

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL

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Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

Council Meeting - Highlights November 14, 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.

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Council approved the **2023 Strategic Plan 3rd Quarter (July to September) Operational Update**. The Plan can be viewed on the County website under 'Governance/Strategic Plan/2023'.

Council approved the following nonprofit groups to participate in the **County Recyclable Bottle Container Program** in 2024: North Eastern Music Association (NEMA) at Lac Sante Bin Site; Elk Point 4-H Beef Club at St. Edouard and Whitney Lake Transfer Stations; Mallaig Ag Society at Ashmont, Mallaig, Vincent Lake, St. Lina, and Floating Stone Lake Bin Site.

Council approved to proceed with providing notice to the Province that the municipalities wish to transfer ownership of the **Elk Point Airport** to the County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point; and to provide a letter of support to the Town of Elk Point to accompany their Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program Grant Application for crack sealing on the Elk Point Airport runway and that the County will partner with the Town of Elk Point to pay for the unfunded portion of the project.

Council approved to submit a bid to the **Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services** to build the Class 3 Inert Waste Cell Construction in 2024.

Council approved for County staff to assist with approximately 120 hours of work over the winter months for the completion of the St. Paul Fire Department's **fire training facility** that is housed at the County Public Works yard. Council approved reallocating the remaining **FireSmart funds** for a demonstration project intended for education of the public on Fire Smart options on their properties by cleaning up brush/fire fuel in the Floating Stone Municipal Park area.

Council approved to donate a silent auction item of a voucher for 25T of gravel, at an estimated value of \$450, to be delivered within the County of St. Paul boundaries to the **Ashmont & District Ag Society – Buck of the Season Event** on December 2.

Council approved a Platinum level donation of \$300 for the **38th Annual Elk Point Christmas Extravaganza** on November 24 and 25.

Council approved a Bronze level sponsorship of \$500 for the **Bringing Communities Together (1st Annual Traditional Round Dance) Event** on December 1 at Saddle Lake Cree Nation.

October 24 Public Works meeting

Council held the annual **Organizational Meeting**. Maxine Fodness continues as Deputy Reeve. Minor changes were made to Committee Appointments which can be viewed on the County 'Council' webpage.

Council approved the **2024 Strategic Plan for the County and the 2024 Operational Plans** for Administration, Community Services and Public Works. The Plans can be viewed on the County's website under 'Governance/Strategic Plan'.

Council approved the request from the Town of Elk Point for the changes of scope to the **Buffalo Trail North Intermunicipal Area Structure Plan (IASP)** using grant contingency funding that be pooled from the North IASP project (managed by the Town of Elk Point) in the amount of \$5,000 and from the South IASP project (managed by the County of St. Paul) in the amount of up to \$13,000. This scope change will result in moving the current planned stormwater point to lands outside the North IASP plan area. Council approved for Administration to apply for a scope change and grant extension for this Alberta Community Partnership Grant to December 31, 2024.

Council approved **PW-9 Dust Control Policy**. The policy was amended to charge residents a fee (25% of the previous year's actual cost) for dust suppression with the requirement for an annual application to be completed by interested residents. Other details regarding the policy can be viewed on the County's webpage 'Governance/ Bylaws & Policies'. *The application deadline and cost will be advertised in early 2024.*

Council approved the request from **Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission** to complete some work on the current Municipal Solid Waste Cell that would assist Evergreen to utilize 3 to 4 meters of air space at the landfill. The work includes stripping of a clay cap and building a ramp. The work has been estimated at 80% Road Builders Rate at \$25,649.60. Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission will be compensating the County for this work.

Council directed Administration to secure the County's position on the build list for a front load waste truck and to spec out and tender a roll-off truck and to fund the purchases out of the **Solid Waste Equipment Reserve**.

Council approved the request from **Ronald McDonald House of Charities Winterland Invitational** scheduled for February 2024 in Elk Point, Bonnyville, Glendon and Cold Lake with a \$500 'Kid Hero' donation.

Council approved a \$1,000 transportation grant for the **Mallaig & District Senior Citizen Club** for 2023.

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. The cost is \$400 for the winter season. **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 the 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.

Non-Residential 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.

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