COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences



February 11, 2020 Council Meeting Highlights

Campground Reservations open on March 1 Online reservations for Floatingstone, Lac Bellevue, Stoney Lake and Westcove Municipal Campgrounds will open on March 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. To make reservations at any of these campgrounds, visit Camp Reservations Canada or see 'Campgrounds' on the County's website.

Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Amendment requests The owner of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0720985 (contained within SW 29-56-10-W4M) has requested that the MDP and the LUB be amended to allow for the creation of a 6.06 ha country residential parcel within the agriculture district to accommodate the existing private sewage disposal system. Council passed First Reading of Bylaw 2020-01 and 2020-02 that pertain to the amendment requests.

Letters of Support MCSNet and Xplornet are, individually, applying to the CRTC Broadband Fund. MCSNet is hoping to upgrade their existing network pertaining to internet connectivity within rural communities. Xplornet is hoping to build or upgrade access for fixed and mobile wireless broadband internet access service. Council passed a motion to provide letters of support to both companies.

Write-Off Doubtful Accounts Receivable There are 11 outstanding invoices and accrued penalties totaling \$18,208.25. The accounts, dating from 2011 to 2017, had been sent to a collection agency. The accounts are uncollectable due to bankruptcy, time exceeded to go to court, or statement undeliverable (customers moved). Council moved to write off the 11 outstanding invoices and penalties. All customers have been placed on the County's 'no service' list.

Elk Point Rescue Van Reserve The County of St. Paul will provide a letter of support to the Town of Elk Point ensuring the commitment of further reserve allocations for the replacement of the current Rescue Van in 2031.

Parks and Camping Minor changes were made to the 'Rules: Parks and Camping' that include the following: the County will be accepting on-line reservations effective March 1; reservations for designated monthly sites must be made for a minimum 28 days; and a reservation fee will be applied to all reservations (on-line, in person and over the phone). For 2020 reservations, the fee is \$5.00 per reservation. The

amended rules can be found on the County's website under 'Campgrounds/ Parks & Camping Rules'.

Volunteer Income Tax Program The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS has partnered with Canada Revenue Agency to offer 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. Beginning March 1, residents who qualify for this service can drop off their taxes at the Elk Point FCSS Office (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday) or the County Administration Office during regular business hours. Volunteers will also be at the following locations to complete income tax returns for residents who qualify:

- March 9 at the Ashmont Seniors Centre from 10 a.m. to noon
- March 10 at the Elk Point Lodge from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (for residents of the Lodge only)
- March 11 at the Ashmont Seniors Lodge from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- March 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sunnyside Manor (for residents of the Manor only)

Funding Support

- \$5,000 grant St. Paul Gymnastics Club for new equipment
- \$480 St. Paul & District Hospital Foundation Fundraiser
- \$300 St. Paul Ukrainian Desna Dance Festival
- \$1,000 Senior Transportation Grant for the St. Paul Seniors Citizens' Centre
- \$500 Sponsorship of a St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion BBQ Supper. All ticket sales go to a Charitable or Service Group

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