

Highlights

December 11, 2018 Council Meeting

2019 Strategic Plans – The County of St. Paul Strategic Plans have taken on a new look. Council approved an overarching plan as well as Operational Plans for Administration, FCSS, Community Services, Public Works and Communications. The overarching plan outlines the strategies each department will focus on in 2019 and the operations plans outlines how the County will achieve the strategies. The Strategic Plans can be viewed on the County website under Governance.

Bylaws – Council gave first reading to Bylaw 2018-28, which is a Borrowing Bylaw for \$2,641,256 for grading and base-paving Township Road 582 North of the Town of St. Paul from Highway 881 to 57th Street in the Town of St. Paul. The County has applied for a grant jointly with the Town of St. Paul to fund approximate 50% of the cost of regrading and paving Township Road 582 as well as 900 meters of 57th Street in the Town. The debenture will be used to pay for the unfunded portion of the County's stretch of the project.

Council also approved the Cannabis Consumption Bylaw imposing additional restrictions on cannabis consumption in Public Places as well as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw to establish power and duties of a bylaw enforcement officer. The Non-Profit Community Organizations Tax Exemption Bylaw was updated to include Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0829109 owned by the Animal Shelter and Adoption Society for St. Paul and Area to be exempted from Municipal Taxation.

The Inter-Municipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw along with the Joint Agreement between the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay were approved. The ISDAB will hear subdivision and/or development appeals within the boundaries of the four municipalities. The County is still looking for two individuals to serve as members-at-large on the Inter-Municipal SDAB. Interested residents should submit their interest via email to pcorbiere@county.stpaul.ab.ca by January 7, 2019.

The Utility Bylaw was updated to reflect the new rates for changes in the cost of water by the Water Commissions as well as new rates for the Septic Haulers and the Waste Water Transfer Station. The Fee Schedule Bylaw was updated to reflect changes effective January 1, 2019.

Updated bylaws can be viewed in their entirety on the County website.

Agreement with Enterprise – The County will be leasing five light duty trucks from Enterprise Fleet Management instead of making a capital purchase, which will lower the 2019 budget by approximately \$134,300. Enterprise Fleet Management specializes in managing the optimal time for organizations to replace vehicles.

Completion of water transmission line to Mallaig – The waterline from Ashmont to Mallaig is now complete with the source of water coming from EPCOR in Edmonton.

The waterline and facilities have been commissioned and new water has been flowing for a few weeks.

Council Remuneration and Subsistence– Council has moved away from the flat rate of \$195 per night for lodging and effective January 1, staff and Council will be reimbursed based on actual costs. A 10% increase for base Salary, base Committee Meeting Rate and Out of County meeting rates will also be implemented January 1. Effective January 1, 2019 municipal councillors will no longer receive a one-third tax exemption on their salaries as announced by the Federal Government. With the 10% increase in their compensation, their net pay will be comparable to previous years.

2017 Interim Municipal Budget – As per section 242(2) of the MGA, Council approved the 2018 Interim Operating and Capital Budget:

Capital & Operating Revenues	\$37,120,463
Debenture & Funding From Restricted Surplus	\$ 4,441,256
Operating Expenditures	\$29,348,117
Replacement Reserve	\$ 139,800
Debenture Repayment	\$ 773,359
Capital Expenditures	\$11,201,152
Surplus	\$ 99,921

Funding Support:

- \$500 – FG Miller High School Boys Provincial Volleyball
- \$500 – Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity Fundraiser
- \$1,000 – Regional High School Boys Provincial Volleyball and Football
- \$1,000 – 2019 MS Society Annual Walk
- \$1,500 – St. Paul 4-H Light Horse Club
- \$2,000 – Elk Point Skating Club
- \$5,500 – St. Paul Municipal Seed Cleaning Association
- \$8,000 – Elk Point Regional Allied Arts
- \$15,000 – CG Baker Riding Arena
- \$18,000 – Elk Point Curling Club
- \$30,000 – AG Ross Arena
- \$110,630 MSI Operational Funding distributed to Ag Societies and Community Halls throughout the Municipality

Christmas Hours – The County Office and Public Works Shop will close from December 24 to January 1 inclusive.

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