

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

August 10, 2021 Council Highlights

The public is welcome to attend the Council meetings in person which are held in the County Administration Building. Council meetings and Council Public Works Meetings are also streamed live on 'YouTube/County of St. Paul No. 19 Council Meeting'

Public Works Meeting – July 27, 2021

Council unanimously passed a motion to 'Declare a of State of Agricultural Disaster' in the County of St. Paul. The declaration was made to call attention to the severe drought conditions.

Council passed the 2021 Operational Updates for the second quarter of the year (April to June). The Update can be found on the County's website under 'Strategic Plan'.

Council moved to accept Black Track Paving's tender for the purchase of the 1982 Pioneer Counterflow Cold Mix Plant, Model 102 for a total of \$525,000 to be paid over three years with the first payment commencing in 2021, subject to the inspection of the unit and clarification with the seller that the 3.5% interest charge is subject only to the yearly amount payable, further that the payment for 2021 of \$175,000 be funded from Unrestricted Surplus.

Council approved the sale of a number of items from Public Works in a closed bidding process. The items for sale can be found on the County's website under 'Public Works'. Bids must be submitted by August 20 at 4:00 p.m. Sealed bids will be open at the Public Works meeting on August 24.

Council moved to table a decision on whether to purchase Lot 5, Plan 9825591 (the property south of the County Public Works Shop) until the St. Paul Stormwater Management Implementation Project is complete, determination of Alberta Environment approval requirements for development on the property, and a detailed estimate of cost associated with the developing the usable area of the property.

Council moved to award the contract for Bridge File 77649 – St. Lina Creek – Township Road 614 to In-Line Contracting Partnership for \$304,000; and to award the contract for Bridge File 8766 – St. Lina Creek – Range Road 104 to Boss Bridgeworks Inc. for \$408,225.

Council moved to enter into an agreement for Access to Municipal Rights of Way with Buried Glass Inc (a division of MCS-Net) to provide Transport Fiber network to communities within the County. Construction will begin at the intersection of Highway 29 and 36 and proceed 3 miles west to the County boundary.

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Bylaws can be found on the County website under 'Governance/ Bylaws & Policies'.

Council passed Bylaw 2021-10 Tax Incentive Bylaw which empowers Council to provide incentives for payment of taxes and may grant full or partial exemption from taxation for certain non-residential properties to encourage development or revitalization for the general benefit of the municipality.

Council agreed to additional signage in the Crestview Beach subdivision to indicate parking, speed limits on the boat launch road and children at play.

The County received confirmation from Alberta Municipal Affairs that the County will receive the 2021 Gas Tax Fund allocation of \$757,330, which includes a one-time funding top-up of \$370,050. Council approved a motion that the additional revenue of \$370,050 be transferred to Deferred Revenue to be used in 2022 on capital projects.

Council approved to renew the Sub-lease Agreement with the Town of Elk Point until April 30, 2023, to use part of the Eco Centre Building located at 5001 Railway Avenue which is required for the FCSS office.

Donations and Sponsorships

Council moved to support the N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. Annual Golf Tournament by sponsoring a maximum of 5 people to attend the golf tournament/lunch and to provide prizes for the event.

Council approved to partner with the Town of St. Paul to host a Rodeo Supper on September 4 during the St. Paul Ag Society Rodeo.

Council moved to provide the Mallaig and District Museum with a \$1000 sponsorship for the 'Annual Cabrini Park Challenge Cup – Antique Tractor and Car Show' on August 21, 2021.

Council approved a \$500 sponsorship for the September 'Power UP North Conference' that will focus on entrepreneurship.

Additional Information

County Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labour Day

Do you plan to run for County Council? The 2021 Municipal Election will be held on October 18, 2021. Nominations can be filed for the office of Reeve and a County Councillor in each of the 6 Divisions until *Monday, September 20, 2021 at noon* (Nomination Day).

* If you are considering running for office, please review the information under '2021 Municipal Election' on the County's website <https://www.county.stpaul.ab.ca/municipal-elections/>

* If you have questions or wish to file nomination papers, please contact Phyllis Corbiere, Deputy Returning Officer, at 780-645-3301 ext. 1203 or email pcorbiere@county.stpaul.ab.ca

St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS is sponsoring a Community Information Night in Elk Point on September 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Allied Arts and Leisure Centre. The evening will showcase groups, clubs, agencies, events and not-for-profit organizations that make Elk Point 'The Right Place to Be'. Organizations wishing to participate can register prior to August 31 by calling Terry at 780-724-3800 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

For more information contact:

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