

## COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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### July 14, 2020 Council Meeting Highlights

Due to COVID-19, the Council meeting was streamed live on YouTube. Council meetings and Public Works Meetings held during the pandemic will be streamed on 'YouTube/ County of St. Paul No. 19 Council Meeting'

**County 2020 Strategic Plan – Second Quarter Update** Council approved the 2020 Strategic Plan Update for the year's second quarter (April to June). The Update is available on the County's website under 'Transparency/Documents – Strategic Plans'.

#### Bylaws

At the Public Works meeting on June 30, Council enacted *Bylaw 2020-10, the Road Use Bylaw* that consolidates the former Road Ban Bylaw, the Weight Loads Bylaw and the Speed Control Bylaw.

Council enacted *Bylaw 2020-16* to amend Land Use Bylaw 2013-50 to allow for the creation of a new Direct Control Hutterian Brethren Church of Stoney Creek District on SE-21-58-11-W4, SW 22-58-11-W4, and Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1525083.

Council gave first reading to *Bylaw 2020-17 Loan Bylaw* that would allow the County to enter into a loan agreement with the Mallaig and District Agricultural Society. The loan agreement would assist the Society with the purchase of a Zamboni. The term of the loan agreement would be ten years for \$50,00 beginning January 1, 2021. The Bylaw will be advertised for public input.

Council gave first reading to *Bylaw 2020-18* that would amend Land Use Bylaw 2013-50 to allow for private on-site sewage disposal on Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 0227119. The Bylaw will be advertised for public input.

**County Banking Services** The Banking Services contract is due for renewal. The County will post a Request for Proposal for the purpose of awarding a new contract for banking services. A new contract will be awarded commencing December 1, 2020. [NOTE: Information on the RFP to be provided separately. The intent is to seek bids in August/September 2020]

**Expenditures resulting from spring flooding and rain** Some County roads and bridges experienced washouts due to spring flooding from snow thaw and rain events. The repairs/ replacement of this infrastructure was not included in the 2020 Capital Plan. Council passed a motion that approved funding of \$325,249 from Unrestricted Surplus to cover the cost of these repairs/replacements. The projects include Miller Road Bridge, Cork Hall Bridge and Armistice Road Culvert.

**St. Paul Regional Economic Development Committee Set-up Project and Business Retention and Expansion Project (in collaboration with the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce)** Council passed a motion awarding the project to Outlook Market Research. The project involves the creation of a regional economic development strategy and tactical plan, governance plan and communication plan. The projects will be funded through an Alberta Community Partnership Grant with the Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point.

**Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal Asset Management Program Grant**

Council passed a motion to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$50,000 to further the County's Asset Management Program in the area of Long-Term Financial Planning.

**Letters of Support**

Council passed a motion to provide a letter of support to the St. Paul & District Arts Foundation in their application for a grant to Alberta Culture Days and to provide a grant of \$500 to the Foundation if the application is successful.

Council passed a motion to provide a letter of support to the Mallaig School Parent Fundraising Committee in their grant applications for funding to purchase a new playground for the school yard.

**Donations and Grants**

At the June 30 Public Works meeting, Council moved to support the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Paul Canadiens Alumni Foundation Golf Tournament. The Foundation supports scholarships and educational opportunities in support of the team.

Council passed a motion approving a grant to the Mann Lake Golf Course in the amount of \$3,895.94. The grant will allow the golf course to continue offering reasonable fees, the opportunity for children aged 10 and under to golf for free under the supervision of an adult, to maintain their property and offset some costs associated with COVID-19 restrictions.

**Additional Information** Unless otherwise posted, the road restrictions in the County have been lifted.

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