

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

October 12, 2021 Council Highlights

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

From the September 28, 2021 Public Works Meeting

Council approved the County of St. Paul **2022 Strategic Plan and the 2022 Operational Plans** for Administration, Community Services, Public Works, FCSS and Communications. The plans are posted on the County website under 'Governance/Strategic Plan'.

Council moved to enter into a **Peace Officers Services Agreement** with the Town of St. Paul in the annual amount of \$2,400 for patrolling of Twp 582, roads leading to Twp 582 and the road to the St. Paul Transfer Station regarding safety/ speeding. The agreement will now be sent to the Alberta Solicitor General who approves Community Peace Officer services outside of Town limits.

Council approved that the County of St. Paul be the managing partner for the **Labour Market Partnership grant application** through Alberta Labour and Immigration on behalf of the St. Paul/Elk Point Economic Development Alliance (STEP) with proportional funding match in the sum of \$11,650 (\$5,825 per 2022 and 2023).

At the January 12, 2021, Council meeting, Council approved the **Elk Point Curling Club** letter of support and commitment of up to \$29,925 in their application for a Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant. The Club was successful in obtaining the grant: therefore, the County will forward the full amount committed to the Club.

The Elk Point 4-H Club, Mallaig Ag Society and Lac Sante Recreation Society have been collecting recyclable beverage containers at the County Transfer Stations since September 2020 in an effort to fundraise for their respective clubs. Council moved to extend the contracts for another year. To date 27,740 containers have been collected with a reported value of \$3,065 going back to the community organizations.

Council approved providing letters of support for the **House of Speed Track and Field Club** in their grant application to the Community Facility Enhancement Program and to **House of Speed Ltd.** for a grant application to the Tourism Relief Fund Build Together – Alberta Bluecross.

From the October 12, 2021 Council Meeting

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

Council enacted Bylaw 2021-13 Land Use Bylaw; Bylaw 2021-14 (MDP) Municipal Development Plan; 2021-17 GMSS General Municipal Services Standards (GMSS); DEV-4 Reserve Lands Management Policy; and, DEV-7 Encroachment Agreement/Licenses Policy. These bylaws and

policies are also located under 'Planning & Development' on the County website. The amendments to these Bylaws and policies will help to reduce red tape for residents and businesses wishing to develop in the County. Council also wished to better clarify what is intended in these documents particularly around subdivision of land and the number of Recreation Vehicles allowed on Country Residential lots.

Council enacted 2020-36 Road Cancellation Bylaw between NE and NW 5-58-10-W4; 2021-15 Meeting Procedures Bylaw; 2021-16 Non-profit Community Organizations Tax Exemption Bylaw; and 2021-20 Councillor Code of Conduct Bylaw.

Council passed HR-1 Confidentiality Policy; HR-26 Professional Training and Development Policy; DEV-4 Reserve Lands Management Policy; DEV-7 Encroachment Agreement/ Licenses Policy; HR-9 Conflict of Interest Policy.

Council passed the 2021 Strategic Plan – 3rd Quarter Update. The report is located on the County's website under 'Transparency/ Documents'.

Council approved the bid from Urban Systems to develop an outline of an **Integrated Long-Term Financial Plan** for \$50,000 for the County. The County will be working on this \$62,500 project with \$50,000 being funded by a grant received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Council approved up to \$12,500 to be expended with our Asset Management consultant, Azimi Consulting Limited.

Council moved to award the creation of the Area Structure Plan (ASP) on the southside of the Town of Elk Point into the County of St. Paul to ISL Engineering and Land Services for \$184,883. The County and Town received an Alberta Community Partnership Grant for \$200,000 to create the ASP.

Council moved to **sell six used trucks** to Enterprise for an estimated revenue of \$111,000 and then to buy out the 2020 leased trucks that are still under warranty at the Reduced Book Value estimated at \$99,689.33.

Council approved **St. Paul/Elk Point Economic Development Alliance (STEP)** to make a joint application on behalf of the County of St. Paul and Blue Quills University to the First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiatives Phase III, subject to the approval of the STEP Board. The goal of this 3 year program would include relationship development, culminating in joint land use planning and joint economic development strategies.

Additional Information

County Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11 to honour Remembrance Day.

On November 1, County operated Transfer Stations will revert to winter hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the days they operate.

Do you need a snow flag? Register for a snow flag at the County of St. Paul Administration or Public Works Office, or at the Town of Elk Point. The Driveway Snow Removal Policy and information are on the County website under 'Public Works'. The fee of \$25 is for one snowplow clearing. There is no charge for seniors (65+) who are permanent residents at a land location which also applies to widowed persons who were married to a senior but are not a senior themselves for the upcoming winter season. There is no charge for disabled persons. Please refer to the County's Webpage under Governance/Policies/Public Works for Driveway Snow Removal Policy for more details.

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