

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Meeting - Highlights July 25, 2023

The meetings are live streamed on YouTube under '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.

The **North Saskatchewan (Alberta) Canadian Rivers System Designation Initiative** provided an update to Council on 'What We Heard Report' as well as the Heritage River Concept Plan Update.

A presentation was made to Council by a group of residents in opposition to the proposed **Industrial Wind Turbine Project** in the Elk Point Area. Council also heard from a delegation of residents in opposition to **Carbon Capture Pipelines and Storage** in the County of St. Paul.

Council approved the following motions pertaining to the **Infrastructure Replacement Phasing in Project in the Hamlets of Ashmont, Mallaig and Lottie Lake**:

- That \$1,000,000 be transferred from Unrestricted Surplus to Restricted Reserve to pay for the design and upgrade of Water Treatment Plants and Truck Fills in Ashmont and Mallaig.
- That any road work for the Replacement of Water and/or Sewer lines in any of the hamlets be funded from General Taxation.
- The County will conduct a review of water and wastewater utility rates by Azimi Consulting in 2023 for the estimated amount of \$12,300 for consideration to amend rates effective January 1, 2024.

Council approved the application to the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Rural Economic Development Micro-Grant Program for a **Regional Renewable Energy Feasibility Study** by the County of St. Paul with the support of STEP Economic Development.

Council approved supplying a letter of support in principle to CAP Engineering, the Project Manager for the **Whitefish Lake First Nations #128**, to accompany their grant application for the proposed Whitefish Lake Multiplex: Eatery, Indigenous Hall of Fame.

Council approved the request to name **Range Road 52** going north off Township Road 562 as Krucik Road.

Council approved the request to submit a letter of concern to the **St. Paul Chamber of Commerce** regarding the visible loitering within the Town of St. Paul and specific concerns around the County of St. Paul Administration Office.

Council agreed to purchase a table for the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce – **Rodeo Kick Off Party** being held on August 26 in the amount of \$500.

Council approved partnering with the Town of St. Paul to jointly host the **Rodeo Supper** on Friday, September 1 with the price be set at \$6.00/plate, being cost recovery. Further, that Council increase the compensation for cleaning after the 2023 rodeo performance to \$1,500 for a non-profit organization

selected by Council, and Mallaig Ag Society be compensated \$2,250 for cleaning after the 2022 rodeo performances as they will not receive the proceeds from the rodeo supper.

Council approved sponsoring the **Mallaig and District Museum's Annual Cabrini Park Challenge Cup 2023** – Antique Tractor and Car Showing being held on August 26 in the amount of \$1,000.

Council approved sponsoring the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Committee 1st Annual '**Hats Off to Excellence' Business Awards and First Responders Recognition Gala** on Saturday, October 21 in the amount of \$500 and to purchase tickets for Council members who wish to attend.

Additional Information

FireSmart Home Assessment – Free! This summer, keep your rural home and property safe. Property owners in the County of St. Paul can get a free FireSmart Home Assessment. **Are your gutters and the roof free of debris?** That's just one issue around your home that's looked at by trained assessors in about 30 minutes. You'll receive an easy-to-understand report ... And peace of mind. Contact Deputy Fire Chief Henry Thomson at 780-645-4100 to book your free FireSmart Home Assessment in the County of St. Paul.

Scholarship/Bursary Deadlines:

The Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) is designed to encourage young rural Albertans to pursue further education. A \$1,000 scholarship is presented to one successful applicant from each of the five districts. Applications will be accepted until August 31, 2023. More information can be found at <https://rmalberta.com/about/awards-recognition/rma-scholarship-program/>

The Association of Agricultural Fieldmen (AAAF) bursary is intended for Alberta students continuing their education at a college or university. Students must be enrolled in an agricultural or environmental science program. The \$1,000 bursary is available in each of the five provincial regions of the AAAF. The deadline for applications is September 1. See information at <https://www.county.stpaul.ab.ca/agriculture/>

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