

## COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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*Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences*

### December 8, 2020 Council Highlights

Council meetings and Public Works Meetings held during COVID-19 are streamed live on 'YouTube/County of St. Paul No. 19 Council Meeting'

As of Monday, December 14, the County Administration Office is closed to public walk-in's until further notice. *Residents can still access the building by appointment only, and County staff are available by phone (780-645-3301). Payments (no cash please) can be made through the Drop Box located at the front door of the Administration Building. Payments will be processed on regular business days.* The Public Works Building remains closed to the public.

*County Council and Staff would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season and all good wishes for 2021. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The County Offices will be closed for the Christmas break at noon on December 24, reopening to the public by appointment only on January 4.*

#### Bylaws and Policies

**Bylaw 2020-32 – Borrowing Bylaw – Current Expenditures** Council passed a bylaw that authorized borrowing of up to \$7,000,000 from Servus Credit Union to finance short-term County operations for the financial year commencing January 1, 2021. This bylaw must be approved annually.

**Bylaw 2020-31 – Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society Loans Guarantee** Council passed a bylaw to guarantee a loan and line of credit on behalf of the Society, jointly with the Town of Elk Point, for the 2021 financial year. The Town and County have guaranteed a line of credit on behalf of the Society since 2008 and must be renewed annually until the loan is paid off.

**Bylaw 2020-34 – Penalties Bylaw** Council passed this bylaw which has an amendment to the Fire Protection Bylaw Offences such that violations will be subject to fees stipulated under the Alberta Transportation Fee Schedule.

#### Other Business

**2021 Strategic and Operation Plans** Council passed the 2021 Strategic Plan and the Operational Plans for Administration, Community Services, Public Works, FCSS for the County

of St. Paul and Elk Point, and Communications. The Plans may be found on the County's website under 'Governance/Strategic Plans'.

**Water Rate Change for the Elk Point/ St. Paul Regional Water Commission** Council moved to amend the Utilities Bylaw to reflect a \$0.31 reduction in the cost of water for the customers on the Iron Horse Water effective January 1, 2021.

**2021 County Library Board Budget** Council approved a contribution of \$110,954.82 for the County Library Board's 2021 Budget.

**2020 Allocation for Recreational Facilities Grants** Council approved the allocation of the 2020 Recreational Facilities Grants in the amount of \$110,630. This covers contributions to various community association recreational facilities throughout the County.

**Elk Point Recreation Grant Funding** Council approved allocating the Elk Point Recreation Grant funding as follows: \$22,500 Elk Point Curling Club; \$42,500 A.G. Ross Arena; \$10,000 C.G. Baker Arena.

**2020/21 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grants** Council approved the submission of two separate applications for ACP Grants as follows: An application for an update to the Area Structure Plan for St. Paul North with the Town of St. Paul being the managing partner; and, an application for an Area Structure Plan for Elk Point South with the Town of Elk Point being the managing partner.

**Public Works** A contractor will be hired to directionally drill and pull through a HDPE Culvert across Range Road 85 adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail. In the spring, this is a problem area where the water backs up and detrimentally affects the Iron Horse Trail.

Council also passed a motion to install a culvert and do ditch improvements on Range Road 53 between SE16 and SW 15-58-4-W4 to resolve drainage issues.

### ***Other Information***

**The County Transfer Stations will only be closed on Boxing Day - Saturday, December 26.** See the County website under 'Waste Management' for information on the Transfer Stations.

**The 2021 County of St. Paul Calendars** are available at the County Administration Office. The calendar includes County program and contact information, and local photos. Sorry, the County cannot mail any calendars.

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