

## COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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*Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences*

### Council Meeting - Highlights August 8, 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.

Council gave **1<sup>st</sup> Reading to Bylaw 2023-13** that would rezone part of SW 17-58-9-W4 from Agricultural (A) district to County Residential 1 (CR1) District to facilitate a subdivision to enlarge Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 142 0396, and that Council schedule a public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for September 12 at 11:00 a.m. See the County's homepage 'County News' for information.

Council approved the **2023 Strategic Operational Plans 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Update**. The plans can be viewed on the County's website under 'Governance/ Transparency Documents'.

Council approved Administration to send a letter to the **Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission** requesting consideration of the County of St. Paul becoming a Commission member of the Highway 28/63 Regional Water Services Commission. The County currently purchases water from the Commission for Ashmont, Mallaig, and Lottie Lake and sits as a non-voting member on the Commission.

Council approved the County entering into a Service Contract with RC Strategies to complete the work on the **Regional Trail Master Plan** as per their Request for Proposal submission with a project cost of \$109,908.44. Lakeland DMO will provide project management in the amount of \$12,500 for the Plan. The Regional Trail Master Plan project is funded by an Alberta Community Partnership Grant.

Council approved entering into an encroachment license with the landowner of Roll #12011108 located at **SE 22-60-12-W4** for a retaining wall and to deny the request for the woodshed, as submitted by the landowner.

Council approved the request by the landowner for County Public Works to relocate the field approach located at **SW 5-60-11-W4** at an estimated cost to the County of \$4,000 in order to improve safety for the travelling public and landowner, with the landowner paying 50% of the actual costs. The road is heavily travelled to Floating Stone campground and the local subdivision.

Council approved the request by **Grynn Contracting** to purchase up to 2,000 tonnes of ½" gravel at \$25/tonne.

Council approved waiving waste management fees at \$96/month for two years and to supply 12.5 tonne of gravel/year to the **St. Paul & District Animal Shelter** for three years, and further if they require more gravel each year they are to bring a request to Council for consideration.

Council approved nominating, on behalf of the County of St. Paul, St. Paul Fire Chief Trevor Kotowich and Mallaig Fire Chief Raymond Brousseau for the **2023 National Fire Chiefs of the Year Awards**.

Council moved to send a letter to Service Alberta and the Minister of Municipal Affairs to explain challenges with **cellular phone service** during the summer months within the County of St. Paul in addition to the increasing cost concerns for cellular service.

Council approved providing the **Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society** with a letter of support to accompany their licensing application to operate a weekly Farmers' Market out of the Elk Point Allied Arts and Leisure Centre.

Council approved submitting a letter of support to **Lakeland Industry & Community Association (LICA) Environmental Stewards** to accompany their application for the Federal Aquatic Invasive Species for the Beaver Watershed.

Council approved the request for a financial contribution towards the **Ashmont Legion 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** event being held on September 23 in the amount of \$1,000 and to supply 100 County of St. Paul lapel pins.

Council approved providing three 8-yard bins to the **St. Paul Ag Society for the LRA Rodeo** at no cost to the Society.

### **Additional Information**

**2023 Fundraising Opportunity** The County of St. Paul and Town of St. Paul are each looking for a non-profit group, service group or sports team to assist with cleanup of the public stands/areas after the LRA Rodeo Performances from August 31 to September 3. Each group will receive a \$1,500 honorarium for the cleanup as well as the collection of bottles after each performance. See the County of St. Paul Facebook or website homepage 'County News' for additional information. ***The deadline is Friday, August 18, 2023 at noon.***

**Rodeo Supper** The Councils for the County of St. Paul and the Town of St. Paul are teaming up to host the Rodeo Supper on Friday, September 1 starting at 4:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Rec Centre, entry at Multi-Purpose Room. Enjoy a pulled pork supper (and sides) for \$6.00. Rodeo Week Events can be found by visiting the St. Paul Ag Society's website at <https://stpaulagsociety.com/rodeo-week/>

### **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://rmaalberta.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/>

**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.

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