

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Meeting - Highlights September 12, 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.

From the September 12 Council Meeting

Bylaws and Policies are on the County's website 'Governance/Bylaws & Policies'

Council passed **Bylaw 2023-13** a bylaw that rezones part of SW 17-58-9-W4 from Agriculture District to the Country Residential 1 District to facilitate a subdivision to enlarge Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 142 0396.

Council passed **Bylaw 2023-14** Assessment Review Board and the Regional Assessment Review Board Services Agreement which reflects changes to the *Municipal Government Act*.

Council approved **DEV-4 Reserve Lands Management Policy** which amends a section for development of Direct Access Walking Trails on Municipal Reserve or Environmental Reserve.

Council approved **DEV-7 Encroachment Agreements/Licenses Policy** which amends section 'Consideration for Approval of an Encroachment Agreement or Encroachment License' to include retaining walls that are necessary to support a house that can now be approved by the CAO.

Council approved **DEV-8 Cleanup of Deadfall on Reserve Lands Policy** which amends the definition of Reserve Lands to include Municipal School Reserves which was inadvertently missed when the policy was developed. The policy has also been changed to remove the requirement for the landowner wishing to remove deadfall from Reserve land to be adjacent to the Reserve land.

Council approved **PW-3 Driveway Snow Removal Policy** which amends the policy to include seniors who are renting property. Seniors qualify for free snowplow services; however, the senior who is a renter must apply annually for the service and will be provided with the seasonal flag.

Council awarded Almac with the contract for demolition and replacement of the **Ag Department storage shed** at a price of \$108,843 and for the funds to come from insurance proceeds. As the insurance proceeds were more than the replacement of the building, Council also made a motion to transfer the balance of the insurance proceeds estimated at \$116,000 to a Waste Management Building Reserve Account to provide funding to build a new building for the Waste Management Department in the future.

Council approved awarding the **Alberta First Responder Radio Communication System (AFRRCS)** migration project to Whyte Communications Ltd. and to pay the County's portion of the total project cost estimated at \$303,070.90 plus 15% contingency to be funded from the Fire Services Reserve. Council had set aside Reserve funds in 2022 for this project.

Council approved the 1.5% library levy increase required for the 2024 budget for the **Northern Lights Library System** and to submit payment of \$34,862.52 when the invoice is received in December.

From the August 22 Public Works meeting:

Council approved the hiring of **Human Edge Executive Search** to assist with the recruitment of a new CAO for the County upon the retirement of Sheila Kitz, effective December 31, 2023.

Council approved **Urban Systems** to undertake the work plan to complete a facility assessment of the water pump stations in Ashmont and Mallaig at a cost of \$124,740 to be funded from the Water Reserve.

Council approved the **Public Works Shop budget** to be increased by \$250,000 from unrestricted surplus for the remainder of the 2023 season to cover the cost of significant repairs to the County's equipment and increased costs for parts in general.

Council approved the purchase by Public Works of **240 cubes of HF 500 oil** to be used for the cold mix product to be placed on TWP 590 from Secondary Highway 881 to Range Road 95 at an additional cost of \$118,060 to be funded from Unrestricted Surplus.

Council approved the request from the **St. Paul Seed Cleaning Plant** for grader work and delivered gravel at no cost to the Plant at an estimated cost of \$2,725.56.

Council approved the sponsorship of \$1,200 to the **Canadian Fallen Heros Foundation Memorial** for memorial plaques that will be placed at the Ashmont Legion in honor of four Fallen Heros from the Ashmont area.

Additional Information

Ending Soon: FireSmart Home Assessment – Free! 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.

Snow Flags There has been a delay in receiving the snow flags for this year. The County will advise residents through an ad in the local paper, and the County's Facebook, and website when the flags will be available for purchase.

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