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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

December 14, 2021 Council Highlights

County Council and Staff would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season and all good wishes for 2022. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! County Offices will be closed to the public from Friday, December 24 at noon and reopen on Tuesday, January 4.

Payments can be made from December 28 to 31 through the Administration Office front door drop box (no cash please). Payments will be processed each business day. For information see the County's website under 'For Residents/Payment Options'.

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

From the November 30 Public Works Meeting

Members-at-large were appointed to the following boards and committees: Aggregate Level Committee, Cemetery Committee, Elk Point Airport, FCSS, Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Regional Assessment Review Board, St. Paul Airport, Town of St. Paul Recreation Board, and Weed/ Pest Appeal Board. The committee lists are posted on the County's website under 'Council'.

Council moved to pay the surcharge of $39,170.38 for the **Additional Named Insured (ANI's)** for the 2021-22 insurance year only, to be funded from the Community Reserve Fund. Twenty-two community organizations are ANI's on the County's insurance policy with RMA Insurance.

From the December 14 Council Meeting

Bylaws and Policies can be found on the County's website

Council passed **Bylaw 2021-28 Borrowing Bylaw-Current Expenditures** which authorizes borrowing of up to $7 million from Servus Credit Union to finance the short-term operations of the County for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022. This bylaw must be approved annually.

Council passed **Bylaw 2021-24 Regulation of Municipal Land and Reserves** which updates the Regulation of Municipal Land and Reserves Bylaw. The amendments allow the County Bylaw Enforcement Officer to issue violation tags when deemed necessary.

Council approved **changes to the Fee Schedule Bylaw** effective December 14, 2021 that change the following rates: Pickled Gravel from $34.50 to $36.50/tonne; Pickled Sand from $23.50 to $25.50/tonne; and, Salt from $116 to $119/tonne.

Council passed **Bylaw 2021-25 Fee Schedule** which amends the fees for some County services. The Fee Schedule comes into effect on January 1, 2022. The Fee Schedule can be found on the County website under 'Governance/Bylaws and Policies/ Administration'.

Council approved the following policies: **ADM-5 Council Office Equipment Policy** pertains to Council internet hardware and service charges; **HR-7 Conference and Education Attendance Policy and**

HR-26 Professional Training and Development Policy; **HR-16 Pay Administration Policy** guarantee wages for grader operators to provide year-round rates; **HR-21 Vacation Policy** pertaining to vacation carry-over procedures and vacation pay-out; **PW-18 Municipal Fleet Idling Policy** applies to idling of municipal owned, leased or rented vehicles and motorized equipment.

Upon notification by the Elk Point/St. Paul Regional Water Commission of reducing the cost of water for the County and Town of Elk Point from $1.17 to 1.03, County Council moved to **decrease the County of St. Paul water rate to $1.03** for customers along the Iron Horse Trail line.

Council approved Public Works clearing the snow from the lot at 4126-1st avenue in **Ashmont** and to flood the area for use as a skating risk for the community during the 2021-2022 winter season at an approximate cost of $1,413.

Council approved Public Works clearing the parking lot at the **Seniors Housing Complex in Ashmont** as part of their regular snow clearing in Ashmont, at no cost to the MD Foundation.

Council approved the allocation of **2021 Recreational Facilities Grants** to 26 community organizations at a total budget allocation of $108,230.

Council approved allocating the **2021 Elk Point Recreation Grants Funding** as follows: Elk Point Curling Club $25,000; A.G. Ross Arena $40,000; and, C.G. Baker Arena $10,000.

Council moved to transfer $5,000 received in donations from various vendors for staff events to the **Reserve for Future Expenditures** to be used for a staff event in 2022. Staff events were not held in 2021 due to covid restrictions.

County approved the **St. Paul & District Arts Foundation**, Community Organization Grant application for funds in the amount of $2,000.

Council moved to participate in regional membership in **GO East RTO.** This membership offers reduced rates to the Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point. The County will pay $1,500 for the 2022 membership.

Council moved to become member of the **Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association**. There is no associated cost to becoming a member.

Additional Information

Burn Permits are required year-round for all types of open burning. Burn permits are available from the County Administration Office and are valid for 10 days from the date of issue. Please plan ahead as the Office will be closed to the public from December 24 at noon, reopening on January 4.

County Transfer Stations - Holiday Hours   The County Transfer Stations will be closed on the following days: Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day), Sunday, December 26 (Boxing Day), and Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day). The County Transfer Stations are operating on winter hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the days that they operate. See the County website under 'Waste Management' for locations and information.

Strychnine Sales   The County is selling 2% Strychnine at $13/bottle for the control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels. Sales of strychnine will cease on March 4 as per Health Canada regulations. Contact the Agricultural Service Board staff at 780-645-0154 or 780-646-0120 to purchase.

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