

## **Highlights**

### **February 10, 2015 Council Meeting**

**Planning and Development** – After hearing from a delegation in opposition to the proposed rezoning of 18.9 acres in the S ½ SE 6-57-6-W4, Council defeated Bylaw No. 2014-34. The delegation strongly opposed the proposed rezoning mainly due to drainage issues they feel may affect a wetlands on that property. Other concerns expressed by the area residents included traffic safety as well as available lots in the Town of Elk Point industrial park for this type of development.

Council agreed to proceed with an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw which will allow the owners of Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 7820473 permission to leave their RV parked on their lot until 2018. The proposed amendment will be presented to Council for first reading at the March meeting.

**Bylaw No. 2015-02 Well Drilling and Equipment Tax Bylaw** – Council approved the bylaw to impose a Well Drilling Equipment Tax in respect of equipment used to drill a well for which a license is required under the Oil and Gas Conservation Act. The tax imposed must be paid by the person who holds the license and the amount of the tax will be calculated in accordance with the well drilling equipment tax rate set by the minister.

**Bylaw No. 2015-01 Aggregate Levy Bylaw** – Council approved the Community Aggregate payment levy bylaw pursuant to Alberta Regulation 263/2005 which will impose a levy in respect of all sand and gravel businesses operating in our municipality. The bylaw states that the money collected will not go into general revenues, but be held in a reserve account to secure future gravel supplies for the County.

**Dust Control Policy** – In the future, dust controls within the County of St. Paul will be done with MG-30, which is a blend of calcium chloride and magnesium hydroxide. The product will provide an efficient, cost-effective dust control which is good for one dust control season. Other products may be approved for use by resolution of council; however, all products must meet or exceed environmental standards and must be cost effective.

**Fire** - Council approved a Mutual Fire Aid Agreement with the County of Vermilion River. The Agreement formalizes the rights and obligations to provide fire suppression services between the municipalities.

The Ashmont Fire Department will be donating some of their outdated SCBAs, helmets and bunker gear to the Firefighters without Borders.

**National Emergency Stockpile Surplus (NESS)** – The County will be purchasing two sea cans to store the National Emergency Stockpile Surplus from the Federal

Government. The equipment is currently being stored in the basement of the post office but must be removed before the end of April. The sea cans will be stored in the County Public Works yard and will be available for use by the region.

**ASB** – The Ag Service Board has been given approval to order a 2015 Degelman 15' Rotary Cutter mower to replace the current mower that is in use. The old mower will be advertised for sale at a later date.

**Coyote/Wolf Bounty** – To date during the 2014-15 season, the bounty program has received 1026 coyotes and 5 wolves. The program will continue until the end of March.

**Funding Support:**

- \$1,000 – St. Paul Senior Citizens Club Transportation Grant

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