

## COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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*Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences*

### May 11, 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.*

#### From the April 27, 2021 Public Works Meeting

At the March 23, 2021 Public Works meeting, tenders for the Whitney Lake Rodeo Grounds equipment were awarded amounting to \$2850 in sales. The founding members of the Whitney Lake Rodeo Grounds indicated that the funds should be allocated to the Heinsburg Community Club. Council passed a motion to allocate the funds as requested.

Council passed the 2021 Operational Update for the first quarter (January to March). The Update can be found on the County website under 'Governance/Strategic Plan'. The 2020 Audited Financial Statement is located under 'Governance/Financial Statements'.

#### From the May 11, 2021 Council Meeting

Council approved entering into an Agreement with St. Paul Education to hold a Joint Election for the 2021 Municipal Election.

Council appointed Roxanne Bergheim as the Returning Officer for the 2021 Municipal Election.

Public Auction of Lands No bids were offered on the two properties that were offered for sale.

Council passed Utility Bylaw 2021-04 that amends the water rates as a result of the \$0.07 decrease in the rates charged by the Elk Point/St. Paul Regional Water Commission. The water rate change from \$1.24 to \$1.17/cubic meter for residents along the Iron Horse Trail line is effective as of May 1, 2021 and will be billed in June 2021. The Bylaw also included a fixed water services fee of \$50.95 per month for the Riverview residents based on 2020 expenses.

Council moved to award the contract for the installation of 11 cisterns and 11 septic holding tanks to Chappy's Contracting for a total of \$276,850. Council moved to award the contract for hydrovac services for the Riverview project to Outlaw HDD Ltd. for a cost of \$1500/day with an estimated time of 10 to 14 days.

Council ratified a letter of support to the Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General in favour of keeping the RCMP and not moving forward with the Alberta Provincial Police Service.

Council moved to continue with its 5-year commitment of providing St. Paul Educational Regional Division with four \$1,000 scholarships annually for students entering post-secondary education with three scholarships for students entering academic full-time students and one scholarship for a student entering a trade or vocation studies.

Council approved sharing the cost of The Innovation Master Class to a maximum of two County of St. Paul residents up to a maximum of \$600.00 each on condition of corporate support for the program, tentatively commencing June 2021, and pending interest in the program and COVID restrictions. The program will be open to anyone age 16+ and offers leadership skills.

### **Donations**

Council moved to support Community Futures with a \$100 donation and participate in the administrative duties for Lemonade Day, subject to the program proceeding due to any COVID-19 restrictions. Lemonade Day will be held on June 19, and teaches youth how to start, own and operate their own business through their lemonade stand. Information can be found on Facebook at 'Lemonade Day Northern Alberta'.

### **Additional Information**

**County Offices will be closed on Monday, May 24 for Victoria Day.**

**County Property Taxes** The 2021 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed to all taxpayers on May 14, 2021. If you do not receive your notice in the mail by the end of May, please contact the Tax Department at [tax@county.stpaul.ab.ca](mailto:tax@county.stpaul.ab.ca) Taxes are due without penalty on or by Wednesday, June 30. The Administration Office is closed to walk-in traffic but if you must pay your taxes at the Office, please call 780-645-3301 to schedule an appointment. Residents are asked to consider other payment options. Information is available on the County's website 'Residents/Payment Options'.

**County Campgrounds are scheduled to open on May 20** The County campgrounds – Floating Stone, Lac Bellevue, Stoney Lake and Westcove – are full for the Victoria Day long weekend. Other dates until September 6 are available. Don't be disappointed: Book your camp site early through Camp Reservations Canada.

**County Planning and Development Red Tape Review** The County is reviewing its planning documents to increase efficiencies. Share your ideas on how the County can make the planning process easier. To learn more about the project and share your feedback visit <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/stpaulredtape> The survey is open until May 30.

**Play FireSmart Bingo** You could win great prizes! County of St. Paul residents can make their properties FireSmart safe through the Bingo game. Finish a task and upload a photo. The Grand Prize is all the BBQ fixings for 6, sponsored by Cornerstone Co-op. The contest closes on May 31. The registration link and information are on the County Facebook and website.

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