

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

March 9, 2021 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'

The County Administration Office is closed to public walk-ins until further notice. Residents can still access the building by appointment only, and County staff are available by phone (780-645-3301). Payments can be made through the Drop Box (no cash please) located at the front door of the Administration Office, by mail, through financial institutions and online: see the County's website under 'Payment Options' for information. The Public Works Building remains closed to the public.

Bylaws and Policies

Council passed an amended Regional Emergency Management Bylaw.

Following the completion of the Regional Human Resources Framework, Council passed workplace policies that apply to employees of the County of St. Paul. These regional policies have also been passed, to date, by the Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point. The policies are Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace Policy; Fit for Duty Policy; and, Harassment, Bullying, Violence and Discrimination in the Workplace Policy.

Council moved to rescind old policies and pass new policies pertaining to the County workplace and its employees: Hours of Work and Rest Policy and the Pay Administration Policy. Council approved the Dress Code Policy (new policy).

Other Business

February 23 Public Works Meeting

Council approved Administration's submission of the Expression of Interest for the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre Municipal Energy Manager (MEM) Program. The program enables municipalities to manage their energy use, become more energy efficient and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their facilities by providing funding to hire a Municipal Energy Manager. If the application for funding is successful, the County will partner with the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay.

Council moved to ratify a letter addressed to Premier Jason Kenney to consider adjusting the criteria, cost and deadline for the Class 1 Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Knowledge and Road Test. The letter expresses Council's concern of the impact of MELT on agriculture residents. Effective March 1, 2019, drivers seeking a Class 1 (tractor trailer) or Class 2 (bus) license are required to complete MELT to apply for their commercial driver's license.

Council moved to provide a letter of support for the Elk Point & Area Victim Services application for an operational grant.

March 9 Council Meeting

Council moved to appoint Tim Mahdiuk as Interim CAO effective March 10, 2021.

Council approved the work and budget to upgrade the access road for Vincent Lake Plan 527MC by raising the grade by 0.2 meters with shaping ditches to shed the majority of spring runoff and standing water at an estimated cost of \$12,345.

Council approved an additional per diem of \$165 for Board Members at Large when they are required to write an exam on their own time, following online training.

Council approved the request from Public Works to purchase the Bid Bond and submit a bid on the gravel base course construction on the Town of St. Paul's 57 street. This project will tie in with the County's project constructing Township Road 582 between Range Road 995 and Highway 881.

Council approved the request from Public Works to attend an auction with the intent of purchasing equipment, up to the amount allocated in the County's preliminary budget.

Additional Information

FCSS Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Until April 30, trained volunteers will be completing income tax returns, free of charge, for County residents *who qualify* this tax season. Individuals will NOT be able to pick up the forms but will need to contact either the County FCSS Office (780-645-1950) or Elk Point FCSS Office (780-724-3800) to have the forms mailed to them. Additional information can be found on the County and FCSS Facebook pages.

Canadian Agriculture Safety Week – March 14 to 20 The impact of a farm injury can be devastating - both emotionally and economically - to producers and their families. Yet most injuries are predictable and preventable if producers, farm managers, and farm workers know what to look for and how to control the hazards on their farms. It's a time to reflect on the importance of farm safety and how to keep you, your family and others safe on your farm.

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