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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

November 22, 2022 Council Highlights

Council Meetings are live streamed on YouTube at 'County of St. Paul No. 19'

The public is welcome to observe the Council proceedings from the Public Gallery in the Council Chambers located in the Administration Building.

Council and Public Works meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

Council gave first reading to **Bylaw 2022-22** that closes Road Plans 919TR and 832 1080 and to schedule a public hearing for the January 2023 Council meeting.

Council passed **Utility Bylaw 2022-23** that amends water rates as a result of an increase in the rates by Highway 28/63 Regional Water Commission from \$2.46 to \$2.51 that will take effect on January 1, 2023. The increase is for water rates to the Hamlets of Lottie Lake, Ashmont, Mallaig, and systems outside of the hamlet boundaries. Additional changes to the Bylaw include the following costs: Private Water Metered Vault \$10,000; Lafond Waste Water Transfer Facility and Ashmont Lagoon will be increased to \$4.00/cubic meter; and Whitney Lake Lagoon (based on manifests submitted monthly) at \$20/load.

Council approved the request from the **MD of St. Paul Foundation** to complete and submit the Housing Needs Assessment to the province on behalf of the County of St. Paul at no additional cost.

Council approved that **2022 Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) grant** applications be submitted for government funding under the Local Road Bridge stream to offset rebuilding the following Bridge Files: BF 6873, Atimoswe Creek RR 73, South of TWP 570A (SW-3-57-7-W4), collapsed bridge; BF 70105, Whitefish Creek – RR 120, north of TWP 610 (NW-6-61-11-W4), partially failed – covered with rig matting; and, BF 02351 Atimoswe Creek RR 84, South of TWP 584 (SW-21-58-8-W4).

Council ratified the application by the STEP Economic Development Alliance to apply for the **Settlement, Integration and Language Projects Grant** on behalf of the STEP partner municipalities of the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay with the County of St. Paul being the managing partner.

County approved the application under the **Alberta Community Partnership Program for the Regional Trail Master Plan project** with the partners of the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay with the County of St. Paul being the managing partner.

Council approved extending the **Recyclable Bottle Container Program at County Transfer Stations** to December 31, 2023 through which the current nonprofit groups collect the recyclable bottles and receive the proceeds from the Program. The current community groups are Elk Point 4-H, Mallaig Ag Society, and Lac Sante Recreation Society.

Council approved for Public Works to clear the snow from the County-owned lot in **Ashmont** located at 4126 – 1st avenue, and to flood the area to be used as a skating rink for the community for the 2022-23 winter season.

Council approved the request from **Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) to sponsor the RMHC Winterland Invitational Peewee and Atom Hockey Tournament** with a \$500 'Kid Hero' donation. The Invitational will be held in February 2023 in Elk Point, Bonnyville, Glendon and Cold Lake.

Additional Information

The December County Council Meeting is rescheduled to Monday, December 19 starting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be lived streamed through YouTube at 'County of St. Paul No. 19'. A Public Works meeting will not be held in December.

Christmas Closure The County of St. Paul Administration and Public Works Offices will be closed to the public from December 26 to January 2, inclusive. All payments made to the County will be processed before year end. *County Council and Staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all good wishes for 2023.*

Fire Permits Residents can now apply for a Fire Permit online through the County website. Look under 'For Residents'/ 'Fire Permits' for the link to the information. Fire Permits are required year-round for all types of open burning and are issued for 10 days at a time. **Please plan ahead -- Fire Permits are approved only during regular business hours. Allow one business day for permit approval from the time you apply online. When approved, the fire permit will be emailed to you.**

Transfer Station Seasonal Hours The County Transfer Stations will operate on reduced hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31. Ashmont Transfer Station will be closed on Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day). Otherwise, the Stations will operate as scheduled.

Snow Flags County permanent and seasonal residents are reminded to purchase their snow flag. Snow clearing service will be provided by the County on private residential driveways upon the accumulation of a minimum of six inches of snow for residents who have a snowplow agreement. **Flags purchased until December 15, 2022 will cost \$400. Snow flags for the current winter season will not be sold after December 15, 2022** but residents can contact the County for custom snow clearing at an hourly rate. Residents can return flags already purchased and they will receive a credit for each flag returned. **The deadline to return flags is December 15, 2022.** There is no cost to seniors or persons with disabilities with a permanent residence within the County. The flags can be purchased from the County of St. Paul Administration or Public Works offices or from the Town of Elk Point office during regular business hours.

Regional Multipurpose Leisure Centre Feasibility Study - Have Your Say until December 7th!

Residents are invited to provide input for a feasibility study that will provide guidance to the project partners for the potential development of a regional multipurpose leisure centre. Input opportunities include surveys for residents and community groups. **Digital Community Input Discussions will be held on November 29 and 30.** See the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul or Town of Elk Point websites or Facebook pages for links to information and to the surveys. Thank you, in advance, for your participation! Project partners: County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay.

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