

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

5015 – 49 Avenue, St. Paul, Alberta, T0A 3A4

phone: 780-645-3301

e: countysp@county.stpaul.ab.ca

www.county.stpaul.ab.ca



Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

May 10, 2022 Council Highlights

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

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

From the April 26 Public Works Meeting

County Council approved holding an Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Public Works Shop located at 5618 - 57 Street. St. Paul. Everyone is invited to attend.

Council approved the 2022 Strategic Plan Operational Updates for the first quarter of 2022 (January to March). The updates are available on the County's website 'Strategic Plans'.

Council approved sponsorship of \$1000 in support of the annual St. Paul MS Walk that will take place on May 29.

Council approved a \$100 sponsorship in support of Community Futures Lemonade Day that will take place throughout the County on June 18. See the Community Futures St. Paul-Smoky Lake Region website for information.

From the May 10 Council Meeting

Temporary Workspace – Council approved a Temporary Workspace for APEX Utilities on Lot A, Block 2, Plan 4339KS in the Hamlet of Lafond. The temporary workspace is required so APEX can continue providing natural gas servicing to the community during the shutdown of the TC Energy Line.

Bylaws

Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2021-13 – Council gave first reading to Bylaw 2022-09 to amend the Land Use Bylaw as it relates to wind energy conversion systems and solar collectors. This bylaw also includes an amendment allowing for Firewood Sales.

Amendment to Municipal Development Plan 2021-14 – Council also gave first reading to Bylaw 2022-10 to amend the Municipal Development Plan as it relates to wind energy conversion systems and solar collectors.

Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022-08 received first and second reading at the May Council Meeting. This new Bylaw will put into effect a process whereby the controls of domestic and wild animals can be enforced to ensure the safety, health and welfare of people and animals. The bylaw will be brought back to Council for third reading.

Fire Bylaw 2022-07 received all three readings. The Fire Bylaw was changed to remove the Fire Advisory Systems which have now been moved to Policy FES-6. There were several other small changes made to this bylaw to provide clarity of wording.

Fee Schedule Bylaw 2022-06 – Council gave all three readings to this bylaw which updated some fees for services, including additional charges for Planning and Development.

Policies

Council approved **FES-6, the Fire Advisory Systems Activities Policy** which is a new policy to establish guidelines for issuing fire restrictions and fire bans to regulate open-air fires. The fire restrictions have been removed from Bylaw 2022-07 Fire Protection Services Bylaw.

Amendments to the **Council Remuneration and Expenses Policy ADM-20** were approved. The amendments provide clarity to Council on what is included in the base honoraria and what is included in meeting rates. The policy also clarifies the Reporting and Statement of Council Fees.

Dev-8 Cleanup of Deadfall on Reserve Lands Policy was approved. This new policy sets out a process for landowners to remove deadfall on Reserve Lands directly adjacent to their own property. Landowners must contact the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to enter into an agreement and set up a date for a pre-inspection of the property.

Policy **Dev-9 Road Cancellation Requested by a Landowner** was also approved. This policy implements standards regarding the cancellation of a road plan at the landowner's request.

Copies of the policies and bylaws are available on the County's website under Governance.

Joint County & Town of Elk Point BBQ to welcome new Doctors to the community – will be held on June 20, 2022, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Eco-Centre in Elk Point. Everyone welcome, please bring your own chair.

Spring Cleanup – month of May County residents can dispose of air conditioning units, dehumidifiers, freezers, fridges and water coolers that contain Freon without paying the \$20 Freon removal fee during Spring Cleanup. *The fee waiver is valid only during May Spring Cleanup.* 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'.

County Assessors Open House Assessors from Accurate Assessment Group will hold an Open House to discuss any questions you have about your property assessment. The Open House will take place on June 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on June 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the County Administration office. To schedule an appointment, email tax@county.stpaul.ab.ca or phone 780-645-3301 ext. 1202. To discuss your assessment at another time, phone Accurate Assessment at 1-877-438-2305 and speak with Bob or Jesse. The deadline for appealing assessments is indicated on the front page of the tax notice.

Accurate Assessment Group will be conducting physical inspections of properties throughout the County this spring and summer for the 2023 tax year. When assessors enter your property, their vehicles will be clearly marked with the County of St. Paul and they will carry ID. The County is asking for your cooperation in returning calls and providing the assessors with requested information. For any questions or concerns, please contact the Taxation and Assessment Technician at 780-645-3301 ext. 1202.

For more information contact:

Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
at 780-645-3301, ext. 1208