

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Meeting - Highlights October 10, 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.

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

September 28 Public Works meeting

Council gave 1st reading to **Bylaw 2023-15 Elk Point Airport Intermunicipal Area Structure Plan**. A public hearing is scheduled for October 24 at 11:00 a.m. The Plan and information on the Public Hearing can be viewed on the County's webpage 'Planning & Development/Area Structure Plans'.

Council agreed to sell **MG-12, 2015 CAT 14M Grader** serial no. R9J01427 to JPH Equipment for their bid amount of \$197,800.

Council approved proceeding with the **purchase of 5.18m of Range Road 90** (approximately 1 acre of land) along the SE-24-56-9-W4 estimated at \$5,000 for road widening allowing sufficient room for road maintenance of Range Road 90.

Council approved the addition of **Range Road 90 (NW-19-56-8-W)** to the maintenance winter brushing program estimated at \$13,056.72.

Council approved applying for the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program Grant jointly with the Town of St. Paul to complete Mill and Pave of the **St. Paul Airport Runway and Apron** at an estimated cost of \$1,636,080; that the County include in their 2024 budget \$204,510 to fund 50% of the unfunded cost of this project should the grant application be successful; and, the County of St. Paul and the Town of St. Paul use HM Aero to assist with the grant application at a cost of \$4,000 to be shared as part of our Airport Committee 2023 operating cost.

Council approved Urban Systems to undertake Sanitary System Investigation and Model Work Program for **Mallaig** (at a cost of \$48,000), **Ashmont** (at a cost of \$22,500), and for Urban Systems to undertake Detailed Design of **Lottie Lake** Water System Distribution Systems Upgrades – Phase 1 at a cost of \$48,429. These are all part of the Infrastructure Replacement Phasing in Project that the County has been working on for the three hamlets.

Council approved the Joint Use and Planning Agreement between the County of St. Paul and the **Francophone Regional Authority of East Central Francophone Education Region** as presented.

Council approved a Gold Sponsorship in the amount of \$3,500 for the 2024 Sentinel Storage Alberta **Scotties Tournament of Hearts Provincial Women's Championship**, to be held in St. Paul from January 23 to 28. The VIP seats and complimentary tickets, part of the sponsorship package, will be donated to young curlers.

Council approved advertising for other interested nonprofit groups to apply for the **Recyclable Bottle Container Program** for the 2024 Calendar Year. Since 2020, proceeds from the Recyclable Bottle Container Program at the County Transfer Stations have gone back to community organizations who

collect the empty beverage containers and return them to a recycling depot. *See the County's website 'News' section for information on how to apply. The deadline is Friday, November 3.*

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Council met with Scott Cyr, MLA for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul. Some of the issues discussed were Highway 28 improvements, doctors and rural health care and the Rural Renewal Stream of the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program.

Council approved the work required, at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to ensure the landowner located in **SE-22-55-10-W4** has safe access to his land. The County will pick up the cost of the work on County Road Allowances estimated at \$6,400 and the landowner of SE-22-55-10-W4 will be invoiced \$3,600 for the work that falls on CNRL lease roads through the Grazing Reserve.

Council approved the Joint Use and Planning Agreement between the County of St. Paul and the **St. Paul School Division** as presented.

Council approved sending recommendations to the St. Paul School Division regarding the County's position on any design considerations and connections to municipal infrastructure for the work on the upcoming **Ecole Mallaig School** design project.

Council approved the funding request for an additional **\$9,000 for the A.G. Ross Arena** to assist with insurance costs for the period of November 2023 to October 2024 which will be funded from the Recreation Facility allocation for Elk Point facilities.

Council approved providing a silent auction item of 25T of gravel for the **'Stand Up For Mental Health Comedy Show'** on November 4 in Mallaig.

Additional Information

Snow Flags are available for purchase for the 2023-24 winter season from the County Administration and Public Works Offices, and the Town of Elk Point Office. Snow flags purchased by October 31 cost \$300. The cost from November 1 to December 15 is \$400. Snow flags will not be sold after December 15. Visit the County's 'Public Works' webpage for information.

Snow flags for Seniors (65+) or Persons with Disabilities There is no cost to seniors or persons with disabilities who have a permanent residence within the County. Seniors (except for seniors who are renting property they are living on) and persons with disabilities **do not** need a new flag each winter. **Seniors who are renting (and living at the property)** qualify for the snowplow service free of charge but the landowner must apply annually for this service.

Small Business Property Sub-class County of St. Paul Bylaw 2022-20 allows small business property owners who run a business (fewer than 10 full time employees across Canada) or who have a business leasing their property **to apply for a reduced property tax rate for the 2024 Tax Year**. See the County's webpage 'Tax & Assessment' for information and the application form. The bylaw can be viewed on the County's webpage 'Governance/Bylaws & Policies/Taxes'. The deadline to submit applications is December 31st, 2023. Eligibility requirements must be met for an application to be approved.

County Transfer Stations move to winter hours on November 1 and will operate from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the days they are open. Visit the County of St. Paul 'Waste Management' webpage for more information.

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