Highlights September 13, 2016 Council Meeting

Director of Public Works – The County would like to welcome to Mark Chileen who will be taking over as the Director of Public Works effective October 3, 2016. Our long time Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac will be retiring at the end of the year which has precipitated the need to fill this position. Leo will continue working with Mark over the next few months to assist with a smooth transition of leadership in the Public Works Department.

Waterline Extension from Ashmont to Mallaig – On September 1st the Federal Government announced funding under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund program which includes \$4.75 Million towards the estimated \$10.2 Million project to extend the regional water system from Ashmont to Mallaig. Alberta Transportation has indicated that they will fund the balance up to 90% of the project under the Water for Life Program. Council passed a resolution to negotiate with Urban Systems regarding a proposal for engineering design for the Mallaig Water Line project. Urban Systems is the engineering company that has completed the work on the water project that began in 2010 with a waterline from Ashmont to Lottie Lake and currently working on the waterline from Spedden to Ashmont.

Planning and Development – The County will consider entering into an encroachment agreement with the owners of Lot 9, Block 4, Plan 1521299 at Vincent Lake to accommodate the concrete foundation on their house and garage and the eaves on their shed which are encroaching on the MR.

Council will consider, at the October Council meeting, amended wording to Land Use Bylaw No. 2013-50 to allow 20.41 acres to be subdivided out of the NE 18-58-10-W4 so the landowner has adequate room to meet the water and sewer requirements on his property.

Northern Valley Road – Council approved additional engineering for 5 miles on the Northern Valley Road to plan the completion of re-grading this important industry road in the County. The additional cost of engineering is \$97,196.80. The County is waiting for the announcement of the new rules under the Province's Resource Road Program as we hope to make an application for funding to assist with completing this road.

Capital Purchase – Council approved the purchase of an Automatic Setting Regulation (ASRi) computer for the genset at a cost of \$58,250. The computer will help to ensure that the crusher is performing optimally, that the product quality is high and consistent and that the machinery down-time is minimized. The computer will be included in the new equipment that is expected to arrive in mid-October.

Elk Point Fire Department – Following the resignation of long time Fire Chief Ken Palmarek, the Elk Point Fire Department has agreed to leave the fire chief position vacant until the end of 2016. In the interim, John Kadutski was been appointed as Deputy Fire Chief and Jordan Cousins was appointed as Assistant Deputy Chief.

FCSS Seniors Festival - The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS will be hosting their *Annual Seniors Festival* on November 22 in St. Paul starting at 11:00 a.m. Bussing will be provided from rural areas. For further information, call 780-645-1950.

Funding Support:

- \$100 Town and Country Ladies Funspiel
- \$200 Elk Point Grand Parents Day Walk
- \$500 Special Olympics Slo Pitch Tournament

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