## Highlights May 12, 2015 Council Meeting

**2015 Property Tax Notices** – will be mailed out May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive your notice, contact Carolyn at 645-3301, ext 215 to ensure that we have your correct mailing address on file. **The County Office will be open during the lunch hour from May 10<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> to accommodate ratepayers during property tax season.** 

Assessment Open House - The County of St. Paul has now contracted its' Assessment services to Accurate Assessment Group and they will be holding an Open House on June 2 and 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the County administration office to discuss assessment inquiries. No appointments are necessary. To discuss your assessment at any other time, contact Bob Daudelin or Jesse Nelson with Accurate Assessment at 1-877-438-2305.

**Planning and Development** – Council gave first reading to Bylaw No, 2015-11 to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 2013-50 as it relates to rezoning 2.14 acres in PSW 7-58-8-W4 from Agricultural to Country Residential 1 (CR1). The landowner has already rezoned --- acres in this parcel however after looking closer at the land decided that the additional 2.14 acres is more suitable for residential property than for farmland. Council also gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2015-12 to rezone 10 acres in PNW 7-56-7-W4 from Agricultural to Country Residential One (CR1). The owner wishes to create a subdivision as it is poor agricultural land.

Council also gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2015-13 to enter into an agreement for the undeveloped road allowance between SE 15-57-6-W4 and SW 14-57-6-W4. The applicant will also be constructing approximately 300 metres of undeveloped road allowance between NE 15-57-6-W4 and NW 14-57-6-W4 to conform to the County Engineered Standards.

After hearing from a resident in the Poirier Subdivision, Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2015-14 to include a notwithstanding clause in Land Use Bylaw No. 2013-50. The notwithstanding clause will allow a disposal field system on Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 8122184. The owner purchased the property prior to the amendment to the Land Use Bylaw which states that all for parcels fronting onto named lakes, only self-contained sewage systems will be permitted. Only 12 metres of their property is lakefront.

Cancellation and Sale of Road Allowance – Council approved the cancellation of the road allowance between NE 31-59-11-W4 and SE 6-60-11-W4 from Range Road 115 west to the boundary of the crown property as there are dugouts situated on the road allowance. The dugouts are part of a watering system which was developed years ago. The cancelled portion will then be sold to the adjacent landowner and consolidated with the NE 31-59-11-W4.

St. Paul Grazing Reserve Fire - Following a significant fire at the St. Paul Grazing

Reserve in April, Council considered a request from the grazing reserve to reduce the invoice to fight the fire. Based on the Fire Bylaw, the invoice would have been slightly less than \$19,000, however actual tangible costs that include fuel, foam, and hose, etc. was just under \$3,000. Council approved the reduction of the invoice to the Grazing Reserve to \$6,000 to cover the tangible costs of the fire as well as a contribution to both the St. Paul and Ashmont Fire Departments to acknowledge fire fighters who gave of their time to be present. This will be a donation that will be used to offset the cost of capital purchases for the departments.

**St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion** – Council approved 40 yards of gravel for the St. Paul Legion to be used to make a base for their parking lot and sidewalk. Council also agreed to provide the St. Paul Legion with a 4 yard lockable bin on a monthly pick up schedule at a reduced rate of \$37.80.

## **Funding Support:**

- \$1,500 Mallaig School for Boys Handball, Girls Handball and Badminton Provincials
- \$500 Regional High School for Badminton Provincial Championship
- \$500 St. Paul Special Olympics Slo-Pitch Tournament

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