

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

April 13, 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 at 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.

April 13, 2021 Council Meeting

***2021 Municipal Operation and Capital Budget** Council moved to approve the 2021 Budget:

Operating and Capital Revenues	\$ 35,298,752
Funding from Reserves for Future Expenditures	\$ 1,925,000
Funding from Operating Revenues	\$ 230,000
Funding from Replacement Reserves	\$ 164,000
Capital Asset Disposal	\$ 418,797
Operating Expenditures	\$ 27,945,565
Operating Reserves	\$ 150,000
Replacement Reserves	\$ 283,000
Capital Debenture Repayment	\$ 636,379
Capital Expenditures	\$ 9,007,063
Budget Surplus	\$ 14,542

* **Budget Narrative** Council approved the 2021 Budget Narrative which provides details on the 2021 Budget.

* **Tax Rate Bylaw 2021-03** Council moved to approve the bylaw.

** These documents are posted on the County website under 'Governance/Budget'.*

2020 Surplus Transfer to Reserves Council approved the transfer of \$1,325,000 from unrestricted surplus to reserves for future expenditures in the 2021 fiscal year.

2020 Audited Financial Statements Council approved the 2020 Audited Financial Statements following the presentation of these statements by Shawn Warrington of Synergy CPAs. These statements will be available on the County's webpage once they are duly signed by the Reeve and Interim CAO.

Council moved to accept the proposal to **transfer the following to the County from the Town of Elk Point** as of May 1, 2021: Elk Point Fire Department's invoicing for Fire Calls and that the 2017 Fire Services Agreement be amended; grass cutting at the East Cemetery for the 2021 season and to invoice the Town of Elk Point for the cost; and, to establish a Joint Transfer Station Committee.

Council approved the work project proposal from Urban Systems at a cost of \$67,500 related to development of a phasing plan to replace the **aging water and sewer infrastructure** in the Hamlets of Ashmont, Lottie Lake and Mallaig.

Highway Cleanup Council agreed to proceed with Highway Cleanup on designated County roads. The County is looking for community organizations interested in participating in Highway Cleanup on Saturday, May 8. Contact Phyllis Corbiere at 780-645-3301, ext. 1203 for more information.

County approved reducing two **fire invoices** pertaining to structure fires in the County. Council has also asked Administration to provide further information regarding invoicing for fire calls at the Public Works meeting on April 27, 2021.

Tender Results Council approved tenders for several projects advertised through the Alberta Purchasing Connection. The following tenders were awarded to the lowest bidders:

- Mixing up to 120,000 tonnes of Cold Mix Asphalt over the 2021 and 2022 season: Grynn Contracting Ltd.
- Asphalt Pavement for Township Road 582: E Construction Ltd.
- Asphalt Pavement for the Moosehills Slide Area: Knelsen Sand and Gravel Ltd.
- Purchase of a Used Tracked Dozer: Liebherr-Canada Limited

From the March 23, 2021 Public Works Meeting

Whitney Lake Rodeo Grounds All submitted bids were open and acceptable offers were approved.

Tender for Standing Hay on NW-59-11-W4 Council approved tendering 11 acres of standing hay for another two-year term for 2021 and 2022.

Donations

Council moved to make a \$1,000 donation to the **St. Paul MS Walk** to be held on May 20, 2021.

Council moved to make a \$7,000 donation to the **2nd Chance Trail Ride Society** 10th Anniversary fundraising event that will be held on May 8, 2021 in Elk Point. The event is a drive-in fundraiser in support of the organization that brings awareness to organ and tissue donation. \$5,000 will be allocated from an operating reserve set aside for supporting the Elk Point area and \$2,000 will come out of the community donations fund. The parking pass and other perks included with this level of sponsorship will be donated back to the Society.

Additional Information

Roadside Spraying Program A No-Spray Agreement *must be signed with the County before April 30 each year* to ensure no spraying is done near private property. Call the Agricultural Services Board staff at 780-645-3306 to make an appointment as the Public Works Shop is closed to the public.

Spring Cleanup – month of May County residents can dispose of fridges, freezers and water coolers that contain Freon without paying the \$20 Freon removal fee during Spring Cleanup. *The fee waiver is valid only during Spring Cleanup in May.* Items can be taken to County and Town Transfer Stations and to the Evergreen Regional Landfill. For locations and hours see www.evergreenwaste.ca or the County's website under 'Waste Management'.

FireSmart Bingo Play FireSmart Bingo to help reduce the risk of wildfires on your property. Find the link to the Bingo Card on the County of St. Paul website or Facebook. The Grand Prize is a Cornerstone Co-op package of BBQ fixings for 6 people (\$200 value). Nine gardening packages (\$45 each) will also be awarded. The contest is open to County of St. Paul residents and closes on May 31.

For more information contact:

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