## Highlights February 13, 2018 Council Meeting

**Recreation Survey** – In order to effectively make decisions about recreation provision and resource priorities, the County, Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point and SV of Horseshoe Bay is developing a Recreation Services Master Plan. The Plan will assess the current state and identify priorities and recommendations regarding the provisions of recreation facilities, active lifestyle and social gathering opportunities and recreation services to meet the needs of residents and visitors.

A Household Survey has been mailed out to all County residents to be completed and returned to the consultant by February 23. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey to provide their opinion on the current situation and future needs of recreation in the area. A Stakeholder Survey will be sent out shortly to community groups, to gather input from a community perspective. Contact Tim Mahdiuk at 780-645-3301, ext 204 for more information.

**Clubroot/Blackleg Workshop** – The County jointly with the MD of Bonnyville will be hosting a Clubroot/Blackleg workshop on February 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Flat Lake Hall. Deadline to register is February 20. Call or text Keith at 780-645-0154.

Rural InterMunicipal Development Plan (IDP) – is a statutory policy document designed to foster cooperation and ensure planning and development across municipal borders takes place in an integrated manner without unnecessary costs or negative impacts on either municipality. The County is currently working with Lac La Biche County, County of Vermilion River, Smoky Lake County, County of Two Hills and the MD of Bonnyville. Stakeholder meetings were held to collect information on current opportunities and constraints within and nearby the municipal boundary, existing and future development pressures and opportunities for intermunicipal services and future development. Residents are encouraged to provide input on the IDPs at surveymonkey.com/f/ruralIDPs until February 21.

**Volunteer Income Tax Program** – The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS partnered with Canada Revenue Agency is offering the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program for low income residents within the County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point. Trained volunteers will complete income tax returns free of charge for – single earning up to \$30,000; couple earning up to \$40,000; adult with one child earning up to \$35,000 (\$2,500 for each additional dependent). Beginning March 1, residents qualifying for this service can drop off their taxes at the County Office or Elk Point FCSS office during business hours.

## **Funding Support:**

- \$500 Alberta Winter Games Boys Volleyball Team
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- \$1,000 St. Paul Bengals Host Football Provincials
- \$1,000 St. Paul Canadiens Host Atom Female Provincials
- \$1,000 Elk Point Minor Hockey Host Bantam Provincials
- \$25,000 Ashmont Legion Matching funding for CIP Grant

For more information contact Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul At 780-645-3301, ext 208