends on your phone. But blocking your ability to listen for oncoming traffic means you may be slow to react to dangerous situations as they arise.

## WATCH OUT FOR BAD WEATHER

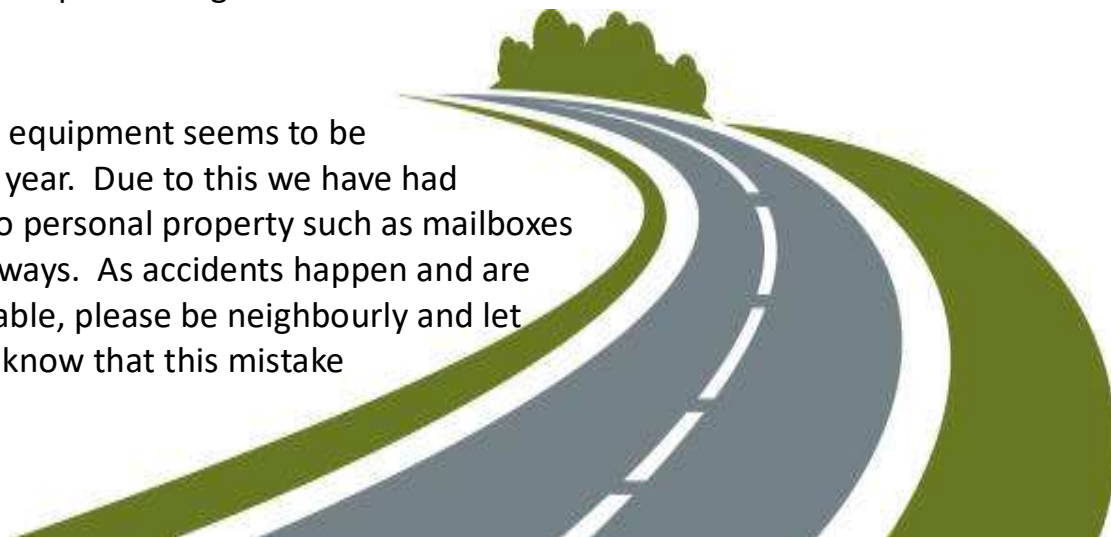
Here in Canada we see a lot of snow and ice, and rural roadways get the worst of it. This results in slippery patches, and piles of snow left on the side of the road. This means pedestrians need to move farther into the roadway when walking. Rain also reduces visibility for drivers and causes slick conditions.

## TAKE EXTRA CARE AT HIDDEN INTERSECTIONS

Driveways and laneways can often open onto the main road with low visibility and unclear traffic merge points. As a pedestrian use extra caution whenever you are crossing a driveway, approach or side road intersection. Come to a complete stop and watch for cars, trucks or farm equipment before proceeding.

## SIDE NOTE:

As we all know farm equipment seems to be getting bigger every year. Due to this we have had reported damages to personal property such as mailboxes along the rural roadways. As accidents happen and are sometimes unavoidable, please be neighbourly and let the property owner know that this mistake happened.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## WHEN ARE PROPERTY TAX NOTICES SENT OUT? AND WHEN ARE THEY DUE?

Elton tries to get property tax notices sent out in mid July of every year. Property tax payments are due on the last business day in October of every year.

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FARMLAND SCHOOL TAX REBATE?

The Farmland School Tax Rebate applies to all Class 30 Assessments of farm land only. Forms will be mailed out to you from your local Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC). If you did not receive a form please contact your local MASC office.

## IS THERE A PLACE I CAN SEARCH FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT A PROPERTY?

In accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*, no personal identifiers are included in the Government of Manitoba property assessment search database. You are able to search for property assessment information (using the legal description, roll number, or street address) by going to the link [https://www.gov.mb.ca/mao/public/search\\_select.aspx](https://www.gov.mb.ca/mao/public/search_select.aspx)

## HOW IS ASSESSMENT VALUE DETERMINED?

Generally, assessment value is determined by comparing your home to others that have recently sold in the same area of your Municipality, provided they are roughly the same vintage, condition, and size.

## WHERE CAN I RETRIEVE MORE INFORMATION ON MY CURRENT PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT?

The local assessment office is located in Brandon, MB. You can contact them at 204-726-6001 or [assessmentbrandon@gov.mb.ca](mailto:assessmentbrandon@gov.mb.ca)

## WHAT FORMS OF PAYMENT DOES THE MUNICIPALITY OF ELTON ACCEPT?

**In person:** Cash, Debit or Cheque

**Online:**

- If you bank with a credit union Elton is listed as a payee
- eTransfers to [info@elton.ca](mailto:info@elton.ca)

**Property Tax Payments:** Please use your ROLL NUMBER in the memo when entering payment information for your property taxes. This can be found on your property tax bill.

**Utility Payments:** Please use your ACCOUNT NUMBER which can be found on your utility notice located on the top right portion of the bill.

**Accounts Receivable:** Please use the INVOICE NUMBER which can be found on the invoice located on the top right portion of the bill.